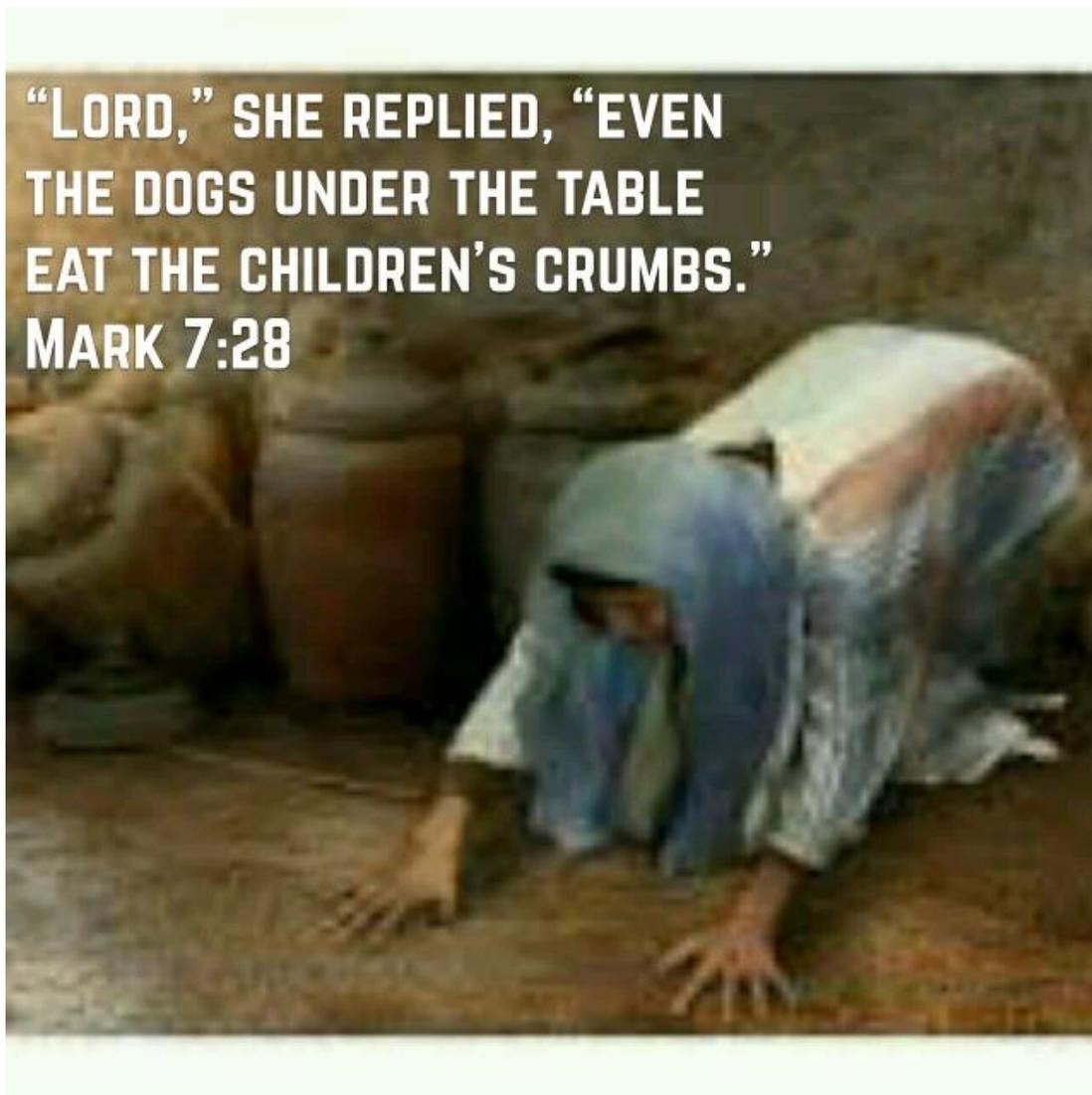


**Our Savior Lutheran Church  
September 5, 2021 – Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**



Thought: Jesus attracted great numbers of people who were at the end of their rope, desperate, needing compassion and love in the worst way. Jesus still attracts such people. If the church would be faithful to Jesus, we must be open to those in desperate need, whatever their need, whoever they are.

The Syrophenician woman asserts her plea for healing, refusing to be put off even by Jesus. Jesus responds to this outsider's need – would we?

## Prelude

### Welcome and Announcements

### Prayer Concerns

### Sharing of the Peace

### Call to Worship

A: O Lord, we come to you seeking healing.

**C: Great is your faithfulness.**

A: We know our destiny is in your hands.

**C: Great is your faithfulness.**

A: Our confidence is based on your love and mercy.

**Great is your faithfulness. Amen.**

### Gathering Hymn

<https://youtu.be/BNq0WtMSmIY>

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty – (Nockels, Hymn with Lyrics Contemporary)

*#858 ELW – Lillian Pinkston (verses 1&2)*

- 1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!  
Let all who hear now to his temple draw near,  
joining in glad adoration!*
  
- 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning  
and, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.  
Have you not seen all that is needful has been  
sent by his gracious ordaining?*

### Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

### Prayer of Confession

P: Gracious God, healer of all, despite the witness of your wonders, we find ourselves searching for healing.

*A time for silence and reflection*

We deplore our addictions and find ourselves immersed in their powers.

**C: We suffer afflictions and continue trying to heal ourselves. We often ignore your healing powers. In our hearts we know that you are the source of all that is good, yet our heads lead us into confusion and doubt. Now we come to you in humility, begging you to strengthen our faith.**

P: Feed us with the crumbs of your goodness that we might resist temptations and avoid what is evil. Restore us and forgive our sins.

**C: Help us to rely on you that we might again delight in your will and walk in your ways. Amen.**

### 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.**

## Kyrie

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

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

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the people 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 and Amen!**

## Hymn of Praise

<https://youtu.be/7aGWmCan-40>

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ – James Biery

## Prayer of the Day

A: Merciful Father, you are aware –

**C: you peer into our hearts, into our bodies, into our minds...you perceive our innermost secrets.**

A: Merciful Father, you are more aware of our weaknesses...our problems...than we are ourselves.

**C: By your power –**

A: power that opened deaf ears:

**C: By your love –**

A: love that loosened impeded tongues:

**C: heal our broken hearts that they may believe evermore firmly in you.**

A: Through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, He lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now...

**C: and forever. Amen.**

## The Word

### Old Testament reading – Isaiah 35:4-7

*Like streams in the desert, God comes with healing*

<sup>4</sup>Say to those who are of a fearful heart,

“Be strong, do not fear!

Here is your God.

He will come with vengeance,  
with terrible recompense.

He will come and save you.”

<sup>5</sup>Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,  
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

<sup>6</sup>then the lame shall leap like a deer,  
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,  
and streams in the desert;

<sup>7a</sup>the burning sand shall become a pool,  
and the thirsty ground springs of water.

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

## Psalm 146

*I will praise the Lord as long as I live*

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah!

Praise the LORD, O my soul

<sup>2</sup>**I will praise the LORD as long as I live;**

**I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**

<sup>3</sup>Put not your trust in rulers,  
in mortals in whom there is no help.

<sup>4</sup>**When they breathe their last, they return to earth,  
and in that day their thoughts perish.**

<sup>5</sup>Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help,  
whose hope is in the LORD their God;

**<sup>6</sup>who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;**

**who keeps promises forever;**

**<sup>7</sup>who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger.**

The LORD sets the captive free.

**<sup>8</sup>The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;**

**the LORD loves the righteous.**

**<sup>9</sup>The LORD cares for the stranger; the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.**

**<sup>10</sup>The LORD shall reign forever, your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!**

### **Epistle reading – James 2:1-10 (11-13) 14-17**

*Faith without works is dead*

<sup>1</sup>My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? <sup>2</sup>For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, <sup>3</sup>and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," <sup>4</sup>have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? <sup>5</sup>Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? <sup>6</sup>But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? <sup>7</sup>Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

<sup>8</sup>You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the

scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”<sup>9</sup> But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors.<sup>10</sup> For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. [<sup>11</sup> For the one who said, “You shall not commit adultery,” also said, “You shall not murder.” Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law.<sup>12</sup> So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty.<sup>13</sup> For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.

<sup>14</sup> What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? <sup>15</sup> If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, <sup>16</sup> and one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,” and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? <sup>17</sup> So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

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

### **Holy Gospel – Mark 7:24-37**

<https://youtu.be/2WPhGSEny2k>

*Christ healing a little girl and a deaf man*

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

<sup>24</sup> [Jesus] set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice,<sup>25</sup> but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. <sup>26</sup> Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. <sup>27</sup> He said to her, “Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.”

<sup>28</sup> But she answered him, “Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.” <sup>29</sup> Then he said to her, “For saying that,

you may go—the demon has left your daughter.”<sup>30</sup> So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

<sup>31</sup>Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis.

<sup>32</sup>They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. <sup>33</sup>He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. <sup>34</sup>Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” <sup>35</sup>And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. <sup>36</sup>Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. <sup>37</sup>They were astounded beyond measure, saying, “He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.”

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

### **Children of God Time**

<https://youtu.be/NfYu9gWkhXw>

### **Homily – “Eating the Crumbs, Under the Table”**

[https://youtu.be/IM1J\\_DBKsFw](https://youtu.be/IM1J_DBKsFw)

### **Hymn of the Day**

<https://youtu.be/bXWpNmYiUrs>

Healer of Our Every Ill – Cross of Christ Lutheran Church

*#612 ELW – Lillian Pinkston (all verses)*

*Refrain*

*Healer of our ev'ry ill,  
light of each tomorrow,  
give us peace beyond our fear,  
and hope beyond our sorrow.*

- 1 *You who know our fears and sadness,  
grace us with your peace and gladness;  
Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts. Refrain*
- 2 *In the pain and joy beholding  
how your grace is still unfolding,  
give us all your vision, God of love. Refrain*
- 3 *Give us strength to love each other,  
ev'ry sister, ev'ry brother;  
Spirit of all kindness, be our guide. Refrain*
- 4 *You who know each thought and feeling,  
teach us all your way of healing;  
Spirit of compassion, fill each heart. Refrain*

### **Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead,  
on the third day, he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come 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

P: Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

A: Holy One, you bring your people together in worship. Enliven your church. Guide all evangelists, preachers, prophets, and missionaries who seek to share your love through word and deed. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: You provide water for thirsty ground and sunshine to feed hungry plants. Bless all who advocate for healthy forests, unpolluted air, and clean waterways. Inspire all people to show care for the world you have made. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: You show no partiality. Increase justice in all nations. Encourage leaders and governments to work with one another for the good of our common world. (*Especially as we celebrate Labor/Labour Day,*) unite us in seeking the health, safety, and dignity of all. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: You accompany those who are most in need. Shelter all fleeing violence or persecution, protect any who are in danger, and sustain them through uncertain and unstable times. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: You support the work of your disciples. Continue to nurture the leadership and ministries of this congregation (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

A: You embrace all who have died in the faith and brought them into your glorious presence. We thank you for their example and rejoice in their lives. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**Offering – Silence for prayer.**

**Offertory Prayer**

A: Heavenly Father, even as you have opened the eyes of the blind,

**C: opened the ears of the deaf,**

A: made the lame to leap like deer,

**C: and loosened the tongue of the speechless to sing joyous songs,**

A: so open our hearts to you,

**C: even as we offer you these heartfelt gifts of praise.**

A: Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## The Great Thanksgiving

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.**

## Preface

P: Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth.

**C: Come, Holy Spirit.**

Lamb of God – Mass Song  
<https://youtu.be/LcgpnvQPoaQ>

## Words of Institution

### The 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.

## Distribution

### Communion Music – Lillian Pinkston

OR

[https://youtu.be/JgHxVHUO\\_PU](https://youtu.be/JgHxVHUO_PU)

Here Is Bread – Graham Kendrick

### Post Communion Blessing – Pastor

#### Post Communion Prayer

A: Jesus Christ, even as you have opened this table to us,

**C: offering us the blessed gift of yourself,**

A: so open our ears to hear you...

**C: ...loose our tongues to sing your praise.**

A: You are the Lord forevermore.

**C: Amen.**

### Benediction – Numbers 6

#### Sending Music

<https://youtu.be/Kd-FANyN1VU>

### **Go, My Children, with My Blessing First-Church Plymouth Lincoln Neb.**

*#543 ELW – Lillian Pinkston (verses 1&2)*

- 1 *“Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.  
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.  
In my love’s baptismal river  
I have made you mine forever.  
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.”*
  
- 2 *“Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.  
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.*

*Here you heard my dear Son's story,  
here you touched him, saw his glory.  
Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure."*

### **Dismissal**

A: Free us from anything that might inhibit us from proclaiming the joy of your presence.

**C: Freed and healed in Christ, we go to serve.**

### **Postlude**

<https://youtu.be/xC2wk1w09U8>

Truth Be Told – Matthew West and Carly Pearce

