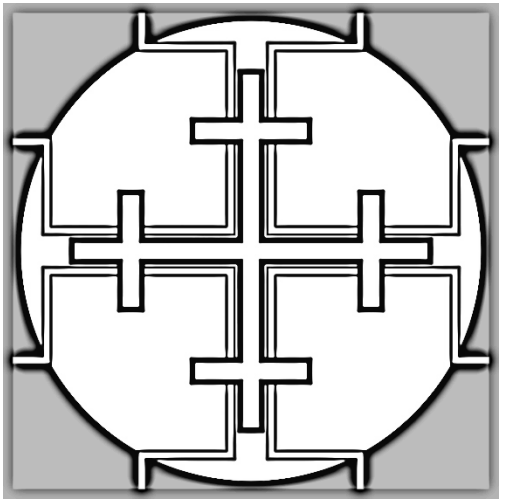

As We Gather 12th Sunday after Pentecost August 16, 2026

In today's Gospel, our Lord Jesus moved beyond His ministry initially among the Jews now to the Gentile woman of Canaan. The miracle greater than the healing of her daughter was her great faith in Jesus addressing Him, saying, "Lord, help me" (Matthew 15:25). Through the prophet Isaiah, the Lord said He would bring "foreigners" to His "house of prayer for all peoples" (Isaiah 56:6–7). The early church learned how the Gentiles are grafted into Israel, making the Christian Church the fulfillment of the true Israel, God's people! The outreach of the Gospel of Christ continues through His church, calling all people "that He may have mercy on all" (Romans 11:32). Because of God's effective call, you can have steadfast confidence in His loving kindness and mercy.

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THE LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSOURI SYNOD

Please meet with an usher for prayer requests.
Ask us about Associate Memberships for Lutherans who are part-time residents.

A Gentle Reminder to turn off cell phones. Thank You.

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP & HOLY COMMUNION

As Lutheran Christians, we believe that our Lord's Body and Blood are truly present (not symbolic) in the Bread and Wine and received by all who attend. Since our Lord reminds us that thoughtless or faithless reception of the Sacrament can incur His judgment, all are encouraged to examine themselves that they may receive it worthily. (1 Corinthians 11:27-32)

Please use the following questions and LSB p. 329 as a personal guide before partaking of this Holy Sacrament:

- ***Do I renounce sin, Satan and my own flesh, and seek true forgiveness and reconciliation with God and my neighbor?**
- ***Do I believe that Jesus Christ is my Savior from sin, death, and the power of the devil?**
- ***Do I believe that Christ's own words, this is my body and this is my blood shed for you for the forgiveness of sins (Mt. 26:28), mean exactly what they say for us today?**
- ***Do I earnestly desire to live a Godly life by the power of the Holy Spirit and in thanksgiving to Christ?**

Because attendance at Communion is also a testimony to this faith in the Triune God confessed and taught here, and to unity in belief as brothers and sisters in Christ (1 Corinthians 10:16-17), we ask that any visitors not yet instructed, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation, and who desire to receive the Sacrament introduce themselves to the Pastor or Elder beforehand if possible.

Please Note

An invitation for children not confirmed in the Lutheran church to come and receive a blessing at the altar.
We offer a traditional communion wafer, off-white color wafers are gluten free.
While communing, please point to the bread meeting your preference.
Clear Color Wine is Alcohol Free

PRELUDE

WELCOME

PREPARATION

OPENING HYMN #901 "Open Now Thy Gates Of Beauty"

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the ✢ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 43:4; Isaiah 56:7; Matthew 15:22*

P I will go to the altar of God,

C **to God my exceeding joy.**

P My house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.

C **Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P Today, though we are undeserving, we come to the Lord saying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David." Let us seek the Lord here while He may be found to grant us healing, help, and forgiveness.

C **Lord Jesus Christ, Son of David, Son of God, we are severely oppressed by sin in all our thoughts, words, and actions. We have sinned against You by our own fault. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Have mercy on us, O Lord, and grant us forgiveness, help, and salvation. Amen.**

P Almighty God, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and of all who believe in the name of His only begotten Son, is the God of mercy and for His sake forgives us all our sins. Therefore, in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✢ Son and of the Holy Spirit. In that mercy He gives power to become the children of God and promises His Holy Spirit. All who believe and are baptized shall be saved.

C **Amen.**

WORD

INTROIT *Psalm 67*

P May God be gracious to us and bless us
C and make his face to shine upon us,
P that your way may be known on earth,
C your saving power among all nations.
P Let the peoples praise you, O God;
C let all the peoples praise you!
P Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
C for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.
P Let the peoples praise you, O God;
C let all the peoples praise you!
P The earth has yielded its increase;
C God, our God, shall bless us.
P God shall bless us;
C let all the ends of the earth fear him!

KYRIE

C Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

HYMN OF PRAISE #947 "All Glory Be To God On High" *sts. 1, 4*

1 All glory be to God on high And thanks for all His favor;
No harm can touch or terrify A child of God forever.
God shows His good and gracious will
And grants His peace, the world to fill—All strife at last has ended.

4 O Holy Spirit, our delight And source of consolation,
Protect us from the devil's might Through Jesus, our salvation,
Who by His death upon a tree Has rescued us from misery:
To this we hold forever.

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SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. Lord God, almighty Father, Your mercy has been published throughout the world, calling all people to repentance and faith in Your Son. Grant us a lively faith that we may proclaim Christ to all nations for the gathering of all people into Your house of prayer; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 56:1, 6–8

"Thus says the LORD: "Keep justice, and do righteousness, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed. . . . 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—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." The Lord GOD, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, declares, 'I will gather yet others to him besides those already gathered.'"

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE READING Romans 11:1–2a, 13–15, 28–32

"I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! For I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. . . .Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry in order somehow to make my fellow Jews jealous, and thus save some of them. For if their rejection means the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance mean but life from the dead? . . . As regards the gospel, they are enemies of God for your sake. But as regards election, they are beloved for the sake of their forefathers. For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were at one time disobedient to God but now have received mercy because of their disobedience, so they too have now been disobedient in order that

by the mercy shown to you they also may now receive mercy. For God has consigned all to disobedience, that he may have mercy on all."

L This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

VERSE *Psalm 147:2–3*

P Alleluia. The LORD builds up Jerusalem; He gathers the outcasts of Israel.
C **He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. Alleluia.**

HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 15:21–28

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifteenth chapter.
C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

"Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. 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." 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." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." And he answered, "It is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

HYMN #615 "When In The Hour Of Deepest Need"

SERMON "Joy in God's House of Prayer for All Peoples" Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life ✢ everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people, according to their needs. [*Petitions …*] …. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

OFFERING

SACRAMENT

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

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

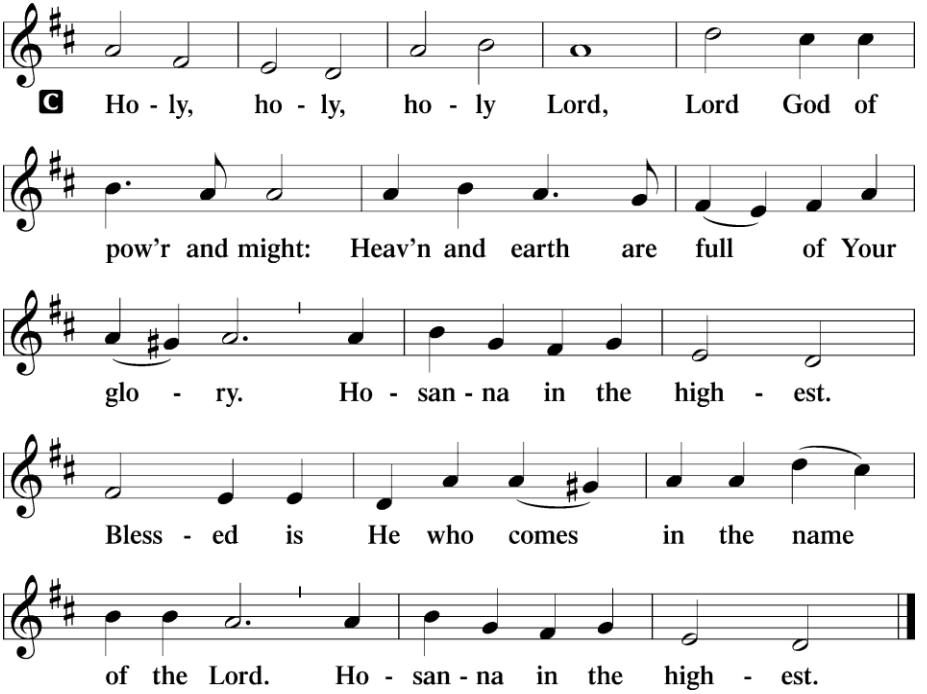
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

PROPER PREFACE

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who commissioned His church to make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the triune name and teaching them all things He has commanded. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS *LSB 178*



THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

LORD'S PRAYER

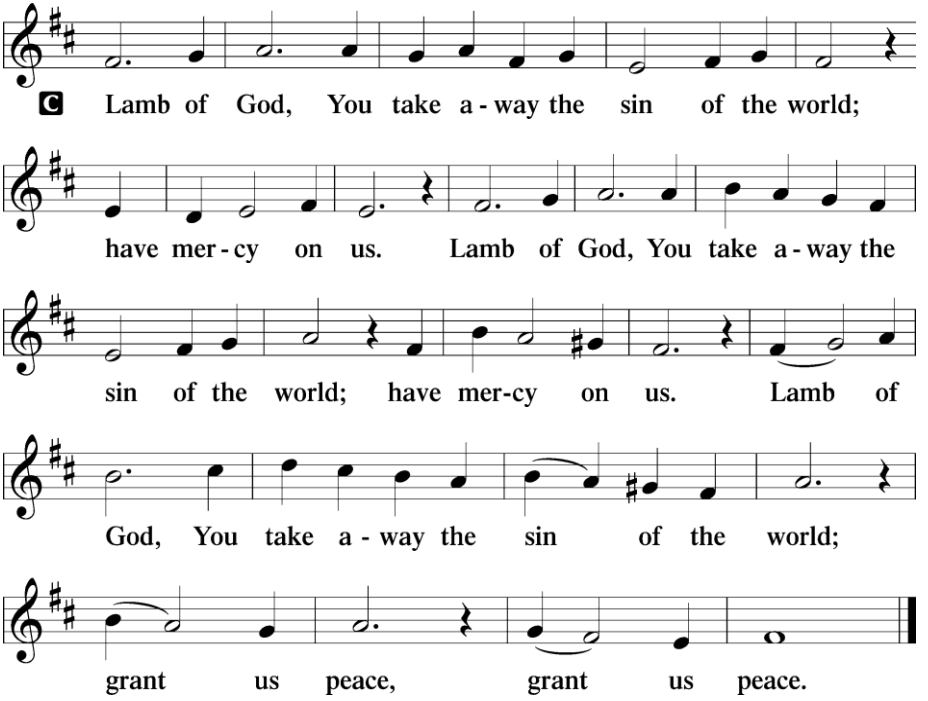
C **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

AGNUS DEI *LSB 180*



DISTRIBUTION – Music at the piano

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have gathered us into Your house of prayer and fed us with the gift of Your mercy in this Sacrament. Enable us now to welcome all who join us by Your calling into the joyful fellowship of faith; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION

P 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. **C Amen.**

HYMN #832 "Jesus Shall Reign"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

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Altar flowers for August from Kristina Behnke and Jim Bean with thanksgiving and glory to God.

Reader Today: Sophie Hood **Attendance Last Week: 61**

PRAYER LIST: Susan Mitchell, surg. recov.; **Jean Anderson**, surg. recov.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Thur. Aug. 20 10:30 am Support Group
Sun. Aug. 23 8:30 am Bible Study; 10:00 am Worship Service; 11:00 am Fellowship

BIRTHDAYS

8-18 Hap Stuart	8-21 Marge Larson	8-23 Judy Kramer
8-27 Patti Jones	8-29 Bill Goble	

ANNIVERSARIES

8-16 Jeff & Andrea Meckley	8-20 Bill & Karen Warner

SINGERS at **9:00 a.m. on Sundays**, Pedro will work with interested singers to help lead singing in worship. Anybody who loves to sing is invited, at any time, on any Sunday. He has an excellent selection of beautiful music to share.

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