

# **Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**

July 18, 2021



Holy Spirit Lutheran Church

Lancaster, PA

## The Holy Eucharist Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

*Welcome to worship. If you are visiting with us, a special welcome. We invite you to return and worship with us as often as you are able. Please sign the guest book in the narthex. Guest cards are also available. Please take one, fill it out and return it to an usher. The offering box is by the baptismal font to receive your gift of an offering. If you need a large print bulletin, please ask an usher. As you enter the nave, please conclude all conversations and silence all cell phones and other electronic devices, as to fully enter into this time of worship.*

*Please note the instructions on distancing for the sharing of the peace (page 7) and receiving Holy Communion. (page 9)*

### Welcome and Announcements

### The Prelude

*Please stand*

### Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness

P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Drawn to Christ and seeking God's mercy and abundance, let us confess our sin.

*Time for silence for self-examination*

P God, our provider,

C **help us. We think there is not enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world. We turn to our own understanding rather than trust in you. Forgive our sin. Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.**

P Beloved 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. Your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father, and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

## The Apostolic 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.**

*Please be seated.*

## Children's Message

*The children remain at their seat as the pastor shares a message with them.*

## First Reading

Jeremiah 23:1-6

A reading from Jeremiah: <sup>1</sup>Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>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. <sup>4</sup>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.

<sup>5</sup>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. <sup>6</sup>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."

**A** The word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 23** *(Read responsively with the Lector.)*

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

**<sup>2</sup>He makes me lie down in green pastures;  
he leads me beside still waters;**

<sup>3</sup>he restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths

for his name's sake.

**<sup>4</sup>Even though I walk through the darkest valley,  
I fear no evil;  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff —  
they comfort me.**

<sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.

**<sup>6</sup>Surely 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.**

**Second Reading**

Ephesians 2:11-22

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

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

A The word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand*

## **The Holy Gospel**

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

P The Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark the sixth chapter.

**C Glory to you, O Lord**

<sup>30</sup>The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. <sup>31</sup>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. <sup>32</sup>And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. <sup>33</sup>Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. <sup>34</sup>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...

<sup>53</sup>When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. <sup>54</sup>When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, <sup>55</sup>and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. <sup>56</sup>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.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

## **The Sermon**

*Silence for reflection follows.*

*Please stand.*

## **The Apostles 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 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.**

## **The Prayers of the Church**

*Please sit or kneel for the prayers of the church*

**A** Let us come before the triune God in prayer.

*After each portion of the prayers:*

**P** Show mercy to the church, O God:

**C Grant us your peace.**

*The prayers conclude:*

**P** Receive these prayers, merciful God, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C Amen.**

## The Peace

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C And also with you.**

*Without leaving your seat offer a wave to your neighbor, sharing God's peace, in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ.*

*Please stand.*

## The Offertory Prayer

A Let us pray. Jesus, Bread of life,

**C 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.**

## The Great Thanksgiving

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

**C We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

## Eucharistic Prayer

P Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,  
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,  
who preached good news to the poor,  
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,  
we await his coming in glory.  
Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,  
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,  
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be all honor and glory, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**C 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.**

## **The Invitation to Communion**

**P** Come to the Table to eat what you are so that you may be for the world what you eat.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

*Please be seated.*

## **The Distribution of Holy Communion**

*The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America practices open table hospitality. Baptized communicants of other Christian denominations, of all ages, are welcome to receive the sacrament. An usher will direct each seating area to come forward to receive the sacrament. Bring your communion cup with you, or take one from the usher. The pastor will drop the host into your hand. Next move to receive the wine from the Assisting Minister. Then take another step to consume the sacrament. As you return to your seat, place the empty cup into the receptacle. Those persons not receiving communion are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing.*

*Please stand.*

## **The Post Communion Blessing**

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C** **Amen.**

## **The Post Communion Prayer**

**A** 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.

**C** **Amen.**

## **The Blessing**

**P** Almighty God, the Father, the + Son and the Holy Spirit, bless you now and always.

**C** **Amen.**

## **Dismissal**

**A** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God. We will!**

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### Coming up at Holy Spirit

August 3	Book Club, 7:00 p.m.
Sept. 12	God's Work. Our Hands Rally Day
Sept. 18	Community Yard Sale, 8:00 a.m.

### Worship Assistant Schedule

Today	July 25
<b>Acolytes</b>	<b>Acolytes</b>
Jeff Reed	Sammi Dandridge
<b>Assisting Ministers</b>	<b>Assisting Ministers</b>
Chip Froehlich	Doug Dandridge
Sandy Stouffer	Sharon Bentley
<b>Usher</b>	<b>Usher</b>
	John Schmitt
<b>Council Person</b>	<b>Council Person</b>
Jan Wacker	Cheryl Amey
<b>Counters</b>	<b>Counters</b>
Suzann Schwenk	Pat Winters
Sandy Rohrback	Bob Slade

### Readings for next week: Pentecost 9

2 Kings 4:42-44  
Psalm 145:10-18  
Ephesians 3:14-21  
John 6:1-21



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