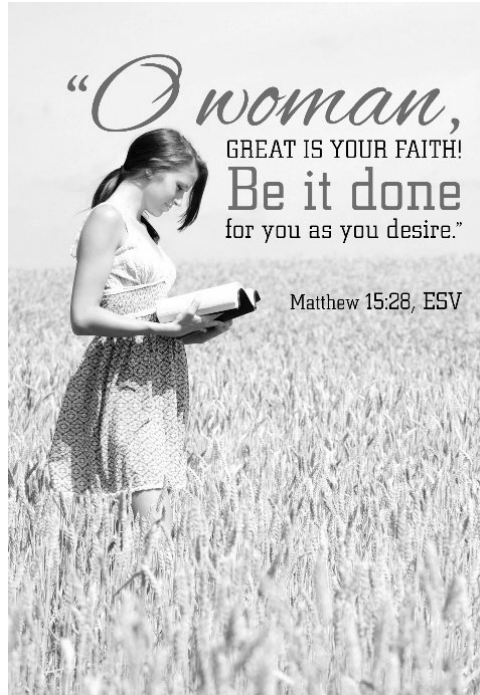


The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, August 16, 2026
9:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion



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WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

Please take a moment to fill out the “Attendance & Communion” Registration Cards (located in the pew racks). Pass your card to the end of your pew.

P - Presiding Minister; A - Assisting minister; **C - Congregation;**

* - Please Stand

LBW - Green Hymnal

WOV - Blue Hymnal

Please silence electronic devices.

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:**

P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P 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.

C Amen

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Please kneel or sit as you are able.

P Most merciful God,

C 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

P 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.

C Amen

***PEACE:**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

***GATHERING SONG: “*Before Jehovah’s Awesome Throne*” (LBW 531)**

***GREETING:**

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY:**

P Let us pray: Gracious God, you welcome all who cry out to you, and no one is beyond the reach of your mercy. Through our gathering around Word and Sacrament, strengthen us to be living signs of your healing and mercy so that all may know your glory and grace;

C through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

A A reading from Isaiah:

¹Thus says the LORD: “Keep justice, and do righteousness, for soon my salvation will come, and my righteousness 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, everyone who keeps the Sabbath and does not profane it, and holds 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.” ⁸The LORD God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, declares, “I will gather yet others to him besides those already gathered.”

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM: 67

A ¹May God be merciful to us and bless us, show us the light of his countenance and come to us.

C **²Let your ways be known upon earth, your saving health among all nations.**

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

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

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

C **⁶The earth has brought forth her increase; may God, our own God, give us his blessing.**

A ⁷May God give us his blessing, and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

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

A A reading from Romans:

¹I 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. ^{2a}God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. ...

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

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

A The Word of the Lord.

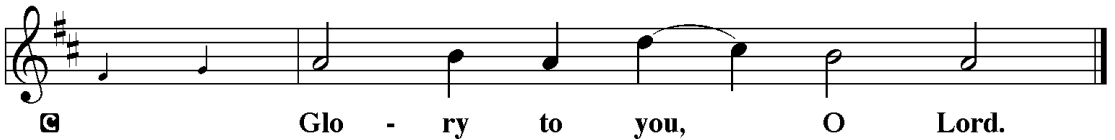
C **Thanks be to God.**

***VERSE:**



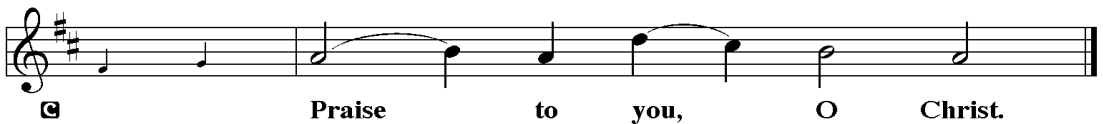
***HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 15:21-28**

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifteenth chapter.



²¹Jesus went away from {Gennesaret} and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²²And 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.” ²³But 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.” 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.” ²⁶And he answered, “It is not right to take the children’s bread 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, “O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

P The Gospel of the Lord.



CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON: Pastor Dwight Hanson – When Withdrawal is Advancement

***HYMN OF THE DAY: “*God, Whose Almighty Word*” (LBW 400)**

***APOSTLES’ CREED:**

C 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:

A Let us pray: Heavenly Father, continue to pour out the Holy Spirit, inspiring the Church on earth to be Christ-centered. Help us to see that Jesus, alone, can heal a world broken by sin and division. Draw us ever deeper into your Word. And give us hearts of faith, trusting your unfolding plan. Bring your saving grace to all nations, including our very own hearts. Lord, in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

A We pray, O Lord, for the Christian Church. Strengthen us and unify us in Christ for mission in the world. Teach us to pray, casting all our cares on you, glorifying the name of Jesus. Inspire our congregation, district, and denomination to follow the Good Shepherd wherever he leads, that blessings may abound. Lord, in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

A We pray, O Lord, for the needs of the world: For our civic leaders, that they would seek your holy guidance for their difficult work. We pray for those who honorably stand in harm's way on behalf of others. Protect them and their families. We lift up all who face war, suffering amid the devastation. Bring peace as only you can do. And we pray for all who have faced disasters of various kinds. Comfort and strengthen them. Raise up good neighbors and teach all of us to look to you for every good. Lord, in your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

A We pray on behalf of all who need healing in any way: *Tracy, Charlie, Jim Carlisle, Kelly Coffman, Tiffany Daugherty, Claude Dixon, Becky Haws, Amy & Bryan Jackson, Dave O'Shea, Sue Robinson, Karen Schaeff, Dean Shetter, Allie Steele Rios, Mike & Barb Studebaker, Wayne Williams*, as well as those whom we name in our hearts (pause for additional names). Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray,

C **Trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

OFFERING

SPECIAL MUSIC: (*The Dells*) “Take My Hand” By: D. Besig/N. Price

***OFFERTORY RESPONSE:**



C Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be
fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u -
nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

***OFFERTORY PRAYER:**

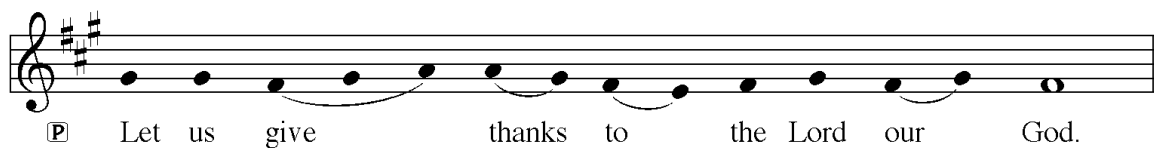
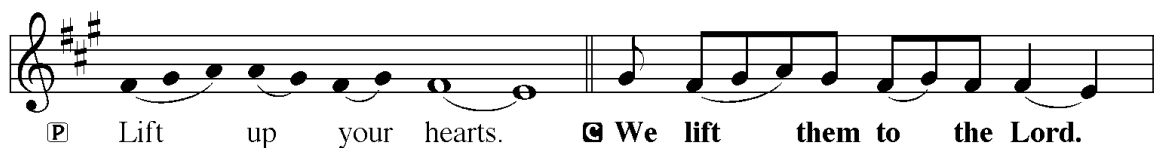
P Let us pray.

P Blessed are you, O Lord our God, maker of all things.

C **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:

*PREFACE:

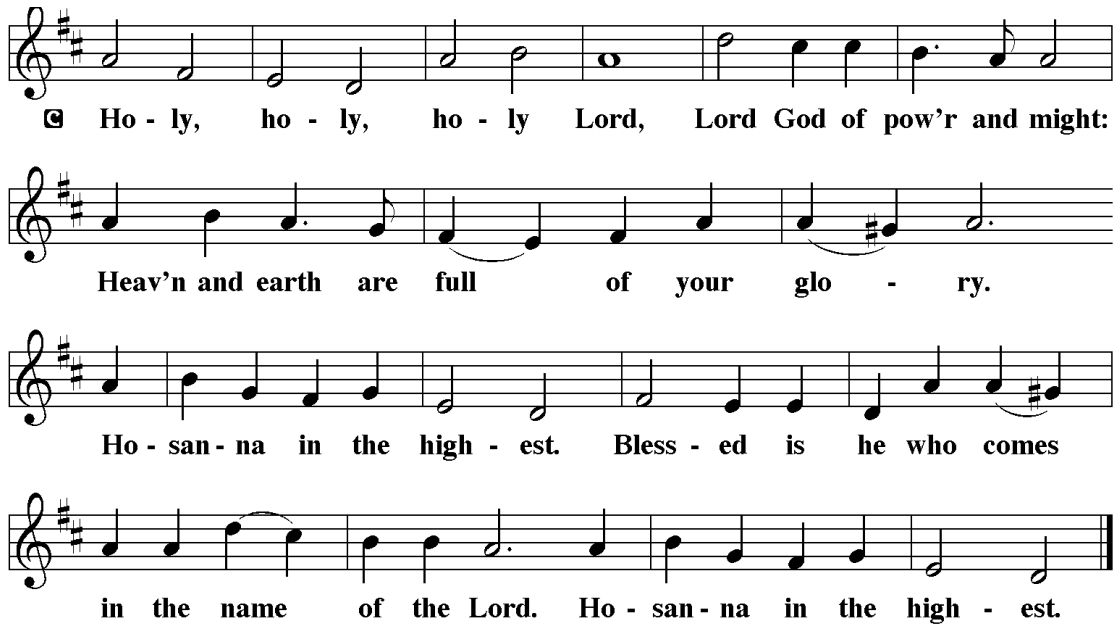


***PROPER PREFACE:**

P It is indeed right and sal - u - tar - y that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, ho - ly Fa - ther, through Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resur - rec - tion opened to us the way of ev - er - last - ing life.

And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heav - en, we praise your name and join their un - end - ing hymn:

***HOLY, HOLY, HOLY:**



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heav'n 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.

***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.

***LORD'S PRAYER:**

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.**

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION & BLESSING OF CHILDREN

In Holy Communion our Lord Jesus graciously invites those who have been baptized in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit to repent of all that separates us from God, and to receive his sacred and real presence for the forgiveness of sins. In addition to wine, grape juice is also offered. Children who do not yet receive Communion may receive a blessing.

Holy Communion will be received at the communion rail.

COMMUNION HYMNS: *“Lamb of God”*



C Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;



grant us peace, grant us peace.

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus” (LBW 439)

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds” (LBW 370)

“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy” (LBW 290)

*POST-COMMUNION PRAYER:

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

C Amen.

***POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE:**



C Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev- 'ry- one what he has done.



Let ev- 'ry- one who seeks the Lord re- joice and proud- ly bear his name.



He re - calls his prom - is - es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

***PRAYER:**

P Let us pray.

P 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.

C **Amen**

***BLESSING:**

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN: *“Jesus Shall Reign” (LBW 530)

***DISMISSAL:**

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Campfires of Grace—Summer 2026:

When? The third Wednesday of each summer month: August 19.

What time? 7:00 PM.

For whom? Everyone.

Where? By the campfire ring near the picnic shelter.

What to bring? Just yourself (and a friend, if you like), a lawn chair, and a heart that's ready to relax and enjoy an outdoor tradition.



GRACE AT A GLANCE

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OFFICE HOURS:

Monday -Friday: 10—1, 2—5

TODAY August 16, 2026—12th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 a.m. Worship

10:30 a.m. Fellowship & Adult Education — Lessons of the Day

Monday August 17

Pastor's Day Off

9:45 a.m. Choose to Lose

Tuesday August 18

6:00 p.m. Homeless Shelter Meal Sponsored by: Nancy Childs

Wednesday August 19

9:00 a.m. Bible Study

7:00 p.m. Church Campfire

Thursday August 20

1:00 p.m. PERI Meeting

2:00 p.m. Grace Fiber Guild

7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Friday August 21

12:30 p.m. Bulletin Production

Saturday August 22

UPCOMING WEEK SPECIAL EVENTS

Sun 8/23—Worship, Fellowship & Adult Education

Mon. 8/24—Pastor Off, Choose to Lose

Tues. 8/25—

Wed. 8/26—Bible Study

Thurs. 8/27—AA Meeting

Fri. 8/28— Bulletin Production

Sat. 8/29—

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Altar Guild for August: Janice & Gretchen Pearce

Offering Counter for August: Janice Barnes

Sunday, August 16—Pentecost 12

9:30 a.m.

Greeter: Allen & Kelly Coffman

Usher: Allen Coffman

Lector: Kelly Coffman

Communion: Wanda Winter, Elaine Fudge

Acolyte: Sophia Steiner

Sunday, August 23—Pentecost 13

9:30 a.m.

Greeter: Scott & Nancy Parkinson

Usher: Scott & Nancy Parkinson

Lector: Barb Myers

Acolyte: Jessa Barnes

Sunday, August 31—Pentecost 14 & Healing Prayer

9:30 a.m.

Greeter: Allen & Kelly Coffman

Usher: Allen Coffman

Lector: Kelly Coffman

Communion: Wanda Winter, Elaine Fudge

Acolyte: Sophia Steiner

Attendance & Stewardship — (\$4,187 needed wkly.)

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Great Commission Outreach Partners: World mission Prayer League – Chris & Emily & family, Lutheran Military Veterans and Families, Abundant Grace, West Chester

Grace Lutheran Mission Endowment Fund: The purpose of this fund is to extend the ministry of Grace Lutheran Church, apart from the general operation of the congregation. To learn more about our Mission Endowment Fund, please contact the church office and we'll give your question to the appropriate person.

IN OUR PRAYERS

After 4 weeks we will remove names from this list. If you would like to keep someone on the list, please note their name on the back of the “Attendance & Communion Registration” form.

URGENT PRAYER LIST:

HEALING: (In Alphabetical Order)

Tracy: (Cousin of Suzie Dell who is battling with stage 3 endometriosis cancer)

Charlie: (11-year-old son of a former student of Nancy Parkinson—Charlie is awaiting a liver transplant)

Jim Carlisle: (Healing from hip surgery)

Kelly Coffman: (Having testing due to heart issues)

Tiffany Daugherty: (Daughter-in-Law of Richard and Jane Coggin -- She is undergoing tests for health issues)

Claude Dixon: (Father of Suzie Dell — recovering from a fall, at home)

Becky Haws: (Friend of Janet Burkett—Prayers for healing)

Amy & Bryan Jackson: (for comfort and healing)

Dave O’Shea: (Father of Kelly Hanson — Dealing with Parkinson’s Disease and a hip replacement)

Sue Robinson: (Friend of Grace & AA Coordinator—in nursing home with leg infection and heart issues.)

Karen Schaeff: (She is recovering from surgery (on Friday 8/8) to repair her collar bone after falling from her bicycle)

Dean Shetter: (Recovering from shoulder replacement surgery).

Allie Steele Rios: (Niece of Mary & Dean Shetter—as she recovers from brain surgery on August 12th to remove a mass)

Mike & Barb Studebaker: (Mike: dealing with health issues; Barb: recovering from surgery for leg fracture).

Wayne Williams: (Nephew of Karen Schaeff & cousin of Adam – he is beginning radiation therapy for cancer)

LONG-TERM PRAYER LISTGeorge & Barb Suggs, Violet Forney, Mark & Jary Tannehill, Jackie Steiner, Connie Martin, Maggie Risko, Rhonda Paige Atkinson, Amy & Bryan Jackson, Andy Proeschel, Judy Newkirk, Mike & Judy Schamel, Suzan Pauley, Carmen Hasdorff, Tom Schamel, Amanda & Shayla Dell, Fran Kester, Teddi & Mike Watkins, Jenifer Combs, Doug Davis, Pastor Dean & Sandy Haferman, Dave Brumbaugh, Scot Emig, Barbara Worley, Carolyn MacFadyen, Judy Jay, Will Suggs, Earl House, Barbara Lakes, Becky Hoskins, Kayli Johnson, Joe McHenry, Tom Barnes: and those serving in the military: Maj. Love Hartman; Brad Newkirk; Lt. Col. Kyle Hundley, Travis Deck & family.

NALC Disaster Response

Kit Packing List

Bibles & School Kits

Bibles

(We encourage you to write messages of hope in the front pages of donated Bibles)

- New or used (highlighted & underlined text is acceptable)
- Child, teen or adult
- Bible stories for children
- Spanish, or any language
- Large print prayer books

School Kit – *Elementary*

- 1 backpack or duffle bag
- 4 notebooks
- 4 pocket folders
- 1 blunt scissor
- 1 ruler
- 1 pencil sharpener
- 4 pencils
- 2 pens
- 1 eraser
- 1 box of crayons, colored pencils, or markers, or markers
- 1 glue stick
- 1 Hand sanitizer or wipes

School Kit – *High School*

- 1 backpack or duffle bag
- 4 composition books
- 4 pencils, 1 pencil sharpener & 1 eraser – or – 4 mechanical pencils
- 2 pens
- 1 Hand sanitizer or wipes

DEADLINE TO BRING IN THESE ITEMS IS AUGUST 23, 2026. THANK YOU!

Listening for the Promise

WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 15) – August 16, 2026

*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!

- Psalm 67 -

Can you recall a moment when your parent, teacher, or someone you looked up to, smiled at you in such a way that you knew instantly they were pleased with you? Pause for a moment and try to remember how that felt. To see the approval on the face of someone you admire, or love is such a great feeling. When we share these moments with others, we spread happiness and joy.

Psalm 67 is also a song and as you can see, contains the word “Selah” twice, which is believed to be included as a pause in the music. But why? In a beautiful melody or hymn, there is usually a moment in a song that the music director wants to draw your attention to, so there is a pause included. Consider the placement of the pauses in today’s reading: “May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us,” (Selah). Pause for a moment and imagine God’s face shining upon us. Remember, there’s nothing we did to earn God’s grace or to have his face shine upon us, but how wonderful to know he loves us so much that we are in his favor.

Psalms were written in such a poetic style that several have been sung or chanted throughout history, which is evident in the next pause we see in Psalm 67:4. “Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.” (Selah) Imagine singing this with fellow believers as you made your way to a feast or celebration.

Psalms are rich in the history of Israel, but also relevant for our praise and worship today as part of the body of Christ. Just as we are reminded throughout the Psalms (with Selah) to draw us into the words, let us remember to pause every day to give God praise and sing his glories out loud so that others may be drawn to him! Amen.

Great Faith

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

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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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