



August 16, 2026 – Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

AS WE GATHER

Our Gospel reading this morning may make us a bit uncomfortable. Jesus initially refuses to heal a Canaanite woman's daughter and even calls her a dog! After the woman's response, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table" (Matt. 15:27), Jesus commends her faith and heals her daughter. The point of this uncomfortable section is that, while Jesus came initially for the Jews, He still had more than enough "crumbs" to give even to this Canaanite woman. After Jesus' death and resurrection, He sent the apostles not only to Israel, but to "all nations" (Matt. 28:19-20). No longer are we dogs, but now we are children of God. To use the imagery from our epistle reading, we were at one time wild olive shoots, but now we are "grafted in" and "share in the nourishing root of the olive tree" (Rom. 11:17). That is to say, Jesus has good gifts to give to *you* – and His gifts are more than sufficient for you!

WELCOME

HYMN *LSB 524, "How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds"*

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

People: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Pastor: Let us take a moment of silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

People: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

KYRIE

Pastor: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

People: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE *"This is the Feast" (Music and words in hymnal, LSB 155)*

All: *Refrain:* This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. *Refrain*

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His. *Refrain*

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation; Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. *Refrain*

For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia. *Final Refrain*

SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting Father, You give Your children many blessings even though we are undeserving. In every trial and temptation grant us steadfast confidence in Your loving-kindness and mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC *"Rock of Ages"*

CATECHISM *The Tenth Commandment (Exodus 20:17b; LSB 322)*

Pastor: What is the tenth commandment?

People: You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or his donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Pastor: What does this mean?

People: We should fear and love God so that we do not entice or force away our neighbor's wife, workers, or animals, or turn them against him, but urge them to stay and do their duty.

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 56:1, 6-8*

¹ Thus says the LORD: "Keep justice, and do righteousness, for soon my salvation will come, and my righteousness be revealed. ... ⁶ "And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants, everyone who keeps the Sabbath and does not profane it, and holds fast my covenant— ⁷ these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples." ⁸ The Lord God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, declares, "I will gather yet others to him besides those already gathered."

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM *Psalms 67*

Pastor: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us,

People: that your way may be known on earth, your saving power among all nations.

Pastor: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!

People: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.

Pastor: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!

People: The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, shall bless us.

Pastor: God shall bless us;

People: let all the ends of the earth fear him!

EPISTLE READING *Romans 11:17–24*

¹⁷ But if some of the branches were broken off, and you, although a wild olive shoot, were grafted in among the others and now share in the nourishing root of the olive tree, ¹⁸ do not be arrogant toward the branches. If you are, remember it is not you who support the root, but the root that supports you. ¹⁹ Then you will say, "Branches were broken off so that I might be grafted in." ²⁰ That is true. They were broken off because of their unbelief, but you stand fast through faith. So do not become proud, but fear. ²¹ For if God did not spare the natural branches, neither will he spare you. ²² Note then the kindness and the severity of God: severity toward those who have fallen, but God's kindness to you, provided you continue in his kindness. Otherwise you too will be cut off. ²³ And even they, if they do not continue in their unbelief, will be grafted in, for God has the power to graft them in again. ²⁴ For if you were cut from what is by nature a wild olive tree, and grafted, contrary to nature, into a cultivated olive tree, how much more will these, the natural branches, be grafted back into their own olive tree.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING *Matthew 15:21–28*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the fifteenth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

²¹ And Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²² And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon." ²³ But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying out after us." ²⁴ He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." ²⁵ But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." ²⁶ And he answered, "It is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." ²⁷ She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." ²⁸ Then

Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

HYMN OF THE DAY LSB 571, *"God Loved the World So That He Gave"*

SERMON *"Jesus Has More Than Enough For You"*

NICENE CREED

All: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC *"I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry"*

RITE OF CONFIRMATION LSB 272-274

PRAYER

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy,
People: **Hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, and confident that You will hear and answer us.
People: **Amen.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *(Music and words in hymnal, LSB 159-160)*

All: What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?
I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.
I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.
I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,
In the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

THE COMMUNION CONFESSION

Pastor: The Lord's Supper is God's gift for Christians who are properly taught. In communion, we want people to receive Christ's body and blood for their good. This means that as you come to the Lord's Table you affirm with each communicant that Jesus is your Savior and Lord; and with Lutheran Christians you confess:

People: **I recognize and confess that I am a sinner. I repent of my sins and ask God's forgiveness. I believe that Jesus Christ is my only Lord and Savior from sin, Satan, and death. I believe that the risen Christ is truly present in the Sacrament and, that under the form of bread and wine, I receive His true body and blood for the forgiveness of my sin and the strengthening of my faith and life. (Augsburg Confession-Article X)**

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary ... evermore praising You and saying:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY *(Music and words in hymnal, LSB 161)*

All: **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might: Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You ... one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

People: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Pastor: O Lord ... So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into**

temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

THE PEACE OF THE LORD

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

LAMB OF GOD *(Music and words in hymnal, LSB 163)*

All: Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

DISTRUBUTION HYMNS

LSB 623, "Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray"

LSB 420, "Christ, the Life of All the Living"

LSB 547, "The Lamb"

THANK THE LORD *(Music and words in hymnal, LSB 164)*

All: Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done. Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name. He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

Pastor: Let us pray. ... one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BLESSING

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

People: Amen.

HYMN *LSB 857, "Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way"*

CLOSING

Pastor: Go in peace and serve your neighbor.

People: Thanks be to God!

Next Week's Readings: August 23, 2026 – Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 51:1-6

Psalm 138

Romans 11:33-12:8

Matthew 16:13-20

Service adapted from Divine Service setting 1 (LSB 151-166).



ANNOUNCEMENTS for Week of August 16, 2026

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Family for the Week: Rick & Bernie Thomas Family
St. Andrew, Stockton

**Prayers of Peace and Comfort: Sharon Barlow Family on her mom's passing
Jim Gordon Family on Betty's passing**

Prayers of Thanksgiving:

Prayers for Health and Healing:

Charlene Dart (Linda Myers' sister-in-law) after a cancer diagnosis.

The family of Nancy Keegan (hope and comfort)

Complete Prayer List:

Temporary

Mike & Edith (friends of Sue Doss)

Ardella – (health and healing)

Tammy Ardrey – (cousin of Kathy Holle – health and healing)

Bruce Banks – (friend of Teri Ediger)

The Barlow family (Sharon Barlow's mother passed away)

Rick Bauer – (Gladys' son – health and healing)

Becky – (Cheryl Lile's friend – fighting an infection)

Jeannie Bennett – (relative of Teri Ediger – health and healing)

Blazi – (friend of Jaycee & Ty – health and healing)

Treasa Bussey – (friend of Pam Bowling – (health and healing)

Joyce Campbell – (friend of Wanda Thompson–health and healing)

Teri Ediger – (health and healing from surgery)

Kyle and family – (grandson to Cathy Munden, son of Teri)

McGee family – (health and healing)

Glenda – (Teri Ediger's step-mother – health and healing)

Tessie Holle – (cousin of Kathy Holle)

Family of Jamie – (friend of Jaycee & Ty – health and healing)

Janet – (Darlene Lampe's son-in-law's mother)

Aaron (grandson of Bill & Joanne)

Beverly Lofton – (friend of Cathy Munden – health and healing)

amily of Eldrid Holle (Kathy Holle's uncle)

Bill Parsons – (Joanne Michel's brother – health and healing)

Rebecca – (Kathy Holle's relative – health and healing from cancer)

Emma S. – (recovery after hospital stay)

Tim Tucek– (relative of Gladys Bauer – peace and comfort)

Baby Vada – (Cathy Munden's great grandchild – health and healing)

Dayton Wheeler – (grandson of Wanda Thompson – surgery)

William (Ardella's son)

Long Term

Gladys Bauer – (health and healing)

Doug Bernard – (Cathy Munden's cousin – health and healing)

Jill Bode – (niece of Rachel Sanford – health & healing, cancer)

Rev. Johannes Brann – (health and healing/peace and comfort)

Rev. Brian and Jessica Chisamore – (health and healing for Jessica)

Pat Bricco – (friend of Grace – health and healing)

Kathy Browne – (friend of Kathy Holle – health and healing)

Mary Ann Campbell – (friend of Harold Lampe – peace and comfort)

Dorthea Dennis – (health and healing)

Glenda Enlow – (health and healing)

Lois Gaddy – (friend of Gwen Lampe – health and healing)

Gary Gardner – (health and healing)

Pastor Gary Griffin – (health & healing from cancer)

Zana Haley and baby Veda – (Cathy Munden's granddaughter)

Marybeth Lamp – (friend of Pam Bowling – health and healing)

Mitzie Lorenz – (friend of Harold Lampe – peace and comfort)

Jeeper Meyer – (health and healing from cancer)

Pat Michel – (Bill Michel's sister-In-Law – health & healing)

Suzanne Parsons – (friend of Sue Doss – health and healing)

Margaret Seburn – (cousin of Joanne Michel – health and healing)

LC Stalcup – (relative of Gladys Bauer – health and healing)

Ruth Stoddard – (health & healing)

Larry Swart – (friend of Bill Munden – health and healing from cancer)

Bill Thompson – (health and healing)

WEEK

Sunday	Aug. 16th	9:00 am - Happy Half Hour, Bible Study 9:30 am - Fellowship 10:00 am – Service with Communion
Monday	Aug. 17th	Braille - 9:00 am & 1:00 pm
Thursday	Aug. 20th	Elders - 10:00 am Council - 11:00 am
Friday	Aug. 21st	Pastor Day Off
Sunday	Aug. 23rd	9:00 am - Happy Half Hour, Bible Study 9:30 am - Fellowship 10:00 am – Service
Monday	Aug. 24th	Braille - 9:00 am & 1:00 pm

**Birthdays: Aug.16:Simon Granderson; Aug.17:Gladys Bauer; Aug.18Glenda Enlow;
Aug.21:Brandon Black;**

Anniversaries: None

August

Greeters

8/16: Charlie & Edee Chambers

8/23: Emily Ernest & Matthew Springer

8/30: Bill & Joanne Michel

Ushers

8/16: Bill Michel

8/23: Matthew Springer

8/30: Doug Goodman



Sunday Bible Class - Why do we begin the service with confession? Why does Pastor say "in the stead and by the command of Christ..."? Why do we have four Scripture readings every Sunday? Are they connected to each other? Is there any Biblical basis for why we do the things we do on Sunday morning? We will seek to answer these questions (and more) in our Sunday morning Bible class. If you've ever wondered why we worship the way we do, then come and join us!

Wednesday Evening Bible Class will begin Wednesday September 9 at 6pm. We will meet in the basement. Come and join us!