

The LORD is the strength of his people;
he is the saving refuge of his anointed.
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.
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.
Blessed be the LORD!
For he has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy.
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.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

Thus says the LORD: “Keep justice, and do righteousness,
for soon salvation will come, and my righteousness 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.” The Lord GOD, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, declares, “I will gather yet others to him besides those already gathered.”

I 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. ² God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.
¹³ Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry ¹⁴ in order somehow to make my fellow Jews jealous, and thus save some of them. ¹⁵ For if their rejection means the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance mean but life from the dead?
²⁸ As regards the gospel, they are enemies for your sake. But as regards election, they are beloved for the sake of their forefathers. ²⁹ For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰ For just as you were at one time disobedient to God but now have received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹ so they too have now been disobedient in order that by the mercy shown to you they also may now receive mercy. ³² For God has consigned all to disobedience, that he may have mercy on all.

GOSPEL

St. Matthew 15:21-28

²¹ And Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²² And 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.” ²³ But 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.” ²⁴ He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” ²⁵ But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” ²⁶ And he answered, “It is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs.” ²⁷ She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.” ²⁸ Then Jesus answered her, “O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you desire.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASTOR RISTAU WILL BE AWAY THE AFTERNOON OF SUNDAY, AUGUST 16—THE EVENING OF TUESDAY, AUGUST 18 TO TAKE HIS SON TO CONCORDIA COLLEGE, RIVER FOREST, IL. HE CAN BE REACHED BY PHONE OR EMAIL.

SERVING TODAY

GREETERS: 8:00AM PETER & CINDY BRANDT
10:30AM MARK & CONNIE PRESS

READERS: 8:00AM BRUCE BORTH
10:30AM PAM SCHMALTZ

ACOLYTES: 8:00AM HUNTLEY MOORE
10:30AM AUGUST MERKLE

A/V: 8:00AM MICHAEL MOORE
10:30AM ELLIE HISKEY

ALTAR GUILD: 8:00 AM PATTI STUCKWISCH
10:30AM SHERYL MORRIS & JACKIE BLINDAUER

COMMUNION SERVERS:

8:00AM PETER BRANDT
10:30AM MICHAEL THORPE

BIBLE READINGS NEXT WEEKEND

OLD TESTAMENT: ISAIAH 51:1-6
EPISTLE: ROMANS 11:33-12:8
GOSPEL: MATTHEW 16:13-20

OUR COMMUNION PRACTICE

AT THE ALTAR, of our Lord Jesus Christ delivers his true Body and Blood into our mouths. These gifts, given in, with and under the bread and wine, bestow tremendous benefits: forgiving our sins, strengthening our faith, binding us to the Lord, and uniting us with each other. In this is life and salvation. All members of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (LC-MS) who have publicly confessed this sacred gift and its blessings, are encouraged to commune. Other guests wishing to receive this Holy Sacrament are asked to meet with the pastor before communing for the first time. For further study, see Matt 5:23f.; 26:26-29; 1 Cor 11:17-34.

CALENDAR

Sunday	8:00am	Worship—C
August 16	9:30am	Ignite & Bible Class
	10:30am	Worship—C
	10:30am	HTLS Teacher Recognition
	12:30pm	Mara (Burmese) Church (FH/Rm 13)

Monday	HTLS FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR PRESCHOOL	
August 17	5:30-7:30pm	Fencing Club (Private) (FH)

Tuesday	6:30pm	Board of Directors Meeting (CR)
August 18	6:30-8:00pm	Biblical Greek Class (EO-110)

Wednesday	8:30am	Chapel (S)
August 19	6:00pm	FAITH Night

Thursday	3:15-7:00	HTLS CPR Training (EO-110)
August 20	6:30-8:00pm	Biblical Greek Class (EO-110)

Friday	5:30-7:30pm	Fencing Club (Private) (FH)
August 21	4:00-9:00pm Blaze Pizza Ichthyhs Foundation Fundraiser Night	

Saturday	4:00pm	Smiths Grove Bible Study
August 22	5:00pm	Smiths Grove Worship—C

Sunday	8:00am	Worship—C
August 23	9:30am	Ignite & Bible Class
	10:30am	Worship—C
	12:30pm	Mara (Burmese) Church (FH/Rm 13)
	3:30pm	Young Adults Event

THE TWELVTH WEEKEND
AFTER PENTECOST



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