

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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The Scriptures

Epistle—*Romans 11:13–15, 29–32*

Gospel—*Matthew 15:21–28*

The Church Year

The Epistle lesson, Romans 11:13–15, 29–32, emphasizes God’s grace in his dealings with the Gentiles and with the unbelieving Jews. He makes manifest the spiritual bankruptcy of both Jew and Gentile in order to “have mercy on them all”.

The Gospel, Matthew 15:21–28, presents to us the faith of one Gentile woman, a Canaanite. Even though Jesus stretches the woman’s faith to its limits, she continues to hold ever more tightly to God’s Word of promise. Such God-given, God-strengthened faith designates this Gentile as “accepted” and having a place at the “children’s” table.

Each of the selections for this Sunday directs us to the unsearchable grace of our Lord who calls men from every nation to salvation by faith in Christ. No one who comes to him for mercy will ever be turned away.

Luther

Let us learn the art of letting the world boast of great wealth, honor, power, etc. After all, these are light, unstable, perishable commodities, which God throws away.... But to his children, He gives the true treasure. Therefore, as dear children and heirs of God, we should not boast of our wisdom, strength, or wealth; we should boast of the fact that we have the precious pearl, the dear Word, through which we know God, our dear Father, and Jesus Christ, whom He has sent. This is our treasure and heritage; it is certain and eternal and better than the goods of all the world. (What Luther Says, Ewald M. Plass, p. 1465, par. 4732).

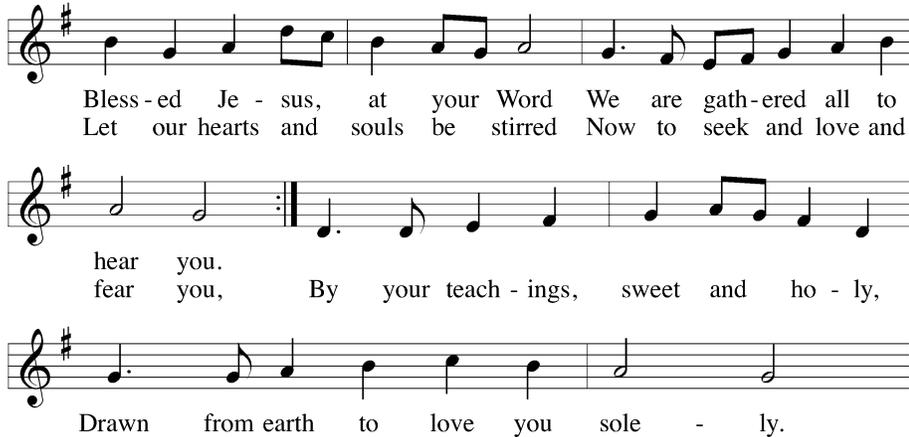
GATHERING RITE ON THE WORD OF GOD

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: *(spoken)* Amen.

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

Stanza 1



Bless-ed Je-sus, at your Word We are gath-ered all to
Let our hearts and souls be stirred Now to seek and love and
hear you.
fear you, By your teach-ings, sweet and ho-ly,
Drawn from earth to love you sole-ly.

M: Oh, how I love your law!

C: I meditate on it all day long.

M: Your commands make me wiser than my enemies,

C: for they are ever with me.

M: I have more insight than all my teachers,

C: for I meditate on your statutes.

M: How sweet are your words to my taste,

C: sweeter than honey to my mouth!

(Psalm 119:97-99,103)

Romans 11:13–15 (NIV84)

¹³I am talking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch as I am the apostle to the Gentiles, I make much of my ministry

¹⁴in the hope that I may somehow arouse my own people to envy and save some of them.

¹⁵For if their rejection is the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead?

Romans 11:29–32 (NIV84)

²⁹for God's gifts and his call are irrevocable.

³⁰Just as you who were at one time disobedient to God have now received mercy as a result of their disobedience, ³¹so they too have now become disobedient in order that they too may now receive mercy as a result of God's mercy to you.

³²For God has bound all men over to disobedience so that he may have mercy on them all.

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word, Stanza 2

All our knowledge, sense, and sight
Lie in deepest darkness shrouded
Till your Spirit breaks our night
With the beams of truth unclouded.
You alone to God can win us;
You must work all good within us.

Matthew 15:21–28 (NIV84)

²¹ Leaving that place, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. ²² A Canaanite woman from that vicinity came to him, crying out, “Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me! My daughter is suffering terribly from demon-possession.” ²³ Jesus did not answer a word. So his disciples came to him and urged him, “Send her away, for she keeps crying out after us.” ²⁴ He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel.” ²⁵ The woman came and knelt before him. “Lord, help me!” she said. ²⁶ He replied, “It is not right to take the children’s bread and toss it to their dogs.” ²⁷ “Yes, Lord,” she said, “but even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” ²⁸ Then Jesus answered, “Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted.” And her daughter was healed from that very hour.

M: All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness,
C: **so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.** *(2 Timothy 3:16,17)*

M: Yet so often we have despised God’s Word and failed to gladly hear and learn it. For this and all our sins, we bow before God and humbly ask his forgiveness.

C: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word, Stanza 3

Gracious Savior, good and kind,
 Light from Light, from God proceeding,
 Open now our heart and mind;
 Help us by your Spirit’s pleading.
 Hear the cry your people raises;
 Hear and bless our prayers and praises.

M: God gave his Word so “that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name” (*John 20:31*). The Scriptures testify about Jesus, who lived a perfect life for you, died on the cross to pay for all your sins, and rose again to assure you of your salvation. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: *(spoken)* Amen.

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word, Stanza 4

Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
 Praise to you and adoration!
 Grant that we your Word may trust,
 Confident of our salvation,
 While we here below must wander,
 Till we sing your praises yonder.

M: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have committed to your Church the task of making disciples of all nations. Enlighten with your wisdom those who teach and those who learn, that, rejoicing in the knowledge of your truth, they may worship and serve you from generation to generation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: *(spoken)* Amen.

The Message

Great Discoveries

Discovery of the Bible

Psalm 119:18

Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in your law.

Lord's Prayer

Benediction

Hymn 452 1,4

Let us ever walk with Jesus, Follow his example pure,
Flee the world which would deceive us And to sin our souls allure.
Ever in his footsteps treading, Body here, yet soul above,
Full of faith and hope and love, Let us do the Father's bidding.
Faithful Lord, abide with me. Savior, lead; I follow thee.

Let us gladly live with Jesus; Since he's risen from the dead,
Death and grave must soon release us. Jesus, thou art now our head.
We are truly thine own members; Where thou livest, there live we.
Take and own us constantly, Faithful Friend, as thy dear brethren.
Jesus, here I live to thee, Also there eternally.

Bible Class opportunities:

After Labor Day -

Bible Class will be offered between services beginning Sept 13th - We will study the Book of James

Bible Class will be offered on Tuesday Mornings at 10:15 beginning on Sept 15th - We will be studying the Book of Job

Bible Information Classes (BIC) will be held beginning on September 21st at 7:00 P.M. (this is a change from the original schedule of beginning on September 14th due to a conference conflict)

Public School Confirmation Classes will begin on Thursday September 10th at 7:00 P.M. (also ELS training at 7:00 P.M.)

Church/School church picnic has been cancelled for this fall. School opened successfully last week with a full faculty and slight increase in attendance and in compliance with state and local guidelines as best we can under our circumstances. For now, we are doing classes with the children physically present.

Congratulations are in order to our teacher Amy Johnson, who recently completed her synod certification as a teacher in the WELS. Also she will be married to our longtime member Paul Latsch at Resurrection on September 26. (The social event of the fall.)

Please, in these trying times if you need pastoral assistance don't hesitate to contact us. There is no way we can keep up with everyone with the wide variety of circumstances, in work, away at college, church attendance, travel, vacations and other things that affect our individual families. We have had members in the hospital that because of covid 19 we were not able to visit and still have several members in nursing homes and that we have not been able to minister to in our regular way. Keep them in your personal prayers!