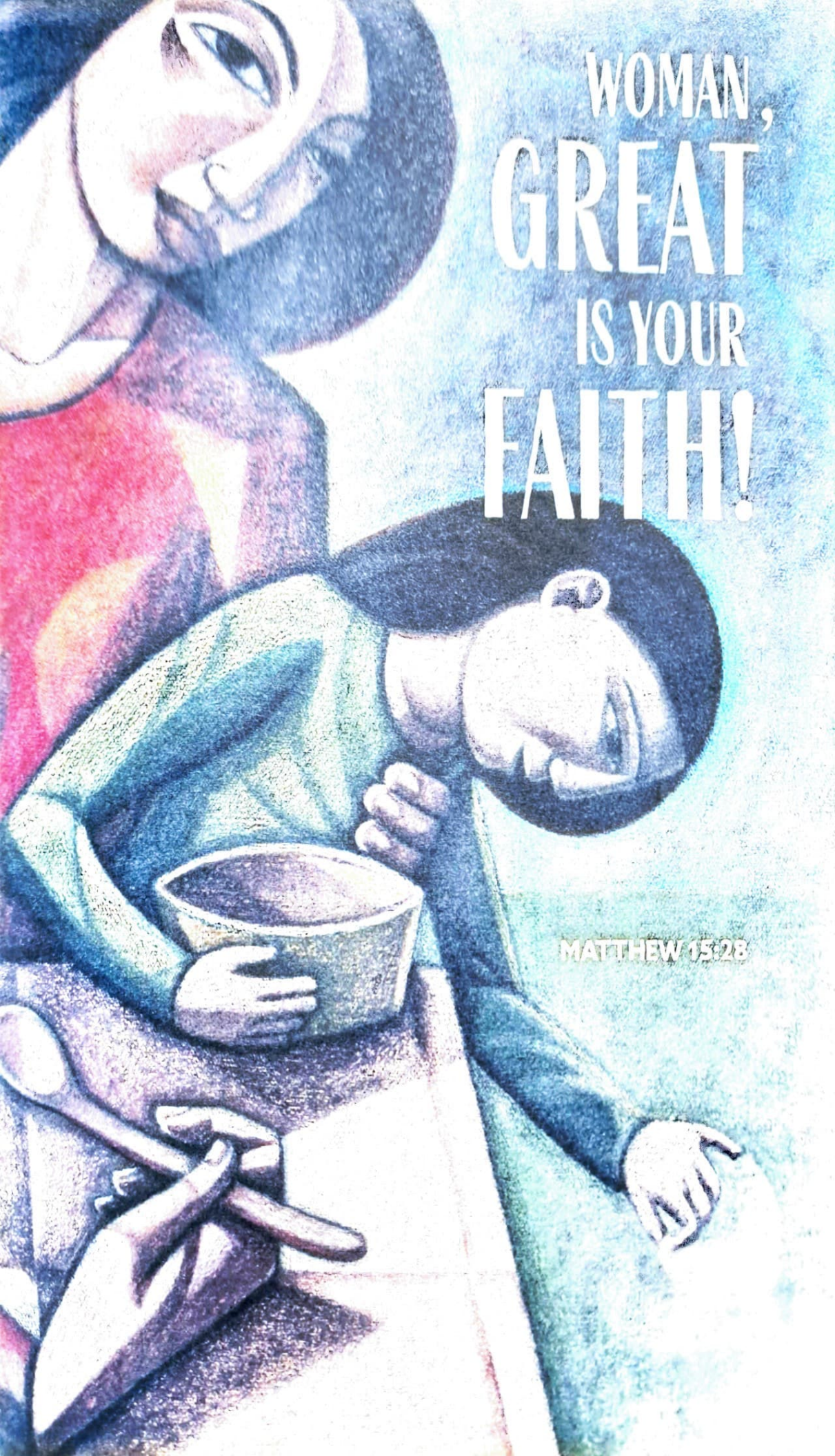




WOMAN, GREAT IS YOUR FAITH!

MATTHEW 15:28

**Hope Lutheran Church
August 16, 2026**

**Pastor
Organist**

**Jim Helgren
Ruth Neeman**

12th Sunday after Pentecost

**Prelude, Welcome, Announcements
Opening Hymn "All Are Welcome"**

ELW # 641

Confession and Forgiveness (<i>stand in body or spirit</i>)	pg. 94
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Hymn of Praise, "Glory to God"	pg. 139

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 your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

Response after readings: Word of God, Word of Life

Congregation: Thanks be to God

The Lessons Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

Psalm 67

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

Gospel Acclamation-Alleluia (*stand in body or spirit*) pg.142

Gospel: P: The Holy Gospe.... C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Matthew 15:(10-20) 21-28

P: The Gospel of the Lord. C: Praise to you, O Christ (*sit*)

Children's Sermon

Sermon

Hymn of the Day "We Come to You for Healing, Lord" ELW # 617

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The Prayers of Intercession: P: Lord in your mercy.

C: Hear our prayer

The Peace

Offering/Offertory / Offertory Prayer

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The Great Thanksgiving

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The Lord's Prayer (*stand in body or spirit*)

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"Lamb of God"

Holy Communion

Post Communion Canticle

"Thankful Hearts & Voices Raise"

ELW # 204

The Prayer

Blessing: The Lord bless...give you peace. Response: Amen

Dismissal: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God

Sending Song: "Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" ELW # 886

In Our Prayers: Carol Speth

Welcome to Hope Lutheran. Visitors please sign our guest book in the entry. As we celebrate Holy Communion, we invite all communing Christians to participate.

Sunday, August 23rd:9:30 a.m. Joint Worship at Grace.

For bulletin or newsletter items contact Sharon Carman at 402-269-5096 or email carmansharon56@gmail.com.

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.

⁶And 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—
⁷these 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.
⁸Thus 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. ^{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 also they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they also may now receive mercy. ³²For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

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

[¹⁰]Jesus called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand: ¹¹it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." ¹²Then the disciples 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 enters 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, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander. ²⁰These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed 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 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 from that moment.

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

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