

**Zion Lutheran Church, Glen Rock, PA**  
**Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**WOV Holy Communion Setting Five**  
**Sunday, September 5, 2021**

\*We stand as we are able.

**Introduction to the day**

James tells us to stop showing favoritism in the assembly, treating the rich visitor with more honor than the poor one. Jesus himself seems to show partiality in his first response to the Syrophenician woman in today's gospel. Was he testing her faith in saying Gentiles don't deserve the goods meant for God's children? Or was he speaking out of his human worldview, but transcended those limits when she took him by surprise with her reply? Either way, the story tells us that God shows no partiality. Everyone who brings a need to Jesus is received with equal honor as a child and heir.

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE**

**\*BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**      WOV p.10

In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that, attentive to your Word, we may confess our sins, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

**Amen.**

**\*ENTRANCE HYMN: "Before You, Lord, We Bow"**

LBW #401 vs. 1,2

**\*GREETING**

WOV p. 28

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

WOV p.30

Let us pray.

Almighty and eternal God, you know our problems and our weaknesses better than we ourselves. In your love and by your power help us in our confusion and, in spite of our weakness, make us firm in faith; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

**FIRST READING:** Isaiah 35:4-7a

<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: Psalm 146**

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while  
I have my being.

<sup>2</sup>**Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth,  
for there is no help in them.**

<sup>3</sup>When they breathe their last, they return to earth,  
and in that day their thoughts perish.

<sup>4</sup>**Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help,  
whose hope is in the LORD their God;**

<sup>5</sup>who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;  
who keeps his promise forever;

<sup>6</sup>**who gives justice to those who are oppressed,  
and food to those who hunger.**

<sup>7</sup>The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes of the blind;  
the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;

<sup>8</sup>**the LORD loves the righteous; the LORD cares for the stranger;  
he sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the  
wicked.**

<sup>9</sup>The LORD shall reign forever,  
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!

**SECOND READING: James 2:1-10 [11-13] 14-17**

<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.**



**GOSPEL: Mark 7:24-37**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 7th chapter.

**Glorify 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’S TIME AND SERMON**

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY: “Son of God, Eternal Savior”**

LBW #364 vs. 1,2

**\*APOSTLES’ CREED**

WOV p.33

**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**

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

*A brief silence.*

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,  
**hear our prayer.**

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,  
**hear our prayer.**

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.  
Unite us in seeking the health, safety, and dignity of all. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

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,  
**hear our prayer.**

You support the work of your disciples. Continue to nurture the leadership and ministries of this congregation. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

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,

**hear our prayer.**

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

**Amen.**

**\*PEACE**

WOV p.34

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*Staying in your pew, please exchange the peace with those around you as appropriate. Wave to folks in other pews.*

**\*PRESENTATION OF OFFERING: "Let the vineyards"**

WOV p.35



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were



sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.



Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u- nite them with the prayers we



of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,



Lord, and give us a fore- taste of the feast to come.

## \*OFFERTORY PRAYER

WOV p.35

Let us pray.

Merciful God, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## \*GREAT THANKSGIVING

WOV p.36

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 our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who rose beyond the bounds of death and, as he had promised, poured out your Spirit of life and power upon the chosen disciples. At this the whole earth exults in boundless joy. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and  
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the  
high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory. Pour out your Holy Spirit, that by this Holy Communion we may know the unity we share with all your people in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

**Amen.**

**\*LORD'S PRAYER**

WOV p.39

Lord, 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.**

**\*INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.



## **\*COMMUNION**

*As the pastor says the following words, please take a piece of bread.*

The body of Christ, given for you.

**Amen.**

*As the pastor says the following words, please take a drink of wine or grape juice.*

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

**Amen.**

*After all have communed, the minister says:*

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**Amen**

## **\*POST- COMMUNION PRAYER**

WOV p.41

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the Sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever. **Amen.**

## **\*BLESSING**

WOV p.41

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**Amen**

## **\*SENDING HYMN: “Judge Eternal, Throned in Splendor” LBW #418 vs. 1, 3**

## **POSTLUDE**

## **DISMISSAL**

WOV p. 41

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Today’s communion elements are sponsored by Dave & Shirley Seitz.

Today’s altar flower arrangement is presented by Donna Price, in memory of my mother, Anna Batchelor.

## **SCRIPTURE TEXT FOR SUNDAY 09/12/21**

Isa 50:4-9a, Ps 116:1-9, James 3:1-12, Mark 8:27-38

## **PRAYER REQUESTS**

Don Miller, Brian Phelps, Gloria & Jim Ream, Eli Runkle, David Seitz,  
LeMos & Susette Stallard, Karl & Annette Steger

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Services are videotaped and streamed live each week.** It is possible during recording that people attending the service will be filmed. If you have any concern about being filmed, please contact the office at 717-235-3276.

**Thank you to Property Committee members and Council members who helped prepare the building before Wednesday's storm.** Zion was very fortunate not to sustain any damage.

**Orders for mums must be received no later than Sunday, 9/12.** The mums will be in the sanctuary on Sunday, 10/3 for Harvest Home and Blanket Sunday.

**This year's God's Work Our Hands will be on Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup>.** We will be supporting The Well in Glen Rock and their Food Pantry. As soon as we receive a list of their specific needs it will be made available to the congregation. We look forward to your anticipated support and involvement.

### **Upcoming Lectors:**

- Sept. 5 – Diane Bortner
- Sept. 12 – Susie Hengst
- Sept. 19 – Linda Beegle
- Sept. 26 – Shirley Seitz

### **Council Offering Duty:**

- September – Carrie Miller and Rick Freda
- October – Joy Keller-Brown and George Brown

### **Altar Care:**

- September – Diane Bortner
- October – Donna Price

**If you desire pastoral care or conversation, please contact Pastor Katie Brantner at 717-420-0779.**