



St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church
Wilton, WI
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
July 18, 2021
**Inviting People to
Journey with Christ's Family
in Spreading God's Love and Mercy**

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.

**(Indicates that the people should stand as they are able.)*

Announcements

All hymns are included in the bulletin insert.

Prelude....A time for silent reflection

***Confession and Forgiveness**

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.

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.

Gathering Hymn "Will You Come and Follow Me" (Verses 1, 4, 5)

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.

***KYRIE**

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace from above,
and for our salvation,
Let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: 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.

C: Lord, have mercy.

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

C: Lord, have mercy.

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

C: Amen.

***Canticle of Praise**

P: This is the feast of victory for our God, Alleluia.

C: **Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
Whose blood set us free to be people of God.
Power and riches and wisdom and strength,
And honor and blessing and glory are his.**

This is the feast of victory for our God, Alleluia.

**Sing with all the people of God and join in the
hymn of all creation;
Blessing and honor and glory and might be to
God and the Lamb forever. Amen.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God,
for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign.
Alleluia. Alleluia.**

***Prayer of the Day**

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.

FIRST READING

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.

Jeremiah 23:1-6

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 23

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

²**The 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.

⁴**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.**

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

⁶**Surely 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

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.

Ephesians 2:11-22

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**

**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.**

***GOSPEL READING**

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 gospel according to Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

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.**

Sermon

Hymn

“Healer of Our Every Ill”

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.
Amen.**

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION (Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.)**

OFFERING

Offering plates are located in the Narthex as you enter and exit the church.

Offertory Prayer

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**

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 our Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy.....

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***“HOLY, HOLY, HOLY”**

C: **Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord,**

Lord God of pow’r and might,

Heav’n and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

***THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

Words of Institution

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

**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.

P: Christ has set the table with more than enough for all.

Come!

Distribution

Everyone who believes in Jesus is welcome at Christ’s table.

“Lamb of God”

**C: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
Have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
Have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
Grant us peace, grant us peace.**

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

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.

*Benediction

Sending Hymn

“Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us”

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ. Share the good news.

C: Thanks be to God.

Healer of Our Every Ill

Refrain

Heal - er of our ev - 'ry ill, light of each to - mor - row,

give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.

1 You who know our fears and sad - ness, grace us with your
 2 In the pain and joy be - hold - ing how your grace is
 3 Give us strength to love each oth - er, ev - 'ry sis - ter,
 4 You who know each thought and feel - ing, teach us all your

Refrain

peace and glad - ness; Spir - it of all com - fort, fill our hearts.
 still un - fold - ing, give us all your vi - sion, God of love.
 ev - 'ry broth - er; Spir - it of all kind - ness, be our guide.
 way of heal - ing; Spir - it of com - pas - sion, fill each heart.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: HEALER OF OUR EVERY ILL, Marty Haugen

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Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us



1 Sav-ior like a shep-herd lead us; much we need your ten-der care.
2 We are yours; in love be-friend us, be the guard-ian of our way;
3 You have prom-ised to re-ceive us, poor and sin-ful though we be;
4 Ear-ly let us seek your fa-vor, ear-ly let us do your will;



In your pleas-ant pas-tures feed us, for our use your fold pre-pare.
keep your flock from sin de-fend us, seek us when we go a-stray.
you have mer-cy to re-lieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.
bless-ed Lord and on-ly Sav-ior, with your love our spir-its fill.



Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, you have bought us; we are yours.
Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, hear us chil-dren when we pray.
Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, ear-ly let us turn to you.
Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, you have loved us, love us still.



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Text: attr. Dorothy A. Thrupp, 1779–1847
Music: BRADBURY, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868

IN OUR PRAYERS

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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Our gospel lesson for today speaks of Jesus as our shepherd. We are his sheep, and Jesus cares for us. The pericope also speaks of the apostles' need for rest, and by extension, our need for rest.

During my years serving various churches, I have noticed how challenging it can be for some people to allow themselves to rest. Now, in this letter, I am not talking about getting enough sleep, or taking a vacation (although these are a part of getting enough rest). Rather, I am talking about persons allowing themselves to rest from doing all the things that they think they must do related to worship.

For example, many people feel that they need to stand during the various parts of the worship service marked by a *, even though the bulletin says, "Stand as you are able." They have stood for so many years, and they do not want to stop now. Perhaps they think that they must stand in order to be faithful Christians. But, God knows our every need. God knows each one of us intimately. God knows when it is painful for you to stand, or to stand for an extended period of time. God is a God of compassion, and God will understand if you do not stand during the worship service.

I have also seen persons come in one entrance instead of another one which would be less difficult and taxing for them to use. God knows that it is painful for you. God knows what you are going through. If there is an easier way for you to come into and out of the church building, please use the easier entrance/exit.

Another example is coming to the railing for communion. Some persons feel that they must come forward, or that they must kneel. But, God is a God of compassion. As we are doing right now during this time of the pandemic, we are partaking of Holy Communion while sitting in the pews. God understands why we are doing this during the pandemic. God will understand too, when we go back to receiving communion at the railing, that some persons are better off remaining in the pews. I am fine with bringing communion to your pew. It is fine for you to receive communion there, and even for you to be served the wafer or cup, by my bringing them to your mouth.

Over the years, I have seen some faithful parishioners stop coming to church, because it is too difficult. Please, don't let this happen to you. Bring your special cushion, sit in a chair rather than the pew, and use your medical devices and mobility equipment. God has compassion for each one of us. God understands your pain, and God will understand if you need accommodations to be able to attend worship. We are the ones who often make things harder for ourselves! And we, the people of the church, are to follow Christ's example, by demonstrating compassion for one another's needs.

If you require assistance to attend worship or church gatherings, we are happy to assist you. If you need a wheelchair, we have one at the church. If you need a ride, we can look for someone to drive you to church. If there are ways that we can make your worship experience easier and more restful for you, please let me, any of the council members, or Nalani, know. All are welcome in Christ's church!

Peace,

Pastor Cathy

CALENDAR

Today	Worship	9:00 AM
	Council Meeting	10:00 AM
July 25	Joint Worship Service with Peace Lutheran Wilton Village Park Lower Shelter	9:30 AM
	Family VBS to follow service, followed by potluck	
July 26-28	VBS	5:30 PM—8:00 PM
Aug. 1	Worship	9:00 AM
	Wilton Fest Worship Service in the park	10:00 AM

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sign-up sheets are located in the narthex to give us an idea of what will be brought to pot-luck next Sunday, as well as specific items for the VBS meals on Monday and Tuesday. We would appreciate the evening meal items being brought to the church no later than 5:15 PM. Thank you for helping with this part of our VBS ministry.

In case of emergency, contact Pastor Cathleen, via text, 608-865-1074, Justin Arndt (608-435-6336) (414-587-6642) or Nalani Bever,

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