

Family Worship for the Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost – August 16, 2020

Leader / Response

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the (+)Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Our help is in the name of the Lord, **who made heaven and earth.** (*Ps 124:8*)

If you kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand before you?

But with you is forgiveness; therefore, you are adored. (*Ps130:3-4*)

As we gather to hear God's Word, let us open our hearts to God and confess our sins, trusting in his infinite mercy for forgiveness and asking for his Holy Spirit to amend our sinful lives.

Almighty God, have mercy on me, hear this my confession, forgive all my sins, and renew me by your Holy Spirit for right living. (*Silent confession*)

In Holy Baptism our merciful God has declared us to be his royal children and forgives our sins for Jesus' sake, our risen Savior and Lord. Give praise now to the Lord of heaven and earth and live joyfully as his witnesses in the world. **Amen**

PSALM OF PRAISE – PSALM 67

¹May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us,

²**that your way may be known on earth, your saving power among all nations.**

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

⁴**Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.**

⁵Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!

⁶**The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, shall bless us.**

⁷God shall bless us; **let all the ends of the earth fear him!**

HYMN [God, Whose Almighty Word](#) (*With Lyrics*)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and merciful God, only by your gift of grace can the faithful offer service that is worthy of you and deserving of praise. **Keep us from stumbling as we run to receive your promises; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

FIRST READING – Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

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

GOSPEL VERSE (*Spoken/Sung; Stand for Gospel Reading if you can*)

Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

GOSPEL READING

The Holy Gospel from St. Matthew, chapter 15. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Matthew 15:21-28

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

MESSAGE

HYMN [What a Friend We Have in Jesus](#) (*With Lyrics*)

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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

OFFERING PRESENTATION *(Spoken; LBW #300, st. 5)*

Christ Jesus, be our present joy, our future great reward;

Our only glory, may it be, To glory in thee, Lord!

PRAYERS *(See Prayer Sheet)*

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

BLESSING *(Romans 15:13)*

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen

CLOSING HYMN [Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing](#) *(With Lyrics)*

EXTRA

[Pastor Dave: Fill the Tank](#)

[How Do We Pray?](#) *(Dr. Rev. Judy Kincaid via Inspirational Sermons)*

[Story of Joseph Scriven](#) *(Author of "What a Friend We Have in Jesus")*

READINGS

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

¹ Thus says the Lord:

“Keep justice, and do righteousness,
for soon my salvation will come,
and my righteousness be revealed.

⁶ “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—

⁷ 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.”

⁸ The Lord God,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel, declares,
“I will gather yet others to him
besides those already gathered.”

Romans 11:1-2a, 13-15, 28-32

¹ 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. ² God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

¹³ Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry ¹⁴ in order somehow to make my fellow Jews jealous, and thus save some of them. ¹⁵ For if their rejection means the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance mean but life from the dead?

²⁸ As regards the gospel, they are enemies for your sake. But as regards election, they are beloved for the sake of their forefathers. ²⁹ For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰ For just as you were at one time disobedient to God but now have received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹ so they too have now been disobedient in order that by the mercy shown to you they also may now receive mercy. ³² For God has consigned all to disobedience, that he may have mercy on all.

Matthew 15:21-28

²¹ And Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²² 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.” ²³ 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.” ²⁴ He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” ²⁵ But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” ²⁶ And he answered, “It is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs.” ²⁷ She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.” ²⁸ Then Jesus answered her, “O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

PRAYERS

Lord, you bring us into your presence that we may seek your face and beseech your help and ask for your forgiveness. Let us always live out of faith as those who humble themselves before you. Lord, in your mercy; **Hear our prayer.**

God, your gifts and calling are irrevocable, and it is your will to save Gentile and Jew alike in the kingdom of your Son. Give your Word free reign among all the nations that all may hear your gospel call and come in saving faith. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our Prayer.**

If the crumbs off your table of grace are enough to save us Lord, how much more will the full portion of your grace fill our hearts with salvation's joy. Help us always to open our lives to the nourishment of your saving words. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our Prayer.**

We pray for our nation and ask that you raise up righteous leaders who know how to walk humbly before you, who hold truth as the highest good, and whose desire is to serve all people, but especially those in need. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our Prayer.**

Hear our prayer for parents, students, teachers, and all school employees as they return to their schools. In these new and trying times, protect them from illness. Grant them all patience and wisdom to deal with uncertain routines, new and profound challenges, and the anxiety of others. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our Prayer.**

Hear our prayer for the ministry and future of Bible Lutheran Church. Keep us as the apple of your eye, even as you use us for sharing your mercy work and Gospel word. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our Prayer.**

Hear our prayer for Karen and Richard Hall and all the family and friends of Sheila Saxon. In glory, she dwells with you, but their hearts sorrow over her absence in their lives. Comfort them with the touch of your divine love that assures them of their eternal reunion. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our Prayer.**

Hear our prayers for Lauren as she recovers from her illness. Give her strength that she may finish her medical studies. Bless her calling to be a nurse and use her as your tool of healing in the lives of many. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our Prayer.**

Hear our prayer for healing for David and Frank Gray and little Elli; continue your healing work in the life of Brenda and Ann Reiser, Susan Reese, Ruby Neurath, Sarah Smith, Pat Gollihue, Jeff Byrd, Rick Boyd, Shirley Hogan, Mary Jane Duff and all whom we lift before you from our hearts.... (silent prayer)

Into your gracious hands we commend all for whom we have prayed, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Prayers for August 16, 2020

Prayers for Healing, Recovery, Wholeness, Divine Help

Nick Dasher, healing, (J. Dasher, 8.14.2020)
Elli, 8yrs. old, high fever (K. Wheeler, 8.9.2020)
Lauren Collum, health (M. Osteen, 8.9.2020)
Frank Gray, health issues (K. Hall, 8.9.2020)
David Gray, cancer (K. Hall, 8.9.2020)
Brenda Reiser, Lymphoma (M. Reiser, 8.2.2020)
Susan Reese, Covid (S. Sommervold, 8.2.2020)
Sarah Smith battling cancer again (F. Smith, 8.2.2020)
Ruby & Earl Neurath, health problems (C. Bazemore, 7.30.2020)
Helen Zeigler, dementia difficulties (A. Terry, 7.26.2020)
Jason Pridgen, still suffering with liver problems, friend of Betty Robinson (7.22.20)
Amy Holcomb undergoing cancer treatments (R. Ratliff, 7.22.20)
Don Hasty suffering from heart troubles (D. Vorel, 7.22.20)
Marie Callahan recovering from a Brain Aneurysm (S. Sommervold, 7.19.2020)
Pat Gollihue on diagnosis of bone cancer (R. Zipperer, 7.19.2020)
Jeff Byrd on diagnosis of non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma (L. Byrd, 7.19.2020)
Shirley Hogan hospitalized with Covid 19 (K. Warnell, 7.19.2020)
Cathy Conaway, hospitalized with Covid 19 (K. Warnell, 7.19.2020)
Keith Cornell, paralysis and due for surgery (J. Helmly, 7.19.2020)
Ann Reiser, undergoing cancer treatments (M. Reiser, 6.28.2020)
Rick Boyd, multiple health problems (C. Boyd, 6.21.2020)
Pam Moore, surgery after a bad fall (B. Helmly, 6.13.2020)
Mary Jane Duff, hospitalized for heart problems (K. Hall, 6.7.2020)

Prayers for Comfort in Bereavement

Karen Hall and family on death of her Aunt, Sheila Saxon (8.9.2020)
Cecelia Zeigler and family on death of her mother, Mary Bloomberg (8.4.2020)
Brenda Dasher and family on death of her cousin, JW Porter (7.19.2020)
Bobby Exley and family on death of daughter, Teresa (J. Arnsdorff, 6.7.2020)
Stacey York and family upon death of her mother Annette (A. Terry, 6.6.2020)
Family of Franklin Davis killed in vehicle accident on Zittrouer Rd (S. White, 5.17.2020)
Family of Karen Hall's Great Aunt, Katherine who went to be with the Lord. (5.17.2020)
Family of Laura Brown (S. Smith, 4.20)
Family of Rosemary Atkinson (Dot Zipperer's Sister, 4.19)

Military, Fire, Law Enforcement Personnel

Fire: Kenny Whitten, Jimmy Thompson; Law Enforcement: Warren Blanton
Military: Trent Zeigler, Christopher Zeigler(C.Zeigler); Michael Hubbard(A.M.Hubbard); Stephen Strickland(B. Dasher)

Long Term Support

Audrey Zipperer(Lakeview Manor); Helen Zeigler (Eff Care Center); Sarah Smith (Home); Dorothy Zipperer;
Betty Greenwood (Home), Charles & Virginia DiSalvo(Home); Keith Cornell (Paralysis;Helmly); Clyde Johnson
(Home;Muthersbaugh); Thomas Owens (Home;Garner); Clay Stewart(Dementia;Sommervold);
Dale Williams (Nursing facility; B.Williams)

Listening for the Promise

WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL

Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly. - Matthew 15:28

There is something really powerful and inspiring about the stories where people encounter Jesus and are willing to take whatever is left over. Jesus told a story in Luke 15 where the young son who squandered his inheritance came slinking home, ready to eat what the pigs ate. He was willing to take what was left in order to be in the presence of his Father. Then there is the account of the woman who had a bleeding disorder for many years (Matthew 9). She simply wanted to touch the hem of Jesus' cloak as she knew that his power would bring her healing even when nothing else had worked over the years. She was willing to take the left overs.

In our Gospel story for today we hear the familiar story of the Canaanite woman whose daughter was ill, possessed by a demon. During their conversation Jesus puts her off at first. But his resistance causes her to push harder. She needs him and will not give up. She loves her child and will do whatever is necessary to get the Lord to act. We can understand that, right?

The disciples try to get Jesus to send the woman away, but he won't. He says, "I was sent only to the lost house of Israel," in other words, only to the Jews, of which you are not. She doesn't care to whom he was sent, only that she has seen his power and she is in great need of him right now. She kneels down before him, putting herself in a position of humility, and states very clearly what she wants, "Help me, Lord."

The exchange continues as Jesus challenges her once again calling her a dog. She will accept that. She doesn't care what he calls her, as long as he helps her, this is how desperate she is. Her daughter's life depends upon her not giving up! But then she says something to Jesus that causes him to act, "Yes, Lord," she said, "yet even the dogs get to eat the crumbs that fall from the master's table." She will take the scraps. She doesn't need a banquet, only a crumb. Jesus' challenge to her has brought her to the very faith required to receive his blessing! "Great is your faith," he says, "your daughter has been healed." God gives us the faith that he requires and we are willing to take the tiniest measure of him, because we know that's all we really need. Amen.

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Fill the Tank (of Compassion) - Pastor Dave

The compassion of Jesus for a lost and dying world compelled him to go to the cross to confront and defeat the powers of sin, death and the devil. It was compassion that he felt toward the harassed crowds of Israel during his earthly ministry (Mt. 9:35-38) and for which he asked that the church pray to the Lord of the Harvest for laborers to go into the field. As we look ahead this year to engaging the harvest fields of Effingham, here are four suggestions to help us begin filling our tanks with Christ's compassion.

- 1) Set an alarm for 12noon on your phone/watch. Say a short prayer asking for God to fill you with divine compassion and to send laborers into the harvest.
- 2) For those who like to blog/write/express themselves, please feel free to write out prayer petitions around the harvest/compassion theme and mail them to blc.rincon@gmail.com. Pastor will use them on Sundays during the Prayers of the Church.
- 3) Evangelism Committee will be running a children's Art Exhibition. Details coming in mid-August.
- 4) Evangelism Committee will be sponsoring a congregational Prayer Vigil before we gather for our congregational planning meeting on Sept. 19. Details to follow...

BLC NEWS & NOTES

ALTAR FLOWERS

Today's altar flowers are given by Thomas & Ramona Kessler in honor of their 45th Wedding Anniversary.

CONGREGATIONAL SURVEYS NEEDED

This is the last call for the return of your congregational surveys that were mailed out. Your input is very important, so please return your surveys today. Thank you.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The congregational meeting scheduled for August 16, 2020, to discuss amending the 2020 budget to hire a youth coordinator has been rescheduled for Sept. 13th. Please pray for God's guidance concerning this position.

UPCOMING BAPTISM

Lelyn Henley Blackard will be welcomed into the family of Christ through baptism next Sunday. Please keep the Blackard family in your prayers.

AUGUST FIFTH SUNDAY OFFERING

The August fifth Sunday offering will be used to help offset the cost of the Choir robes, stoles and chairs. The offering plate is on the usher stand. Please designate Choir on your offering to ensure it is credited correctly.

WORSHIP RESTART

Church Council, after consultation with the Worship & Music Committee, has set the date of Sept. 13th as the date we resume our normal worship activities. In the meantime, a congregational survey will be mailed out to solicit input on ways to serve the whole congregation during this time of the coronavirus. Don't forget that Holy Communion is being offered by Pastor Dave by request. This can be done immediately after Sunday worship or at any other time during the week. Simply text or call: 912-661-8735.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

A huge "Thank You" goes out to all of you for helping with the Church Directory reprint. We will begin printing soon and with your help should have the information up to date. Thanks again – Deb.

THIS WEEK'S WORSHIP SERVANTS:

Crucifer –
Altar Care – Connie Bazemore
Head Usher –
Lector –
Musician – Karen Warnell

PLAN AHEAD:

8/18 Quilter's Group 10A-2PM (Bring lunch 😊)
8/18 AFPAG (Foster Parents) Mtg. @ 6:00 PM
8/19 Staff Support Mtg. @ 6:30 PM
8/20 W& M Committee Mtg. @ 6:00 PM
8/24 Annual GRITS Mtg Helmly River House
8/29 Fellowship Hall being rented
9/2 Christian Education Meeting
9/6 Evangelism Mtg. after Worship service
9/10 Property Committee Mtg. @ 6:30 PM
9/13 Sunday School Kick-off/Promotion
9/14 Church Council Mtg. @ 6:30 PM
9/19 Church Congregational Retreat at BLC
9 AM – 12 Noon

Great Faith

Find the 38 bold words from Matthew 15:21-28 (ESV)

C L W S S Z J H D C B R X P M U
R S E Z E T E A I E E H G F N
Y B N A I L N S T V A H E I O
I M K A R A P H U N A R O P M
N U F N A S G I S S I D E L E
G R I N E U I W C S O E Y S D
P C I P A L E X E S H N L I R
L T T D Y R T D T S I N T D I
E S E V E R E L Y S Y D N O G
H N D E S S E R P P O W A N H
T Y R E D E G G E B O L T T
H E A L E D M W R M E O S A T
Y C R E M A O E A A C R N E J
H O U S S E R A N T M B D I R M
T N E S D D W O R H T D O G S

And 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.**

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God Shall Bless Us

Find the 23 bold words from Psalm 67 (ESV).

E B Y O S N E Z E H I E O J X
Q Z L I X S E K G G I T B T G
T D N E I H K S D V Z M X A N
L G E A S N J G U F A C E N N
X N R D O S R T J D H Z U B G
Y P Y W L A E S A E R C N I L
Y O N D C E R A E F G E Y H A
E Q U I T Y I N Y Y N K W A D
B S O R E Z P Y O E I T Y O W
Y U R D O S M H J F V W L Y P
S U I V Q H T R A E A P I M N
O U O V B I U C M P S B V T R
G O D L D N T Z Q L R E N O G
X Z L X E E W F R W E H Q R T
U S C X I I T M Y S D C H G C

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

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