



St. John's Lutheran Church ☩ Sunday in Pentecost
July 18th, 2021 Facebook Live 8:15 a.m.,
In-Person 8:15 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

Welcome to worship as we gather around the Word and the Sacrament of Holy Communion. In today's Gospel Jesus advises his disciples to get away and rest, to take care of themselves. Sometimes we think that when others are in great need we shouldn't think of ourselves; but Jesus also honors the caregivers' need, knowing that without rest, his disciples would not be able to care for the great need around them.

Prelude Please observe a time of silence and prayer during the prelude.

Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

God whose love never quits: help us admit that we have been wrong. Give us the word the world cannot. Tell us again you believe in us, so we can love ourselves and each other like you do. Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
(Silence is kept.)

Loving God, we confess that we have turned from your way to follow our own ways. Forgive us from the times we have spoken or acted too quickly; we have not spoken or acted at all; we have hurt those closest to us; we have hurt those we have yet to know; we have made ourselves more important than we really are; we have thought less of ourselves than we ought. Forgive us, turn us around, and give us a fresh start, so that we can live again as your children. Amen.

Here's the good news! Even when we have done wrong, God sees the good in us. Even when we have messed up, God gives us a fresh start. God's love never runs out, and God never tires of calling us beloved children. Hear God say to you now: Your sins are forgiven. **Amen.**

Apostolic Greeting & Prayer of the Day

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Let us pray. O God, powerful and compassionate, **you shepherd your people, faithfully feeding and protecting us. Heal each of us, and make us a whole people, that we may embody the justice and peace of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Gathering Song – *My Shepherd, You Supply My Need* ELW #782 vs. 1, 3

- 1 My Shepherd, you supply my need; most holy is your name. In pastures fresh you make me feed, beside the living stream. You bring my wand'ring spirit back when I forsake your ways, and lead me, for your mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.

- 3 The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days; oh, may your house be my abode and all my work be praise. Here would I find a settled rest, while others go and come; no more a stranger or a guest, but like a child at home.

Reading: Jeremiah 23:1-6

¹Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. ²Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD.

³Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD. ⁵The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.

⁶In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading: Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

The Holy Gospel according to Mark. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

³⁰The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. ³¹He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. ³²And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. ³³Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. ³⁴As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

⁵³When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. ⁵⁴When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, ⁵⁵and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. ⁵⁶And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Message: "Jesus Rested. Do you?" Pastor Christine Emerson

Song of the Day - *Light Dawns on a Weary World* ELW #726

1 Light dawns on a weary world when eyes begin to see all people's dignity. Light dawns on a weary world: the promised day of justice comes.

Refrain

The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush with springs; the hills and mountains shall break forth with singing! We shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace, as all the world in wonder echoes shalom.

2 Love grows in a weary world when hungry hearts find bread and children's dreams are fed. Love grows in a weary world: the promised feast of plenty comes. *Refrain*

3 Hope blooms in a weary world when creatures, once forlorn, find wilderness reborn. Hope blooms in a weary world: the promised green of Eden comes. *Refrain*

Prayers of Intercession

Rooted in Christ and sustained by the Spirit, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

Tend your church, O God. Encourage bishops, pastors, and deacons in their proclamation of the gospel. Raise up new leaders and encourage those pursuing a call to ministry. Embolden all the baptized to embody your love and justice. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Restore your creation, O God. Sustain croplands and pastures and safeguard all farm animals and livestock. Preserve lakes, rivers, and streams that offer refreshment. Revive lands recovering from natural disasters and protect coastlands threatened by rising oceans. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Reconcile the nations, O God. Break down the dividing walls that make us strangers to one another and unite us as one human family. Equip leaders to deal wisely with conflict and guide diplomats who seek peaceful solutions. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Heal your people, O God. Look with compassion on immigrants, exiles, and all who are afraid or feel lost. Give rest to those who are weary, comfort to those who are grieving, and recovery to those who are ill. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Nourish this congregation, O God. Prepare a table where we receive food for our starving spirits. Renew our commitment to provide for one another and revitalize our ministries of feeding and nurturing hungry neighbors. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

You lead us home, O God. We give thanks for all who have died, now citizens with the saints. As you have received them into your heavenly home, so welcome all of us to dwell in your house forever. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We lift these and all our prayers to you, O God, confident in the promise of your saving love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Peace

Great Thanksgiving & Words of Institution

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

In the night in which he was betrayed...

Gathered as one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as our Savior taught us:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen

Communion/Offering Music *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* – Solo by Jim Boulter

(During the music, ushers will receive your offering and your used communion cups.)

Blessing & Post Communion Prayer

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

Let us pray. Jesus, Bread of life, **we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. Amen.**

Benediction

The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, ☩ be upon you now and forever. **Amen.**

Sending Song ACS #943 "The Wind Song"

1 As the wind song through the trees, as the stir - ring of the
 2 As the rain - bow af - ter rain, as the hope that's born a -

breeze, so it is with the Spir - it of God,
 gain, so it is with the Spir - it of God,

as the heart made strange - ly warm, as the voice with - in the
 as the green in the . . . spring, as a kite on a . . .

storm, so it is with the Spir - it of God.
 string, so it is with the Spir - it of God,

Nev - er seen, ev - er known where this wind has
 mak - ing worlds that are new, mak - ing peace come

blown bring - ing life, bring - ing pow'r to the world,
 true, bring - ing gifts, bring - ing love to the world,

as the danc - ing tongues of fire, as the soul's most deep de -
 as the ris - ing of the yeast, as the wine at the . . .

sire, so it is with the Spir - it of God.
 feast, so it is with the Spir - it of God.

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Sending Go in peace. You are the body of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**
(Peace be with you. If you are online, share a sign of peace in the comments.)

Postlude *(Pastors will meet and visit with you outside following the service.)*

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We welcome all to partake of Christ’s holy supper while worshipping with us online this Sunday by preparing your table at home with bread and wine/juice.

Altar flowers in memory of **Jerome & Gladys Turney’s Wedding Anniversary (July 22)**, by their daughter, Kathy & Verne Schellfeffer.

Serving at worship today: Rev. Christine Emerson - Pastor; Mavis Wolf, Nancy Sparks - Lectors; Mark & Patti Sontag, Ralph Kinderman, Jean Jirovec- Ushers; Margaret Kinderman – Worship Assistant; Margaret Mathison, Margaret Kinderman - Communion Servers; Ken Spies - Camera; Lois Mai, Brett Isaacson - Power Point; Linda Ranney - Organist; Jim Boulter - Soloist. Thank you!

This Week at St. John’s:

Today, Sunday, July 18th

8:15am In-Person Worship & Facebook Live
8:30am Worship Radio (WAYY)
10:00am In Person Worship
10:30am Worship TV (WQOW)
6:00-8:00pm Rooted Bonfire

Sunday, July 25th

8:15am In-Person Worship & Facebook Live
10:00am In Person Worship
11:00am Community & World Ministry