

**“For the jar of flour was not used up and the jug of oil did not run dry...” 1 Kings 17:16 NIV**



# Elijah's God Is My God Too!

Grace Lutheran Church  
Yorba Linda, California

August 16th, 2020  
11th Sunday after Pentecost



STAND

*The sign of the cross and God's Triune name help us remember our baptism (Matthew 28:19).*

## CALL TO WORSHIP

**M:** In the name of the Father and of the Son ☩ and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen. (spoken)**

**M:** Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

**C: Lord of Life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.**

**For faithless worrying and selfish pride,**

**For sins of habit and sins of choice,**

**For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,**

**You should cast me away from your presence forever.**

**O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me for Jesus' sake.**

## ABSOLUTION

**M:** Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant:

I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+)  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**M:** In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your gift of grace that we come into your presence and offer true and faithful service. Grant that our worship on earth may always be pleasing to you, and in the life to come give us the fulfillment of what you have promised; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## THE WORD

*Paul is referring to both Jews and Gentiles, to those who are close and those who are far away – all are welcome in the Church of Christ.*

### FIRST READING

**Ephesians 2:17-22**

<sup>17</sup> He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. <sup>18</sup> For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.

<sup>19</sup> Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household, <sup>20</sup> built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. <sup>21</sup> In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. <sup>22</sup> And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

### THE GOSPEL READING

**Matthew 15:21-28**

*Great faith is found in the most unlikely of places and in the most unlikely of people. Here in Sidon is Salvation!*

<sup>21</sup> Leaving that place, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. <sup>22</sup> 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."

<sup>23</sup> 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."

<sup>24</sup> He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel."

<sup>25</sup> The woman came and knelt before him. "Lord, help me!" she said.

<sup>26</sup> He replied, "It is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to the dogs."

<sup>27</sup> "Yes it is, Lord," she said. "Even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master's table."

<sup>28</sup> Then Jesus said to her, "Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted." And her daughter was healed at that moment.



## HYMN OF THE DAY

## In Christ There is No East or West (#539)

Text: John Oxenham,  
1852–1941, st. 1, 4-5;  
Mark A. Jeske, b.  
1952, st. 2; Michael  
Perry, b. 1942, st. 3

- 1 In Christ there is no east or west, In him no south or north,  
But one great fellowship of love Throughout the whole wide earth.**
- 2 With God there is no tribe or race; In him we all are one.  
He loves us as his children through Our faith in his dear Son.**
- 3 So, brothers, sisters, praise his name Who died to set us free  
From sin, division, hate, and blame, From spite and enmity!**
- 4 Join hands, disciples of the faith, Whate'er your race may be;  
Who serves my Father as his child Is surely kin to me.**
- 5 In Christ now meet both east and west; In him meet south and north.  
All Christly souls are one in him Throughout the whole wide earth.**

## SERMON READING:

**1 Kings 17:7-24**

<sup>7</sup>Some time later the brook dried up because there had been no rain in the land. <sup>8</sup>Then the word of the LORD came to him: <sup>9</sup>“Go at once to Zarephath in the region of Sidon and stay there. I have directed a widow there to supply you with food.” <sup>10</sup>So he went to Zarephath. When he came to the town gate, a widow was there gathering sticks. He called to her and asked, “Would you bring me a little water in a jar so I may have a drink?” <sup>11</sup>As she was going to get it, he called, “And bring me, please, a piece of bread.”

<sup>12</sup>“As surely as the LORD your God lives,” she replied, “I don’t have any bread—only a handful of flour in a jar and a little olive oil in a jug. I am gathering a few sticks to take home and make a meal for myself and my son, that we may eat it—and die.”

<sup>13</sup>Elijah said to her, “Don’t be afraid. Go home and do as you have said. But first make a small loaf of bread for me from what you have and bring it to me, and then make something for yourself and your son. <sup>14</sup>For this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: ‘The jar of flour will not be used up and the jug of oil will not run dry until the day the LORD sends rain on the land.’”

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**OUR Salvation  
(in Sidon)**



<sup>15</sup> She went away and did as Elijah had told her. So there was food every day for Elijah and for the woman and her family. <sup>16</sup> For the jar of flour was not used up and the jug of oil did not run dry, in keeping with the word of the LORD spoken by Elijah.

<sup>17</sup> Some time later the son of the woman who owned the house became ill. He grew worse and worse, and finally stopped breathing. <sup>18</sup> She said to Elijah, "What do you have against me, man of God? Did you come to remind me of my sin and kill my son?"

<sup>19</sup> "Give me your son," Elijah replied. He took him from her arms, carried him to the upper room where he was staying, and laid him on his bed. <sup>20</sup> Then he cried out to the LORD, "LORD my God, have you brought tragedy even on this widow I am staying with, by causing her son to die?" <sup>21</sup> Then he stretched himself out on the boy three times and cried out to the LORD, "LORD my God, let this boy's life return to him!"

<sup>22</sup> The LORD heard Elijah's cry, and the boy's life returned to him, and he lived. <sup>23</sup> Elijah picked up the child and carried him down from the room into the house. He gave him to his mother and said, "Look, your son is alive!"

<sup>24</sup> Then the woman said to Elijah, "Now I know that you are a man of God and that the word of the LORD from your mouth is the truth."



*Offerings are part of our worship life and our life in the church. Moved by the three fold blessing of God, Christians cheerfully give and give generously so others may know the precious message of Jesus. During this time of social distancing, your offering may be left at the door or mailed or you may give online at [www.graceluthera.n.church](http://www.graceluthera.n.church).*

## OFFERING

### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH and LORD'S PRAYER

*For God's people near and far, let us pray to the Lord saying:*

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

**C: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

### THE BLESSING

**M:** The LORD bless you and keep you.  
The LORD makes his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The LORD look on you with his favor and give you his peace.

**C: Amen.**

### CLOSING HYMN

#### We Walk By Faith (#756)

- 1 We walk by faith and not by sight; No gracious words we hear  
From him who spoke as none e'er spoke, But we believe him near.**
- 2 We may not touch his hands and side Nor follow where he trod,  
But in his promise we rejoice And cry, "My Lord and God!"**
- 3 Help then, O Lord, our unbelief, And may our faith abound  
To call on you when you are near And seek where you are found.**
- 4 For you, O resurrected Lord, Are found in means divine:  
Beneath the water and the Word, Beneath the bread and wine.**
- 5 Lord, when our life of faith is done, In realms of clearer light,  
We may behold you as you are With full and endless sight.**

"I have not found such faith in all of Israel."

Text: Henry Alford, 1810–1871, alt.

## **CALENDAR**

*Thursday Bible Study online – 10 AM or 7 PM*

*Sunday worship – online (at your convenience)*

## **PRAYERS**

*Faye Bliss and Tanya DeLong home from hospital stays.*