

# Eleventh Sunday of Pentecost

## August 16, 2020 – Online Worship Service

Congregation parts are printed in **bold**.

*Please make sure you have the following items on hand and ready for communion:*

- *Bread on a small plate. You may put a cloth or napkin on top if you like.*
- *Wine or grape juice (or some other beverage) and small glasses to drink from.*

### GATHERING

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PRELUDE

Ruth Bills, Musician

WELCOME AND GREETING

GATHERING HYMN

**O God beyond All Praising**

ELW Red Hymnal 880  
*(verses 1 & 3)*

- 1. O God beyond all praising, we worship you today  
and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;  
for we can only wonder at ev'ry gift you send,  
at blessings without number and mercies without end:  
we lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word,  
we honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.***
- 3. Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring,  
that we who know your favor may serve you as our King;  
and whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,  
we'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still:  
to marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,  
and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.***

SHARING OF THE PEACE

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**L:** 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.**

## WORD

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### FIRST READING

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

I 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. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. Do you not know what the scripture says of Elijah, how he pleads with God against Israel? for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

**L:** Word of God, Word of Life.

**C:** **Thanks be to God.**

### GOSPEL READING

Matthew 15:10-28

**P:** Hear now the Holy Gospel according to the fifteenth chapter of Matthew:

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

Then he called the crowd to him and said to them, 'Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.' Then the disciples approached and said to him, 'Do you know that the Pharisees took offence when they heard what you said?' He answered, 'Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.'

But Peter said to him, 'Explain this parable to us.' Then he said, 'Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.'

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just 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.' But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, 'Send her away, for she keeps shouting 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.' He answered, 'It is not fair to take the children's food 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, '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.**

SERMON

Pr. John Strommen, Preacher

HYMN OF THE DAY  
**There Is a Balm in Gilead**

ELW Red Hymnal 614  
*JoAlice Boatright, solo*

*Refrain*

***There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole;  
there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.***

- 1. Sometimes I feel discouraged and think my work's in vain,  
but then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again. [Refrain]***
- 2. If you cannot preach like Peter, if you cannot pray like Paul,  
you can tell the love of Jesus and say, "He died for all." [Refrain]***
- 3. Don't ever be discouraged, for Jesus is your friend;  
and if you lack for knowledge he'll ne'er refuse to lend. [Refrain]***

# MEAL

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*If you are alone, don't worry! I will say the words of distribution for you, and you can commune yourself.*

*Checklist for communion:*

- *Your hands are clean.*
- *You've appointed someone to be the main server, and someone to serve the server.*
- *There is bread on hand on a small plate. You may put a cloth or napkin on top if you like.*
- *There is wine or grape juice ready (or some other beverage if wine or grape juice is not available).*
- *That you have small glasses of some kind to drink from. The wine can either be poured ahead of time or at the time of serving.*
- *Don't worry if it doesn't go perfectly! Remember what the meal means: God's grace for imperfect people.*

*After I say the words of institution and the Lord's Prayer, you will administer to each other saying these words: Extending the bread, you say, "This is the body of Christ, broken for you." Offering the wine, you say, "The blood of Christ, shed for you."*

## Great Thanksgiving

### ELW Setting Two

ELW Red Hymnal p. 129

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

HOLY, HOLY  
ELW Setting Two

ELW Red Hymnal p. 130

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the  
high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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

L: Let us pray as Jesus taught us:

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.**



## RESPONDING

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### OFFERTORY

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*We will do the prayers like we normally do, where you can offer petitions. some of you have already sent prayers by email. I will read those first. Those who want to respond live may do so, and I'll read those also.*

**P:** Let us now enter into a conversation with the living God by offering up what is on our hearts and minds. We begin by praying for those among us who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially for Kathy, Glenn, Peggy, Marlene, Luke and the family of Charles.

**P:** Lord, in your mercy,

**C:** **hear our prayer.**

*Individual petitions from the congregation, silent and spoken, personal and global, are invited. If spoken, end with the words: Lord, in your mercy,*

**P:** Into your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy and in your grace.

**C:** **Amen.**

## SENDING

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### FINAL BLESSING

**P:** The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace, in the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit,

**C:** **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN  
In Thee Is Gladness

ELW Red Hymnal 867

- 1. In thee is gladness amid all sadness, Jesus, sunshine of my heart.  
By thee are given the gifts of heaven, thou the true redeemer art.  
Our souls thou wakest; our bonds thou breakest.  
Who trusts thee surely has built securely and stands forever: Alleluia!  
Our hearts are pining to see thy shining, dying or living, to thee are cleaving;  
naught can us sever: Alleluia!***
- 2. Jesus is ours! We fear no powers, not of earth or sin or death.  
He sees and blesses in worst distresses; he can change them with a breath.  
Wherefore the story tell of his glory with heart and voices;  
all heav'n rejoices in him forever: Alleluia!  
We shout for gladness, triumph o'er sadness,  
love him and praise him and still shall raise him  
glad hymns forever: Alleluia!***

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

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O God beyond All Praising

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