

# *Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

*September 5, 2021*



## *Lord of Love Lutheran Church (ELCA)*

*10405 Fort St., Omaha, NE 68134*

*“Celebrating and sharing God’s Love in a welcoming community of faith, while serving others”*

*Worship 9:00 a.m.*

*Bold type indicates Congregational responses*

### ***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 Syrophenician 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.

### ***Prelude***

### ***Announcements***

### ***Ringling of the Bell***

**\*Gathering Song: "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"..... ELW 858**

1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a - tion!  
 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won-drous-ly reign - ing  
 3 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de - fend you;  
 4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me a - dore him!

O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and sal - va - tion!  
 and, as on wings of an ea - gle, up - lift - ing, sus - tain - ing.  
 sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall dai - ly at - tend you.  
 All that has life and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore him!

Let all who hear now to his tem - ple draw near,  
 Have you not seen all that is need - ful has been  
 Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can do  
 Let the a - men sound from his peo - ple a - gain.

join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!  
 sent by his gra - cious or - dain - ing?  
 if with his love he be - friend you.  
 Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him!

Text: Joachim Neander, 1650–1680; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.  
 Music: LOBE DEN HERREN, *Ernewerten Gesangbuch*, Part II, Stralsund, 1665

***\*Greeting***

P: 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.**

***\*Kyrie***

P: Let us pray to God with peace in our hearts:

**God of love, have mercy.**

For the peace from above, let us pray to our God:

**God of love, have mercy.**

For the peace of the world, for the health of the church, and for the unity of all people, let us pray to our God:

**God of love, have mercy.**

For the people of God and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to our God:

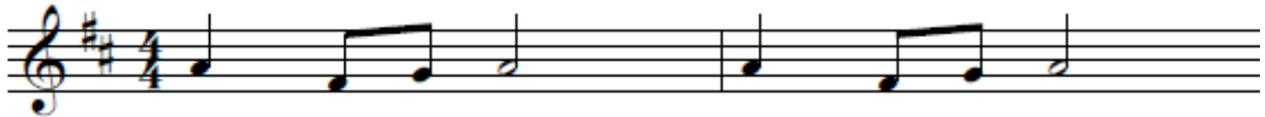
**God of love, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious God.

**Amen.**

**\*Hymn of Praise**

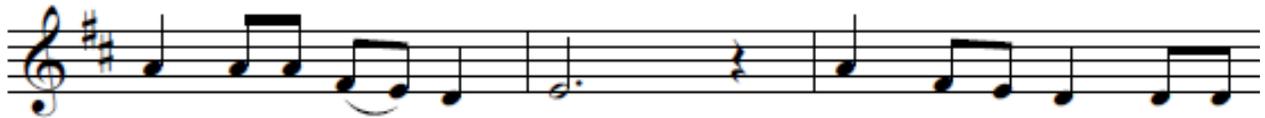
Refrain



(Women) Glo - ry to God! (Men) Glo - ry to God!



(All) Glo - ry to God in the high - est: Glo - ry, glo - ry,



Glo - ry to God a - bove. Glo - ry to God in the



Fine

high - est: Glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry to the God of Love.

Verse



1. Wor - thy is Christ the Lamb who was slain whose  
 2. Pow - er rich - es wis - dom and strength and  
 3. Sing with all the peo - ple of God and  
 4. Bless - ing and hon - or glo - ry and praise be to



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blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.  
 ho - nor and bless - ing and glo - ry are God's.  
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion.  
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er and ev - er.

**\*Prayer of the Day**

L: Let us pray.

**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***

L: Say 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.”

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,  
    and the ears of the deaf unstopped;  
then 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;  
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***

L: My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For 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, and 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,” have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, 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? But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. [For 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. So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.]

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and 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? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**\*Gospel Acclamation**

Al - le-lu - ia Al-le - lu - ia Al - le-lu - ia Al-le - lu - ia

Al - le-lu - ia Al-le - lu - ia Al - le-lu - ia Al-le - lu - ia

**\*Gospel: Mark 7:24-37**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 7<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[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, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He 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.” But she answered him, “Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.” Then he said to her, “For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.” So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, “He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Children’s Sermon** ..... Pr. Becky Sells

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Hymn of the Day: "All People That on Earth Do Dwell"..... ELW 883

1 All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, sing to the  
 2 Know that the Lord is God in - deed; with - out our  
 3 Oh, en - ter then his gates with praise; ap - proach with  
 4 For why? The Lord our God is good: his mer - cy  
 5 To Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, the God whom

Lord with cheer - ful voice; him serve with mirth, his  
 aid he did us make. We are his folk, he  
 joy his courts un - to; praise, laud, and bless his  
 is for - ev - er - sure; his truth at all times  
 heav'n and earth a - dore, from us and from the

praise forth tell; come ye be - fore him and re - jice.  
 doth us feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.  
 name al - ways, for it is seem - ly so to do.  
 firm - ly stood, and shall from age to age en - dure.  
 an - gel host be praise and glo - ry ev - er - more.

### ***\*The Apostle's Creed***

L: God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again 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***

L: Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

Holy One, you bring your people together in worship. Enliven your church. Guide all evangelists, preachers, prophets, and missionaries who seek to share your love through word and deed. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

You provide water for thirsty ground and sunshine to feed hungry plants. Bless all who advocate for healthy forests, unpolluted air, and clean waterways. Inspire all people to show care for the world you have made. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

You show no partiality. Increase justice in all nations. Encourage leaders and governments to work with one another for the good of our common world. Especially as we celebrate Labor Day Weekend, unite us in seeking the health, safety, and dignity of all. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

You accompany those who are most in need. Shelter all fleeing violence or persecution, protect any who are in danger, and sustain them through uncertain and unstable times. We pray for your presence and healing to be felt by those on our prayer list and those in our hearts now... Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

You support the work of your disciples. Continue to nurture the leadership and ministries of this congregation that go beyond our walls to share your love and good news with others. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

You embrace all who have died in the faith and brought them into your glorious presence. We thank you for their example and rejoice in their lives. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

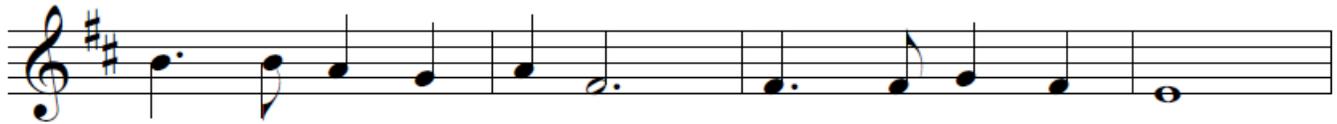
### ***Offering***

L: We are called to reflect on how we are giving back to God for all the blessings God has given us. This includes continuing to financially support the church and its mission, along with considering how we might be called to give and use our time and talents to further God's kingdom here on earth.

## Offertory



1. What have we to of - fer?      What have we to share?  
 2. What have we to of - fer?      What have we to bring?  
 3. What have we to of - fer?      What have we to give?



Coins \_\_\_\_\_ from the cof - fer      Hearts \_\_\_\_\_ filled with care.  
 Love, \_\_\_\_\_ ripe with laugh - ter,      Hope that we can sing.  
 Eyes that are wide o - pen,      Lies that we won't live.



God \_\_\_\_\_ will not fal - ter      If \_\_\_\_\_ we will dare  
 Dreams of what we're af - ter,      Pro - mis - es of when  
 Truth that must be spo - ken,      Just - tice some - how



Lay it at the al - tar      there. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Lay it at the al - tar      then. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Lay it at the al - tar



now. \_\_\_\_\_      What have we to of - fer?      What have we to



give?      Lives \_\_\_\_\_      we will live. \_\_\_\_\_

## \*Offertory Prayer

P: Merciful God: We return to you the gifts that you have given: our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your graciousness and love. Receive them and use them for the sake of the one who died for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

***\*The Great Thanksgiving***

P: The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

***\*Words of Institution***

On the night 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 remembrance of me.

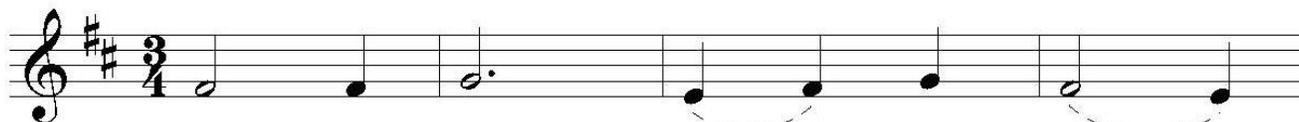
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for remembrance of me.

***\*The Lord's Prayer***

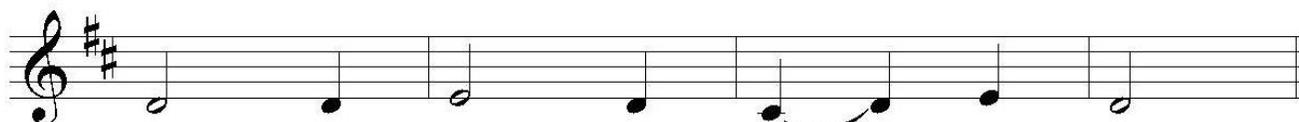
P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

## Lamb of God



1. Lamb of God, who takes a - way the  
2. Lamb of God, who'd give your soul to  
3. Lamb of God, ris - en Lord,  
4. Lamb of God, ho - ly Son,  
5. Lamb of God, who takes a - way the

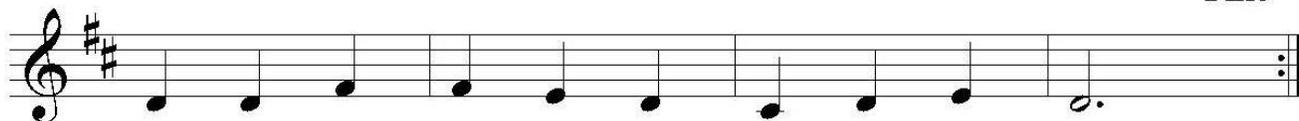


sin of all the world to - day,  
see a brok - en world made whole,  
heal us with your liv - ing word,  
bring us peace when day is done,  
sin of all the world to - day,



Have mer - cy up - on us, mer - cy up - on us,

**Fine**



mer - cy up - on us and give us your peace.

## Communion

### **\*Table Blessing**

P: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### **\*Post-Communion Prayer**

P: Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray.

**Amen.**

### **\*Benediction**

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

**Amen.**

**\*Sending Song: "O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate"..... ELW 722**

1 O Christ, your heart, com - pas - sion - ate, bore ev - 'ry hu - man pain.  
 2 As once you wel - comed those cast down and healed the sick, the blind,  
 3 O Christ, cre - ate new hearts in us that beat in time with yours,  
 4 O Love that made the dis - tant stars, yet marks the spar - row's fall,

Its beat - ing was the pulse of God; its breadth, God's vast do - main.  
 so may all bruised and bro - ken lives through us your help still find.  
 that, joined by faith with your great heart, be - come love's o - pen doors.  
 whose arms stretched wide up - on a cross em - brace and bear us all:

The heart of God, the heart of Christ com - bined in per - fect rhyme  
 Lord, join our hearts with those who weep that none may weep a - lone,  
 We are your bod - y, ris - en Christ; our hearts, our hands we yield  
 come, make your church a ser - vant church that walks your ser - vant ways,

to write God's love in hu - man deeds, e - ter - ni - ty in time.  
 and help us bear an - oth - er's pain as though it were our own.  
 that through our life and min - is - try your love may be re - vealed.  
 whose deeds of love rise up to you, a sac - ri - fice of praise!

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., b. 1923  
 Music: ELLACOMBE, German melody, 18th cent.; adapt. X. L. Hartig, *Melodien zum Mainzer Gesangbuche*, 1833  
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***\*Dismissal***

L: Go forth in joy and in peace, and serve the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

***Ringing of the Bell***

***Postlude***

*All People That on Earth Do Dwell*

Text: William Kethe, d. c. 1594

Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510–1561

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