MISSION STATEMENT:
In response to God's love for us, we **SERVE** God,
**SUPPORT** Christian fellowship,
And **SPREAD** the Good News of Jesus Christ to all people

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ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
+ Service of Holy Communion +
9.00 AM

**AS WE GATHER** – The earthly ministry of Jesus was for the most part in a restricted geographical area. For the three years of His public work, He traveled in the area of Judea and Galilee with a singular sojourn through Samaria. But at least on one occasion, He went beyond familiar boundaries north to the district of Tyre and Sidon, in what today is Lebanon. There He brought healing for the daughter of a Canaanite woman, a person seen as a Gentile and an inferior by the Jews of His home area. The love of Jesus broke down barriers and reached across divides. As people who have been sought out by Jesus, we seek ways to extend His love as the Holy Spirit works in and through us.

**PRESERVICE MUSIC**  “Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness” by Wilbur Held

**WELCOME**

\(\text{[Means please stand; } \text{[Means please be seated]}\)

**OPENING HYMN**

\[\text{(continue)}\]
bet-ter place, Here I see my Sav-ior's face.
give me grace In Your courts Your love to trace.
soul may bless Christ the Lord, my righ-teous-ness.
Spir-it pleads; Hear, for Je-sus in-ter-cedes.

5. While I listen to Your Law,
Fill my soul with humble awe
Till Your Gospel bring to me
Life and immortality.

6. While Your ministers proclaim
Peace and pardon in Your name,
Through their voice, by faith, may I
Hear You speaking from the sky.

7. From Your house when I return,
May my heart within me burn,
And at evening let me say,
"I have walked with God today."

INVOCATION

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

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P It is good and right that we should make confession of our sins. The section on confession in the Small Catechism informs and directs us with these words, which summarizes it well.

C Confession has two parts. First, that we confess our sins, and second, that we receive absolution, that is, forgiveness, from the pastor as from God Himself, not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven.

P Humble yourselves then before God, confess your sins to Him, and implore His forgiveness.

C O Almighty God, Merciful Father, I, a troubled and penitent sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your present and eternal punishment. By nature, I am a sinful creature. By thought, word, and deed, I have continually transgressed Your Law. For the sake of the sufferings and death of Your Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a penitent and contrite being. Forgive me all my sins and grant me the power of Your Holy Spirit that I may amend my sinful life.

P God be gracious to you and strengthen your faith.

C Amen.

P As you believe, so let it be. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

INTROIT

P The LORD is the strength of his people;
C he is the saving refuge of his anointed.

Psalm 28:1–2, 6–7; antiphon: v. 8
To you, O Lord, I call; my rock, be not deaf to me,
lest, if you be silent to me, I become like those who go down to the pit.
Hear the voice of my pleas for mercy, when I cry to you for help,
when I lift up my hands toward your most holy sanctuary.
Blessed be the Lord!
For he has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy.
The Lord is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped;
my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him.
All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.
The Lord is the strength of his people;
he is the saving refuge of his anointed.

SALUTATION & COLLECT OF THE DAY
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray.
All: Almighty and Everlasting Father, You give Your children many blessings even though we are undeserving. In every trial and temptation grant us steadfast confidence in Your loving-kindness and mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON
(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)
This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE LESSON
(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)
This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA VERSE
(Alleluia. The Lord builds up Jerusalem; He gathers the outcasts of Israel. He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL
The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifteenth chapter.
Glory to You, O Lord.
(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)
This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to You, O Christ.
Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

1. Praise the One who breaks the darkness With a liberating light; Praise the One who frees the prisoners,
   gentile word; Praise the One who drove out demons in our place. Jesus died and rose victorious.

2. Praise the One who blessed the children With a strong, yet turning blindness into sight. Praise the One who preached the
   With the piercing, two-edged sword. Praise the One who brings cool
   Gladness, seeing what our God has done; Let us

3. Let us praise the Word Incarnate, Christ, who suffered Gospel, Healing every dread disease, Calming storms, and feeding thousands With the very Bread of peace.
   Water To the desert's burning sand; From this
   Well comes living water, Quenching thirst in every land.

Praise the true Redeemer, Praise the One who makes us one.

SERMON

"SUPER-SIZED BLESSINGS" Matthew 15:21-28

I. The Canaanite woman said she would settle for scraps from Jesus. But Jesus gave her, and gives us, more than just scraps. He gives us the "Super-sized" blessings of forgiveness, salvation, and eternal life.

N ICENE CREED

I believe in One God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in One Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made Man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe

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in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Friends in Christ, I urge you all to lift up your hearts to God and pray with me as Christ our Lord has taught us and freely promised to hear us. God, our Father in heaven, look with mercy on us, Your needy children on earth, and grant us grace that Your holy name be hallowed by us and all the world through the pure and true teaching of Your Word and the fervent love shown forth in our lives. Graciously turn from us all false doctrine and evil living whereby Your precious name is blasphemed and profaned. Lord, in Your mercy,

hear our prayer.

May Your kingdom come to us and expand. Bring all transgressors and those who are blinded and bound in the devil's kingdom to know Jesus Christ, Your Son, by faith that the number of Christians may be increased. Lord, in Your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Strengthen us by Your Spirit according to Your will, both in life and in death, in the midst of both good and evil things, that our own wills may be crucified daily and sacrificed to Your good and gracious will. Into Your merciful hands we commend [names... and all who are in need, praying for them at all times: Thy will be done. Lord, in Your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Grant us our daily bread, preserve us from greed and selfish cares, and help us trust in You to provide for all our needs. Lord, in Your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Forgive us our sins as we also forgive those who sin against us so that our hearts may be at peace and may rejoice in a good conscience before You, and that no sin may ever frighten or alarm us. Lord, in Your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Lead us not into temptation, O Lord, but help us by Your Spirit to subdue our flesh, to turn from the world and its ways, and to overcome the devil with all his wiles. Lord, in Your mercy,

hear our prayer.

And lastly, O heavenly Father, deliver us from all evil of both body and soul, now and forever. Lord, in Your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We trust, O Lord, in Your great mercy to hear and answer us, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

PREFACE

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 our God.

It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, Lord, our God, for You have graciously blessed us through the Word Incarnate, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who for our sake died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death. Confident of His compassion on us and rejoicing in the company of the saints on earth and those above, we laud and magnify Your holy name.

SANCTUS
Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth; 
Heav’n and earth are full of Thy glory. 
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. 
Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that 
cometh in the name of the Lord. 
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING
Blessed are You, O Lord, our God, King of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and have showed Your gracious power to us through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. We give You thanks that in His most Holy Supper You reveal Your sacred presence among us. Grant that we receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood as we gather at His command.

Amen.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD’S PRAYER
O Lord Jesus Christ, 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.

PAX DOMINI
The peace of the Lord be with you always.
Amen.

DISTRIBUTION
Interlude
“Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace”
“Amazing Grace”
Interlude

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT
Let us pray. Heavenly Father, we thank You for having fed us with Your life-giving food. Strengthen us through the same, help us to rejoice in Your mercies, and grant us a portion with the saints in light eternal. This we ask through Jesus Christ, our everlasting High Priest, who with You and the Holy Spirit are one God, world without end.

Amen.
BENEDICTION

P  The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you His peace.

C  Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

Hope of the World

1  Hope of the world, Thou Christ of great compassion;

2  Hope of the world, God’s gift from highest heaven,

3  Hope of the world, a foot on dusty highways,

4  Hope of the world, who by Thy cross didst save us

5  Hope of the world, O Christ, o’er death victorious,

Speak to our fearful hearts by conflict rent,
Bring ing to hun gry souls the bread of life,
Show ing to wan d’ring souls the path of light,
From death and dark despair, from sin and guilt,
Who by this sign didst conquer grief and pain,

Save us, Thy people, from consuming passion,
Still let Thy Spirit unto us be given
Walk Thou beside us lest the tempting by ways
We render back the love Thy mercy gave us;
We would be faithful to Thy Gospel glorious.

Who by our own false hopes and aims are spent.
To heal earth’s wounds and end our bitter strife.
Lure us away from Thee to endless night.
Take Thou our lives and use them as Thou wilt.
Thou art our Lord! Thou dost forever reign!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

[Birthday: Naomi Jaszewski]

POSTLUDE

“Sing Forth to the Lord”

by David Paxton

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