



***Sept 5th, 2021***

*15th Sunday after Pentecost*

*Bread of Life/Service of the Word  
Summer Worship*

***We welcome you with open  
arms and open hearts***

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**Welcome to Faith and thank you for coming!**

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## **God Gathers the Body of Christ**

**Prelude**

Colleen Southwick, Accompanist

**Call to Worship**

Scott Southwick

**Welcome**

**Am:** The Lord be with you.

**All:** **And also with you!**

*(AM: Any prayer requests? Please notify the church office to submit names of those you wish to be included in the prayers. No formal offering will be taken today. Please leave in the offering plate on the table in the narthex.)*

*(AM: Please stand as you are able for our gathering hymn)*

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty



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

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

**All: And also with you!**

PM: You are the treasured people of the LORD,

**All: A people holy to the LORD our God.**

PM: Keep the words of the LORD in your heart; teach them to your children.

**All: Talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.**

PM: One does not live by bread alone,

**All: But by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD.**

### **Prayer of the Day**

AM: 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.**

*(AM: Please be seated for the readings)*

## **God Speaks to Us in The Word**

### **First Reading:**

**Isaiah 35:4-7a**

Lector: A reading from Isaiah, the 35<sup>th</sup> Chapter;

*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.*

<sup>4</sup>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.”

<sup>5</sup>Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,

and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

<sup>6</sup>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;

<sup>7a</sup>the burning sand shall become a pool,

and the thirsty ground springs of water.

## **Psalm 146**

*(Lector: give directions for congregation's response)*

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

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

<sup>2</sup>**I will praise the Lord as long as I live;**

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

<sup>3</sup>Put not your trust in rulers,

in mortals in whom there is no help.

<sup>4</sup>**When they breathe their last, they return to earth,**

**and in that day their thoughts perish.**

<sup>5</sup>Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help,

whose hope is in the Lord their God;

<sup>6</sup>**who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;**

**who keeps promises forever;**

<sup>7</sup>who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who

hunger. The Lord sets the captive free.

<sup>8</sup>**The Lord opens the eyes of the blind; the Lord lifts up those who**

**are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.**

<sup>9</sup>The Lord cares for the stranger;

the Lord sustains the orphan and widow but frustrates the way of  
the wicked.

<sup>10</sup>**The Lord shall reign forever,**

**your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!**

## **Second Reading**

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

Lector: A reading from James , the 2nd Chapter:

*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.*

<sup>1</sup>My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? <sup>2</sup>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, <sup>3</sup>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,” <sup>4</sup>have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? <sup>5</sup>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? <sup>6</sup>But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? <sup>7</sup>Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

<sup>8</sup>You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” <sup>9</sup>But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. <sup>10</sup>For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. [<sup>11</sup>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. <sup>12</sup>So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. <sup>13</sup>For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.] <sup>14</sup>What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? <sup>15</sup>If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, <sup>16</sup>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? <sup>17</sup>So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

L: Holy wisdom, holy word...

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Kids’ Talk**

Rick Brown

**Gospel Acclamation “Alleluia, Alleluia Give Thanks” WOV #671**

**Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen lord;  
Alleluia, Alleluia, give praise to his name;**

**Gospel**

Mark 7:24-37

PM: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark:

**All: Glory 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 his mission to the Gentiles.*

<sup>24</sup>[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,<sup>25</sup> but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. <sup>26</sup>Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. <sup>27</sup>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." <sup>28</sup>But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." <sup>29</sup>Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." <sup>30</sup>So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

<sup>31</sup>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. <sup>32</sup>They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. <sup>33</sup>He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. <sup>34</sup>Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." <sup>35</sup>And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. <sup>36</sup>Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. <sup>37</sup>They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

**L:** The Gospel of the Lord.      **C: Praise to you, O Christ!**

**Sermon** Rick Brown

**Sermon Song**      "We Come To You for Healing, Lord"      ELW #617  
(*Permission Required*)      Vv: 1,3,5

**Response to the Word** (*Creed*) WOV p. 79

AM: In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

**All: We believe in him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit. (*Ephesians 1:13-14*)**

AM: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith:

**All: 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 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**

## Confession

PM: Build yourselves up on your most holy faith; *Jude 20*

**All: Pray in the Holy Spirit.**

PM: Keep yourselves in the love of God; *Jude 21*

**All: Look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

PM: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: *2 Cor. 5:17*

**All: Everything old has passed away; behold everything has become new!**

PM: God has given us the ministry of reconciliation.

**All: Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.**

PM: Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

*(silence is kept for confession and reflection)*

PM: Most gracious God,

**All: have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

PM: The almighty and merciful God grants you pardon, forgiveness, and release from all your sins.

**All: Amen**

*(AM: Please be seated for the prayers)*

## **The Prayers of the Church**

Called into unity with one another and the whole creation, let us pray for our shared word

**“Once we Sang and Danced ”**

**ELW #701**

*(Permission Required)*

*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/Labour Day,) 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. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You support the work of your disciples. Continue to nurture the leadership and ministries of this congregation (especially). 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.

**All: Amen.**

### **Pass the Peace**

PM: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

**All: And also with you.**

*Take a moment to pass the peace with those around you, and send a message of peace to those listening and watching with you.*

## **Jesus Comes to Us in His Supper**

*Dear members and friends of Faith: as you trust the God you see in Jesus, please be welcome to share his meal. Christ offers here and now his body and blood, his death and resurrection, as a demonstration that God “loves you to death” and is present to, in, and through you now and forever. Communion will be served in individual portions*

**Offering**

**“Taste and See ”**

**ELW #493**

**Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord.**

**Oh, taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.**

### **Offering Prayer**

AM: Let us pray,

**All: Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we have received here, your body for the life of the world. Amen**

### **Words of Institution**

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

PM: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,  
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,  
who preached good news to the poor,  
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.  
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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection,  
and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out your Holy Spirit,  
that by this Holy Communion we may know  
the unity we share with all your people  
in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Through him, with him, in him,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father,  
now and forever.

**All: Amen**

**Lord's Prayer**

Matthew 6:9-13 & Luke 11:2-4

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

**All: 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 the Meal**

**PM:** Jesus Christ is the host of this meal, and he invites you to share a meal with him—an act of friendship, hospitality, and a glimpse of the feast that is to come.  
Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

## **Lamb of God**

ELW #195

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
grant us peace, grant us peace.**

## **Distribution**

### **Blessing**

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

**All: Amen**

### **Post Communion Prayer**

**AM:** Jesus, Bread of Life,

**All: 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**

**PM:** May God the Father prepare your journey,

Jesus the Son guide your footsteps,  
the spirit of Life strengthen your body,  
and the Three in One watch over you,  
on every road that you may follow.

## **Announcements**

### **Sending Song**

“On Our Way Rejoicing”

ELW #537

- 1 On our way rejoicing  
gladly let us go.  
Christ our Lord has conquered;  
vanquished is the foe.  
Christ without, our safety;  
Christ within, our joy;  
who, if we be faithful,  
can our hope destroy?**

### **Refrain**

**On our way rejoicing;  
as we forward move,  
hearken to our praises,  
O blest God of love!**

- 2 Unto God the Father  
joyful songs we sing;  
unto God the Savior  
thankful hearts we bring;  
unto God the Spirit  
bow we and adore,  
on our way rejoicing  
now and evermore. Refrain**

## **God Sends Us into The World**

### **Dismissal**

AM: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

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***Pray for our Members and Friends...***



*Please call or email us with your prayer requests.*

**Prayers for safety and healing:** Cheryl, Charlene Riggle, Mary Schmidt, Mary Ann, Myrtle Irene Cosner, Steve Forseth, Tom Dolan, Tom Martin, Karla West, Wes and Andy, Rod Snook, Bertie Senn, Geri Grymes

**Prayers for comfort:**

**Beehive:** Yvonne Olson

**Valley View:** Ruth Dillon

**Remington:** Chuck Olson, Kathleen Gazzara

**Sapphire:** Bertie Senn

**Incarcerated:** George Davis

**Thanks to our Worship Assistants!**

	<b>Today Sept 5th</b>	<b>Sept 12th</b>
<b>Accompanist</b>	Colleen Southwick	Rick Brown
<b>Guitarists</b>	Tom Anderson	Tom Anderson
<b>Acolyte</b>		Madilyn Farrenburg
<b>Call To Worship</b>	Scott Southwick	Josie VanDenburg
<b>Ushers</b>	Sandy Russ	Jennifer Murrillo & Staff
<b>Lectors</b>	Gina Optiz	Emma Mitchell
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Scott Southwick	Josie VanDenburg
<b>Projection</b>	Cole Kimzey	Will Heitmann

**SEPTEMBER 5, 2021**

**FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

*God's love breaks down boundaries.*



## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Mark 7:24-37</b>	<b>Jesus heals the Gentiles</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Isaiah 35:4-7a</b>	<b>Return of the exiled</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>James 2:1-17</b>	<b>Faith without works is dead</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Hebrews 13:1-9</b>	<b>Service that pleases God</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Leviticus 19:33-37</b>	<b>Living a holy life</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Ephesians 2:11-22</b>	<b>One in Christ</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Psalms 146</b>	<b>Praise for God's help</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Mark 8:27-38</b>	<b>Taking up the cross</b>

## SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

*[I]f 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? **James 2:3-4 (NRSV)***

## PRAYERS AND BLESSING

### A Prayer for the Week:

Almighty God, we thank you that your mercy triumphs over judgment and your love leads us to care for all people through Christ Jesus. Amen.

### Mealtime Prayer:

For the food that we eat and the food that we share, give us, O Lord, thankful hearts that show care. Amen.

### A Blessing to Give:

May the Lord God bless you with an open heart to receive and to give love through Christ Jesus our Savior.

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**SEPTEMBER 5, 2021**

## HYMN OF THE WEEK

*Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love*

## WEEKLY MILESTONES CARING CONVERSATIONS

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- What does it feel like to be left out of a group or not selected for a team?
- How do you react when you see someone being excluded from a group?
- Jesus showed love even to strangers. How would you describe the way you treat strangers?

## DEVOTIONS

*Read:* Mark 7:24-37.

Jesus shows uncharacteristic rejection of someone in need. The Syrophoenician woman asks for help, but she is not Jewish. She is a foreigner, and Jesus suggests he came for the children of Israel, not those outside of Judea and Galilee. However, perhaps he is speaking the voice of the early church that is likewise wondering what are the proper boundaries for the mission field of the church. The answer: Gentiles—therefore, all people—are part of God’s arena of care and redemption through Christ. It is time for all ears, tongues, and hearts to be opened. God’s power of love and forgiveness is so awesome that it knows no boundaries. Thanks be to God! God’s compassion is present for all of us, stranger and friend alike. When have you reached out to a stranger with the love of God?

*Pray:* **Loving God, just as you reach out to us with your grace and forgiveness, give us hearts to reach out to others that all may know your care through Christ Jesus. Amen.**

## SERVICE

James 2 warns against worshipping communities showing partiality. Many congregations look very homogeneous. They attract people who look, act, and think like one another. Some of this is due to local contexts, but some of it is due to a lack of warmth and initiative taken toward new people. Who is someone who could use your warmth and care to help them feel welcome in your congregation?

## RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Welcoming others with the peace of Christ has been part of the Christian tradition for two thousand years. Look up the sign language for peace. Teach it to others. As a way to practice reaching out to others with hope and love, you can greet others in your home, neighborhood, school, and work with these words: “The peace of the Lord be with you.”

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