

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 15A)
16 August 2026

Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting Father, You give Your children many blessings even though we are undeserving. In every trial and temptation grant us steadfast confidence in Your loving-kindness and mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Prayer of the Church — Responsive Form

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

O Lord, grant us and Your whole Church on earth unity and harmony, that our life may be marked by worship, witness, prayer, holiness, and loving service to those both within and outside of the household of faith. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O God, bless those who faithfully serve us in Your name, including Matthew, our Synod president; Mark, our district president; Timothy, our circuit visitor and pastor; and all church workers. Grant to Your Church faithful shepherds, and we hold up before You all vacant congregations and especially those in our circuit: Holy Cross, Moline, St. John's, East Moline, and Zion, Taylor Ridge. We also ask that You grant the shepherds You have placed in those congregations faithful and supportive hearers of the Word who judge their shepherd according to Your will and not their whims. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Caring Father, visit the homes of Your people. Keep them from all harm and danger, and grant that we would dwell together in peace under the protection of Your holy angels. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, grant that the government and those who protect us may keep justice and do righteousness for Your name's sake and according to Your will. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, care for those who cry to You, whether beset with grief, sorrow, pain or trouble, especially Linda, Ellen, Ann, Ralph, Marty, Paula, Cindy, Joyce, John, Betty, Chad, Marcia, Jessica, Rosalie, Larry, Linda, Jodi, Mary Jayne, Joline, Aaron, Justin, Drew, David, Jeff, Lyall, Carolyn, Carolyn, and Marilyn. As You answered the Canaanite woman, be pleased for Christ's sake to answer them according to Your will. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious Lord, remember Bridgette Smith. Bless her in body and soul with all things needful for this life and eternity. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Merciful Lord, bless all who are about to receive Christ's body and blood from this altar. Grant that these crumbs from Your table, by which we receive forgiveness of our sins, may strengthen us in faith in You and love for You and our neighbors until we enjoy the fullness of the heavenly banquet. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, grant that the Church may steadfastly proclaim Your irrevocable gifts and calling, that the disobedient may receive mercy and so repent, and that those who hear would come to faith and become grafted onto Jesus Christ, the true vine, or have their faith strengthened and their grafting made stronger. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, giver of all that is good, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your grace, that we may endure the changes and chances of this mortal life and be found worthy when our Savior comes to bring to completion all things; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Presentation of the Offering

Dear Heavenly Father, You have entrusted to us varying gifts. Bestow on each of us a rich measure of Your Holy Spirit that we would have the wisdom to recognize the gifts You have given us, and the will to use them according to Your will. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.