

## The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost: August 16, 2020

### The Collect

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### The First Lesson

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.

### Psalm 67

- <sup>1</sup> May God be merciful to us and bless us, \*  
show us the light of his countenance and come to us.
- <sup>2</sup> Let your ways be known upon earth, \* your saving health among all nations.
- <sup>3</sup> Let the peoples praise you, O God; \* let all the peoples praise you.
- <sup>4</sup> Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, \*  
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations upon earth.
- <sup>5</sup> Let the peoples praise you, O God; \* let all the peoples praise you.
- <sup>6</sup> The earth has brought forth her increase; \* may God, our own God, give us his blessing.
- <sup>7</sup> May God give us his blessing, \* and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

### The Second Lesson

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

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. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

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

# The Gospel

Matthew 15: 21-28

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

## Prayers of the People

Reader: Let us pray;

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**



Debbie's nephew,  
Owen, and Jetta  
Photo: Kathy Meyers



Gayle's Sadie



Ava, Declan with Adina  
Photos: Stacy King



James and his pup  
Photo: Kelly Monte (relative of Debbie)



Azalea and Octavia with Gemma  
Photos: Maddee O'Brien (relative of Jeff)



Hot Dog, the pup Jeff and Debbie helped  
rescue last year  
Photo: Rev. Debbie

A note about the photos: When I read the Gospel for this morning, I thought it would be fun to see pictures of dogs and children to remind us that God helps all of us know joy through them. (Some of us know that cats can help us know joy, too. But this Gospel does not talk about them. However, when I was in Israel, there were cats all over!) I put a post on Facebook, asking for photos I could insert here. The response was amazing! Too many photos to share...but I had enough room this time around to include a few of them. I love that some include familiar faces. ~Rev. Debbie