



Woman,
great is
your faith!

MATTHEW 15:28

Hope Lutheran Church

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Pastor

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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.

"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.

"Thus says the Lord God,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel,
I will gather others to them
besides those already gathered.

Psalms 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. ²God
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 re-
ceived mercy because of their disobedi-
ence, ³¹so they have now been disobedi-
ent in order that, by the mercy shown
to you, they too may now receive mercy.

³²For God has imprisoned all in disobe-
dience 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: ¹¹it is
not what goes into the mouth that de-
files a person, but it is what comes out of
the mouth that defiles." ¹²Then the dis-
ciples approached and said to him, "Do
you know that the Pharisees took offense
when they heard what you said?" ¹³He
answered, "Every plant that my heavenly
Father has not planted will be uprooted.
¹⁴Let them alone; they are blind guides of
the blind. And if one blind person guides
another, both will fall into a pit." ¹⁵But
Peter said to him, "Explain this parable
to us." ¹⁶Then he said, "Are you also still
without understanding? ¹⁷Do you not see
that whatever goes into the mouth en-
ters the stomach, and goes out into the
sewer? ¹⁸But what comes out of the mouth
proceeds from the heart, and this is what
defiles. ¹⁹For out of the heart come evil
intentions, murder, adultery, fornication,
theft, false witness, slander. ²⁰These are
what defile a person, but to eat with un-
washed hands does not defile."

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 dis-
ciples 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.

Next Sunday's Readings: Isaiah 51:1-6; Psalm 138; Romans 12:1-8; Matthew 16:13-20.

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