

SITTING AT THE  
FEET OF GOD



*Lessons from Jesus' Life and Ministry*



The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost  
August 16, 2020  
Calvary Lutheran Church



# + THE GATHERING +

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME

## OPENING HYMN

*All Are Welcome*



1. Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly  
2. Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and  
3. Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions.



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how  
wheat; a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where  
heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and  
peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through  
word with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the  
Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we  
laught - ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this



love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions:  
share in Christ the feast that frees us:  
house pro - claim from floor to raf - ter:

### *Refrain*



*All are wel - come, all are wel - come,*



*all are wel - come in this place.*

## INVOCATION

P: In the Name of the Father, and of the (+) Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
(Matthew 28:19)

C: **Amen.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, (+) one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

C: **Amen.**

P: Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sins.

*(Silence for reflection and self-examination, please kneel or be seated)*

P: Reconciling God,

C: **we confess that we do not trust your abundance, and we deny your presence in our lives. We place our hope in ourselves and rely on our own efforts. We fail to believe that you provide enough for all. We abuse your good creation for our own benefit. We fear difference and do not welcome others as you have welcomed us. We sin in thought, word, and deed. By your grace, forgive us; through your love, renew us; and in your Spirit, lead us; so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.**

P: Beloved of God, by the radical abundance of divine mercy we have peace with God through (+) Christ Jesus, through whom we have obtained grace upon grace. Our sins are forgiven. Let us live now in hope. For hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

## **SALUTATION**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

## **COLLECT**

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.**

## **+ SERVICE OF THE WORD+**

### **THE FIRST READING**

**Isaiah 56:1, 6-8**

The First Reading is from Isaiah, the fifty-sixth chapter.

**1** This is what the LORD says: "Maintain justice and do what is right, for my salvation is close at hand and my righteousness will soon be revealed.

**6** And foreigners who bind 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 without desecrating it and who hold fast to my covenant— **7** these

I will bring to my holy mountain and give them joy in my house of prayer.

Their burnt offerings and sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house will be called a house of prayer for all nations." **8** The Sovereign

LORD declares— he who gathers the exiles of Israel: "I will gather still others to them besides those already gathered."

P: This is the word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## THE SECOND READING

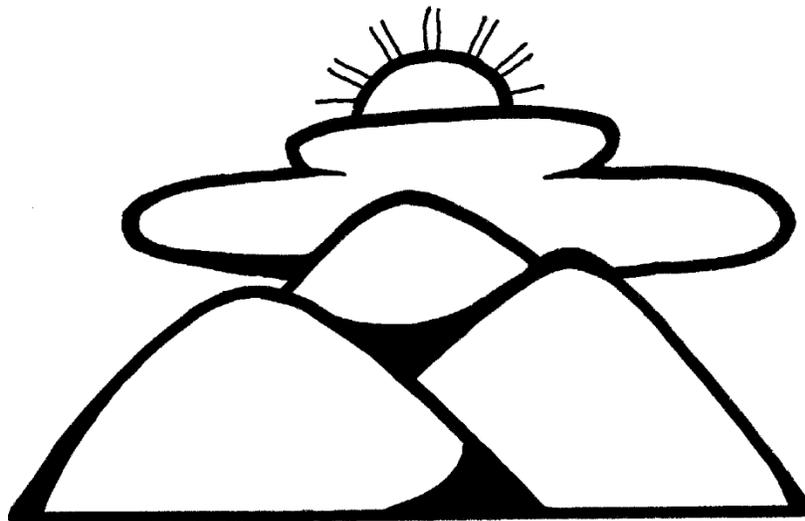
Romans 11:1-2, 29-32

The Second Reading is from Romans, the eleventh chapter.

**1** I ask then: Did God reject his people? By no means! I am an Israelite myself, a descendant of Abraham, from the tribe of Benjamin. **2** God did not reject his people, whom he foreknew. Don't you know what Scripture says in the passage about Elijah—how he appealed to God against Israel: **29** for God's gifts and his call are irrevocable. **30** Just as you who were at one time disobedient to God have now received mercy as a result of their disobedience, **31** so they too have now become disobedient in order that they too may now receive mercy as a result of God's mercy to you. **32** For God has bound everyone over to disobedience so that he may have mercy on them all.

P: This is the word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**



# Psalm 67

## Let All the People Praise – Ray Makeever

*Refrain*

Let all the peo - ple praise you, God. Let all the peo -

*Optional handclaps*

ple praise you, God.

1 Bless us, O God, show us your kind - ness, and  
2 All the earth shall fol - low your ways, O God,  
3 Let all peo - ple joy - ful - ly sing this song:  
4 God has blessed us, giv - en us sun and rain.  
5 May our God con - tin - ue to bless us, and

*Refrain*

make your face to shine . . . up - on us and—  
na - tions know your pow - er to save, O God.  
God is bring - ing jus - tice and right - ing wrong.  
Earth has yield - ed bush - els of fruit and grain.  
may the whole earth sing out a loud a - men.

Text: Ray Makeever  
Music: PSALM 67, Ray Makeever

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## **HOLY GOSPEL**

**Matthew 15:21-28**

The Holy Gospel is from Saint Matthew, the fifteenth chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

**21** Leaving that place, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. **22** A Canaanite woman from that vicinity came to him, crying out, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me! My daughter is demon-possessed and suffering terribly." **23** Jesus did not answer a word. So his disciples came to him and urged him, "Send her away, for she keeps crying out after us." **24** He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel." **25** The woman came and knelt before him. "Lord, help me!" she said. **26** He replied, "It is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to the dogs." **27** "Yes it is, Lord," she said. "Even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master's table." **28** Then Jesus said to her, "Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted." And her daughter was healed at that moment.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON** Are You Still So Dull?

Pastor Middaugh

## HYMN OF THE DAY

## *In Christ There Is No East or West*



- 1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,
- 2 In Christ shall true hearts ev - 'ry - where their high com - mu - nion find;
- 3 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what - e'er your race may be.
- 4 In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north;



but one com - mu - ni - ty of love through - out the whole wide earth.  
his ser - vice is the gold - en cord close bind - ing hu - man - kind.  
All chil - dren of the liv - ing God are sure - ly kin to me.  
all Christ - ly souls are one in him through - out the whole wide earth.

Text: John Oxenham, 1852–1941, alt.

Music: MCKEE, African American spiritual; adapt. Harry T. Burleigh, 1866–1949

## + SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

### PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

(congregation may kneel or stand during prayers)

P: Lord, in Your mercy . . .

C: **hear our prayer.**

### 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.**

## **THANKSGIVING AND WORDS OF OUR LORD**

**P:** 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.

**C: Amen.**

### **+ THE DISTRIBUTION +**

## **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

**P:** Let us pray. Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the Sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

+ SENDING +

**BENEDICAMUS and BENEDICTION**

P: Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

P: God, the creator + Jesus, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit, the comforter, bless you and keep you in eternal love.

**C: Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN**

*O, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

1. Oh, for a thou - sand tongues to sing My great Re - deem - er's praise,  
2. My gra-cious Mas - ter and my God, As - sist me to pro - claim,  
3. The name of Je - sus charms our fears And bids our sor - rows cease,  
4. He breaks the pow'r of can - celed sin; He sets the pris - 'ner free.

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The glo - ries of my God and King, The tri - umphs of his grace!  
To spread through all the earth a - broad The hon - ors of your name.  
Sings mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, Brings life and health and peace.  
His blood can make the foul - est clean; His blood a - vails for me.

5. To God all glory, praise, and love  
Be now and ever giv'n  
By saints below and saints above,  
The Church in earth and heav'n.

**DISMISSAL**

**POSTLUDE**

**Pastor**

Reverend Michael Middaugh

**Organist/Pianist**

Toku Kawata

**Musicians**

Nancy Dydak

Linda Priebe

Lori Schwartz



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