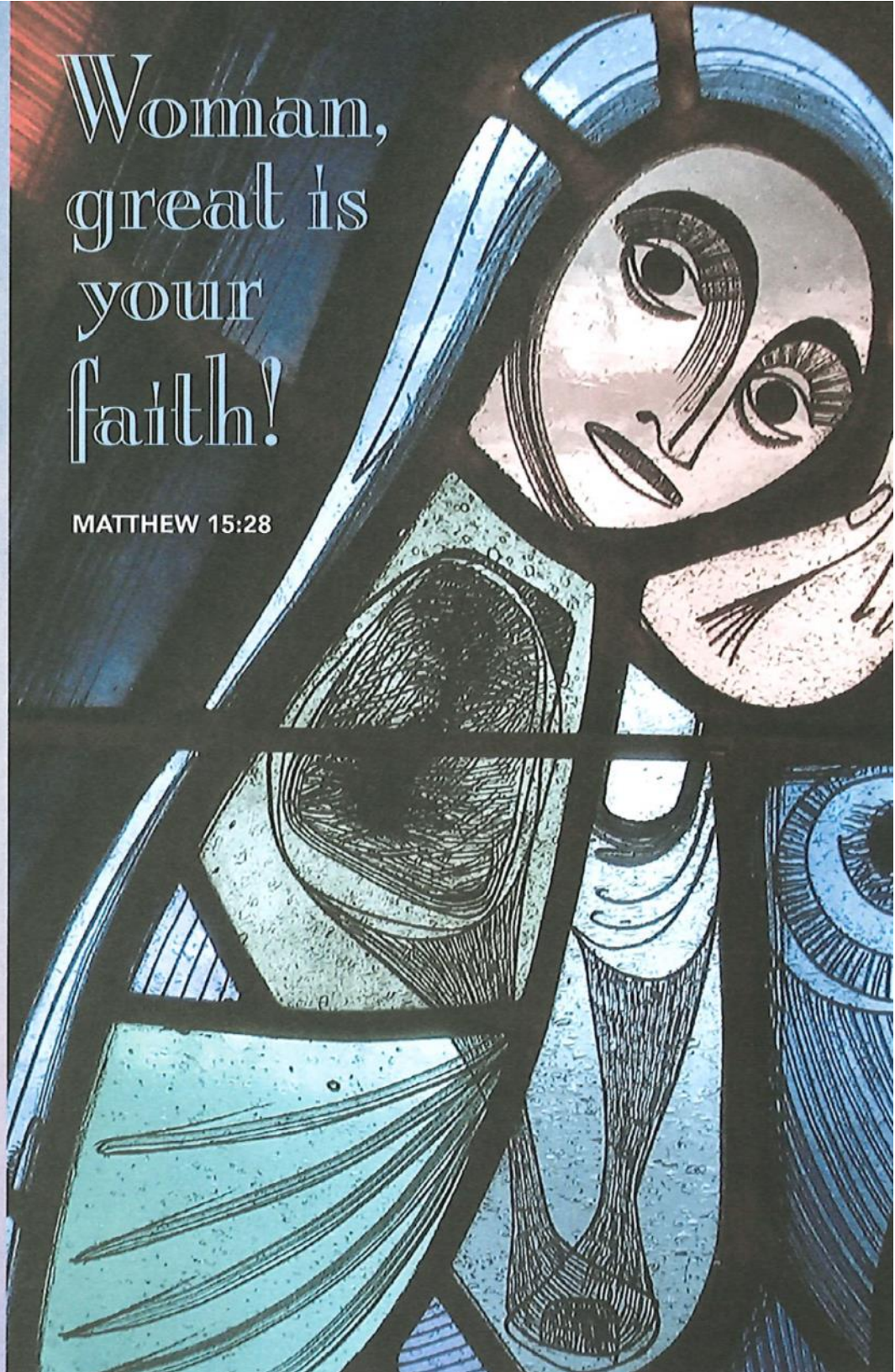


Woman,
great is
your
faith!

MATTHEW 15:28



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Announcements

WELCOME Thank you for being with us.

We are a Christian church within the Lutheran tradition (Evangelical Lutheran Church of America) and we welcome people of all Christian traditions as well as people of other faiths and people of little or no faith. Christian worship has been offered to God in this congregation for 184 years. By worshipping with us today, you become part of that living tradition.

Restrooms are available in the Good Shepherd Room (Springettsbury lobby) and the narthex. Baby changing stations are provided in these restrooms.

Thank you for your faithfulness in sending your offering through the mail or by using online options from your financial institution or through the “Donate” now from the church website **stpaulsyork.org**. Your gifts are keeping us current with the commitments associated with St. Paul’s and our ministry partners.

Ushers are needed. New guidelines are in place. Please contact the church secretary if you can serve. (New procedures were emailed to those who historically served and are also in the August *Our Church* newsletter)

Cottage Meeting hosts are anticipating your call! We are down to the last meeting. Plan to attend today.

We continue to experience a surge in families needing assistance through the Food Pantry. We can use some additional volunteers. We are seeking folks who are not in the “at risk” category for COVID-19. Simply notify Larry or Janet Moore if you can help on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday morning. **Our most critical need is with help on Tuesday mornings.**

Our COVID-19 task force is assisting us as we remain open at St. Paul’s. Please thank Deacon Ellen Doughty, Dr. Jessica Ericson, Sheridan Palmer, Deacon Harold Sargeant, and Tim Yakim for their service.

Thank you to Victor Fields for the use of his sound system for the outdoor service.

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Guidelines for Worship during the time of COVID-19

Entering and Leaving the Church:

Face masks are required both inside and outside. If you do not have a mask you may use one of the pre-packaged masks located at the entrances or at the usher stations. (If a face mask was provided upon arrival, kindly deposit it in the specially marked basket at the exterior doors or at the usher stations as you leave so that it can be properly washed and prepared for use again.)

Kindly sign in at the door through which you entered. This will help if we need to be in contact.

Please take your service bulletin with you or dispose of it properly. Please don't place it back into a basket.

Offerings:

Monetary offerings may be placed in the basins provided at the entrances to the nave or at the usher stations outdoors prior to the service or immediately following the service. You may also donate via our website at www.stpaulsyork.org

While in the Nave or on the lawn:

You may sit together as a family. Outside worshippers should place their lawn chairs using social distancing. Inside worshippers should sit in designated pews only (green card 10:30 AM. We ask that you practice social distancing from one family to the next within the pew.

Communion Procedure:

For the outside service: Communion positions are designated with a chalk cross marked on the sidewalks on Springettsbury Ave. and surrounding the lawn. Wearing your face mask., proceed to the closest sidewalk and take your place at a Communion position.

For inside services: Ushers will direct you. The pulpit side of the nave communes first followed by the font side.

Wearing your face mask, come to the chancel step taking your place at one of the five positions marked on the chancel floor with a green cross.

Your entire household may gather at one of the five positions marked by the green cross.

For all to receive the sacrament:

- *Extend your arms and cup your hands together to receive the host.*
- *Please do not reach out to take it from the minister.*
- *Once the minister has moved to the next group, then remove your mask, receive the host, replace your mask and return to your pew/seat by the closest side aisle. There is no need to hurry.*

In our prayers we remember...

Dana Sodor, David List, Sandy Shellenberger, Brian McKenna, Gene Shue, Abbie Gayle Guyton, Amanda, Jim Young, Penny Bailey, Eddie Turner, Sr., Jessica Ericson, Kristine Gross, Porter Stacey, the family and friends of Margie Martin.

Eleventh Sunday of Pentecost
August 16, 2020 8:00 & 10:30 AM
During the time of COVID -19

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

10:30 AM PRELUDE *How Great Thou Art* arr. Mark Hayes

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

The assembly stands. The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

In the name of the Father, and of the ✙ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**
Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Most merciful God,

We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✙ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **Amen**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

All **Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:**

Women **We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.**

Men **Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:**

Women **You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

Men **You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.**

Women **For you alone are the Holy One,**

Men **You alone are the Lord,**

All **You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray. . **Gracious Father, your blessed Son came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world. Give us this bread, that he may live in us and we in him, Jesus Christ our Lord Amen**

Sit

READING Isaiah 56:1, 6-8 (on back page)

At the conclusion of the reading

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM Psalm 67 8:00 am Spoken responsively by half verse

10:30 am Sung by the Cantor to a setting by Mark Mummert

¹ May God be merciful to | us and bless us,*

show us the light of his countenance, and | come to us.

² Let your ways be known | upon earth,*

your saving health a- | mong all nations.

³ Let 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 all the nations | upon earth.

⁵ Let the peoples praise | you, O God;*

let all the | peoples praise you.

⁶ The earth has brought | forth her increase;*

may God, our own God, give | us his blessing.

⁷ May God give | us his blessing,*

and may all the ends of the earth stand in | awe of him.

Stand

ALLELUIA

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

GOSPEL *Matthew 15: 21-28* *(on back page)*

The Holy Gospel according to *St. Matthew*. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

At the conclusion of the Gospel.

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

Sit

SERMON

Pastor McKee

Stand

APOSTLE'S CREED

We confess our faith using the words of the Apostle's 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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

Lord, you gather the church to be part of your mission as ambassadors of Jesus Christ.

As Jesus acknowledged the great faith of a woman from outside his people, help your church discover and find blessing in the faith of people we might reject. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

O Lord, renew the face of the earth. Relieve waters choked by garbage, renew soils stripped of nutrients, and refresh polluted air. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

You call the nations to be glad and sing for joy. Let your way be known among all the nations of the world, now divided by competing interests, contending alliances, and consumed by enormous worry. Bless us and make your face shine upon all. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

You show unexpected mercy, kindness, and generosity. Help us learn from you so that we extend your loving embrace. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

In you we live and move and have our being. Grant our congregation grace to find our life refreshed in you. Give us rest and renewal, and strengthen us for mission in your name. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Your eternal promises are more than we could ever imagine. As you gather all the saints join us also with them on the great day of your salvation, especially we remember your servant Margie Martin. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

In the certain hope that nothing can separate us from your love, we offer these prayers to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Blessed are you,

O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might:

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

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 honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. Amen

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray;

**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

FRACTION *The bread is broken. A brief silence is kept.*

AGNUS DEI

Pastor Lamb of God

Men Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

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

Sit *The pastor cleanses hands and prepares for the distribution of Holy Communion.*

COMMUNION OF THE FAITHFUL

Instructions for receiving the sacrament are on the inside front cover of the bulletin.

Stand

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Amen

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

We give you thanks, almighty God that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

HYMN *Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing (back pages)*
Stanza 1 All, Stanza 2 Women, Stanza 3 Men, Stanza 4 & 5 All

BLESSING & DISMISSAL

Almighty God, Father, ✙ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen**
Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

10:30 AM POSTLUDE *Toccata-Sortie* *Auguste Larrii*

Please be respectful of distancing and personal space as you leave. Feel free to gather outside for conversation.

Please take your service bulletin with you or dispose of it properly. Please don't place it back in the basket

If you were provided with a mask on arrival, kindly place it in the marked container at the exterior door. It will be laundered and returned for a future time.



This week's flowers are given to the Glory of God by Kathryn & Dan Garber in honor of their 10 year anniversary and by Andrew and Ellen Doughty in remembrance of both of their fathers.

Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

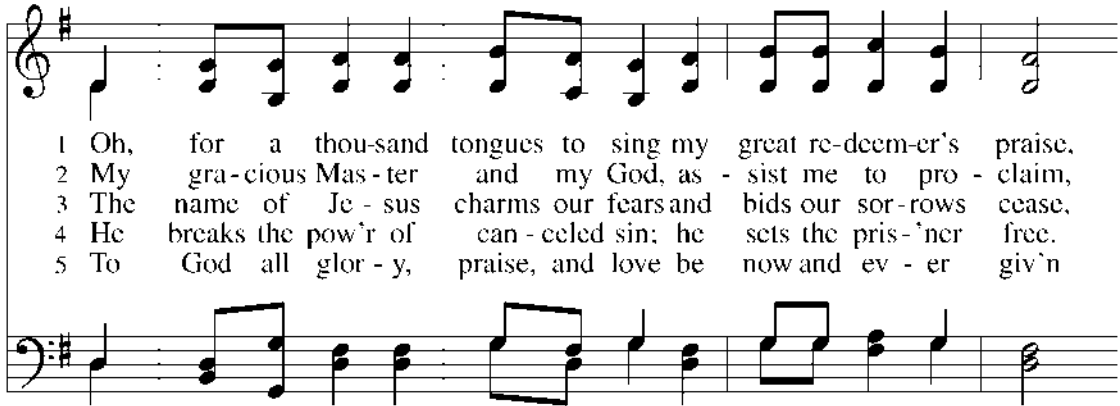
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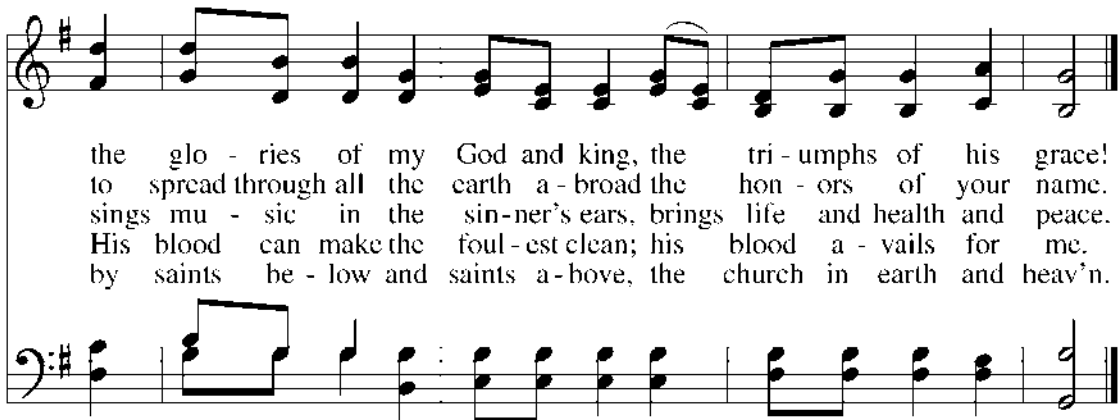
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Stanza 4 & 5 All

Oh, 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.
5 To God all glor-y, praise, and love be now and ev-er giv'n



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.
by saints be-low and saints a-bove, the church in earth and heav'n.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.

Music: AZMON, Carl G. Gläser, 1784–1829; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

Cottage Meetings are finishing up!

Please call today!

Cottage meetings have served our congregation well over the past several years. We really do need you to make a contact so that adequate preparations can be made. We purposely planned that these gatherings could take place out of doors so you may need to pack a lawn chair. Your host family will be delighted to respond to your questions about maneuvering in their lawn or home. A special word of thanks and appreciation is extended to our hosts who graciously agreed to open their homes for our gatherings this summer.



August 23 @ 7:00 p.m., Dan & Kathryn Garber, 3533 Cimmeron Rd., York – 508-873-8173

Thank You for Your Consistent Giving—During this time of pandemic we cannot thank you enough for your generous, consistent gifts to the church. Without them we would need to radically rethink our daily operation. Knowing that this is the month in which we transition from our construction loan to a traditional mortgage, the future lender has been keeping abreast of our financial commitment to the ministry undertaken by St. Paul's. To that end we are grateful that we do not need to seek out a new lender, or worse yet, scramble to show our financial capability. Because you have consistently given throughout these months of physical distancing we are able to continue to carry out the plans outlined and set forth at the annual meeting held last November. Thank you for financial giving to the work and witness carried out through St. Paul's Lutheran Church. We also extend our appreciation to the ongoing work of our Finance Committee.

Food Pantry—August

Items needed: Canned fruit, canned vegetables, canned meats, mashed potato mix, rice, pasta side dish and peanut butter. We are in need of volunteers for the summer. Anyone able to help can contact Teresa Rohrbaugh or Janet and Larry Moore. Plastic Bags are always needed. Money donations are gratefully accepted. Please place cash or check in a "special" envelope marked "Pantry".



Boy Scout Troop 19 is taking orders for the sale of popcorn and/or nuts in the upcoming months of August and September. We will not be selling in-person this year. Our order will be placed in mid-October and will be available on November 14. If interested in helping out our troop and their program, please call Nancy Banta @ 717 848 6627 for more information. Thanks so much.

Crumbs. I use them when making meatloaf. I especially like them as topping on coffee cake, muffins, and apple pie. I am not especially fond of them on the kitchen floor or under the table.

Crumbs. They are the talking point this morning between a Canaanite women and Jesus. She is not after a meatloaf, or coffee cake, or muffins, or apple pie. She is after healing for her daughter. She is focused on nothing more than her daughter being made well. She is on her own mission on behalf of another. She can't stand the sight of her daughter being tormented. And so in an unusual interplay between Jesus and a foreigner, a Canaanite women, an interplay that was perplexing enough that the disciples wanted her to be sent away, she asks for crumbs.

Kneeling before Jesus, she asks for crumbs. Moments before in a posture we may assume was standing and upright, she called out for the Lord, the Son of David, to have mercy. She even stated why she cried out for such mercy. "Yes Lord, even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master's table." "Throw me a crumb" she pleads. "Drop a little grace my way" she infers, as she cries out for the welfare of her daughter who is tormented.

Crumbs. Most of us won't settle for crumbs. Most of us want the whole crumb topped pie. Most of us aren't willing to name publicly why we need God's mercy in our life; afraid to disclose how sick we really are. Most of us aren't willing to make a scene in public because we certainly don't want to be numbered with people who are sent away, dismissed, thought to be an unwelcome intrusion. Most of us are even uncomfortable moving out in mission on behalf of a family member let alone someone we do not know.

For what mercy are you pleading in your own life?

For what mercy are you pleading for the sake of another?

Currently it seems that our society falls pretty neatly into two groups; those with the whole crumb topped pie and those seeking crumbs. I don't have the time to trace the history of how we arrived at such a place. How we in one of the richest nations on the planet have arrived at such an unusual perplexing place where so many are seeking crumbs.

The Canaanite women knew to whom she could turn. She had obviously heard of Jesus of Nazareth and how he was restoring, making whole;

He had fed those who were hungry,
about five thousand men, besides women and children.

He had healed the sick in Gennesaret,
a little lake side town not far from Capernaum and Bethsaida.

And after this request by a foreign woman made on behalf of her daughter, we will read how Jesus cures many people; the lame, the maimed, the blind, the mute, and many others. And they were all placed at Jesus feet, like crumbs beneath a table.

Crumbs. It is appealing to want to have the whole crumb topped pie. This morning the request is simply for the crumbs, for some mercy, some grace, to fall from the master's table. In our life together we cry out to the Lord, Son of David, for mercy, for grace; not just for ourselves but for the person next to us, the people in our neighborhood, our pantry clients, preschool families, for the students preparing for school and the faculty who will teach them open them to see the entirety of the world in which we live, for our sister congregation in Tanzania. The Canaanite woman had reached the end of her rope. She couldn't take the horror of seeing one she loved so tormented. She kneels at Jesus' feet. Not requesting the bounty from the table, simply some crumbs.

That day, the Lord Jesus, responded to her request. He didn't throw her some crumbs hoping that she would go away, he acknowledged her faith. Jesus acknowledged the greatness of her faith. I think Jesus called her faith great that day because she was concerned about another, requesting help and healing for another. The Canaanite woman's daughter was healed, (salvo) salvation, made whole. Her request for crumbs was met with the Lord's abundance.

We gather at the table of the Lord this morning. Not certain if we are seeking an entire pie or simply crumbs. In Christ Jesus we are given a foretaste of the heavenly banquet. We are given a morsel containing the abundance of life, forgiveness, grace, mercy, love, so that we are made whole. Healed. Saved. Not crumbs, but the bounty of the one Lord who gives himself for the life of the world. The Canaanite woman knew to whom she could turn.

In our Alleluia verse we proclaim "Alleluia, Lord to whom shall we go? You Lord, you Son of David, you have the words of eternal life." As the baptized people of God, we also know to whom we turn amid the modern state of affairs. We know of the crummy situations that are plaguing our communities and our lives. Hatred, bigotry, greed, racist attitudes and actions that are not consistent with the loving embrace of God. And so in the spirit of the Canaanite woman we come in faith into the presence of the Lord Jesus requesting on behalf of all who are tormented, we beg for crumbs, for mercy, for grace, to be made known so that there is real and lasting healing. We come in faith, requesting that the Lord God changes hearts, and minds, attitudes, and sets things right.

Crumbs. They are often swept up and thrown away. Today we hear of great faith made known through the very thing that is kneaded into meatloaf and pressed onto the top of pie. And when crumbs fall from the table of the Lord they give life and faith is proclaimed.

Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And the crumbs for which she begged brought healing. Amen.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

Thus says the LORD:

Maintain justice, and do what is right,
for soon my salvation will come,
and my deliverance be revealed.

⁶And the foreigners who join 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, and do not
profane it,

and hold fast my covenant—
⁷these 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.

⁸Thus says the Lord God,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel,
I will gather others to them
besides those already gathered.

Psalm 67

SECOND READING: Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

[Paul writes:] 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. ²God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

²⁹For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. ³²For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

GOSPEL: Matthew 15:[10-20] 21-28

[[Jesus] called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand: ¹¹it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." ¹²Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?" ¹³He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. ¹⁴Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit." ¹⁵But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." ¹⁶Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding? ¹⁷Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? ¹⁸But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. ¹⁹For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. ²⁰These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile."]

²¹Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²²Just 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." ²³But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." ²⁴He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." ²⁵But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." ²⁶He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." ²⁷She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." ²⁸Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

Next Sunday's Readings: Isaiah 51:1-6; Psalm 138; Romans 12:1-8; Matthew 16:13-20.

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