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**Sunday July 18, 2021**

**Communion in place**

**The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**

## Prelude

## Welcome

Mark's gospel makes clear how great is the press of the crowd, with its countless needs to be met, on Jesus and his disciples. Yet 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 at all; but Jesus also honors the caregivers' need. We are sent from Christ's table to care for others and for ourselves.

## Prayer

### Call to Worship:

This is the day the Lord has made,

**Let us be glad and rejoice in it!**

Gracious God, we do not live by bread alone,  
**but by every word that comes from you.**

Bless us as we hear your word.

**Make us hunger for the Word of life, Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Amen**

### Time for Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,  
**the God of manna,**  
**the God of miracles,**  
**the God of mercy. Amen.**

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance,  
let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God, our provider,  
**help us.**

**It is hard to believe there is enough to share.**

**We question your ways**  
**when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live.**

**We turn to our own understanding**  
**rather than trusting in you.**

**We take offense at your teachings and your ways.**

**Turn us again to you. Where else can we go?**

**Share with us the words of eternal life**  
**and feed us for life in the world.**

**Amen.**

Beloved people of God:

in Jesus, the manna from heaven,  
you are fed and nourished.  
By Jesus, the worker of miracles,  
there is always more than enough.  
Through Jesus, the bread of life,  
you are shown God's mercy:  
you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.  
**you are forgiven and loved into abundant life. Amen**

## **Song: How Great Thou Art**

1 O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder  
consider all the works thy hand hath made,  
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,  
thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed;

### *Refrain*

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,  
how great thou art! How great thou art!  
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how great thou art! How great thou art!

2When through the woods and forest glades I wander,  
I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;  
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur

and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze;  
*Refrain*

3But when I think that God, his Son not sparing,  
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,  
that on the cross my burden gladly bearing  
he bled and died to take away my sin;

### *Refrain*

4When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,  
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration  
and there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art!"

### *Refrain*

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May 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.**

**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.**

## **The Word**

### **Children's Moment**

#### **First Reading: Jeremiah 23:1-6**

<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.**

## **Gospel Greeting: (sing it out!)**

**Al-le-lu--ia, Al-le--lu--ia,  
Al-le-lu--ia, Al-le--lu--ia!**

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

<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!**

## **Gospel Greeting: (sing it out!)**

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Al-le-lu--ia, Al-le--lu--ia!**

## **Message**

### **Song: The Lord's My Shepherd**

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| 1 The Lord's my shepherd; I'll not want.<br>he makes me down to lie<br>in pastures green; he leadeth me<br>the quiet waters by.<br>He leadeth me, he leadeth me<br>the quiet waters by.                    | and staff me comfort still.   |
| 2 My soul he doth restore again,<br>and me to walk doth make<br>within the paths of righteousness,<br>e'en for his own name's sake;<br>within the paths of righteousness,<br>e'en for his own name's sake. | 4 My table thou hast richly spread<br>in presence of my foes;<br>my head thou dost with oil anoint,<br>and my cup overflows.<br>My head thou dost with oil anoint,<br>and my cup overflows.   |
| 3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,<br>yet will I fear no ill;<br>for thou art with me, and thy rod<br>and staff me comfort still;<br>for thou art with me, and thy rod                             | 5 Goodness and mercy all my life<br>shall surely follow me,<br>and in God's house forevermore<br>my dwelling-place shall be;<br>and in God's house forevermore<br>my dwelling-place shall be. |

*Text: The Psalms of David in Meeter, Edinburgh, 1650*

## **Apostles Creed**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

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. Amen.

## The Peace

### Announcements

--Next Sunday 7/25 It's Christmas in July—potluck coffee hour!

--Non-perishable food drive to support the pantry of the St. Vincent de Paul Society at St. Edith Stein.

--Thirsty Thursday: Pictures to [prandall22@gmail.com](mailto:prandall22@gmail.com). Theme: "Celebrate Diversity!"

### Offering Prayer

Jesus, Bread of life,

you have set this table with your very self,  
and called us to the feast of plenty.

Gather what has been sown among us,  
and strengthen us in this meal.

Make us to be what we receive here,  
your body for the life of the world. Amen.

### Prayers of Intercession

Let us come in prayer before God who is one and who is three, and yet only one.

*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 hungering spirits. Renew our commitment to provide for one another and revitalize our

ministries of feeding and nurturing hungry neighbors. Help us to bring back The Lunch Project. 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 (*especially*). 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 Words of Institution**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

### **Holy Communion**

We, who are many, are one body, as we share this one bread.  
The gifts of God for the people of God!

#### **Thanks be to God!**

*(We share in communion in place, during the meditation hymn)*

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

### **Prayer after Communion:**

**Jesus, Bread of Life,**

**We have received from your table more than we could ever ask.**

**As you have fed us in this meal,**

**Now strengthen us to love the world with your own life.**

**In your name we pray, Amen**

### **Blessing:**

May the blessing of God,  
who provides for us, who feeds us, and who is with us wherever we go, be  
upon you, now and forever. **Amen!**

## **Song: What a Friend We Have in Jesus**

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| <p>1 What a friend we have in Jesus,<br/>all our sins and griefs to bear!<br/>What a privilege to carry<br/>ev'rything to God in prayer!<br/>Oh, what peace we often forfeit;<br/>oh, what needless pain we bear--<br/>all because we do not carry<br/>ev'rything to God in prayer!</p> | <p>2 Have we trials and temptations?<br/>Is there trouble anywhere?<br/>We should never be discouraged--<br/>take it to the Lord in prayer.<br/>Can we find a friend so faithful<br/>who will all our sorrows share?<br/>Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness--</p> |
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take it to the Lord in prayer.

3Are we weak and heavy-laden,  
cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our refuge--  
take it to the Lord in prayer.

Do your friends despise, forsake you?  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
In his arms he'll take and shield you;  
you will find a solace there.

Text: Joseph Scriven, 1820-1886

## **Dismissal**

Go in peace. Remember the poor.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## **Postlude**

**Thank you for joining us!**

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