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Collect

Introit

Readings

Old Testament/Isaiah 56:1, 6–8. Epistle/Romans 11:1–32. Gospel/Matthew 15:21–28.

The Church Lives Under the Cross of Christ and Prays in the Hope of His Mercy

- By her persistent prayer that Jesus would have mercy and help her (Matt. 15:22, 24), and even in the face of His initial silence and apparent rejection (Matt. 15:23–26), the Canaanite woman boldly confessed her faith in Him (Matt. 15:27–28). Her beautiful example encourages us to cling to the words and promises of the Gospel, even in the face of the Law that accuses and condemns us.
- “*For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable*” (Rom. 11:29), and His Law “*has consigned all to disobedience*” for the very purpose “*that he may have mercy on all*” (Rom. 11:32). Hence, the woman’s faith and hope were not disappointed, but her prayers were answered in the mercy of Christ. Not only does He grant us the crumbs from His table, but He also feeds us with “*the children’s bread*” in the house of His Father (Matt. 15:26–27).
- He has brought us to His “*holy mountain,*” and He makes us joyful in His house, where He hears our prayers and accepts our sacrifice of praise upon the altar of His cross (Is. 56:7).

Stewardship

Luke 19:45-46 – “And he entered the temple and began to drive out those who sold, saying to them, ‘It is written,

“My house shall be a house of prayer,” but you have made it a den of robbers.’”

The sellers in the temple were doing the right thing in the wrong place. Being a merchant is a fine occupation that is pleasing to God. But using the Lord’s House for your personal gain? That makes a mockery of what the Church is for. This is God’s House, where we come to hear His Word and offer Him our worship and praise in word and deed. We’re not looking for a profit here, we’re looking to give back and support the preaching of God’s Word and the Church’s care for the poor and needy.

Sermon Notes

Discipleship Leading to Evangelism Liturgy and Hymns

“According to twentieth-century Lutheran theologian Herman Sasse, ‘Faith by its very nature cannot keep silent. It must confess, and not only in praise of God and in spiritual song but in all situations, also in the clear and factual dogmatic sentence.’

One does not have to look far to find where all important doctrines are in a living form for the saints to rehearse again and again.

- *It is in the hymnals of the Lutheran Church where the rich confession of the faith is given to the saints. This is where doctrine comes alive and is able to be sung for a lifetime.*
- *Here the sublime form of the hymn is able to carry doctrine effortlessly and beautifully in a crafted, poetic, memorable and understandable way for young and old to take to their lips, their hearts and their memory.*
- *This is why the word ‘confession’ fits the concise definition of a hymn so well, and it suggests this significant result: that Lutherans believe what a hymn puts onto their lips and into their hearts.”*

Richard Resch *Lutheran Service Book – Hymnal Companion* Volume 2 CPH 2019.

Prayer of the Church. Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost. 16 August 2020

Let us pray to the Lord for all that we need and on behalf of all people, that He may bestow upon us the riches of His grace and that we may receive His gifts with faith and thanksgiving in our hearts.

For true unity in the faith; for the preservation of pure doctrine; for harmony in the lives of our congregation, district and Synod; and for charitable hearts that put the best construction on what we see and hear, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those outside the kingdom; for missionaries near and far; for the ministries and agencies of our Church whereby the Gospel is spoken to those who have not heard; and for those who hear, that they may be brought to faith, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all pastors and church workers, for those preparing for full-time church work, and for those considering church-work vocations, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all families, for husbands and wives to live in faithfulness to each other, for all mothers with child, for all children, and for those who bring them to Baptism and nurture them in the faith, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For our president; the Congress; our governor; all elected and appointed leaders; all judges and magistrates; the members of the armed forces; and our police, firefighters and emergency medical personnel in their duties to protect and serve us, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the healing of the sick, the relief of the suffering, the comfort of the grieving and the peace of the dying, [*especially _____,*] and for those who care for them in their afflictions, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy assembly and for our communion upon the Lord's body and blood, and for us to bear in our lives the fruits of the Spirit and do the good works for which we were created, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all honest work and occupations, for our good use of the fruits of our labors, for generosity for those in need, and for the tithes and offerings that accompany our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For our remembrance of the saints and in thanksgiving for their faithful witness, that at last we may be joined with them in Your eternal presence, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord God, giver of all that is good, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your grace, that we may endure the changes and chances of this mortal life and be found worthy when our Savior comes to bring to completion all things; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**