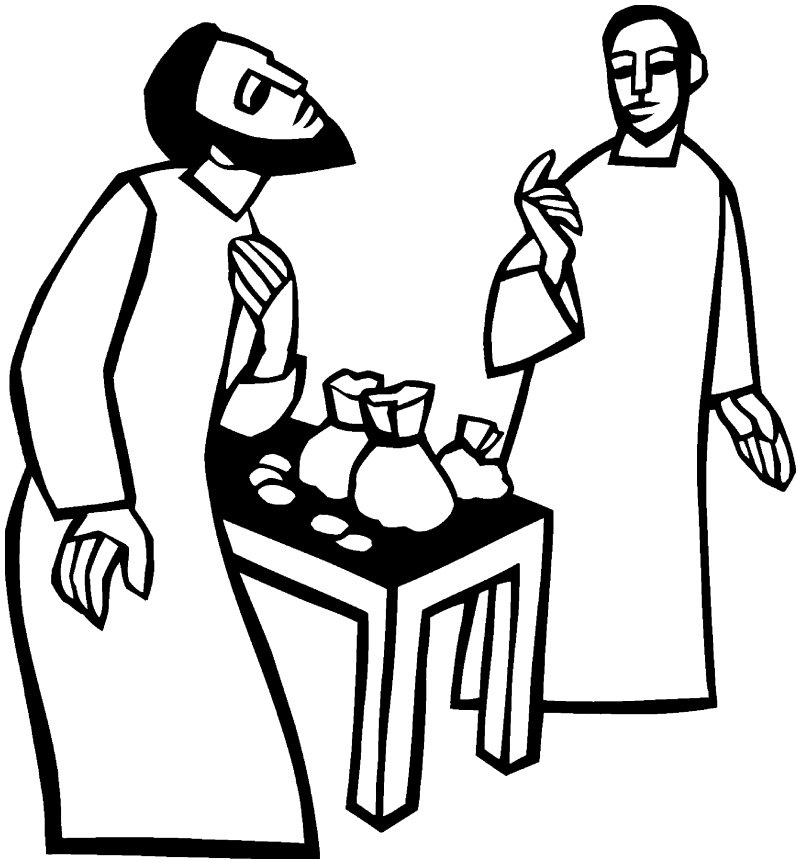


# GRACE AT HOME



## 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

### A PROMISE SHARED

*For I have not come to call the righteous but sinners. – Matthew 9:13b*

Though Jesus was a devout Jew who practiced his faith, he was criticized for eating with tax collectors and sinners—the religiously nonobservant. Jesus criticizes the self-righteous and reminds us that mercy is to be at the heart of our religious practices. God continues to be made known in those on the margins of society. As we gather each Lord's day we receive the healing that makes us well and sends us forth to be signs of God's mercy for the world.



1 Have no fear, lit - tle flock; have no fear, lit - tle  
 2 Have good cheer, lit - tle flock; have good cheer, lit - tle  
 3 Praise the Lord high a - bove; praise the Lord high a -  
 4 Thank - ful hearts raise to God; thank - ful hearts raise to



flock, for the Fa - ther has cho - sen to  
 flock, for the Fa - ther will keep you in  
 bove, for he stoops down to heal you, up -  
 God, for he stays close be - side you, in



give you the king - dom; have no fear, lit - tle flock!  
 his love for - ev - er; have good cheer, lit - tle flock!  
 lift and re - store you; praise the Lord high a - bove!  
 all things works with you; thank - ful hearts raise to God!

## PSALM FOR THE WEEK

Psalm 119:65-72

## ROMANS READING

Matthew 9:9-13

## QUESTIONS TO TALK ABOUT AT HOME

1. What do you notice about Jesus and how he meets Matthew?
2. Where was Matthew working? Was it bad?
3. What might it mean for you if Jesus were to find you, interrupt your day, and say, "Follow me"?
4. Who were the type of people at the party?
5. Why were the religious people upset?
6. What do you think he means by quoting from Hosea 6:6, "I desire mercy and not sacrifice"?
7. What is the difference between a righteous person and a sinner?

## PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

O God, you are the protector of all who trust in you, and beside you, nothing is strong or holy. Multiply your mercy and guide us that while using the good things of this fleeting life, we do not lose hold of the things that endure forever. Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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*We will not hide them from their children, but tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the LORD, and his might, and the wonders that he has done. – Psalm 78:4*



*Classes Resume  
September 13th!*

## DAILY READINGS

Mon. – 2 Kgs 2:1-14; Eze 20:33-43  
Tues. – 2 Kgs 4:8-37; Eze 22:23-31  
Wed. – 2 Kgs 5:1-19a; Eze 24:15-27  
Thur. – 2 Kgs 17:6-23; Eze 33:1-20  
Fri. – 2 Kgs 20:1-19; Eze 33:21-33

## GOD'S WORD BY HEART

For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings. – **Hosea 6:6**

## CATECHISM CORNER

### THE CREED

#### The Third Article: *On Being Made Holy*

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.

*What does this mean?*

I believe that by my own understanding or strength I cannot believe in Jesus Christ my Lord or come to him, but instead the Holy Spirit has called me through the gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, made me holy and kept me in the true faith, just as he calls, gathers, enlightens, and makes holy the whole Christian church on earth and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one common, true faith. Daily in this Christian church the Holy Spirit abundantly forgives all sins—mine and those of all believers. On the last day the Holy Spirit will raise me and all the dead and will give to me and all believers in Christ eternal life. This is most certainly true.

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