

8 Pentecost: July 18, 2021

Service of the Word

Gathering

Prelude: "Be Not Afraid"

Bob Dufford

Opening Hymn: "The Night You Gave Us, God, Has Ended"

St. Clement

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| 1 The night you gave us, God, has ended,
the darkness hails the sun's bright rays;
as shadows flee and earth awakens,
we rise again to sing your praise. | 4 We pray for energy and passion
to live our lives each day for you;
may all around us sense your presence
in all we say and all we do. |
| 2 We thank you for each glorious sunrise
that paints the earth a golden hue;
each day your grace grants new beginnings,
the chance to start again anew. | 5 We praise you, God, for nature's rhythms,
for dark and daylight, stars and sun;
your whole creation sings your glory,
O Trinity, most Holy One. |
| 3 Bless those who work in hours of darkness,
who serve and toil while others sleep;
their lives of caring and protecting
reflect your love so strong and deep. | |

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for self-examination.

**C: I confess to God Almighty,
before the whole company of heaven,
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my
own most grievous fault;
wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me,
forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.**

P: At the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, by his authority, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, you are forgiven of all your sins. Amen.

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Canticle #14 (green hymnal): "Listen! You Nations"

Refrain

Listen! you nations of the world:
listen to the Word of the Lord.
Announce it from coast to coast;
declare it to distant islands.

1 The Lord who scattered Israel
will gather his people again;
and he will keep watch over them
as a shepherd watches his flock. *Refrain*

2 With shouts of joy they will come,
their faces radiantly happy,
for the Lord is so gen'rous to them;
he showers his people with gifts. *Refrain*

3 Young women will dance for joy,
and men young and old will make merry.
Like a garden refreshed by the rain,
they will never be in want again.
Break into shouts of great joy:
Jacob is free again!
Teach nations to sing the song:
"The Lord has saved his people!"

Greeting and Prayer of the Day

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.**

P: 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.

C: **Amen.**

The Word

First Reading: Jeremiah 23:1-6

¹ Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord.

² 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. ³ 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. ⁴ 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.

⁵ 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. ⁶ 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.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalmody: #3 (maroon hymnal): "The Lord Is My Shepherd" (Psalm 23)

The refrain will be sung after verses 3 and 6.

Refrain



The Lord is my shep-herd; there is noth-ing I shall want.



¹The LORD | is my shepherd;*
I shall not | be in want.

²He makes me lie down | in green pastures*
and leads me be- | side still waters.

³He re- | vives my soul*
and guides me along right pathways |
for his 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 spread a table before me
in the presence of those who | trouble me;*
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is | running over.

⁶Surely your goodness and mercy
shall follow me all the days | of my life,*
and I will dwell in the house
of the | LORD forever.

Second Reading: Ephesians 2:11-22

¹¹ Remember 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—

¹² remember 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. ¹³ But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴ For 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. ¹⁵ He 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, ¹⁶ and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. ¹⁷ So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; ¹⁸ for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. ¹⁹ So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, ²⁰ built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. ²¹ In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; ²² in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation



Word of life, Je- sus Christ, all glo - ry to you!



Word of life, Je- sus Christ, all praise to you!



Our hearts burn with - in us while you o - pen to us the Scrip- tures.



Word of life, Je- sus Christ, all glo - ry to you!



Word of life, Je- sus Christ, all praise to you!

The Holy Gospel: Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 6th chapter.

C: 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.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children’s Sermon

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: "Be Not Afraid"

Bob Dufford

You shall cross the barren desert,
but you shall not die of thirst.
You shall wander far in safety,
though you do not know the way.

You shall speak your words in foreign lands,
and all will understand,
You shall see the face of God and live.

Be not afraid,
I go before you always,
Come follow Me,
and I shall give you rest.

If you pass through raging waters
in the sea, you shall not drown.
If you walk amidst the burning flames,
you shall not be harmed.

If you stand before the pow'r of hell
and death is at your side,
know that I am with you, through it all

Be not afraid,
I go before you always,
Come follow Me,
and I shall give you rest.

Blessed are your poor,
for the Kingdom shall be theirs.
Blest are you that weep and mourn,
for one day you shall laugh.

And if wicked men insult and hate you,
all because of Me,
blessed, blessed are you!

Be not afraid,
I go before you always,
Come follow Me,
and I shall give you rest.

The Apostles' Creed

P: Let us confess our common faith in the words of the 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.**

Prayers of Intercession

A: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

After each petition:

A: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

After the last petition:

A: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Thanksgiving

Offertory: Special Music

“Before the Throne of God Above”

Vikki Cook & Charitie Bancroft

Words for contemplation:

- 1 Before the throne of God above,
I have a strong and perfect plea
A great high priest whose name is Love
Who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands,
My name is written on His heart.
I know that while in heaven He stands,
No tongue can bid me thence depart.
No tongue can bid me thence depart.
- 2 When Satan tempts me to despair,
And tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see Him there,
Who made an end of all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died,
My sinful soul is counted free
For God the just is satisfied,
To look on Him and pardon me,
to look on Him and pardon me.
- 3 Behold Him there the risen Lamb,
My perfect spotless righteousness!
The great unchangeable I AM!
The King of Glory and of Grace!
One with Himself I cannot die!
My soul is purchased by His blood!
My life is hid with Christ on high!
With Christ my Savior and my God!
With Christ my Savior and my God!

Offering Prayer

A: Let us pray.

C: Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Thanksgiving for the Word

A: Let us pray. O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

C: **Amen.**

The Lord's 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.**

Announcements

Blessing

P: Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Closing Hymn #481 (green hymnal)

“Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us”

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| <p>1 Savior, like a shepherd lead us;
much we need your tender care.
In your pleasant pastures feed us,
for our use your fold prepare.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
you have bought us; we are yours.</p> <p>2 We are yours; in love befriend us,
be the guardian of our way;
keep your flock, from sin defend us,
seek us when we go astray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
hear us children when we pray.</p> | <p>3 You have promised to receive us,
poor and sinful though we be;
you have mercy to relieve us,
grace to cleanse, and pow’r to free.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
early let us turn to you.</p> <p>4 Early let us seek your favor,
early let us do your will;
blessed Lord and only Savior,
with your love our spirits fill.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
you have loved us, love us still.</p> |
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Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: “Lift Every Voice & Sing” James W. Johnson & J. Rosamond Johnson

Worship Leaders

The Rev. Emily Beckering, Pastor **away*

Deacon Linda Sprick-Kruse, Worship Leader

Kris Keith, Music Director

Kate Wollenburg, Organist

Addy Kruse, Hymn Leader

Donald Harris, Assisting Minister

Chet Laine, Reader

Upcoming Events

Sunday, July 18: 8 Pentecost

10:30 am Worship Service (in-person/
livestreamed)

Monday, July 19

7:00 pm Council Meeting

Wednesday, July 21

10:00 am Visitation for Paul Pieper

12:00 pm Funeral for Paul Pieper

6:30 pm Bible Study (in-person/Zoom)

Thursday, July 22

10:30 am Bible Study (in-person/Zoom)

Sunday, July 25: 8 Pentecost

10:30 am Worship Service (in-person/
livestreamed)

After Worship: Quarterly Congregational
Meeting

Monday, July 26

Epistle Articles Deadline

Wednesday, July 28

6:30 pm Bible Study (in-person/Zoom)

Thursday, July 29

10:30 am Bible Study (in-person/Zoom)

Saturday, July 31

8:30 pm Community Movie Night

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We pray for **Berkeley** (Carol Curless's great-grandson); **Jeannie Allen** (Faith Pirrmann's friend); **Pr. Lisa Bernheisel**; **Louise Barry**; **Teresa Bell** (former member); **Chrissi Bergt** (Kate Wollenburg's cousin); **Beth** (Elinor Schieman's daughter); **Stephen Black** (Kim Coulehan's nephew); **Bobby** (Christian Lohmeier's friend); **Nancy Bose** (Kathy Hirt's friend); **Brett** (Kings' step-nephew); **Nicole Bucknam** (friend of Millers); **Jodie Calhoun**; **Ann Cathcart** (Laines' daughter-in-law); **Christian**; **Frances Clemons** (Portmanns' friend); **Sandy Cordes**; **Kathy Curless**; **Katie Demopoulos** (Diana Hawkins's niece); **Jeremy Doan** (Jean Winkle's grandson); **Lee and Jane Erbeck**; **Larry Faulkner** (Freda's son); **Justin Feldman** (Bess Sturgill's father); **Micki Ford** (Fords' niece); **Lee Frank** (Barbara Moorhouse's niece's husband); **Jeanne Fuller**; **Scarlett Gally** (Beth Wernery's great-niece); **Clara Garcia** (Cindy Mayhugh's sister); **Nathaniel Gibson** (Les Eckerle's step-nephew); **Steve Gollehon** (Elinor Schieman's cousin); **Jim Hammerling** (Portmanns' son-in-law); **Hannah**; **Matthew Harrison** (Seals' neighbor); **Sandy Hatcher** (Linda Holt's sister); **Elain Heskamp**; **Richard Hoffman** (Cindy Mayhugh's brother); **Andrew Horton**; **Ellen Hunter** (Jeni Cathcart's grandmother); **Jo and her daughter** (Jeanne Fuller's friends); **Joan** (Penny Huber's friend); **Kate** (granddaughter of Dennis King's friend); **Dennis King**; **Loretta Kombrink** (Marilyn Portmann's aunt); **Lewis Laine** (Chet Laine's brother); **Richard Lane** (Elinor Schieman's nephew); **Nelson Langefeld**; **Ruth Lohmeier**; **Yvonne Lowery** (St. Paul Players); **Carroll Mayhugh Sr.** (Carroll Mayhugh's father); **Hazel Mersch** (Mayhughs' granddaughter); **Samantha Mersch** (Mayhughs' daughter, Sarah Papin's sister); **Mary Mills** (St. Paul Players); **Jessica Mink** (Donald Harris's cousin); **Barbara Moorhouse**; **Jean Nolte**; **Ervin, Carol, Jim, and Jeannie Oerther** (Portmanns' sister and family); **Ann Ohr** (Barbara Moorhouse's cousin); **Richard Osborn** (Betty Pack's brother); **Rosie Osborn** (Betty Pack's sister); **Tom Pack** (Betty Pack's son); **Eric Papin**; **Christian & Suzie Pereira** (Carolyn Koehl's granddaughter & grandson-in-law); **Ginny Pape**; **Linda Perin** (Moorhouses' cousin); **Faith Pirrmann**; **Pat Poplewell** (Dennis King's friend); **James Savoy** (Jean Winkle's great-grandson); **Shawn Schnetzer** (Sturgills' cousin); **Sheila Schultz** (Betty Pack's friend); **Shannon and Dane** (friends of Riddle family); **Shear family** (Kings' daughter & son-in-law); **Kate Sheridan** (Kings' family friend); **Keith Shupe** (father of Kelly Shupe); **Jason Simpson** (Freda Faulkner's grand-nephew); **Scott Songer**; **Judy Songer** (friends of Jean Winkle); **Crosley Spelman** (Spelmans' grandson); **Frank**

Sturgill (Jim's dad); **Britney Jean Teems** (Jean Winkle's granddaughter); **Randy Thaman** (friend of Marie Calhoun); **Geri Toland** (Carole Replogle's neighbor); **Treasure** (Les Eckerle's cousin); **Ralph Turner** (friend of Dennis King); **Tereasa Vogel** (Freda Faulkner's friend); **Jack Wagner**; **Jeanne Wagner**; **Daryl Wesselman** (Betty Pack's granddaughter); **Jean Winkle**; **Susan Winkle** (Jean Winkle's daughter-in-law).

At the death of: **Paul Pieper**.

We pray for those with ongoing health concerns who are unable to come to church every week: **Louise Barry**, **Barbara Moorhouse**, **Jean Nolte**, **Heather Segar**.

We pray for our armed forces members: **Graham Barton** (Fords' neighbor); **Paul Cordes** (Elinor Schieman's grandson); **Victoria Derry** (Elinor Schieman's great-granddaughter); **Jared Forst** (Loretta's grandson); **Beau Glenn** (Karen Koehl's son-in-law); **Kylie Hahn** (Gretta Hahn's granddaughter); **Donald Hosea** (Karen Koehl's son); **Samuel McLoughlin** (friend of Cindy Sieckman); **Scott Minton** (Becky Betsch's brother); **Jobeth Ramirez** (friend of Karen Koehl); **Joshua Rodriguez** (friend of Karen Koehl); **Trent Schwegman** (cousin to the Erbecks and Fords); **Dustin Silvey**; **Mack Thompson** (Freda Faulkner's grandson); **Alex Wisecup** (son of Nadin and Barry Wisecup).