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Service of the Word
September 8, 2024
9:30am



† Celebrating God's grace through acts of love and service †

To Our Guests,

- The type in **bold** is for the congregation to say.
- The * Indicates "Stand if you are able".
- Gluten free wafers and grape juice are available.
- Visitor sheets are located in the red folders in front of you.

Introduction

James tells us to stop showing favoritism in the assembly, treating the rich visitor with more honor than the poor one. Jesus himself seems to show partiality in his first response to the Syrophoenician woman in today's gospel. Was he testing her faith in saying Gentiles don't deserve the goods meant for God's children? Or was he speaking out of his human worldview, but transcended those limits when she took him by surprise with her reply? Either way, the story tells us that God shows no partiality. Everyone who brings a need to Jesus is received with equal honor as a child and heir.

Welcome

Prelude

Open Our Eyes, Lord

Hanna Silver

Lord Jesus, You Shall be My Song

Meditation

Psalm 146

I will praise the Lord as long as I live. (Ps. 146:2)

¹Hallelujah!

Praise the Lord, O my soul!

²I will praise the Lord as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

³Put not your trust in rulers,

in mortals in whom there is no help.

⁴When they breathe their last, they return to earth,
and in that day their thoughts perish.

⁵Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help,
whose hope is in the Lord their God;
⁶who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in
them; who keeps promises forever;
⁷who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food
to those who hunger. The Lord sets the captive free.
⁸The Lord opens the eyes of the blind; the Lord lifts up
those who are bowed down;
the Lord loves the righteous.
⁹The Lord cares for the stranger;
the Lord sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates
the way of the wicked.
¹⁰The Lord shall reign forever,
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!

***Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen

Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God, **have mercy on us.**

**We confess that we have honored you with our lips,
but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues.
The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes.
In our desire to be first we make distinctions among
ourselves. We place the needs of the poor and the
suffering last. In your great mercy, forgive us our sins.
Draw near to us with grace in time of need, and turn
us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior
and Lord.**

Amen

God promises to forgive our iniquity
and to remember our sin no more.
By grace you have been saved.
In the name of † Jesus Christ,
the source of eternal healing,
your sins are forgiven.

Amen

***Greeting**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

***Hymn of Praise**

Earth and All Stars

ELW 731

***Prayer of the Day**

Gracious God, throughout the ages you transform sickness
into health and death into life. Open us to the power of
your presence, and make us a people ready to proclaim
your promises to the whole world, through Jesus Christ,
our healer and Lord.

Amen

First Reading

Isaiah 35:4-7a

*These verses are a word of hope to the exiles in Babylon. Isaiah 34
portrays God's vengeance on Edom, Israel's age-old enemy, which makes
the path from Babylon to Zion safe for the exiles' return. The desert
itself will flow with water to give drink to the returning exiles.*

⁴Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not
fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with
terrible recompense. He will come and save you." ⁵Then the

eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; ⁶then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; ^{7a}the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God

Second Reading

James 2:1-10[11-13] 14-17

Faithful Christians do not show partiality to the rich and powerful of the world, especially at the expense of the poor and weak. Likewise, faith does not pay mere lip service to God's will. Instead, a living Christian faith expresses itself in acts of compassion and mercy for those in need.

¹My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? ²For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, ³and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," ⁴have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? ⁶But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? ⁷Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you? ⁸You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ⁹But if you show partiality, you commit sin and

are convicted by the law as transgressors. ¹⁰For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. [¹¹For the one who said, “You shall not commit adultery,” also said, “You shall not murder.” Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. ¹²So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. ¹³For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.] ¹⁴What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? ¹⁵If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, ¹⁶and one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,” and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? ¹⁷So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

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***Gospel Acclamation**

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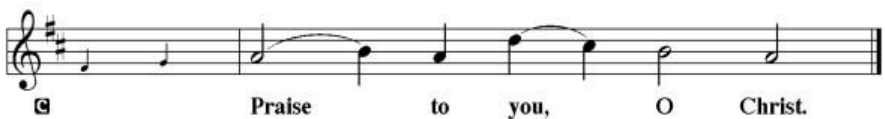
***Gospel:** The gospel according to Mark 6:14-29

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

In Mark's gospel, encounters with women usually signify turning points in Jesus' ministry. Here, a conversation with a Syrophenician woman marks the beginning of this mission to the Gentiles.

²⁴[Jesus] set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, ²⁵but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. ²⁶Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." ²⁸But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." ²⁹Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." ³⁰So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone. ³¹Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³²They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. ³⁴Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." ³⁵And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

The Good News of the Lord



Children's Song *Awesome God*

**Our God is an awesome God,
He reigns from heaven above with
Wisdom, pow'r, and love-
Our God is an awesome God!**

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Children's Message

Sermon Anna Garcia Lucas

Hymn of the Day *Healer of Our Every Ill* **ELW 612**

Apostles Creed

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**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.

Prayers of Intercession

Drawn together in the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray with confidence for the church, God's good creation, and all who are in need.

A brief silence

Awaken in our communities of faith a spirit of radical hospitality. Encourage our churches to celebrate and embrace people of diverse backgrounds, experiences, and abilities. Deepen our commitment to ecumenical and interreligious partnerships.

Hear us, O God **Your mercy is great.**

Holy God, holy and merciful: into your outstretched arms we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in the one who is the way, the truth, and the life, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

Amen

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you

Offering Hymn *Create In Me a Clean Heart* **ELW 186**



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right
spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take
not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re-store to me the joy of
your sal-va-tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it.

***Offering Prayer**

Blessed are you, O God,
source of every gift of your creation.
By these gifts and with our lives,
help us to serve one another and all in need,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen

***Thanksgiving for the Word**

Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your Word you made all things: you spoke light into darkness, called forth beauty from chaos and brought life into being. For your Word of life, O God,

We give you thanks and praise.

By your Word you called your people Israel to tell of your wonderful gifts: freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey, a pathway home from exile, wisdom for life with you. For your Word of life, O God,

We give you thanks and praise.

Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, you speak to us and call us to witness: forgiveness through the cross, life to those entombed by death, the way of your self-giving love. For your word of life, O God,

We give you thanks and praise.

Send your spirit of truth, O God; rekindle your gifts within us; renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the sake of a world in need. Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you: through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

Amen

***Lord's Prayer**

Gather by the holy spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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

Announcements

***Blessing**

The blessing of God,
who provides for us, feeds us,
and journeys with us,
† be upon you now and forever.

Amen

***Sending Hymn** *Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

ELW 886 vs 1 & 6

***Dismissal**

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

Thanks be to God.





OUR PRAYER LIST:



Gary M. (husband of Joan M) for strength and healing as he recovers from surgery.

Ken C. (brother of Kathy B) for strength and healing as he battles cancer.

Kris B. (son of Kathy and Ian) for continued strength and healing as he begins physical therapy.

Duane E. (father of Nancy E.) for strength and healing as he deals with health issues.

Anna B. (mother of Michelle F) for strength and healing as she deals with medical issues.

Jack N. (friends of Woody D.) for strength and healing as he recovers from a fall.

Brendan R. (uncle of Kathleen F.) for strength and healing as he deals with medical issues.

Seth D. (friend of Kari D.) for inner strength and peace as he goes through a difficult time.

Judith (mother of Mike P.) for strength and healing as she deals with medical issues.

Michelle and Steve F. for healing and strength in their care giving. Giving thanks for all the good work the doctors have done.

Family and Friends of Carol W. (friend of Nancy E.) for comfort and peace as they mourn her passing.

Grace Lutheran Church our prayer partners.

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SUNDAY COFFEE TIME:

September 8—Open September 15—Open

You will find the sign-up sheet on the kitchen door.

UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Monday, Sept 9, 9am - 11 am — Food donation at WSC

Monday, Sept 9, 6:30 pm—Book Club

Wednesday, Sept 11, 12:30pm - 3:30pm — WSC Pantry

Wednesday, Sept 11, 7pm — Bible Study Minor Prophets

Thursday, Sept 12, 6:00 pm—Council meeting

Sunday, Sept 15, 9:30 am — Worship Service

Christ the King is located on the original and ancestral homelands of the Cheyenne and Ute tribal nations. We give thanks for their presence here since time immemorial. We recognize and honor all our Indigenous siblings who have and continue to call this land their home.



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