

CHURCH @ HOME SERVICE ORDER

**Sunday, 16 August 2026
Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost**

A PRAYER FOR THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

**Holy Spirit of God, breathe life into this gathering.
Move among us through Word and Sacrament,
that faith may be kindled, hope renewed, and love made strong.
Form us not only for this hour,
but for lives of service and witness in the days ahead,
to the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES

Jesus calls us to bring our hearts before him. He knows our sin, our struggles, and our deepest needs.

Lord Jesus, have mercy on us and make us clean.

Like the Canaanite woman, we come trusting not in ourselves, but in Christ's great compassion and unfailing love.

Lord Jesus, we trust in your mercy and grace.

Come and worship our Saviour. He welcomes all who call on him in faith, forgives our sins, and gives us new life.

Lord Jesus, we worship you with thankful hearts!

INVOCATION

In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

GREETING ONE ANOTHER

ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME

**All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name
Let angels prostrate fall
Bring forth the royal diadem
And crown Him Lord of all
Bring forth the royal diadem
And crown Him Lord of all**

**Ye chosen seed of Israel's race
Ye ransomed from the fall
Hail Him who saves you by His grace
And crown Him Lord of all
Hail Him who saves you by His grace
And crown Him Lord of all**

**Sinners whose love can ne'er forget
The wormwood and the gall
Go spread your trophies at His feet
And crown Him Lord of all
Go spread your trophies at His feet
And crown Him Lord of all**

**Let ev'ry kindred ev'ry tribe
On this terrestrial ball
To Him all majesty ascribe
And crown Him Lord of all
To Him all majesty ascribe
And crown Him Lord of all**

**O that with yonder sacred throng
We at His feet may fall
We'll join the everlasting song
And crown Him Lord of all
We'll join the everlasting song
And crown Him Lord of all**

**Crown Him ye morning stars of light
Who fixed this earthly ball
Now hail the strength of Israel's might
And crown Him Lord of all
Now hail the strength of Israel's might
And crown Him Lord of all**

LORD HAVE MERCY

(spoken)

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

YOU ARE GLORIOUS

You are glorious.

**Ev'ry knee shall bow to one victorious,
now exalted to the highest place of all,
Every tongue confess that you are Lord of all,
Lord of all.**

**And we belong to you,
we love your name,
the name above all other names
and Your glory is upon us now
as we worship you,
King of Kings.**

You are glorious.

**Ev'ry knee shall bow to one victorious,
now exalted to the highest place of all,
Every tongue confess that you are Lord of all.
Lord of all.**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Gracious and compassionate God,
you search the hidden places of every heart, yet you never turn away those who
seek your mercy. Cleanse us from the sin that defiles, and grant us the humble faith
of the Canaanite woman, that we may cling to your gracious promises and rejoice in
the abundance of your saving love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and
reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

PSALM 67

*May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face shine on us –
so that your ways may be known on earth,
your salvation among all nations.*
*May the peoples praise you, God;
may all the peoples praise you.*
*May the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you rule the peoples with equity
and guide the nations of the earth.*
*May the peoples praise you, God;
may all the peoples praise you.*
*The land yields its harvest;
God, our God, blesses us.*
*May God bless us still,
so that all the ends of the earth will fear him.*

**Glory to the Father and the Son
and the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be forever.
Amen.**

BIBLE READING

Isaiah 56:1,6-8: God's people will include foreigners

This is what the Lord says: 'Maintain justice and do what is right, for my salvation is close at hand and my righteousness will soon be revealed. And foreigners who bind 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 without desecrating it and who hold fast to my covenant – these I will bring to my holy mountain and give them joy in my house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house will be called a house of prayer for all nations.' The Sovereign Lord declares – he who gathers the exiles of Israel: 'I will gather still others to them besides those already gathered.'

After the reading

This is the Word of the LORD.

Thanks be to God.

Romans 11:1-2, 29-32: The salvation of the Jews as well as the Gentiles

I ask then: did God reject his people? By no means! I am an Israelite myself, a descendant of Abraham, from the tribe of Benjamin. God did not reject his people, whom he foreknew. Don't you know what Scripture says in the passage about Elijah – how he appealed to God against Israel: for God's gifts and his call are irrevocable. Just as you who were at one time disobedient to God have now received mercy as a result of their disobedience, so they too have now become disobedient in order that they too may now receive mercy as a result of God's mercy to you. For God has bound everyone over to disobedience so that he may have mercy on them all.

After the reading

This is the Word of the LORD.

Thanks be to God.

Matthew 15:21-28: The healing of an unclean woman's daughter

Before the reading

Glory be to You, O LORD.

Leaving that place, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. A Canaanite woman from that vicinity came to him, crying out, 'Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me! My daughter is demon-possessed and suffering terribly.' Jesus did not answer a word. So his disciples came to him and urged him, 'Send her away, for she keeps crying out after us.' He answered, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel.' The woman came and knelt before him. 'Lord, help me!' she said. He replied, 'It is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to the dogs.' 'Yes it is, Lord,' she said. 'Even the dogs eat the crumbs

that fall from their master's table.' Then Jesus said to her, 'Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted.' And her daughter was healed at that moment.

After the reading
This is the gospel of the LORD.
Praise be to You, O Christ.

APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell.**

**The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven,
and sits at the right hand of God, the Father almighty,
from there He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

LORD, I NEED YOU

**Lord I come I confess
Bowing here I find my rest
And without You I fall apart
You're the one that guides my heart**

**Lord I need You oh I need You
Ev'ry hour I need You
My one defense my righteousness
Oh God how I need You**

**Where sin runs deep Your grace is more
Where grace is found is where You are
And where You are Lord I am free
Holiness is Christ in me
Where You are Lord I am free
Holiness is Christ in me**

**Lord I need You oh I need You
Ev'ry hour I need You
My one defense my righteousness
Oh God how I need You**

**So teach my song to rise to You
When temptation comes my way
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You
Jesus You're my hope and stay
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You
Jesus You're my hope and stay**

**Lord I need You oh I need You
Ev'ry hour I need You
My one defense my righteousness
Oh God how I need You
My one defense my righteousness
Oh God how I need You**

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MESSAGE

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CONFESSION OF SINS

*Let us draw near to God our Father with a true heart to confess our sins,
and ask Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.*

**Almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor helpless sinner, confess to You all my sins,
and repent of all the evil I have done. I have deeply displeased You and deserve Your
punishment in time and in eternity. But I am sorry for my sins, and I ask You, for the
sake of the holy innocent sufferings and death of Your dear Son Jesus Christ, to be
gracious and merciful to me. Amen.**

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy on us, and has given His only Son to die for us, and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in His name He has given the right to become children of God, and has given them His Holy Spirit. Whoever believes and is baptised will be saved. Grant this, Lord, to us all. Amen.

ACROSS THE LANDS

**You're the Word of God the Father
From before the world began
Ev'ry star and ev'ry planet
Has been fashioned by Your hand
All creation holds together
By the power of Your voice
Let the skies declare Your glory
Let the land and seas rejoice**

**You're the author of creation
You're the Lord of ev'ry man
And Your cry of love rings out
Across the lands**

**Yet You left the gaze of angels
Came to seek and save the lost
And exchanged the joy of heaven
For the anguish of a cross
With a prayer You fed the hungry
With a word You stilled the sea
Yet how silently You suffered
That the guilty may go free**

**You're the author of creation
You're the Lord of ev'ry man
And Your cry of love rings out
Across the lands**

**With a shout You rose victorious
Wresting victory from the grave
And ascended into heaven
Leading captives in Your wake
Now You stand before the Father
Interceding for Your own
From each tribe and tongue and nation
You are leading sinners home**

**You're the author of creation
You're the Lord of ev'ry man
And Your cry of love rings out
Across the lands**

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OFFERING PRAYER

**Gracious Father,
thank you for all the good gifts you give us. Receive these offerings and use them to
share the good news of Jesus, care for those in need, and bless people everywhere.
Help us to trust in your mercy, just as the Canaanite woman trusted in Jesus. We ask
this in his name, amen.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

*The Canaanite woman came to Jesus, trusting that he would hear and help her. Let us
turn to our heavenly Father, praying for ourselves and our world.*

Merciful Father, we pray for the church, as we await the return of our Lord. Help us to
remain true to your word, and to live and worship in such a way that we reflect your
light into the world around us. Forgive us when we are distracted by worldly concerns
and forget to trust in you.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Give us open hearts and minds to spread your love and grace to all people. Let our words and actions reach out to those whom society treats as 'unclean', and show them your good news. Remind us that we are all unclean until we come to know you and receive your forgiveness.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

God of peace and love, uphold all those joined in marriage, strengthen their relationships and their faith in you. We pray for people in all kinds of families and those who support them. We pray especially for Lutheran Community Care, as they work to support people who are struggling in many ways in our society.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

God of hope and healing, be with the sick and frail. Comfort those who mourn, and restore our trust and hope in you when we struggle under life's burdens.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for God's guidance and blessings for all members and friends of our congregation. Today we pray for Owen & Amanda; Fred & Lois; Phillip & Rebecca; Richard & Sharon; Paul. Please keep them strong in faith, active in love, and hopeful in all things.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Bless the families, students, and staff at all our Grace Places. Today we pray specially for GLPS Students Amelia, Andrew & Heidi in Prep; Kwan & Roman in Year1; Ethan, Koa & Bentley in Year 2; James in Year 3; Ava in Year 4; Willow, Neirah, Annabelle & Samuel in Year 6 and staff members Tamara & Dominique. Please provide for all their needs and guide them into your truth and love.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, as weak and sinful human beings we come to you asking for your mercy. Listen to our cry for help, and hear our prayers. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours
now and forever. Amen.

BLESSING TO SHARE

May you have faith like the Canaanite woman to trust in the mercy of Jesus.
May you have faith like the Canaanite woman to trust in the mercy of Jesus.
May Jesus fill your heart with his love and forgiveness.
May Jesus fill your heart with his love and forgiveness.
May Jesus help you share his kindness and mercy with others.
May Jesus help you share his kindness and mercy with others. Amen.

GOODNESS OF GOD

I love You Lord
Oh Your mercy never fails me
All my days
I've been held in Your hands
From the moment that I wake up
Until I lay my head
I will sing of the goodness of God

All my life You have been faithful
All my life You have been so so good
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God

**I love Your voice
You have led me through the fire
In darkest night
You are close like no other
I've known You as a father
I've known You as a friend
I have lived in the goodness of God**

**All my life You have been faithful
All my life You have been so so good
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God**

**Your goodness is running after
It's running after me
Your goodness is running after
It's running after me With my life laid down
I'm surrendered now I give You everything
Your goodness is running after
It's running after me**

**Your goodness is running after
It's running after me
Your goodness is running after
It's running after me With my life laid down
I'm surrendered now I give You everything
Your goodness is running after
It's running after me**

**All my life You have been faithful
All my life You have been so so good
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God**

**All my life You have been faithful
All my life You have been so so good
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God**

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