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# Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 18, 2021

*Pentecost is a season for growing represented by the color green. We celebrate the founding of the church and the fruits of the Spirit.*

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP!** Today we hear that God promises to gather us into the kingdom of God. Even though most of us were not God's first chosen, we are able to share in God's grace by the salvation given through Jesus Christ. We are called to share this good news with the world.

## Welcome/Announcements

*Holy Silence is observed as we enter to worship.*

## Gathering Music

### Greeting

*Please rise in body or spirit. The pastor and the assembly greet each other.*

- P** The grace of God that extends to all nations in Christ Jesus through the work of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C** **And also with you.**
- A** O Lord, open our lips,  
**C** **and our mouths shall proclaim your praise.**
- P** Blessed God, satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,  
**C** **that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.**
- A** Give praise to the Holy Trinity our true God,  
**C** **who gives us life, salvation, and resurrection.**



1 Oh, when the saints go march - ing in, oh, when the  
 2 Oh, when the Lord in glo - ry comes, oh, when the  
 3 Oh, when the new world is re - vealed, oh, when the  
 4 Oh, when they gath - er round the throne, oh, when they  
 5 And on that hal - le - lu - jah day, and on that



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### Prayer of the Day

- Ⓐ 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.**

☒ A reading from **Jeremiah**.

*Jeremiah prophesied before the exile in 587 BCE. In this passage, he uses the metaphor of a shepherd to describe the bad kings who have scattered the “flock” of Israel. God promises to gather the flock and to raise up a new king from David’s line to save Israel and Judah.*

<sup>1</sup>Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. <sup>2</sup>Therefore 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. <sup>3</sup>Then 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. <sup>4</sup>I 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.

<sup>5</sup>The 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. <sup>6</sup>In 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.”

☒ The Word of the Lord.

☑ **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 23

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my shepherd;  
I shall not be in want.

**<sup>2</sup>The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures  
and leads me beside still waters.**

<sup>3</sup>You restore my soul, O LORD,  
and guide me along right pathways for your name’s sake.

**<sup>4</sup>Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil;  
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

<sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

**<sup>6</sup>Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

*The author of this letter reminds his audience that originally, they were not part of God's chosen people. Through Jesus' death, however, they are included in God's household of faith, whose cornerstone is Jesus Christ.*

📖 A reading from **Ephesians**.

<sup>11</sup>Remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called “the uncircumcision” by those who are called “the circumcision”—a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands—<sup>12</sup>remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. <sup>13</sup>But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. <sup>14</sup>For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. <sup>15</sup>He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, <sup>16</sup>and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. <sup>17</sup>So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; <sup>18</sup>for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. <sup>19</sup>So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, <sup>20</sup>built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. <sup>21</sup>In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; <sup>22</sup>in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

📖 The Word of the Lord.

🙏 **Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation** *Spoken*

**Alleluia!**

**Alleluia. Alleluia. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia.**

**Gospel Reading**

**Mark 6:30-34, 53-56**

*When Jesus sends his disciples out to teach and heal, they minister among large numbers of people. Their work is motivated by Christ's desire to be among those in need.*

📖 The Holy Gospel, according to **Mark**.

🙏 **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>30</sup>The apostles gathered around Jesus and told him all that they had done and taught. <sup>31</sup>He 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. <sup>32</sup>And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. <sup>33</sup>Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. <sup>34</sup>As 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.

<sup>53</sup>When they had crossed over; they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. <sup>54</sup>When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, <sup>55</sup>and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. <sup>56</sup>And 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.**

## Children's Time

### Message

*Silence for reflection*

### Prayers

*We pray the prayer response after each petition. You will hear, **Hear us, O God.** The assembly prays, **Your mercy is great.***

- ☐ 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. We especially name *Bishops Elizabeth and Craig, Assistants David and Roseanne, our synod companion Peace Lutheran Church, Gaylord, St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, Hastings; Minister of Music Cindy and Pastor Ken.* 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. Protect the lives of those who serve in the military, including: *Parker Stancil (Freedlunds), Cody and Myrina Crawford (Clements), Austin and Aaron Endsley, Alexis and Carlos Garcia (Burdicks), Brady and Cynthia Rudesill (Hansen), Joel Taggart (Varkulas), Kayla and Lance Champaco (Pohls), and Julia Ehredt (Schrieners, Halsteads).* 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 *especially Doris Allarding, Vickey Argo, Walter Brown, Chris Bush, Cherie*

*Clements, Pat Wales Depew, Ray Depew, Mike Fruth, Megan Germain, Karl Golnek, Lisa Golnek, Larry Hansen, Mike Hoppe, Wendy Kimble, Bill Melcher, Corrina Palmer, Hope Palmer, Rick Palmer, Jane Secor, Mike Shoemaker, Michael Stiffler, Tim Sullivan, George Ulrich Jr. Deborah Wilke, Kristi Winick, and Eve Wright. Hear us, O God.*

**G Your mercy is great.**

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

*(You may share your prayers at this time)*

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

**A** 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.

**G Your mercy is great.**

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

**G Amen.**

### **Sharing the Peace**

**P** The peace of Christ be with you always.

**G And also with you.**

*(We share the peace of the risen Lord with one another.)*

### **Offering Prayer**

**A** Let us pray . . . Blessed are you, O God, for the greening earth given for all, for the talents we are given to share, and for the blessing of your presence.

**G Transform us to be the body of Christ, that our lives may reflect your generosity, through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen**

### **Great Thanksgiving**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**G And also with you.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**G We lift them to the Lord.**

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**G It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

☞ It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ, who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by the glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name forever.

☞ **Amen.**

☞ In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me. For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim that Jesus is among us.

☞ **Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer

☞ Gathered by the Holy Spirit, let us pray how Jesus first taught:

☞ **Our Father in heaven, holy 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.**

## Invitation to Communion

☞ Taste and see that the Lord is good.

☞ **Thanks be to God.**

## We Partake of the Body and Blood of Christ

### Prayer after Communion

☞ Let us pray . . . O God, in this holy communion you have welcomed us into your presence, nourished us with words of mercy and fed us at your table.

☞ **Amid the cares of this life, strengthen us to love you with all our heart, serve our neighbors with a willing spirit, and honor the earth you have made; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## Mission Minutes

### Blessing

☞ Live your lives in Christ, rooted and built up in God, and abound in thanksgiving. The blessing of the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, be upon you and remain with you forever.

☞ **Amen.**



1 Go to the world! Go in - to all the earth.  
 2 Go to the world! Go in - to ev - 'ry place.  
 3 Go to the world! Go strug - gle, bless, and pray;  
 4 "Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,



Go preach the cross where Christ re - news life's worth,  
 Go live the word of God's re - deem - ing grace.  
 the nights of tears give way to joy - ous day.  
 for I am with you till the age shall end,



bap - tiz - ing as the sign of our re - birth.  
 Go seek God's pres - ence in each time and space.  
 As ser - vant church, you fol - low Christ's own way.  
 when all the hosts of glo - ry cry, A - men!"



Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

### Dismissal

- A Go in peace. Christ is sending you.
- B Thanks be to God.

### Postlude

## Upside-Down Expectations

The people were expecting a powerful king. In Jesus, they were given a shepherd. They were looking for the one who would conquer the empire with military might. In Jesus, they were shown the way of self-sacrifice. They were used to a kingdom that celebrated the wealthy and influential. In Jesus, they became witnesses to a kingdom that places the marginalized at the center.

Jesus arrives on the scene in today's gospel as a stark contrast to Herod, who is the focus of the verses immediately prior to today's text. Herod threw a private banquet for the big names of the day; Jesus offers healing for all on the grassy hillside. Herod perpetuated the division between the haves and the have-nots; Jesus gathers all people for the sake of God's merciful love. Herod seeks to appease the economic elite, while Jesus turns the marketplace into a place of healing for common people.

Jesus takes what we think we know about status, belonging, and leadership and turns it on its head, shepherding us into a new way of living. With Jesus as our shepherd, we gather in worship and prayer. We confess how we have been complacent about the old kingdom's ways and are freed by grace to begin again in God's kingdom. We remember our identities in the waters of baptism, reminded about whose we are and which king we serve. We hear God's promises and lift our voices in praise and take part in the banquet that is given for all. We practice generosity and raise our voices in prayer to remember the ones whom Jesus places at the center. We go forth to be citizens of God's kingdom—healed, fed, forgiven—following the one true Shepherd whose compassion knows no bounds.

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**We need your plastic shopping bags!** Grace is beginning a new ministry for the homeless. We are collecting shopping bags and a group is weaving them into mats. Please place your clean plastic shopping bags into a box marked shopping bags in the coat closet near the entrance and the office. Thanks for your ministry to those who can use these mats.

**Adult Forum** will take a break during the rest of July. We will gather in the overflow room on August 1<sup>st</sup> to continue the study on the book of **Genesis** at 9:30 am. Hope to see you there!

**Please join us for a MEET & GREET** of John Domke, son of Luke and Allison Domke. All are invited today from 3-5pm in Grace Fellowship Hall. See invite on board for more details.

**Save the Date for Barry County Relay For Life.** Mark your calendars on Saturday, August 7, 2021. The event is located at Tyden Park in Hastings from 11:00a.m. - 11:00p.m. This is a free event for all participants.

**Seeking readers, fellowship providers (make coffee and lemonade for our outside fellowship time), ushers, greeters and Assisting Ministers.**

**In two weeks Grace AUTO SHOW will take place.** Join us for Grace Lutheran Church 6th annual Car, Truck and Motorcycle show. See the flyer in the Gathering Area for detailed information. We will have a meal provided by Thrivent Financial. We hope to see you there! Volunteer signup sheet is posted. We are especially looking for donations of brownies and cookies. **WORSHIP IS AT 10:00 AM THAT DAY!**

**FOLK CHOIR** You are invited to a musical opportunity....and to Praise the Lord with friends!!! Thursdays July 15 & 22 at 7pm there will be a run through of the songs for outdoor service on July 25. Even if you only make one rehearsal it will help our singing be stronger at our service for the neighborhood. All guitar and vocalists are invited...please let Kim Domke know if you plan to attend.

**The 2021 Annual Congregational Meeting** is scheduled for *TODAY at 9:30 a.m.* If you plan to attend in person, please know that we will clean the worship center before the meeting. If you chose to log in with Zoom either by video or by calling here is the information you need to log into the meeting.

Join Zoom Meeting **video:** <https://capital.zoom.us/j/92560124792>

**phone:** Meeting ID: 925 6012 4792 + 1 (929) 205-6099.

**Annual picnic is on Sunday, August 15, 2021.** Join us for a time of fellowship, tasty food, and a walk in the woods. Mark your calendar, so you can be present.

You are invited to wear your mask if it makes you more comfortable. *If you are nervous about joining us in person, please continue to worship online. Do not feel that you must come into the building.*  
Sincerely, Worship and Music Committee

**8:00 am**

**Assisting Minister – Randy Teegardin**

**Lector – Dave Neeb**

**Cantor – Cindy Olson**

**Musician – Cindy Olson**

**Pastor – Ken Scheck**

**10:45 am**

**Assisting Minister – Vickey Argo**

**Lector – Carol Vos**

**Cantor – Cindy Olson**

**Musician – Cindy Olson**

**Pastor – Ken Scheck**