

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

July 22, 2018-Setting 4

St. Mark says, "They were as sheep, having no shepherd." Alas, when a sheep has no shepherd, it is a poor and forsaken creature.

Even when it has a shepherd, and dogs to watch it and a fold to protect it, there is danger; how much more, if it has no shepherd, no dogs and no fold? Thus also it is with us poor sinners. Those who cheerfully hear the Gospel and continue in prayer, and besides have faithful teachers and pastors, have enough to do to secure themselves against the attacks of the wolf; must not then Satan have all his own way where the Word and the preaching of the Word is not even heard? Wherever people have not the Word of God in its purity, and nobody knows how to pray and how to commend himself unto God, it is easy to persuade them to call upon this or that saint as a Savior, and to lead them all astray among the wolves.

Such misery and great danger the Lord here endeavors to remove, in the first place, by preaching and by calling and gathering through His Word the wandering sheep. We have great reason, therefore, to consider the inestimable benefits of the Lord, and to praise Him for looking with eyes of love and compassion upon the people.

—Martin Luther, *Sermon for Seventh Sunday after Pentecost*

Welcome

We are glad you have joined us today! Your children are welcome in church. When needed, a nursery is available during the service. Large print bulletins and hearing assist are available from the ushers. LSB refers to the Lutheran Service hymnal in the pew rack.

Hymn

LSB 711 Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

Please stand.

Confession & Absolution

☩ In the name of the Father and of the
+ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

🕯 Amen. [Matt 28:19b; 18:20]

Our help is in the name of the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.

[Psalm 124:8]

Quiet time for self-examination and confession

If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O
Lord, who could stand? **But with You
there is forgiveness; therefore You
are feared.** [Psalm 130:3-4]

Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying God, be merciful to me, a sinner. [Luke 18:13]

**Almighty God, have mercy upon us,
forgive us our sins, and lead us to
everlasting life. Amen.**

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen. [John 20:19-23]

Entrance Psalm [Ps 147:7-11; antiphon: Ps 145:16]

You open your hand; you satisfy the
desire of every living thing.

**Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving;
make melody to our God on the lyre.**

He covers the heavens with clouds;
he prepares rain for the earth;
he makes grass grow on the hills.

**He gives to the beasts their food,
and to the young ravens that cry.**

His delight is not in the strength of the
horse,

nor his pleasure in the legs of a man,

**But the Lord takes pleasure
in those who fear him,
in those who hope
in his steadfast love.**

**Glory be to the Father
and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

You open your hand; you satisfy the
desire of every living thing.



Lord, Have Mercy

[Mark 10:47, Setting IV]

Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

Glory to God

[Luke 2:14; John 1:29]

1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.

Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claim at Je - sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;

We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,

Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** [1 Timothy 4:22]

Let us pray...[silence for individual prayer] Heavenly Father, though we do not deserve Your goodness, still you provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your gifts, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

Readings from God's Word

The Old Testament Reading is from Jeremiah.

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture!" declares the LORD. Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who care for my people: "You have scattered my flock and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. Behold, I will attend to you for your evil deeds, declares the LORD. Then I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will set shepherds over them who will care for them, and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall any be missing, declares the LORD.

"Behold, the days are coming, declares 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. In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.'

[Jeremiah 23:1-6]

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The Epistle Reading is from Ephesians.

Therefore remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called "the uncircumcision" by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands— remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit. [Ephesians 2:11-22]

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand to greet the Gospel reading singing the Alleluia verse.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark:

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

The apostles returned to Jesus and told him all that they had done and taught. And he said to them, "Come away by yourselves to a desolate place and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a desolate place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they ran there on foot from all

the towns and got there ahead of them. When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. And he began to teach them many things. And when it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, "This is a desolate place, and the hour is now late. Send them away to go into the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat." But he answered them, "You give them something to eat." And they said to him, "Shall we go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread and give it to them to eat?" And he said to them, "How many loaves do you have? Go and see." And when they had found out, they said, "Five, and two fish." Then he commanded them all to sit down in groups on the green grass. So they sat down in groups, by hundreds and by fifties. And taking the five loaves and the two fish he looked up to heaven and said a blessing and broke the loaves and



gave them to the disciples to set before the people. And he divided the two fish among them all. And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. And those who ate the loaves were five thousand men. [Mark 6:30-44]

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Please sit.

Children's Talk

Please sit. The children are invited forward for a message based on today's Scripture readings led by Pastor Riordan.

Hymn

LSB 709 The King of Love My Shepherd Is

Sermon

Our Confession of Faith

Please stand to confess the *Nicene Creed* printed on the inside back cover of the hymnal.

Prayer of the Church

[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Those for whom we pray are listed on the *Life at Faith* insert.

Gathering of the Offering

Ephesians 2:13 - "But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ." What all of mankind's efforts, works, and scheming could not do, the blood of Christ did: we have peace with God, we are brought near to the Father. This life-giving sacrifice of Christ sets the pattern for the sacrifices we are called to make for others within our vocations in home, church, and society.

Please be seated and place completed attendance cards in the offering plate, then stand as the gifts are brought to the altar and sing:

Hymn

LSB 912 Christ is Our Cornerstone

Sacrament of the Altar

[2 Timothy 4:22; Colossians 3:1; Psalm 136]

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

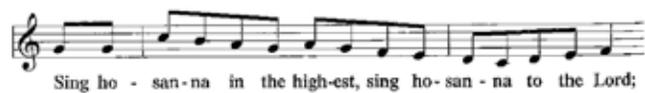
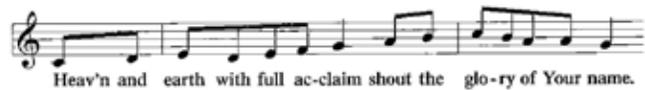
Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord who, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

The Holy, Holy, Holy

[Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9]



Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, you promised salvation by a second Adam, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

Our Father, who art in heaven,... Amen. [Matt 6:9-13]

The Words of Our Lord

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat: this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of me." In the same way also he took the cup after supper, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this is My + blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

[Matt 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Cor 11:23-25]

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **Amen.** [John 20:19]

Lamb of God

[John 1:29]

1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
 2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
 You take the sin of the world a - way;
 You take the sin of the world a - way;
 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
 Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
 And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Please be seated and come forward at the direction of the ushers.

Distribution of Holy Communion/Hymns

The Lord's Supper is a meal for disciples of Jesus who have been baptized and taught (as our Lord says in Matthew 28). Those who have confessed their sins, acknowledge Jesus as their Savior from sin, believe that with the bread and the wine Christ truly gives us His body and blood for the forgiveness of sins, desire to commit themselves to Him in loving obedience, and share the faith confessed at this altar, are welcome to participate. If you have any doubts or questions about the gift of the Lord's Supper, we ask that you consult with the pastor or an elder. Children are invited to come to the altar with their parents to receive a blessing.

The wine is served first by individual cups. The right side of the individual cup tray contains diluted wine. If you desire to commune from the common cup please extend both hands in an open position. The pastor will bring the gifts to you in your seat, please inform an usher or the pastor as needed.

LSB 629 What Is This Bread

LSB 641 You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

When all have communed, please stand.

Post Communion Song

[Luke 2:29-32]

1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
 2 All glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
 part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
 glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
 glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
 Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;
 A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
 For as in the be - gin - ning, Is
 to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
 now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
 peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
 sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray...one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Announcements

[Galatians 6:10]

Please refer to the Life@Faith insert for upcoming events.

Benediction

[1 Thess 3:12-13]

May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints. **Amen.**

Hymn

LSB 861 Christ Be My Leader

Postlude

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Evening Service 6³⁰p
 Wednesday July 25
 Holy Communion

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The purpose of this congregation shall be to serve its members and community and to spread the Kingdom of God by preaching the Word of God, by the administration of the Sacraments and by the religious instruction of youth and adults, according to the confessional standard of the Lutheran Church, and to foster Christian fellowship and charity. It shall also be the purpose and the responsibility of this congregation to provide a Christian and parochial education for its children to the best of its ability.

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