
Worship & Holy Communion
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, July 21, 2024 9:30 a.m.



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.

In God's Service

Worship Leader:	Pastor Jane Harris
Ministers:	All Baptized People of God
Music:	Joe Chodur
Reader:	Ron Lundblad
Ushers	Ron & Becky Lundblad

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you have special prayer requests, you would like included in the Prayers of the Church, please write them on a purple slip from the table by the offering plate in the Narthex. The prayers will be brought forward during the Offertory.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

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 turn? 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.

Amen.

The assembly stands.

GATHERING HYMN

Come Thou Font of Every Blessing

ELW 807



1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer: "Hith-er by thy help I've come";
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be;



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan - d'ring heart to thee.



While the hope of end - less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,
Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan - d'ring from the fold of God;
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.



teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good - ness prove.
he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Text: Robert Robinson, 1735–1790, alt.

Music: NETTLETON, J. Wyeth, *Repository of Sacred Music*, Part II, 1813

GREETING

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.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Lord, Be Glorified

ELW 744



1 In my life, Lord, be glo - ri - fied, be glo - ri - fied;
2 In our song, Lord, be glo - ri - fied, be glo - ri - fied;
3 In your church, Lord, be glo - ri - fied, be glo - ri - fied;
4 In your world, Lord, be glo - ri - fied, be glo - ri - fied;



in my life, Lord, be glo - ri - fied to - day.
in our song, Lord, be glo - ri - fied to - day.
in your church, Lord, be glo - ri - fied to - day.
in your world, Lord, be glo - ri - fied to - day.

Text: Bob Kilpatrick, b. 1952

Music: BE GLORIFIED, Bob Kilpatrick

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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

The assembly is seated.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Amazing Grace, Vive La France (folk song)

Pat Steinfort

Tressa Jacobson, piano teacher

Jeremiah 23:1-6

From David's line, a righteous shepherd for Israel

Ephesians 2:11-22

Reconciled to God through Christ, our peace

Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

Christ healing the multitudes

A reading from Jeremiah:

¹Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. ²Therefore 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. ³Then 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. ⁴I 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. ⁵The 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. ⁶In 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: (Please read responsively)

¹The LORD is my shepherd;

I shall not be in want.

²The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures

and leads me beside still waters.

³You restore my soul, O LORD,

and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

⁴Though 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.

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

A reading from Ephesians:

¹¹Remember 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—¹²remember 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. ¹³But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴For 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. ¹⁵He 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, ¹⁶and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. ¹⁷So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; ¹⁸for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. ¹⁹So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are

citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God,
²⁰built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ
Jesus himself as the cornerstone. ²¹In him the whole structure is joined
together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; ²²in whom you also
are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *The assembly stands to welcome the Gospel.*

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL

The holy gospel according to Mark

Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁰The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had
done and taught. ³¹He 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. ³²And they went away in the boat to a
deserted place by themselves. ³³Now many saw them going and
recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and
arrived ahead of them. ³⁴As 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. ⁵³When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. ⁵⁴When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, ⁵⁵and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. ⁵⁶And 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.

The assembly is seated.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON



1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;
 2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give
 3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light;



lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on my breast."
 the liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; stoop down and drink and live."
 look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."



I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad;
 I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream;
 I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun;



I found in him a rest - ing - place, and he has made me glad.
 my thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.
 and in that light of life I'll walk till trav - 'ling days are done.

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808–1889
 Music: KINGSFOLD, English folk tune

CREED

**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 to the dead.***

**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 INTERCESSION (*PLEASE READ RESPONSIVELY*)

P: One in the communion of saints and in the power of the Holy Spirit, we join our voices in prayer. *A brief silence.* For the church of Jesus Christ in this and every land:

C: **Through the One who is the cornerstone of a firm foundation, join us together and build us up as a temple of mercy and peace.**

P: For the creation: Cause new trees to be planted. Restrain the melting of polar ice caps.

C: **Save land from destruction. Like a shepherd tends her sheep, raise up from among us caretakers of all you have made.**

P: For the leaders of nations and heads of tribes: Where peace seems far off, bring it near.

C: **Where justice seems fleeting, bring it to light. Where discord seems relentless, bring harmony.**

P: For the health and well-being of family, friends, and neighbors: Heal those who are sick.

C: **Give courage to all who struggle with addiction. Touch with your tender care all who reach out to you in pain.**

P: For this assembly and for the faith communities represented this week at the ELCA Youth Gathering:

C: Nurture the faith of young people as they encounter new experiences and people. Break down dividing walls and inspire collaboration among people of every age.

P: In thanksgiving for those who have died:

C: Make us certain that in Christ we are no longer strangers and aliens but citizens with the saints in the household of God.

P: Holy God, holy and merciful: into your outstretched arms we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in the one who is the way, the truth, and the life, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

OFFERING

The assembly stands

OFFERTORY

Praise and Thanksgiving

ELW 689

Vs 1

Praise and thanksgiving, God, we would offer for all things living, you have made good: harvest of sown fields, fruits of the orchard, hay from the mown fields, blossom and wood.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

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.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

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 his 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 and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life. We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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 the Lord's death until he comes.

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed 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.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

Each side will be ushered forward down the center aisle. Those on the pulpit side will kneel at the communion rail at the front and fill into the back. Those on the lector side will kneel at the communion rail at the back and fill in to the front. Pastor will distribute the elements from the pulpit front and around the back. Communion is continual. Return your cups to the trays by the pews.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!
(The assembly is seated)

COMMUNION MUSIC

Accompanist Choice

The assembly stands.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray.

Amen.

BLESSING

The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, ✝ be upon you now and forever.

Amen.



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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Calendar

This Week:

Sunday, July 21	9:30 am Worship/Communion @ SP 10:30 am Fellowship
Monday, July 22	9:00 am Quilters OS 9:30 am Quilters SP
Mon.-Thurs July 22-25	5-8 pm VBS@ St James Lutheran Church
Wednesday, July 24	9:30 am M & M's 5:00 pm Bell Choir Practice SP Deadline for Aug./Sept. Newsletter

Next Week:

Sunday, July 28	9:00 am Worship at St. James for VBS 10:30 am Fellowship 2:00 pm 2/4 Stitchers SP
Monday, July 29	9:00 am Quilters OS 9:30 am Quilters SP
Wednesday, July 30	9:30 am M&M's 5:00 pm Bell Choir Practice SP

Announcements

"Start the Party!" That's the theme for this year's Vacation Bible School - Jesus gives us the most amazing reason to party. That's why we believe God's love and the Gospel of Jesus is the best news ever. We will be joining with our friends at St. James again this year for 4 evenings (5-8 pm) of VBS fun. **Starts tomorrow!** We do need donations of fruit – bananas, apples, blueberries and strawberries and also monetary donations to go toward the cost of the evening meal. Thank you for your help!

REMINDER-THERE WILL BE NO WORSHIP SERVICE AT OUR SAVIOUR'S OR ST. PAUL SUNDAY JULY 28. We will be worshipping with the Vacation Bible School kids at St. James at 9:00 am (1148 4th Street SE, Mason City)

THANK YOU to Dave and Chris VanDeventer for your generous gift of mulch for the plant beds at Our Saviour's and for applying it as well. Looks Great!

Thank you to the Women of ELCA for your recent generous gift of \$350 to LWR Quilt and Kit Shipping Fund! Every quilt and every kit has a story. Thank you for ensuring these items get where they need to go. Your kindness brings comfort and hope to people, just when they need it most. From Lutheran World Relief.

There is still time to register for **A Global Church Together Festival** at Trinity Lutheran MC on Saturday Aug. 24 (8:30-4:00). \$10 registration. Go online at neiasynod.org or call 319-352-1414.

If you feel drawn to kneel during the service, please feel free to lower the kneelers and use them.

There are sign up sheets in the Narthex for serving coffee hour and the Community Kitchen. **Please help where you can.**

Contact information for Pastor Jane: phone number is 641-242-0337 and her email address is janeharris2010@gmail.com if anyone in our church family wanted to contact her.

If you would like to celebrate a special occasion or memorial, please consider placing fresh flowers by the altar on Sunday morning. You can take the vase liners to your flower shop, and they can deliver them on Friday morning. Please let Valerie in the office know how you would like them noted in the bulletin. Questions? Give the office a call at 641-423-7749.

School Supplies are on sale with Our Saviour's and St. Paul gearing up to start this fun shopping spree again to make School Kits for Lutheran World Relief! They go all over the world.

Each kit needs:

- 1 **Crayola Crayons** (16-24 count box)
- 4 70 page count spiral **notebooks** (wide or college ruled)
- 5 **Pens** (ball point, black or blue ink not gel)
- 5 **Pencils** #2 (unsharpened)
- 1 **Rulers** (showing both inch/cm)
- 1 **Eraser 2 ½"**
- 1 Children's **scissors** (blunt tip)
- 1 Pencil **sharpener**

We'd greatly appreciate either bringing your supplies to the Fellowship Hall of either church OR putting your donation in the envelopes on the inside center aisle of each pew marked SCHOOL KITS. (If using a check, please make it out to WELCA for St. Paul.) Both churches are applying for Thrivent grants to help with these expenses. It also costs \$2.85 to ship EACH kit to its final destination. If you have any questions, please contact Marilyn Martell (641) 425-9048; Michele Thenhaus (641) 420-6064 or Geri Barker (641) 423-5525. Thank you in advance for always being so generous to kids you'll never know but will be able to go to school because they will have the supplies they need. You are a blessing!

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