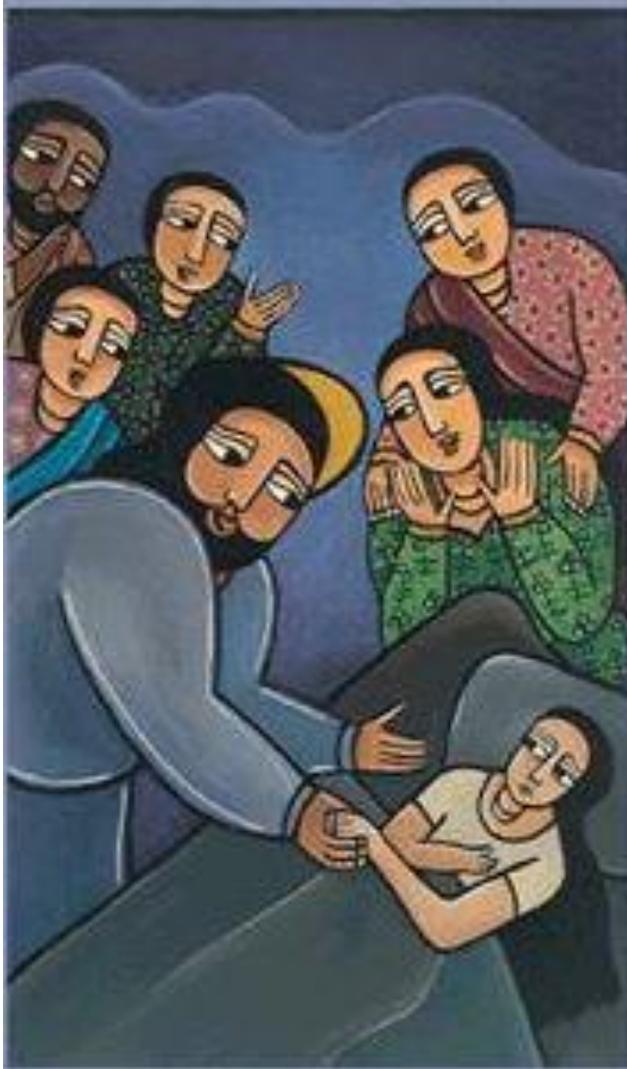


# Sunday, June 27, 2021

## ELW Service of the Word



Daughter,  
your  
faith has  
made you  
well

MARK 5:34

### **Introduction to the day**

*A woman finds healing by touching Jesus' cloak, and a girl is restored to life when he takes her by the hand. In both cases a boundary is crossed: in Jesus' time the hemorrhaging woman was considered ritually unclean, polluting others by her touch, and anyone who touched a corpse also became unclean. In Mark's gospel Jesus breaks down barriers, from his first meal at a tax collector's house to his last breath on the cross as the temple curtain is torn in two. We dare to touch Jesus in our "uncleanness" and to live as a community that defines no one as an outsider.*

## **GATHERING**

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,  
the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy. **Amen.**

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance,  
let us confess our sin.

God, our provider, **help us.**

**It is hard to believe there is enough to share.**

**We question your ways when they differ from the ways  
of the world in which we live.**

**We turn to our own understanding  
rather than trusting in you.**

**We take offense at your teachings and your ways.**

**Turn us again to you.**

**Where else can we turn?**

**Share with us the words of eternal life  
and feed us for life in the world. Amen.**

Beloved people of God:

in Jesus, the manna from heaven,  
you are fed and nourished.

By Jesus, the worker of miracles,  
there is always more than enough.

Through Jesus, ✠ the bread of life,  
you are shown God's mercy:

you are forgiven and loved into abundant life. **Amen.**

## **GREETING**

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

**And also with you.**

## **CANTICLE OF PRAISE**

**Glory to God, glory in the highest;  
and peace to God's people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you,  
we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ,  
only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

Almighty and merciful God, we implore you to hear the prayers of your people. Be our strong defense against all harm and danger, that we may live and grow in faith and hope, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

### **WORD**

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

### **FIRST READING: Lamentations 3:22-33**

A reading from Lamentations.

<sup>22</sup>The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases,  
his mercies never come to an end;

<sup>23</sup>they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

<sup>24</sup>“The LORD is my portion,” says my soul,  
“therefore I will hope in him.”

<sup>25</sup>The LORD is good to those who wait for him,  
to the soul that seeks him.

<sup>26</sup>It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD.

<sup>27</sup>It is good for one to bear the yoke in youth,

<sup>28</sup>to sit alone in silence when the Lord has imposed it,  
<sup>29</sup>to put one's mouth to the dust (there may yet be hope),  
<sup>30</sup>to give one's cheek to the smiter, and be filled with insults.  
<sup>31</sup>For the Lord will not reject forever.  
<sup>32</sup>Although he causes grief, he will have compassion  
according to the abundance of his steadfast love;  
<sup>33</sup>for he does not willingly afflict or grieve anyone.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM 30**

<sup>1</sup>I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lifted me up  
and have not let my enemies triumph over me.  
<sup>2</sup>O LORD my God, I cried out to you,  
and you restored me to health.  
<sup>3</sup>You brought me up, O LORD, from the dead;  
you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.  
<sup>4</sup>Sing praise to the LORD, all you faithful;  
give thanks in holy remembrance.  
<sup>5</sup>God's wrath is short; God's favor lasts a lifetime.  
Weeping spends the night, but joy comes in the morning.  
<sup>6</sup>While I felt secure, I said,  
"I shall never be disturbed."  
<sup>7</sup>You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains."  
Then you hid your face, and I was filled with fear.  
<sup>8</sup>I cried to you, O LORD; I pleaded with my Lord, saying,  
<sup>9</sup>"What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the pit?  
Will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?"  
<sup>10</sup>Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me; O LORD, be my helper."  
<sup>11</sup>You have turned my wailing into dancing;  
you have put off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy.  
<sup>12</sup>Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing;  
O LORD my God, I will give you thanks forever.

### **SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 8:7-15**

A reading from 2 Corinthians.

<sup>7</sup>Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you—so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking.

<sup>8</sup>I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. <sup>9</sup>For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. <sup>10</sup>And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something—<sup>11</sup>now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. <sup>12</sup>For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has—not according to what one does not have. <sup>13</sup>I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between <sup>14</sup>your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance. <sup>15</sup>As it is written,

“The one who had much did not have too much,  
and the one who had little did not have too little.”

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.**

## **GOSPEL: Mark 5:21-43**

The holy gospel according to Mark. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>21</sup>When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. <sup>22</sup>Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet <sup>23</sup>and begged him repeatedly, “My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live.” <sup>24</sup>So he went with him.

And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. <sup>25</sup>Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. <sup>26</sup>She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. <sup>27</sup>She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, <sup>28</sup>for she said, “If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well.” <sup>29</sup>Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. <sup>30</sup>Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, “Who touched my clothes?” <sup>31</sup>And his disciples said to him, “You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, ‘Who touched me?’ ” <sup>32</sup>He looked all around to see who had done it. <sup>33</sup>But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. <sup>34</sup>He said to her, “Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.”

<sup>35</sup>While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader's house to say, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?" <sup>36</sup>But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, "Do not fear, only believe." <sup>37</sup>He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. <sup>38</sup>When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. <sup>39</sup>When he had entered, he said to them, "Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping." <sup>40</sup>And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. <sup>41</sup>He took her by the hand and said to her, "Talitha cum," which means, "Little girl, get up!" <sup>42</sup>And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. <sup>43</sup>He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON**

### **APOSTLES' CREED**

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Here at the end of June let us pray for the needs of the world, responding to each petition with an echo of today's psalm, "We cry out to you." *A brief silence.*

O God, for the church around the world we pray, for congregations without pastoral leadership, for troubled denominations, for Christians facing persecution, and for our own assembly: *A brief silence.*

**Mighty God, we cry out to you.**

For your earth we pray, for lands suffering under excessive heat, for waters rising along coastlines, for animals deprived of habitats, and for our own green spaces: *A brief silence.*

**Benevolent God, we cry out to you.**

For the nations we pray, that governments learn the ways of peace and cooperation, that the poor receive food and shelter and respect, that gun violence and all prejudices come to an end: *A brief silence.*

**Righteous God, we cry out to you.**

For the hungry we pray, for starving children, for relief agencies, for the end to famine, and for an increase in generosity among us all: *A brief silence.*

**Merciful God, we cry out to you.**

For the sick and afflicted we pray, for children who are at the point of death, for women who endure hemorrhaging, for persons who receive no relief from physicians, for everyone who will contract COVID-19, and for those we name here before you. . . *A brief silence.*

**Compassionate God, we cry out to you.**

For ourselves we pray, that we live in the peace of Christ, and that you receive our private pleas: *A longer time of silence.*

**Faithful God, we cry out to you.**

We give thanks for all the faithful who have lived and died in the faith, especially those who identify as LGBTQIA+. We remember before you especially Cyril of Alexandria and all theologians whose ministry has shaped the church, and we pray that at the end all your people will meet in the joy of your presence. *A brief silence.*

**Eternal God, we cry out to you.**

Into your hands, today and forever, we commit for all whom we pray, trusting in the grace made known to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

## **OFFERING**

As forgiven and reconciled people, we offer ourselves and our gifts to God. **Amen**

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

God of love,

**you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table.**

**Receive our lives and the gifts we offer.**

**Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world;  
for the sake of your beloved Child, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## **THANKSGIVING**

### **THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD**

Let us pray.

Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your Word you made all things: you spoke light into darkness, called forth beauty from chaos, and brought life into being. For your Word of life, O God, **we give you thanks and praise.**

By your Word you called your people Israel to tell of your wonderful gifts: freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey, a pathway home from exile, wisdom for life with you. For your Word of life, O God, **we give you thanks and praise.**

Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, you speak to us and call us to witness: forgiveness through the cross, life to those entombed by death, the way of your self-giving love. For your Word of life, O God, **we give you thanks and praise.**

Send your Spirit of truth, O God; rekindle your gifts within us: renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the sake of a world in need. Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever. **Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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**

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **BLESSING**

The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,  
✠ be upon you now and forever. **Amen.**

### **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**