

Pastor's Bible Study

August 12, 2026 – Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 15A)

LSB 770 – What a Friend We Have in Jesus



1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, All our sins and griefs to bear!
2 Have we tri - als and temp-ta-tions? Is there trou-ble an - y-where?
3 Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, Cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry Ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!
We should nev - er be dis-cour-aged— Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Pre - cious Sav-ior, still our ref - uge— Take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; Oh, what need-less pain we bear—
Can we find a friend so faith - ful Who will all our sor-rows share?
Do thy friends de-spise, for-sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



All be - cause we do not car - ry Ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!
Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak-ness—Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In His arms He'll take and shield thee; Thou wilt find a sol-ace there.

Text and tune: Public domain

Read Isaiah 56:1, 6-8:

1. Who is the Lord addressing in this section?
2. What does the Lord promise to those He's addressing?
3. Why is this important?
4. How would this sound to the Israelites?

Read Matthew 15:21-28:

1. Where did Jesus go? Why is this significant?
2. Who addresses Jesus? Why is this important?
3. How does the woman address Jesus?
4. How does Jesus' interactions with the woman strike you?
5. What does this conversation tell you about God?

Read Romans 11:1-2, 13-15, 28-32:

1. What was the likely make-up of the Christian church in Rome? Why is that important?
2. How does Paul show the interdependence between the Jews and Gentiles?
3. Why is verse 32 so significant?

Devotional Thought:

This persistent Canaanite woman gains Jesus' praise for believing that He will help her sick daughter. In time of need, we often either fail to pray with such determination or only ask hesitantly. Instead, we ought to "pray without ceasing" (1 Thessalonians 5:17). Jesus hears all prayers offered in His name, and He will answer in His own time and way as is best for us. Therefore, we can pray with confidence. (*TLSB, pg. 1614*)

Prayer:

Lord, sometimes I have not because I ask not. Move me to pray with confidence. Amen. (*TLSB, pg. 1612*)