

Twelfth Sunday of Pentecost

August 20, 2023

Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting 3

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 on 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

GATHERING

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Please stand as you are able.

P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit

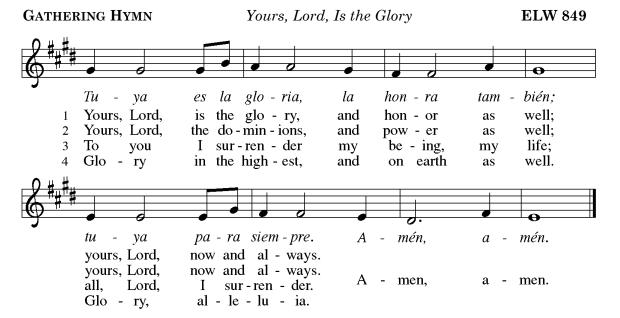
C Amen.

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. *Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

- P Gracious God,
- C have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.
- P God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.
- C Amen.



GREETING

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





HYMN OF PRAISE





PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Let us pray.

God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those 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.

C Amen. Please be seated.

WORD

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 56:1, 6-8

¹Thus says the LORD: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed.

⁶And 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—

⁷these 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.

⁸Thus says the Lord GoD, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

- L The Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 67

Sung responsively



¹May God be merciful to | us and bless us;

may the light of God's face | shine upon us.

²Let your way be known | upon earth,

your saving health a- | mong all nations.

³Let the peoples praise | you, O God; let all the | peoples praise you.

4Let the nations be glad and | sing for joy,

for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the na- $^{\mid}$ tions on earth.

⁵Let the peoples praise | you, O God;

let all the | peoples praise you.

⁶The earth has brought | forth its increase;

God, our own | God, has blessed us.

⁷May God | give us blessing,

and may all the ends of the earth | stand in awe.

SECOND READING: ROMANS 11:1-2A, 29-32

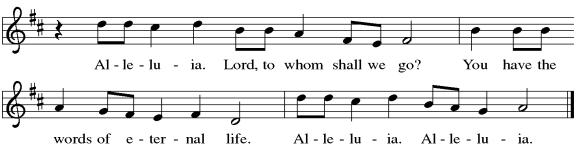
Paul writes: ¹I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ^{2a}God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

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

- L The Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



- P The Holy Gospel, according to Matthew, the fifteenth chapter.
- C Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 15:10-20, 21-28

¹⁰Jesus called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand:¹¹it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." ¹²Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?" ¹³He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. ¹⁴Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit." ¹⁵But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." ¹⁶Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding? ¹⁷Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? ¹⁸But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. ¹⁹For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. ²⁰These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile."

²¹Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²²Just 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." ²³But he did not

answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." ²⁴He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." ²⁵But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." ²⁶He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." ²⁷She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." ²⁸Then 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 the Lord.
- C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

PASTOR ANDREW PATTY

HYMN OF THE DAY

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

Please stand for the final verse of the hymn.



- P Let us confess our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed.
- C 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 Confident that God receives our joys and concerns, let us offer our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

A O God, your Spirit gathers the church. Shepherd those who are newly baptized and newly ordained in the proclamation of the gospel, breathe life into ecumenical and inter-religious endeavors, and support missionaries throughout the globe. Today, we also pray for Hope Local, Kansas City in Shawnee, Overland Park Lutheran in Overland Park, and St. John Lutheran in Russell, Kansas. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A You created the earth and all its inhabitants and declared it good. Clean polluted skies, seas, and soil, provide nourishment to plants and animals, and make us aware of our impact on the environment. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A You offer help and sustenance to vulnerable people across the world, especially those affected by the war in Ukraine. Provide safety from violence and assistance to those in need and guidance for families as they lose their homes and loved ones. We continue to lift up the German Evangelical Lutheran Church in the Ukraine and our own partner synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Urals, Siberia and the Far East to you in prayer as they face these times of conflict. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A You call leaders to bridge differences and practice generosity. Inspire all in authority to protect people in harm's way, deliver those in bondage, support fair elections, provide care for military personnel and veterans, and show mercy to those for whom they have responsibility. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A You provide for those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. Embrace people who have been rejected because of difference, heal trauma caused by racism or prejudice, shield any who are persecuted, console the dying, and heal the sick, especially Marilyn Heckman, Naomi Walker, Linda Longren, and Martha Nemeth. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A O God, you journey with us in all of life's transitions. Guide those preparing for baptism, marriage, and retirement. Guide our church council and committees in their visioning and ministry. Safeguard those who travel. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A You give us lives to celebrate. Today, we lift up Camdyn Ralph and Carsyn Ralph as they remember their baptisms. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P We give you thanks for those who now rest from their labors. Motivate us by their lives of dedication to the gospel, until that day when we join with them in our eternal home. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, in the name of the one who reconciled all creation to himself, Jesus Christ our Savior.

C Amen.

THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

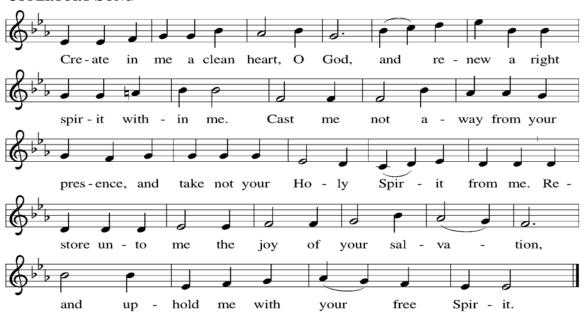
Let us greet one another with God's peace.

Please be seated.

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

OFFERING

OFFERTORY SONG



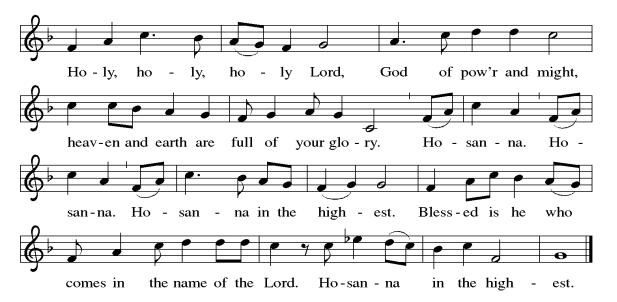
OFFERTORY PRAYER

A God of field and forest, sea and sky, you are the giver of all good things. Sustain us with these gifts of your creation, and multiply your graciousness in us, that the world may be fed with your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

- 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 our 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, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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:



EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

- P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:
- 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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P All people are called to Christ's table. Come, eat what is good.



COMMUNION BLESSING

- P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- C Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- A We thank you, generous God, for the refreshment we have received at your banquet table. Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world, through the one who is our dearest treasure, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

P Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

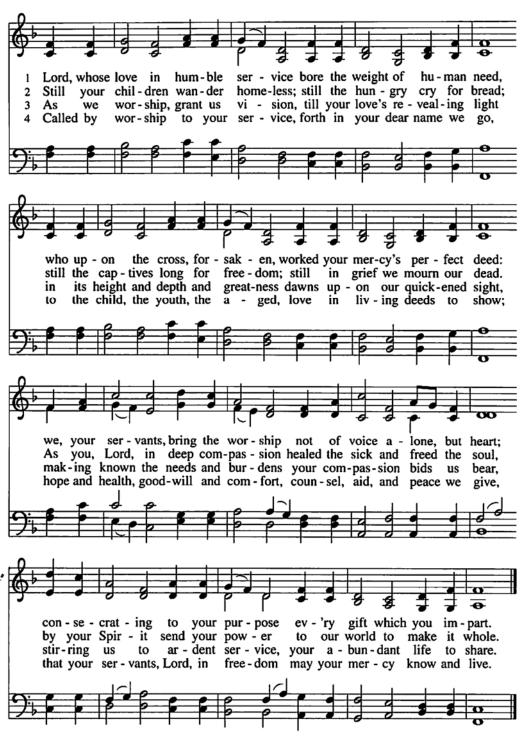
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DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Share the harvest.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE



Welcome to worship at Trinity!

Thank you for joining us for worship. We hope that you found the Spirit of God in our midst. If you are interested in becoming a member of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, or have other questions, please contact the church office at 785.233.0767

UPCOMING EVENTS AT TRINITY								
Today, Aug. 20Community Relations Committee meeting								
Tues., Aug. 22 Quilters 9:30 AM								
Thurs., Aug. 24 September Trinity Tidings deadline								
Sat., Aug. 26Historic Old Town NIA National Night Out10:00 AM								
Sun., Aug. 27								

Worship Assistants								
Date	Acolytes	Ushers	Musician	Lector	Altar Guild	Asst. Minister	Presiding Minister	Coffee Hosts
Aug. 20	Ella Bosch, Cindy McGinnis	Dean McGinnis, Duane Pomeroy	Laurie Jackson	Diane Bottorff	Jane Lewis & Team 2	Marcy Carlson	Pr. Andrew Patty	Duane & Debbie Pomeroy
Aug. 27	LaVell Winsor	Howard Reece, Curt Lewis	Mitchell Bean	Marcy Carlson	Jane Lewis & Team 2	Ted Murphy	Pr. Andrew Patty	Steve Luoma, Dean McGinnis

Washburn Campus Ministry Exploration Meetings

Are you a Washburn Alumnus or Staff?

Would you like to learn how our churches could reach young adults in our community?

The three ELCA congregations are joining together to explore what it might look like for us to work together in creating a campus ministry at Washburn University. We will have 3 Wednesday afternoon sessions at each congregation with different topics and discussions. Each session will include a meal provided by a Synod Congregational Vitality Grant. Please join us each week for a time of food, fellowship, learning, and planning for how we might be more involved in the lives of young adults in our community.

Each Wednesday will be at 6pm starting with Dinner:

- · August 23rd-Trinity Lutheran
- · August 30th- First Lutheran

Please email Pastor Andrew (acpatty@ku.edu) so we know the number of people to order food for dinner.



First Lutheran Church of Topeka, 1234 SW Fairlawn Road, announces a *Growing in Prayer Workshop* that will be held September 16th at the church.

Rev. Ernie Hinojosa, pastor of Rejoice Lutheran Church in Coppell, Texas and Rev. Louise Johnson, Executive Director for Administration ELCA will lead the event.

This will be a daylong experiential event focusing on prayer. Registration starts at 8:30 with the first session beginning at 9:00. Lunch will be 12:00 to 1:00, and the afternoon session will be 1:00 to 3:00. We would like to invite members of your church to join us for this exciting event.



A freewill offering will be divided between Doorstep and Lutheran World Relief. Please use this link to register. https://forms.gle/fbLksZNCnkEF5YCy8. If you have any questions, please contact Joyce Koenig (501-781-5692) at koenig 1942@hotmail.com





You are invited to a Neighborhood block party for Historic Old Town NIA!

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m **Date:** Saturday, Aug. 26th, 2023

Location:

Trinity Lutheran Church 725 SW Buchanan The Sweet and Salty Social
Come enjoy ice cream and
snacks and get to know
your neighbors. National
Night Out is an alcohol and
drug free event.

























TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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OFFICE HOURS

10:00AM-3:30PM, Monday through Thursday

Together in Community

Living with Christ

Caring for Neighbors

Together in Community

We are a faith community brought together to worship God and to be of service to the needs of the world as the Great Commandment is our guide in our lives (*Matthew 22:36-39, Mark 12:29-31, and Luke 10:26-27*). We are a congregation that seeks to reach all those in our county with members spread throughout Topeka area, while being rooted in Historic Old Town. In our faith, we hope to be a symbol of Christ's love in the world (*John 15:12*), to be a community of support and care (*Galatians 6:2*), and to proclaim the good news that Jesus Christ came to be a Savior for all people (*Colossians 1:13-14*).

CONGREGATION COUNCIL

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Vice-President Curt Lewis (Maintenance)

Secretary Diane Bottorff (Community Relations)

Shelley Andrews (Administration) Pam Kobbeman (Administration)
Carol Marker (Spiritual Care) Dean McGinnis (Congregational Life)

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