

St. Matthew's Ev. Lutheran Church  
1615 N. Wauwatosa Ave., Wauwatosa, WI 53213

July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021

8:30 & 10:15 a.m. Services

Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

Theme: A Shepherd's Compassion

**Introduction for the Day:** 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.

## *Gathering*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Sheila Rawn

*(Please stand as you are able)*

Call to Worship

This is the day that the Lord has made.

**Let us rejoice and be glad!**

Confession and Forgiveness

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

**Amen.**

The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him.

**"The Lord is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him."**

Let us confess our sins to our good Shepherd, seeking his divine compassion.

*(Silence is kept for reflection)*

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we have sinned against you in our thinking, in our speaking, and in our doing. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive our sins that we may be empowered to become messengers of your grace in all that we undertake.**

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning. Through the Holy Spirit given to us, God's love has been poured into your hearts. For the sake of Jesus Christ, your compassionate Shepherd, your sins are forgiven.

**Amen.**

Gathering Song

**#722 O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate**

[Stanzas 1-2]

1. *O Christ, your heart, compassionate, bore ev'ry human pain. Its beating was the pulse of God; its breadth, God's vast domain. The heart of God, the heart of Christ combined in perfect rhyme to write God's love in human deeds, eternity in time.*
2. *As once you welcomed those cast down and healed the sick, the blind, so may all bruised and broken lives through us your help still find. Lord, join our hearts with those who weep that none may weep alone, and help us bear another's pain as though it were our own.*

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Apostolic 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.**

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.**

## Word

*(Please be seated)*

First Reading

Jeremiah 23:1-6

*Jeremiah prophesied before the exile in 587 BCE. In this passage, he uses the metaphor of a shepherd to describe the bad kings who have scattered the “flock” of Israel. God promises to gather the flock and to raise up a new king from David’s line to save Israel and Judah.*

A reading from Jeremiah, Chapter 23.

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

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. 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.

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. 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."

Word of God, word of life.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Psalm 23

*The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want. (Ps. 23:1)*

Let us read responsively from Psalm 23.

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

**The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.**

You restore my soul, O LORD, and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

**Though 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.**

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

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

Word of God, word of life.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading

Ephesians 2:11-22

*The author of this letter reminds his audience that originally they were not part of God's chosen people. Through Jesus' death, however, they are included in God's household of faith, whose cornerstone is Jesus Christ.*

A reading from Ephesians, Chapter 2.

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—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.

But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. 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. 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, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it.

So, he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

*(Please stand as you are able)*

Gospel Acclamation

**#512 Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil**

*Lord, let my heart be good soil, open to the seed of your word. Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow, and peace is understood.*

*When my heart is hard, break the stone away. When my heart is cold, warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.*

*Lord, let me heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.*

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Gospel

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

*When Jesus sends his disciples out to teach and heal, they minister among large numbers of people. Their work is motivated by Christ’s desire to be among those in need.*

The holy gospel according to Mark, the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Glory to You O Lord.**

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He 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. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves.

Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As 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.

When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And 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 for you this day.

**Praise to You, O Christ.**

*(Please be seated)*

Sermon

Pastor Sheila Rawn

*(Please stand as you are able)*

Hymn of the Day

**#611 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say** [Stanzas 1 & 3]

*(Prayer Cards will be collected during the hymn of the day)*

1. *I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest; lay down, O weary one, lay down your head upon my breast." I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn, and sad; I found in him a resting-place, and he has made me glad.*
3. *I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's light; look unto me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright." I looked to Jesus, and I found in him my star, my sun; and in that light of life I'll walk till trav'ling days are done.*

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808-1889. Music: English folk tune. Tune: Kingsfold, CMD.

**10:15 Service Only**

Service of Holy Baptism for Jack Luebben

Presentation

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*Please stand as you are able*

Profession of Faith

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Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God? If so answer, I renounce them.

**I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God? If so answer, I renounce them.

**I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God? If so answer, I renounce them.

**I renounce them.**

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

Thanksgiving at the Font

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The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Prayer

*Please be seated*

Baptism page 230

Jack, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
Amen.

**You belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized. Alleluia.**

Welcome page 230

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

### **8:30 Service Only**

Profession of Faith The Apostles' 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.**

### **8:30 & 10:15 Services continue here**

*(Please stand as you are able)*

Rooted in Christ and sustained by the Spirit, we offer our prayers for the church, the  
world, and all of creation.

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

We lift these and all our prayers to you, O God, confident in the promise of your saving  
love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Sharing the Peace of Christ

The peace of the Lord be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## Meal

*(Please be seated)*

Musical Offering

*Blessed Assurance* arr. by Linda Lamb

Linda Chadwick, Handbell Tree

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*(Please stand as you are able)*

Offertory

**#884 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Offering Prayer

Let us pray. Into our midst you have sent your Son, heavenly Father. Into your flock you have sent a Shepherd. Guide us even now even in our giving that we may know and do your will. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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.**

Eucharistic Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

*(Please be seated)*

## *First Communion*

8:30 Cecelia Hornung, James Hyland, Matthew Laughery, Xavier Richter  
 10:15 Audrey Gordon, Miles Huth, Bryce MacIntosh, Jase MacIntosh,  
 Ryan Skaife

### First Communion

Today this community of faith rejoices because Sunday is the day Christ arose from the dead. Once again Jesus calls us to join him for a meal. We celebrate with those who today, join in sharing of the Lord's Meal—Holy Communion.

**We welcome you to the Table for the Sacrament of Holy Communion. We thank God for their lives. We pray that they will find joy and strength in this meal. Come among us, O God, as we gather to worship you.**

### Invitation to Communion

You have come to your sheep. You lead us to your table and feed us rich food. Continue to guide us and bless us, O great Shepherd.  
 Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

*Please take your belongings with you to communion.*

### Communion Hymn

### **#782 My Shepherd, You Supply My Need**

Please meditate on the hymn text.

*My Shepherd, you supply my need; most holy is your name. In pastures fresh you make me feed, beside the living stream. You bring my wand'ring spirit back when I forsake your ways, and lead me, for your mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.*

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt., based on Psalm 23. Music: North American traditional. Tune: Resignation, CMD.