

**ORDER OF SERVICE**

Evangelical Lutheran Worship ~ Service of Word & Meal 10:30 AM

**INTRODUCTION**

*In Isaiah we hear that God's house shall be a house of prayer for all people and that God will gather the outcasts of Israel. The Canaanite woman in today's gospel is a Gentile, an outsider, who is unflinching in her request that Jesus heal her daughter. **As Jesus commends her bold faith, how might our church extend its mission to those at the margins of society?** In our gathering around word and meal we receive strength to be signs of comfort, healing, and justice for those in need.*

**PRELUDE** "Spirit of God, Sent From Abroad" Miller

**ENTRANCE HYMN** "Creating God, Your Fingers Trace" ELW 684

**CONFESSIONS AND FORGIVENESS**

P Blessed be the holy Trinity,  
+ one God, the source of life, the word of salvation,  
the spirit of mercy.

C **Amen**

P Let us confess our sins to God, who is gracious and merciful, slow to anger,  
and abounding in steadfast love.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P God of compassion,

C **we confess that we have failed to bear witness that you desire to draw all people to yourself. In our hearts we have thought ill of those who differ from us, and our love of others has not been genuine. We have been caught up in the cares of the world. We have neglected opportunities to welcome the stranger, to feed the hungry, and to mend broken relationships. Forgive our sins, merciful God, that our hearts may burn with love for you and for those in need, and that our lives may witness to your never-failing love for your creation. Amen.**

P Brothers and sisters, buried with Christ by baptism into his death, your sins are forgiven. The death Christ died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also, by the power of the Holy Spirit, are dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

C **Amen.**

**GREETING**

P: Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad.

The God who created the world and fills it with life be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

**KYRIE**

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*Assisting Minister leads; Congregation responds.*



Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **Lord, have mer - cy.**

*Lord, . . . . have mer - cy:*



Chri - ste e - le - i - son: **Christ, have mer - cy.**

*Christ, . . . . have mer - cy:*



Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **Lord, have mer - cy.**

*Lord, . . . . have mer - cy:*

# Glory to God

*Refrain*

Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;

glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

1 Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther, we

wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

*Refrain*

Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;

glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,

Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the

right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

*Refrain*

Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;

glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

3 For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly

Spir-it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

*Final refrain*

Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;

glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on

earth, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray ...

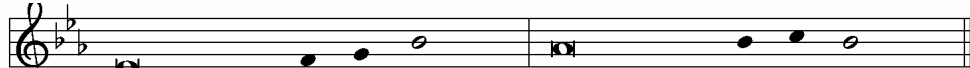
God of all peoples,

**C: your arms reach out to embrace all who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy that your name may be known throughout the earth; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## FIRST READING: Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

*The prophet declares:* Thus says the LORD: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed...<sup>6</sup>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, all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant—<sup>7</sup>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. <sup>8</sup>Thus says the Lord GOD, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

## PSALM: Psalm 67



<sup>1</sup>May God be merciful to <sup>1</sup>us and bless us;  
may the light of God's face <sup>1</sup>shine upon us.

<sup>2</sup>**Let your way be known <sup>1</sup>upon earth,  
your saving health a- <sup>1</sup>mong all nations.**

<sup>3</sup>Let the peoples praise <sup>1</sup>you, O God;  
let all the <sup>1</sup>peoples praise you.

<sup>4</sup>**Let the nations be glad and <sup>1</sup>sing for joy,  
for you judge the peoples with equity  
and guide all the na- <sup>1</sup>tions on earth.**

<sup>5</sup>Let the peoples <sup>1</sup>praise you, O God;  
let all the <sup>1</sup>peoples praise you.

<sup>6</sup>**The earth has brought <sup>1</sup>forth its increase;  
God, our own <sup>1</sup>God, has blessed us.**

<sup>7</sup>May God <sup>1</sup>give us blessing,  
and may all the ends of the earth <sup>1</sup>stand in awe.

**SECOND READING: Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32**

*As a Jewish Christian, Paul is dismayed that other Jews have not believed in Jesus as their Messiah. In his letter to the Romans, he discusses whether these Jews remain the chosen people of God.*

Paul writes: I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. <sup>2</sup>God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

<sup>29</sup>For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. <sup>30</sup>Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, <sup>31</sup>so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. <sup>32</sup>For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

They are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

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**Gospel Acclamation**

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? Al - le -  
 lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

P: The Holy Gospel, according to Matthew, the fifteenth chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**GOSPEL: Matthew 15:10-28**

*Jesus teaches his disciples that true purity is a matter of the heart rather than outward religious observances. Almost immediately, this teaching is tested when a woman considered to be pagan and unclean approaches him for help.*

Jesus called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand: <sup>11</sup>it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." <sup>12</sup>Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?" <sup>13</sup>He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. <sup>14</sup>Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides

another, both will fall into a pit." <sup>15</sup>But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." <sup>16</sup>Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding? <sup>17</sup>Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? <sup>18</sup>But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. <sup>19</sup>For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. <sup>20</sup>These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile."

<sup>21</sup>Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. <sup>22</sup>Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." <sup>23</sup>But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." <sup>24</sup>He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." <sup>25</sup>But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." <sup>26</sup>He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." <sup>27</sup>She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." <sup>28</sup>Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

P. The Gospel of Our Lord

C. **Praise to you, O Christ**

## **CHILDREN'S TIME**

### **THE SERMON**

#### **HYMN OF THE DAY**

*"In Christ There Is No East or West"*

**ELW 650**

#### **APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## THE PRAYERS

A: With the whole people of God in Jesus Christ, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

*A brief silence*

A: O God, your people gather to worship and praise you. Shape us through our worship. Fill our hearts with your love. May your goodness flow out of our lives to bring blessing and healing to all we meet. Hear us, O God,

**C: your mercy is great.**

A: O God, you set humanity as stewards of your creation. Make us faithful to that task. Guide us to be wise and responsible in our use of the resources you have given to us. Teach us to share your abundance with all your children. Hear us, O God,

**C: your mercy is great.**

A: O God, you give mercy to all who call on your name. Grant courage and discernment to all in authority. May your will be done as their deeds reflect your goodness. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: O God, you give your strength and healing to all who cry out in need. Bless those who seek to extend your healing: healthcare providers, hospital employees, and hospice workers. Give health and healing to the sick and suffering, especially Elaine Owensby and Wendell Strom. Hear us, O God,

**C: your mercy is great.**

A: O God, you created us in your image. Lead all who teach and all who learn that your image in us shine forth. Bless schools, universities, and all education institutions as students and teachers strive to grow in knowledge and wisdom. Hear us, O God,

**C: your mercy is great.**

A: O God, you gather your people in congregations. May these gatherings be places where the outcasts find welcome and your love is made visible. We pray especially for the work of our companion congregations of the Prairie Faith Parish: St. John in Ellis, Our Redeemer in Ness City, Bethlehem, Immanuel, Zion, and Emanuel in WaKeeney. Hear us, O God,

**C: your mercy is great.**

*Here other prayers are offered*

A: O God, you gather to yourself the faithful of the ages. Be present with us as well as we share your supper in joyful anticipation of the heavenly feast awaiting all your children in the fullness of your kingdom. Hear us, O God,

**C: your mercy is great.**

P: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: **Amen.**

## THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

P: Share the peace of the risen Christ with those around you as we prepare to gather at our Lord's table

**THE OFFERING**

**ELW 181**

**Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful**  
*Offering Song*

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the  
brim our cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the  
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.  
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the  
prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,  
and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

**BLESSING OF VOCATION— NURTURERES & CAREGIVERS**

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

A: God of all creation,

C: **all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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P:: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

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

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

**C: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you...And so with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

### Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

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### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

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P: Remember us in your Kingdom, Lord, and teach us to pray:

**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

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P All good gifts come from God. Come with gratitude to this table of bounty.

**THE COMMUNION**

ELW 195

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on  
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

**COMMUNION HYMN**

*“Earth and All Stars”*

**ELW 731**

*“Be Thou My Vision”*

**ELW 793**

**COMMUNION BLESSING**

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in grace.

C: **Amen.**

## Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise



Thank-ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev - 'ry - one what God has



done. Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.



Send us with your prom - is - es, O God, and lead us forth in



joy with shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

A O God, our provider, you nourish us with holy food and drink, and you open our hearts to the needs of others. Refresh us with your Spirit, that our words and deeds may proclaim your creative and life-giving Word, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen**

**BENEDICTION**

P God gives rest to all who are weary and carrying heavy burdens  
Almighty God, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
bless, preserve, and keep you this day and forevermore.

C **Amen**

**SENDING HYMN**

*"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"*

**ELW 588**

**DISMISSAL**

A Go in peace. Live the gospel.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

*"Bryn Calafaria"*

Vauhgn-Williams

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