

covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us through your prophets, who looked for that day when justice shall roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream, when nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join in this sacred meal.

Words of Institution

**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.**

**Invitation to Communion:**  
P: Heaven has come near. Come, share in the feast!

Distribution of Holy Communion

**Distribution Hymn:** *I Come with Joy* **ELW #482**

Post-Communion Blessing

**Post-Communion Prayer:**  
P: Let us pray.  
**C: Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever. Amen.**

**Blessing**  
P: Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always.  
**C: (Sung) Amen. Amen. Amen.**

**Closing Hymn:** *The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve* **ELW #551**

**Dismissal**  
P: Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!  
**C: Thanks be to God.**



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**Welcome! We are glad you are with us today!**  
*“If you do not have a church home, you are welcome here. If you would like to Become a member, contact any member, or the church office.”*

**Sunday, August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2026; 9:30 am** **Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Prelude**  
**Welcome/Announcements**

**Confession and Forgiveness**  
P: We come before our God under the sign of our baptism in the name of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.  
**C: Amen.**  
P: Let us confess our sin to God.  
*(Silence is kept for reflection.)*

P: Compassionate God,  
**C: we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ’s name we pray, Amen.**  
P: Jesus says, “Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.” In the name of God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God’s love.  
**C: Amen.**

**Opening Hymn:** *All Are Welcome* **ELW #641**

**Blessing:**  
P: The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**C: And also with you.**

**Call to Worship** **Psalm 67**  
P: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us  
**C: that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations.**  
P: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.  
**C: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.**  
P: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.  
**C: The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us.**  
P: May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth revere him.

**Prayer of the Day:**

P: Let us pray.

**C: Eternal God, you are present with us throughout our lives, even when others plot to do us harm. May we learn to live together in unity, that in all we do, we may sing your praises now and forever. Amen.**

**Sharing of the Peace**

**First Reading:** **Isaiah 56:1, 6-8** **Jennie Dede**

*(The prophet calls upon Israel to do justice in view of God’s imminent intervention to save. Righteousness and obedience define who belongs to the Israelite community—not race, nationality, or any other category.)*

<sup>1</sup> Thus says the Lord: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come and my deliverance be revealed. <sup>6</sup> 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, all who keep the Sabbath and do not profane it and hold fast my covenant—<sup>7</sup> 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. <sup>8</sup> Thus says the Lord God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel: I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

**Second Reading:** **Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32**

*(God has not rejected Israel. Rather, the call and gifts of God are irrevocable so that, while all have been disobedient, God has mercy upon all.)*

[Paul writes:] <sup>1</sup> 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. <sup>2a</sup> God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. <sup>29</sup> For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. <sup>30</sup> Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, <sup>31</sup> so also they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they also may now receive mercy. <sup>32</sup> For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

**Gospel Acclamation:** ***Alleluia, Lord to Whom Shall We Go*** **Setting 3 p. 142**

**Gospel Reading:** **Matthew 15:10-28**

*(After the reading is announced: C: Glory to you, O Lord.)*  
*(Jesus teaches his disciples that true purity is a matter of the heart rather than outward religious observances. Almost immediately, this teaching is tested when a woman considered to be a religious outsider approaches him for help.)*

[<sup>10</sup> Jesus] called the crowd to him and said to them, “Listen and understand:<sup>11</sup> it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.” <sup>12</sup> Then the disciples approached and said to him, “Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?” <sup>13</sup> He answered, “Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. <sup>14</sup> Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.” <sup>15</sup> But Peter said to him, “Explain this parable to us.” <sup>16</sup> Then he said, “Are you also still without understanding? <sup>17</sup> Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach and goes out into the sewer? <sup>18</sup> But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. <sup>19</sup> For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander. <sup>20</sup> These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.”] <sup>21</sup> Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. <sup>22</sup> 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.” <sup>23</sup> 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.” <sup>24</sup> He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” <sup>25</sup> But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” <sup>26</sup> He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” <sup>27</sup> She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” <sup>28</sup> Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed from that moment.

*(After the reading, P: The Gospel of the Lord. C: Praise to you, O Christ.)*

**Children’s Message** **Pastor Josh Schunk**

**Sermon** **Pastor Josh Schunk**

**Hymn of the Day:** ***Healer of Our Every Ill*** **ELW #612**

**Nicene Creed:**  
**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**Prayers of Intercession**

**Offering**

**Offering Hymn:** ***For All the Faithful Women*** **ELW #419 vss. 1,2,7, last**

**Offertory Prayer:**  
P: Let us pray.  
**C: Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. Amen.**

**Service of Holy Communion:**  
P: The Lord be with you.  
**C: and also with you.**  
P: Lift up your hearts.  
**C: We lift them to the Lord.**  
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**  
P: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made