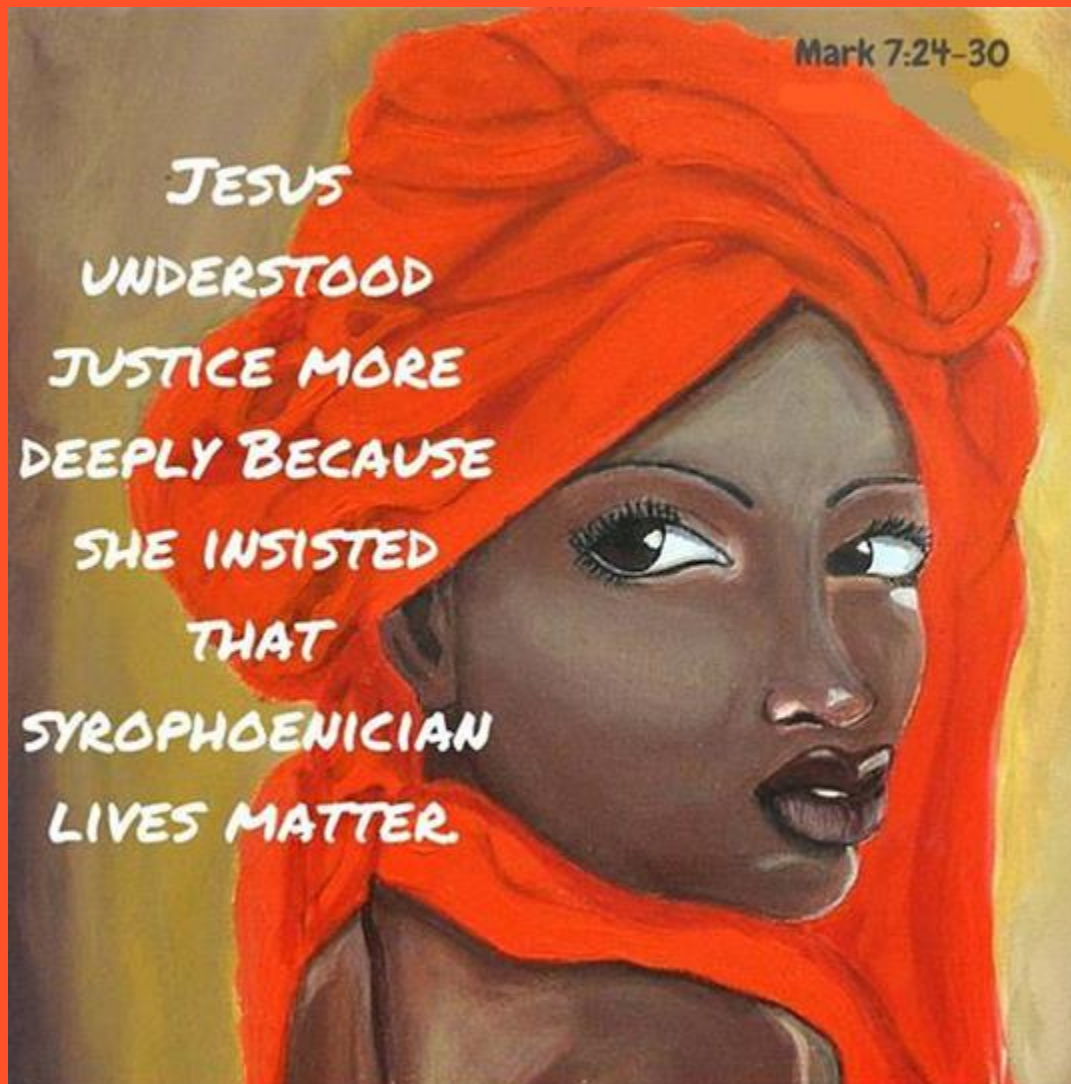


## Season after Pentecost



September 5, 2021

*Peace Lutheran Church*



*West Seattle, Washington*

*James tells us to stop showing favoritism in the assembly, treating the rich visitor with more honor than the poor one. Jesus himself seems to show partiality in his first response to the Syrophenician woman in today's gospel. Was he testing her faith in saying Gentiles don't deserve the goods meant for God's children: or was he speaking out of his human worldview, but transcended those limits when she took him by surprise with her reply? Either way, the story tells us that God shows no partiality.*

*Everyone who brings a need to Jesus is received with equal honor as a child and heir.*

# + GATHERING +

PRELUDE

*Fugue in G Major*

Josef Seeger

WELCOME

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presider begins.*

P Blessed by the holy Trinity, + one God, whose teaching is life,  
whose presence is sure, and whose steadfast love endures forever.

C **Amen.**

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

*Silence for reflection.*

P God our comforter:

C **like lost sheep, we have gone astray.**

**We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity.**

**We see injustice and look the other way.**

**We exploit Earth with our appetites and expect others to fix the consequences.**

**Have mercy on us, Lord! Free us from our self-centered striving.**

**Help us to see beyond personal desires to the needs of neighbors near and far.**

**Guide our feet onto the way of Jesus, the way of the beloved community. Amen.**

P Though all have sinned and fall short of the life God intends, the grace of forgiveness allows us to begin again; to look to Jesus and commit ourselves to walking his way.

C **We receive God's forgiveness, and pledge ourselves to turn again to the way of Christ.**  
**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

## GATHERING HYMN

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

ELW #858, vs. 1-2



1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a - tion!  
2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won-drous-ly reign - ing



O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and sal - va - tion!  
and, as on wings of an ea - gle, up - lift - ing, sus - tain - ing.



Let all who hear now to his tem - ple draw near,  
Have you not seen all that is need - ful has been



join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!  
sent by his gra - cious or - dain - ing?

## GREETING

**P** 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.

## KYRIE

## Setting 8, ELW

*Refrain*



Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.



Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.



- 1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
- 2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the
- 3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . . for
- 4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the



u - ni - ty of all; for  
hun - gry and the poor; that  
friends and fam - i - ly; for  
wa - ter and the word; that you



this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,  
we may live out . . . . truth and jus - tice and grace,  
life and for love, . . . . for our work and our play,  
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,

*Refrain*



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray. Gracious God, throughout the ages you transform sickness into health and death into life. Open us to the power of our 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 +

## FIRST READING: James 2:1-10, 14-17

Helen Hundley

*Faithful Christians do not show partiality to the rich and powerful of the world, especially at the expense of the poor and weak. Likewise, faith does not pay mere lip service to God's will. Instead, a living Christian faith expresses itself in acts of compassion and mercy for those in need.*

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? <sup>2</sup>For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, <sup>3</sup>and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," <sup>4</sup>have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? <sup>5</sup>Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? <sup>6</sup>But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? <sup>7</sup>Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

<sup>8</sup>You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." <sup>9</sup>But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. <sup>10</sup>For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

<sup>14</sup>What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? <sup>15</sup>If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, <sup>16</sup>and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? <sup>17</sup>So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW #174

*Please rise in body or in spirit as we prepare to receive the gospel.*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 7<sup>th</sup> chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

## GOSPEL: Mark 7:24-37

*In Mark's gospel, encounters with women usually signify turning points in Jesus' ministry. Here, a conversation with a Syrophenician woman marks the beginning of his mission to the Gentiles.*

Jesus] set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, <sup>25</sup>but a woman whose little daughter had

an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet.  
<sup>26</sup>Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. <sup>27</sup>He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." <sup>28</sup>But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." <sup>29</sup>Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go--the demon has left your daughter." <sup>30</sup>So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

<sup>31</sup>Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. <sup>32</sup>They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. <sup>33</sup>He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. <sup>34</sup>Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." <sup>35</sup>And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. <sup>36</sup>Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. <sup>37</sup>They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

**CHILDREN'S TIME**

Sarah Bliss

*Parents: There are "X's" marking the spots where children may sit during the children's message*

**SERMON**

Pastor Erik Kindem

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*She Came to Jesus*

C. W. Gillette



1. She came to Je - sus from out - side the fold—  
 2. Claim - ing a bless - ing, a touch of God's grace,  
 3. God, you still bless those who seek you in prayer.



Ca - naan - ite wo - man! Per - sis - tent and bold!  
 She knew God's love was not bound - ed by place.  
 You wel - come dream - ers who faith - ful - ly dare.



Look - ing to Je - sus, she wan - ted to see  
 Je - sus, you lis - tened, de - ba - ted— then healed—  
 In Christ, now ris - en, your mer - cy ex - tends:



One who would help her and set her child free.  
 For in her ask - ing, her faith was re - vealed.  
 Those on the out - side are wel - comed as friends.





all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.



We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you:



we are an offering, we are an offering.

### OFFERTORY PRAYER

L Let us pray.

C **God of abundance, you cause streams to break forth in the desert and manna to rain from the heavens. Accept the gifts you have first given us. Unite them with offering of our lives to nourish the world you love so dearly; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

## + SENDING +

### BLESSING

P The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,  
+ be upon you now and forever.

C **Amen.**

### SENDING HYMN

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

ELW #858, vs. 3-4

Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;  
Surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.  
Ponder anew what the almighty can do  
If with his love he befriend you.

Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore him!  
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him!  
Let the amen sound from his people again.  
Gladly forever adore him!

A Go in peace. The Word dwells in you.

C **Thanks be to God!**

### POSTLUDE

*What'er My God Ordains is Right*

Johan Pachelbel



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Ushers	Liz Hernandez, Barbara Hillier
Nursery Attendant	Heidi Coy
Production Techs	Alex Wren, Alan Jarvimaki



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SUNDAY WORSHIP** will be both In-Person and Live Stream at 10:30 am moving forward. Masks are required for all who attend in-person worship.

**RALLY DAY** - September 27 on the Patio. Mark your calendar!

**SUNDAY SCHOOL PLAN** Sunday School will begin with Rally Day on September 27 in person on the patio. This is one week later than our normal start. We want to make sure everyone feels settled with both in person worship and school before we begin our program year. Your Sunday school teachers are hard at work developing a plan for the year. We want to make sure everyone is safe and has a program that meets their needs. One hurdle is that our Sunday school rooms are small and without ventilation. We are looking into the possibility of continuing on Zoom, meeting outside, and meeting in the Fellowship hall with fans and doors open. There will likely be different configurations depending on age. We look forward to partnering and being with your wonderful kids, however that might look.

**SCHOOL STARTS SOON!!** We are inviting Peace people to help supply school kids with needed items for this year. Instead of shopping ourselves, let's send dollars to the Seattle Times school supply program. They will forward our donations to several organizations: YWCA of Seattle, Helplink, etc. Please make your donation online at Peace's website, OR write a check and deliver it to the church office. Our financial folks will forward it for you. If by website, add "School supplies" to memo line. Thank you for helping Seattle students return to their studies!

**RECYCLE ROUNDUP** coming soon! On Sunday, September 26, you can take your worn-out electronics (also the working ones), cords and kitchen tools and appliances -- and more -- to Fauntleroy UCC's semi-annual Recycle Roundup in the church parking lot -- from 9 am to 3 pm. So save your items, there will be more information in September Peace Notes.

**CAMP LUTHERWOOD OPEN HOUSE!** Saturday, September 25, 10 – 4 Everyone is invited to see the camp and spend some time exploring Grace in creation. Whether this is the first time or you've been coming for years come enjoy a day of fun next to the lake. Please RSVP. [Learn more here.](#)

## PRAYER LIST

**Please continue to remember the sick and home-bound of our congregation and others who have sought our prayers:** **Sick/Recovering:** Jim Baker; Catherine Bell; Connie Benjamin; John Berrell; Joyce Berrell; Cindy Collie; Fran Coy; Gaviella DeBoer; Donna Dickson; Ellie & Stephens Dooley; Keili Geller; Nathaniel Gibson; Nancy Hauger; Jerry Heiland; Mackenzie Hull; Jeffry; Ken Keyes; Ann Kimmel; Peter Dion Kindem; Maya Marshall; Bill Marts; Kelly & Pete McIntyre; Bill Nandor; JoAnn Nandor; John & Renee Parker; Frank Searfoss; Bob & Rosemary Smaliding; Aaden Smith; Leon Smith; JoAnne Spangler; Sean Stephens; Sarah Taylor; Karin VanSant; Louisa Wagner; Alice Ward  
**Homebound:** Al Bartol; Ruth Johnson; Lee Lamson; Dorothy Linnell; Joyce Wolff

## **RECONCILING IN CHRIST AFFIRMATION OF WELCOME**

*Christ calls us to reconciliation and wholeness, in a world that can be filled with alienation and brokenness. In faithfulness to the Gospel and to our Lutheran heritage, we answer Christ's call to be agents of healing and safety, particularly for people who have been marginalized by our society.*

*As a Christian community, we invite all people to join us as we work to better understand the meaning of grace for our lives. We welcome people of all sexual orientations and gender identities into the life and mission of our congregation.*

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