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12th Sunday After Pentecost

"The God Of The Outsider"

Whoever you are...

**Wherever you are in your JOURNEY OF FAITH...
YOU are WELCOME here!**

We Gather In The Presence Of God

Welcome and Introduction of Today's Theme

Pastor: A Canaanite mother desperately called upon Jesus to heal her demon possessed daughter. This woman was not a Jew but persisted in her request even after being tested by Jesus. Because of her attitude and humble faith, Jesus healed her daughter once again breaking social boundaries and offering this woman not just a crumb, but a seat at the table.

Opening Prayer

Pastor: Let us pray. Dearest Lord, Your love abounds so deeply for us, and this we will never fully comprehend. We were foreigners and enemies against You, yet You showed us impartial love. You laid down Your precious life in our place and granted us mercy and grace. We can't repay You; we are nothing without You. Fill us with Your grace and truth so that we may boldly shine Your light to others who are lost and perishing. In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit we pray,

People: Amen.

Opening Song - Christ, the Life of All the Living

- 1 Christ, the life of all the living,
Christ, the death of death, our foe,
Christ, yourself for me once giving
to the darkest depths of woe:
through your suff'ring, death, and merit
life eternal I inherit.
Thousand, thousand thanks are due,
dearest Jesus, unto you.
- 2 You have suffered great affliction
and have borne it patiently,
even death by crucifixion,
fully to atone for me;
for you chose to be tormented
that my doom should be prevented.
Thousand, thousand thanks are due,
dearest Jesus, unto you.

- 3 Then, for all that bought my pardon,
for the sorrows deep and sore,
for the anguish in the garden,
I will thank you evermore;
thank you for the groaning, sighing,
for the bleeding and the dying,
for that last triumphant cry,
praise you evermore on high.

Text: Ernst Christoph Homburg, 1605-1681; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt.



We Are Renewed In God's Grace

Pastor: Jesus, forgiver of our sins, we humbly approach You as Your servants and followers. You are gracious and kind. You are mighty and strong. We in our human state are sinful and easily deceived. We need You more than ever as we live in this temporary place full of violence, greed, and shame. We seek Your forgiveness, Lord Jesus. We confess of our blatant sins and hidden sins to You now.

Time of silence

Pastor: You accept us instead of reject us. You embrace us instead of separating us from You. You offer Your love to us, even though we don't deserve it, and You charge us to sin no more because of Your great sacrifice on the cross. May we walk in Your forgiveness and forgive those who sin against us. In the name of Jesus, we pray

People: **Amen.**

God Speaks Through His Word

Epistle Reading - Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

God has not rejected Israel. Rather, the call and gifts of God are irrevocable so that, while all have been disobedient, God has mercy upon all.

Pastor: [Paul writes:] ¹I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ^{2a}God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. . . . ²⁹For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. ³²For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all. . . . This is God's Word

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading - Matthew 15:21-28

Jesus teaches his disciples that true purity is a matter of the heart rather than outward religious observances. Almost immediately, this teaching is tested when a woman considered to be a religious outsider approaches him for help.

Pastor: ²¹Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²²Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." ²³But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." ²⁴He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." ²⁵But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." ²⁶He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." ²⁷She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." ²⁸Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly. . . . This is the Gospel of our Lord.

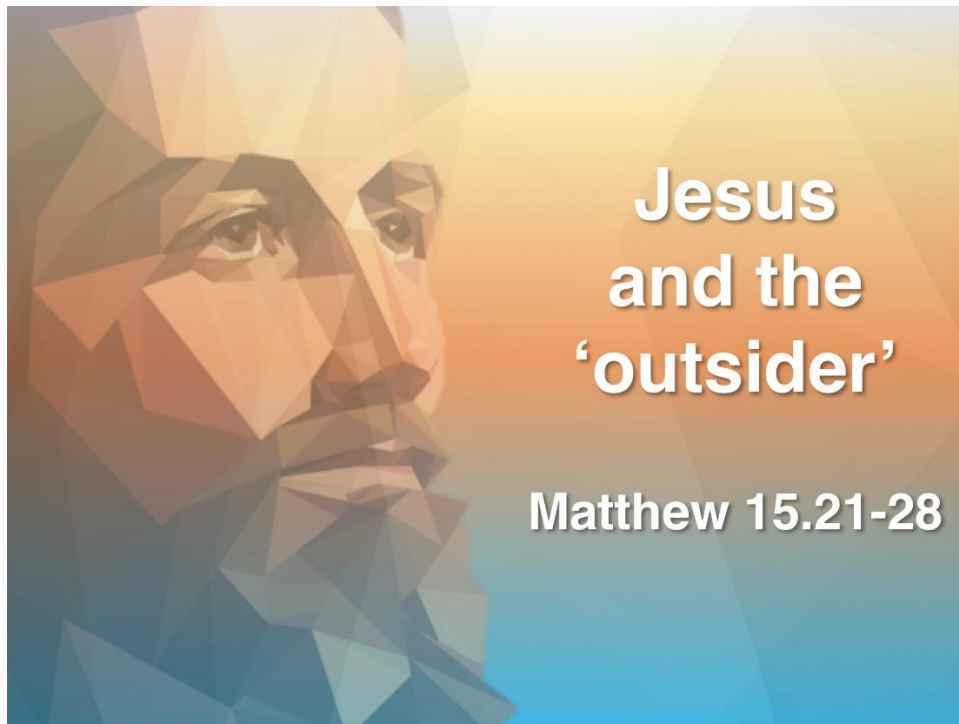
People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Message Song – What A Friend We Have In Jesus

1 What a friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
ev'rything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit;
oh, what needless pain we bear--
all because we do not carry
ev'rything to God in prayer!

- 2 Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged--
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful
who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness--
take it to the Lord in prayer.
- 3 Are we weak and heavy-laden,
cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge--
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do your friends despise, forsake you?
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In his arms he'll take and shield you;
you will find a solace there.

Text: Joseph Scriven, 1820-1886



Message

"The God Of The Outsider"
Matthew 15:21-28

We Bring Our Praises, Prayers And Gifts

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of the saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers

Pastor: Confident of your care and helped by the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need. - A brief silence. - Lord, you gather the church to be part of your mission as ambassadors of Jesus Christ. As Jesus acknowledged the great faith of a woman from outside his people, help your church discover and find blessing in the faith of people we might reject. Lord, in your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: You have blessed us with the bounty of the earth. Grant your grace to all your creatures, that the earth will flourish. Relieve waters choked by garbage, renew soils stripped of nutrients, and refresh the air all creatures need to live. Lord, in your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: You call the nations to be glad and sing for joy. Let your way be known among all the nations of the world, now divided by competing interests, contending alliances, and consumed by enormous worry. Bless us and make your face shine upon all. Lord, in your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: You show unexpected mercy, kindness, and generosity. We pray for those who do not have enough, for outcasts in our villages, cities, and town, and for those who need your healing (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: In you we live and move and have our being. Grant our congregation (name) grace to find our life refreshed in you. Accompany us in the rhythms of late summer. Give us rest and renewal, and strengthen us for mission in your name. Lord, in your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Additional Prayers

Pastor: Lord, in your mercy,
People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Your eternal promises are more than we could ever imagine. As you gather all the saints, join us also with them on the great day of your salvation. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: In the certain hope that nothing can separate us from your love, we offer these prayers to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

Lord's Prayer:

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.

Benediction

Pastor: As we close this service today, Look around you and see the world as Jesus sees. Offer strangers a seat at your own table and ask Jesus to nourish their souls. Open our eyes, Lord. May we obey You in all that we do. Amen. . . . Stay well – stay healthy-practice social distancing, Wear your mask and most importantly know that you are loved by God, always. . . . May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. May the Lord look on you with His favor and grant you His everlasting peace. Amen

Closing Song - Jesus Shall Reign

- 1 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
does its successive journeys run;
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.
- 5 Let ev'ry creature rise and bring
peculiar honors to our king;
angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the loud amen.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt.

Information About Peace Lutheran Church - If you desire to know more about Peace Lutheran Church such as teachings; affiliations, membership or other questions, please feel free to contact Pastor Adams.

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Worship Services – There are three ways to worship at Peace Lutheran Church during this time of Covid.

Live Stream

9:30 a.m.

Zoom

Link:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/73855305624?pwd=ZlZpQkZlbnEx5VmtUytBkUnlLQjJkZz09>

Meeting ID: 738 5530 5624

Passcode: plcmarin

Facebook users

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(available beginning 10:00 a.m. Sunday Morning)

Non-Facebook Users

www.plcmarin.org

Just go to the front page, scroll to the bottom, and click on the video. It is that easy!

Christ's Peace To Those Celebrating Birthdays This week

Tuesday - Mary Ann Griller

Communion – Pastor will be available to share communion each Sunday from 10:15 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. Drive to the back door at the kitchen and pastor will serve the people in each car. Then you can dispose of the cups in a can as you leave.

Carport Fellowship – Sunday, August 30, 10:15 a.m.

Weekly Devotional Helps

August 16 – August 22, 2020

Morning Prayer

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Evening Prayer

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Prayer For The Sick

By your power, great God, our Lord Jesus healed the sick and gave new hope to the hopeless. Though we cannot command or possess your power, we pray for those who want to be healed. Mend their wounds, soothe fevered brows, and make broken people whole again. Help us to welcome every healing as a sign that, though death is against us, you are for us, and have promised renewed and risen life in Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

Scripture Readings Through The Week

Monday – August 17

Psalm 138
2 Samuel 7:1-17
1 Corinthians 9:24-10:22

Tuesday – August 18

Psalm 138
2 Samuel 7:18-29
1 Corinthians 10:23-11:16

Wednesday – August 19

Psalm 138
2 Samuel 11:1-27
1 Corinthians 11:17-34

Thursday – August 20

Psalm 138
2 Samuel 12:1-25
1 Corinthians 12:1-13

Friday – August 21

Psalm 138
1 Kings 1:1-4, 15-35
1 Corinthians 12:14-31

Saturday – August 22

Psalm 138
1 Kings 2:1-27
1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Scripture Readings For Next Sunday

Proper 16

Isaiah 51:1–6

Psalms 138

Romans 12:1-8

Matthew 16:13-20

Commemorations

August 20 - Bernard, Abbot of Clairvaux, died 1153: Bernard, a Cistercian monk, was a man of great spirituality who wrote mystical works and criticized those whom he thought took an overly intellectual approach to the faith. He became an abbot, and wrote several hymns that are still beloved today.

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