

Bulletin for July 18, 2021 – 8th Sunday after Pentecost

THE HOLY SPIRIT CALLS US TOGETHER AS THE PEOPLE OF GOD

Prelude ***Fill Me Up*** by Dani Lemieux

Welcome and Announcements

Invocation P: We worship in the name of the Father, and the Son +, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Litany (Based on Psalm 23)

WL: The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

**C: Green pastures, still waters are provided for me.
My soul is restored and I am led on the right path by the Lord.**

WL: The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

C: In the darkest valleys, I do no fear. For you are with me, protecting and comforting me.

WL: The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

C: A place is prepared for me in midst of my enemies. You provide for me in your abundance and my cup overflows.

WL: The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

C: Goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

Gathering Music

Morning Has Broken (ELW #556)

- 1 Morning has broken like the first morning;
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!**
- 2 Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.**
- 3 Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning,
born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise ev'ry morning,
God's recreation of the new day!**

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Trusting God's promise of forgiveness, let us confess our sin against God and one another.

(A time for personal confession and reflection.)

P: Eternal God our creator and redeemer,

C: in you we live and move and have our being. Look upon us, your children, the work of your hands. Forgive us all our offenses, and cleanse us from proud thoughts and empty desires. By your grace draw us near to you, our refuge and our strength; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P: We are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. God's grace has been poured into our hearts, creating them anew, through the Holy Spirit. In the mercy of almighty God, Christ died for you while you were still a sinner; and for his sake, God forgives all your sins. As a called and ordained minister in the Christ of Christ, I declare to you the entire forgiveness of your sins. In the name of the Father, and the + Son, and the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

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

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

WL: Let us pray.

C: 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.

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN SCRIPTURE, PREACHING AND SONG

First Lesson **Jeremiah 23: 1-6**

Second Lesson **Ephesians 2: 11-22**

Children's Sermon Pastor Elaine Swigart

Gospel **Mark 6: 30-34, 53-56**
(Before) **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**
(After) **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon Pastor Elaine Swigart

Music of the Day ***The King of Love My Shepherd Is*** (ELW #502)

**1 The King of love my shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his
and he is mine forever.**

2 Where streams of living water flow,
my ransomed soul he leadeth
and, where the verdant pastures grow,
with food celestial feedeth.

3 Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
but yet in love he sought me,
and on his shoulder gently laid,
and home, rejoicing, brought me.

4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill,
with thee, dear Lord, beside me,
thy rod and staff my comfort still;
thy cross before to guide me.

6 And so, through all the length of days,
thy goodness faileth never.
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house forever.

Confession of Faith..... Apostle's Creed

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, 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, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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.

Prayers of the People

WL: Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

Sharing a Sign of Christ's Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always! **C: And also with you!**

GOD FEEDS US WITH THE PRESENCE OF JESUS CHRIST

Offering

Offering Prayer

P: Let us pray,

C: Merciful God, you open wide your hand and satisfy the need of every living thing. You have set this feast before us. Open our hands to receive it. Open our hearts to embrace it. Open our lives to live it. We pray this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Distribution

Give Thanks by the Creator Praise Band

**Give thanks with a grateful heart,
give thanks to the Holy One,
give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son.
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**And now let the weak say, "I am strong,"
let the poor say, "I am rich,"
because of what the Lord has done for us.
And now let the weak say, "I am strong,"
let the poor say, "I am rich,"
because of what the Lord has done for us.
Give thanks!**

Post Communion Blessing

P: The Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ be with you now and forever.

C: Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

P: God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

GOD BLESSES US AND SENDS US IN MISSION TO THE WORLD

Blessing

P: The Lord God Almighty, whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine, grant you the gifts of faith and hope. Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. Amen.

Sending Music

The Lord Now Sends Us Forth (ELW #538)

**The Lord now sends us forth
with hands to serve and give,
to make of all the earth
a better place to live. *Repeat***

**The angels are not sent
into our world of pain
to do what we were meant
to do in Jesus' name;
that falls to you and me
and all who are made free.
Help us, O Lord, we pray,
to do your will today.**

**The Lord now sends us forth
with hands to serve and give,
to make of all the earth
a better place to live. *Repeat***

Sending

P: Go in Peace. Christ is with you.

C: Thanks be to God.

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