



Woman,  
great is  
your faith!

MATTHEW 15:28

Hope Lutheran Church

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**Twelfth Sunday of Pentecost**  
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**Prayer of the Day (in unison)**

God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

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We invite all communing Christians to join us in Holy Communion. You may come forward for communion or take a communion baggie in the Narthex and commune in your pew.

In Our Prayers we remember Bruce Gerking.

### Calendar

Sunday, July 30th: Worship 10:00 a.m.

We are still gathering items for School Kits and Health Care Kits. You can find a list of items in the narthex. Thank you!

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FIRST READING: **Isaiah 56:1, 6-8**

Thus says the Lord:

Maintain justice, and do what is right,  
for soon my salvation will come,  
and my deliverance be revealed.

<sup>6</sup>And the foreigners who join themselves  
to the Lord,

to minister to him, to love the name  
of the Lord,

and to be his servants,

all who keep the sabbath, and do not  
profane it,

and hold fast my covenant—

these I will bring to my holy mountain,  
and make them joyful in my house of  
prayer;

their burnt offerings and their sacrifices  
will be accepted on my altar;

for my house shall be called a house of  
prayer for all peoples.

<sup>7</sup>Thus says the Lord God,

who gathers the outcasts of Israel,  
I will gather others to them  
besides those already gathered.

## Psalm 67

SECOND READING: **Romans 11:1-2a,  
29-32**

[Paul writes:] I 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. <sup>2</sup>God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

<sup>29</sup>For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. <sup>30</sup>Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, <sup>31</sup>so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. <sup>32</sup>For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

GOSPEL: **Matthew 15:10-20] 21-28**

[Jesus] called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand: <sup>11</sup>it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." <sup>12</sup>Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?" <sup>13</sup>He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. <sup>14</sup>Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit." <sup>15</sup>But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." <sup>16</sup>Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding? <sup>17</sup>Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? <sup>18</sup>But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. <sup>19</sup>For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. <sup>20</sup>These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.]

<sup>21</sup>Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. <sup>22</sup>Just 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." <sup>23</sup>But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us."

<sup>24</sup>He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." <sup>25</sup>But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." <sup>26</sup>He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." <sup>27</sup>She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." <sup>28</sup>Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.