



About the Cover

As a Gentile, the Canaanite woman knelt from the outside looking in as she begged Jesus to heal her daughter, who was possessed by a demon. Jesus tested the woman to reveal a faith that even crumbs from the Lord would provide for her deepest need. Jesus does not overlook us either. To the world, it may look like crumbs, but just a little word from Jesus works the miracle of faith to receive the salvation and eternal life that He has accomplished for us through His cross and resurrection.

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 56:1, 6–8

- ¹ Thus says the LORD:
“Keep justice, and do righteousness,
for soon my salvation will come,
and my deliverance be revealed. . . .
- ⁶ “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,
everyone who keeps the Sabbath
and does not profane it,
and holds fast my covenant—
- ⁷ 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.”
- ⁸ The Lord GOD,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel, declares,
“I will gather yet others to him
besides those already gathered.”

Epistle: Romans 11:1–2a, 13–15, 28–32

¹I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! For I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ^{2a}God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. . . .

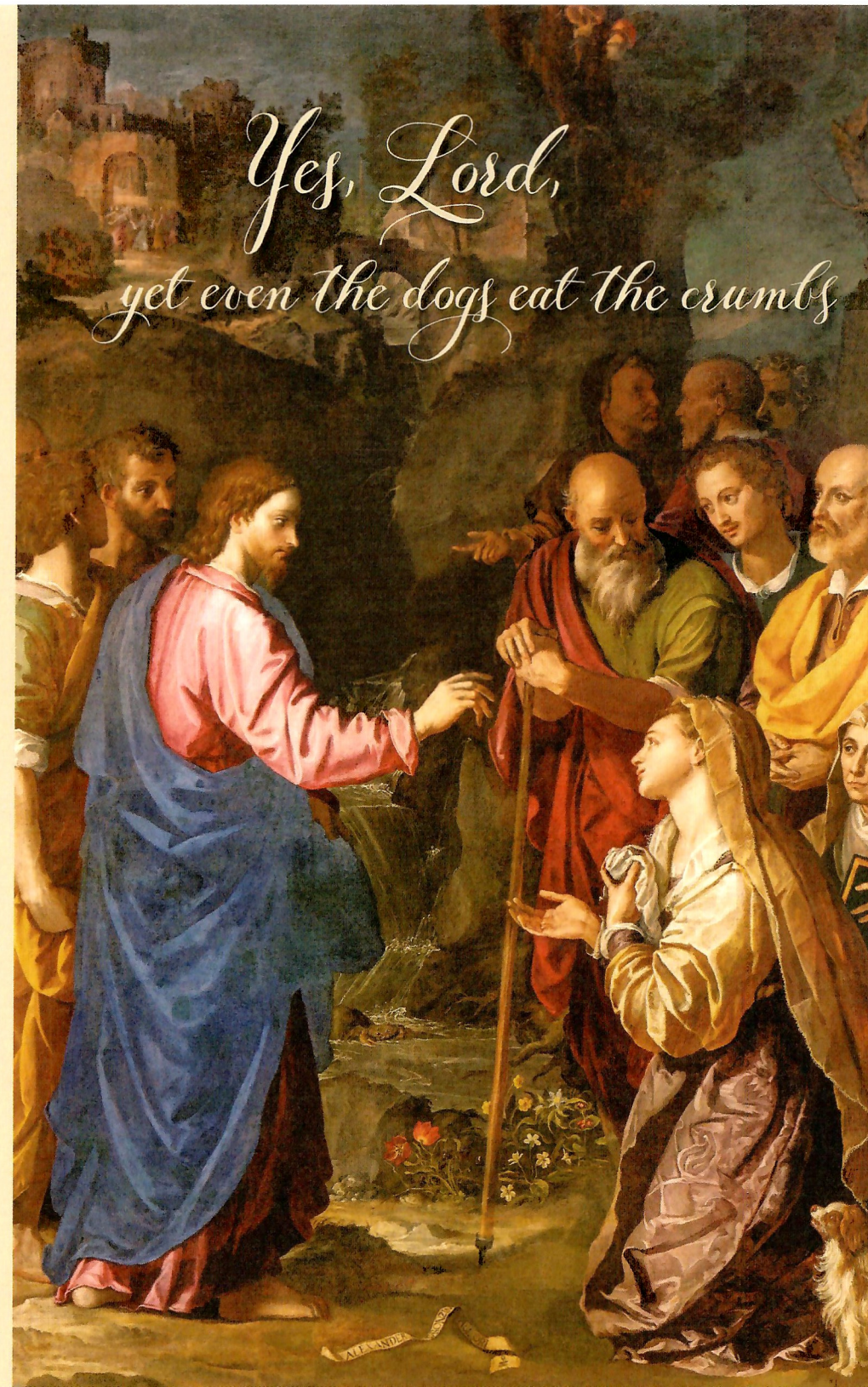
¹³Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry ¹⁴in order somehow to make my fellow Jews jealous, and thus save some of them. ¹⁵For if

their rejection means the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance mean but life from the dead? . . .

²⁸As regards the gospel, they are enemies of God for your sake. But as regards election, they are beloved for the sake of their forefathers. ²⁹For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰Just as you were at one time disobedient to God but now have received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹so they too have now been disobedient in order that by the mercy shown to you they also may now receive mercy. ³²For God has consigned all to disobedience, that he may have mercy on all.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 15:21–28

²¹Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²²And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, “Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon.” ²³But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, “Send her away, for she is crying out after us.” ²⁴He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” ²⁵But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” ²⁶And he answered, “It is not right to take the children’s bread and throw it to the dogs.” ²⁷She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” ²⁸Then Jesus answered her, “O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire.” And her daughter was healed instantly.



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Welcome to Our Visitors

We pray all will be spiritually enriched by your visit to this "House of God." Here Christ breaks the silence that surrounds mortal man in his sin and death. Here in Christ Jesus, we hear the voice of the Eternal One, and hear the voice of the Father, and that He loves us, that He forgives us and that in the resurrection of Christ, He has made us His Children and has given us victory over death itself.

THE ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP

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Ringling of the Bells, Welcome, and Announcements

Opening Hymn LSB#779 Come, My Soul, with Every Care

Invocation

Confession – Absolution Pages 184-185 (right side)

The Introit:

P: The Lord is the strength of his people; he is the saving refuge of his anointed.

C: To you, O Lord, I call; my rock, be not deaf to me, lest, if you be silent to me,
I become like those who go down to the pit.

P: Hear the voice of my pleas for mercy, when I cry to you for help, when I lift up
my hands toward your most holy sanctuary.

C: Blessed be the Lord! For he has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy.

P: The Lord is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped;
my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him.

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

P: The Lord is the strength of his people; he is the saving refuge of his anointed.

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The Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 56: 1, 6-8 (see back of bulletin)

P: This is the Word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

The Gradual: (spoken by the Pastor)

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P: This is the Word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

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The Children's Message

The Hymn of the Day LSB#770 What a Friend We Have in Jesus

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Closing Hymn LSB#653 In Christ There Is No East or West

Holy Communion will be celebrated Next Sunday

September Services

Sunday September 6: 8:30 am Pastor Buono Preaching

Sunday September 13: 8:30 am Pastor Buono Preaching

Pastor will be on vacation from September 5-14

If an emergency arises and you need to speak with him you can reach him at his cell
number.