THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 21, 2024  ★  9:00 AM
A SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS!

We’re thrilled that you are here and we want you to feel at home.

✴ Restrooms are near the door that you came in today.
✴ The service is printed in this worship folder. Join in as your comfortable. Ask anyone if you’re lost - they’ll be glad to help!
✴ We’re glad you brought your kids! We know and Jesus knows that little kids have a hard time sitting quietly sometimes. They are still welcome here. Jesus said: Let the little children come to me! If your little one is restless, feel free to spend a minute in the entryway, you should still be able to hear through speakers.

Please introduce yourself to Pastor Boettcher or Pastor Peil. They would love to meet you and serve you however they can

JESUS, THE COMPASSIONATE SHEPHERD

In the ancient Middle East, a shepherd needed certain skills to do his job well: knowledge of edible grasses, ability to trim hooves, capacity to fend off predators, competency to birth lambs. However, the greatest qualification of a shepherd is much simpler. A good shepherd needed to care for his sheep. Without that, none of those other skills would be fully utilized.

In Scripture meaningful ministry is often pictured as a compassionate shepherd caring for his sheep: Jesus’ care for us; a spiritual leader’s care for his “flock.” Certainly, gospel ministry requires specific skills: ability to actively listen to people, aptitude for applying the gospel to someone’s situation, etc. But ultimately, meaningful ministry requires a compassionate heart—a profound caring for others. An individual might know God’s Word backwards and forwards. But if they lack compassion, they will not fully perform meaningful ministry. Today, we ask the Spirit to see how Jesus models a compassionate shepherd’s heart so that we might be filled with that same compassion.
THE DIVINE SERVICE

The congregation speaks and sings the words in **BOLD type**.

Hymns not printed in this service folder are found in the blue hymnals in each pew.

**Hymn | 551  Jesus, Shepherd of the Sheep**

**Invocation**

*Please stand at the minister's direction if you are able*

In the name of the Father and of the Son ✝ and of the Holy Spirit.

**Matthew 28:19**

Amen.

**Confession and Absolution**

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.  
**1 John 1:8**

If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just

and will forgive us our sins

and purify us from all unrighteousness.  
**1 John 1:9**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**Holy God, gracious Father,**

I am sinful by nature

and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.

I have not loved you with my whole heart;

I have not loved others as I should.

I deserve your punishment both now and forever.

But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins

with his innocent suffering and death.

**Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

*silence for reflection*

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

**Lord, Have Mercy**

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**Amen.**
Glory to God in the Highest

Glory to God in the highest and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father. We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Glory to God in the highest and peace to his people on earth.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer, receive our prayer.
Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you. 2 Timothy 4:22
And also with you.

Let us pray.
O God, the strength of all who trust in you, mercifully hear our prayers. Be gracious to us in our weakness, and give us strength to keep your commandments in all we say and do; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated.

THE WORD OF GOD

First Reading

Jeremiah 23:1-6

1 “Woe to the shepherds who are destroying and scattering the sheep of my pasture!” declares the LORD. 2 Therefore this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says to the
shepherds who tend my people: “Because you have scattered my flock and driven them away and have not bestowed care on them, I will bestow punishment on you for the evil you have done,” declares the LORD.

3“I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them and will bring them back to their pasture, where they will be fruitful and increase in number. 4I will place shepherds over them who will tend them, and they will no longer be afraid or terrified, nor will any be missing,” declares the LORD.

5“The days are coming,” declares the LORD, “when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, a King who will reign wisely and do what is just and right in the land. 6In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. This is the name by which he will be called: The LORD Our Righteous Savior.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23  |  Hymn 555  The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want

Second Reading

7Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith.

8Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

17Have confidence in your leaders and submit to their authority, because they keep watch over you as those who must give an account. Do this so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no benefit to you.

18Pray for us. We are sure that we have a clear conscience and desire to live honorably in every way. 19I particularly urge you to pray so that I may be restored to you soon.

20Now may the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, 21equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Hebrews 13:7-8;17-21

Please stand

Gospel Acclamation

 Alleluia. Jesus had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd.

Alleluia!

The Holy Gospel

30The apostles gathered around Jesus and reported to him all they had done and taught. 31Then, because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, he said to them, “Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest.”

32So they went away by themselves in a boat to a solitary place. 33But many saw them leaving recognized them and ran on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. 34When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began teaching them many things.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to You, O Christ!
Hymn of the Day | 833 I Run To Christ

Sermon    Mark 6:30-34

Please stand.

Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Be seated.

Prayer of the Church and the Lord’s Prayer

We give thanks to You, heavenly Father, for
Your compassion shown in Christ Jesus, the
great Shepherd of the sheep and the
righteous Son of David. Keep us trusting at
all times in Your right hand, in whom true
satisfaction is found. Lord, in Your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We give thanks to You, heavenly Father,
that You have built one Holy Church on the
foundation of the apostles and prophets
with Christ Himself as our cornerstone.
Grant unity to Your Church on earth
through the work of Your Spirit. Lord, in
Your mercy, hear our prayer.

We give thanks to You, heavenly Father,
that You have brought us from many
families into the household of God.
Continue to bless all Christian homes, that
fathers and mothers may faithfully lead
their children by word and deed to call
upon You as Father. Lord, in Your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We give thanks to You, heavenly Father, for
our nation and its leaders. We ask Your
blessing on those who serve in civil office,
that we may enjoy good government in
accord with Your commandments. Help us
to live in service to our neighbors while
here, mindful that our true citizenship is in
heaven. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our
prayer.

We give thanks to You, heavenly Father, for
Your constant care and all we need to
support this body and life. Attend in mercy
to those in need among us. Free them from
dismay and fear by the certainty that Christ
is their righteousness. Lord, in Your mercy,
hear our prayer.
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Offering

Moved by God’s love in Christ, we return to God our first and best gifts, purely out of thanks to Him.

There is an offering plate in the entry way for those who wish to give in that way. To donate online, either scan the QR code on the left or text princeofpeace (no spaces) to (833) 693-7056. You’ll receive a link in response. Follow the link to the Prince of Peace secure giving page.

Installation of newly elected Church Officers

THE SACRAMENT

Stand

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is good and right so to do.

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock until he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow-er, God of might.
The Words of Our Lord Jesus

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, “Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Then He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

Lamb of God
A NOTE TO OUR GUESTS

Children and those who are not communicant members of our church may come forward for a blessing. Those who do are asked to cross their arms on their chest to indicate this.

Prince of Peace practices closed communion, because the Bible teaches it and because we love you. That means we ask that only members of Prince of Peace or other congregations in our fellowship take the Lord’s Supper this morning. This is not a judgment of anyone’s faith, it is simply our desire to uphold what God says in 1 Corinthians 10 and 11 about who should receive Holy Communion and how. Because we believe from these words that Jesus’ body and blood is really present in and with the bread and wine, we want to be sure that it is received in the manner He has commanded us.

Please speak to Pastor Boettcher or Pastor Peil about communing with us in the future if you’re not part of our congregation. Thank you for your understanding!

Hymn | 913 Come away from rush and hurry
Hymn | 804 I am Jesus’ Little Lamb
Hymn | 670 I Come, O Savior, To Your Table

After the distribution, the minister speaks this blessing:

The true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you to life everlasting.
Go in peace. Your sins are forgiven.
Amen.
Prayer and Blessing

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good;
His mercy endures forever.
Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.
O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving-kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.
Amen.

Be seated

Closing Hymn  552  The King of Love My Shepherd Is