

Little Church; Big Faith + Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 5, 2021

A service for children and the young at heart.



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+ Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost Order for Worship

The book of James tells God's people to stop showing favoritism in the assembly, treating the rich visitor with more honor than the poor one. Even Jesus seems to show partiality in his first response to the Syrophoenician woman in today's gospel. Was he testing her faith in saying Gentiles do not deserve the goods meant for God's children? Or was he speaking out of his human worldview, but moved past those limits when she took him by surprise with her reply? Either way, the story tells us that God shows no partiality. A deaf man then comes to Jesus and is healed. Today's readings remind us that all who bring a need to Jesus will be received with honor as a child and heir.

Welcome

Gathering

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, whose teaching is life, whose presence is sure, and whose love is endless. C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God our comforter:
C: like lost sheep, we have gone astray.
We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity.
We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression.
We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed.
Free us from our sin, gracious God.
Listen when we call out to you for help.
Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves.
Amen.

P: All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.
By the gift of grace in + Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous.
Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.
C: Amen.

Greeting

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

L: Let us pray.

Gracious God, throughout the ages you transform sickness into health and death into life. Open us to the power of your presence, and make us a people ready to proclaim your promises to the whole world, through Jesus Christ, our healer and Lord. **C: Amen.**

Word

Children's Word

Hymn of the Day (There is) One Name

- 1. One name under heaven whereby we must be saved One name under heaven whereby we must be saved
- 2. Forgiven of our sins baptized in the water Filed with the Holy Spirit and washed in the blood of the lamb Forgiven of our sins baptized in the water Filed with the Holy Spirit and washed in the blood of the lamb
- 3. Free, truly free my friend freed by the blood of the lamb Free, truly free my friend freed by the blood of the lamb
- 4. God's gonna move this place, God's gonna move this place God's gonna turn this world upside down. God's gonna move this place, God's gonna move this place God's gonna turn this world upside down.
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Meal

Lord's Prayer

L: Gathered as one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us. C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Sending

Benediction

L: The God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus. **C: Amen.**

L: The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

L: The God of all grace + bless you now and forever. C: Amen.

Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. C: Thanks be to God!

Abbreviations

L: Leader **C: Congregation**

ELW: Evangelical Lutheran Worship hymnal WSBLE: Whirl Story Bible Lectionary Edition WSBCE: Whirl Story Bible Classroom Edition SSB: Spark Story Bible

Those serving in worship today

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