The Eighth Sunday of Pentecost July 18, 2021

9:00 a.m. Worship in Yard (FH) 10:30 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary

Announcements

Prelude

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. **Amen.**



***Kyrie**



***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P The Lord be with you. **C** And also with you.

▶ 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

First Reading 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."

L The word of the Lord. **C** *Thanks be to God.*

PSALM 23 (To be read responsively.)

¹The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

²He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;

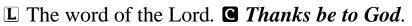
³he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

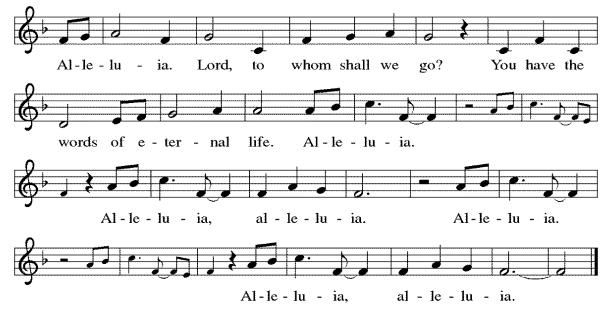
- ⁴Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff they comfort me.
- ⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
- ⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.

SECOND LESSON *Ephesians* 1:3-14

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.





*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

The holy gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

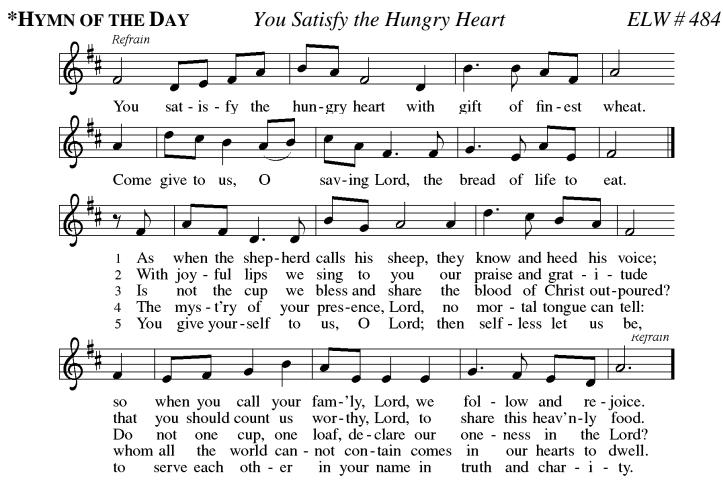
³⁰The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. ³¹He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. ³²And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. 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.

P The Gospel of the Lord. C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Traci



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*CREED

- **P** Let us confess our faith through the words of the Apostles' Creed.
- **G** 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 THE CHURCH

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

Tend your church, O God. Encourage bishops, pastors, and deacons in their proclamation of the gospel. Raise up new leaders and encourage those pursuing a call to ministry. Embolden all the baptized to embody your love and justice. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Restore your creation, O God. Sustain croplands and pastures and safeguard all farm animals and livestock. Preserve lakes, rivers, and streams that offer refreshment. Revive lands recovering from natural disasters and protect coastlands threatened by rising oceans. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Reconcile the nations, O God. Break down the dividing walls that make us strangers to one another and unite us as one human family. Equip leaders to deal wisely with conflict and guide diplomats who seek peaceful solutions. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Heal your people, O God. Look with compassion on immigrants, exiles, and all who are afraid or feel lost. Give rest to those who are weary, comfort to those who are grieving, and recovery to those who are ill. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Nourish this congregation, O God. Prepare a table where we receive food for our hungering spirits. Renew our commitment to provide for one another and revitalize our ministries of feeding and nurturing hungry neighbors. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You lead us home, O God. We give thanks for all who have died, now citizens with the saints. As you have received them into your heavenly home, so welcome all of us to dwell in your house forever. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

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.**

*GREAT THANKSGIVING

- **P** The Lord be with you. **G** And also with you.
- **P** Lift up your hearts. **G** We lift them to the Lord.
- **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

G It is right to give our thanks and praise.

- P 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.

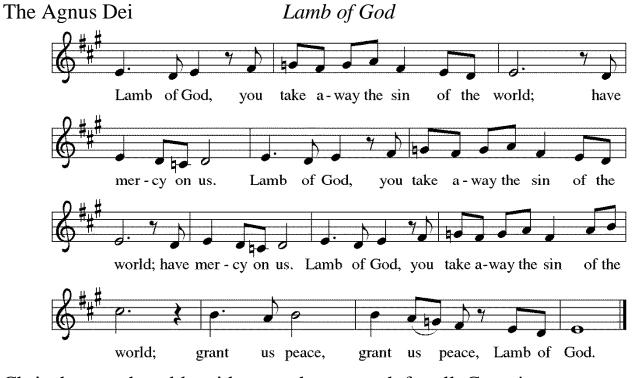
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

- Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.
- To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever. **Amen.**

*LORD'S PRAYER

▶ Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

- **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



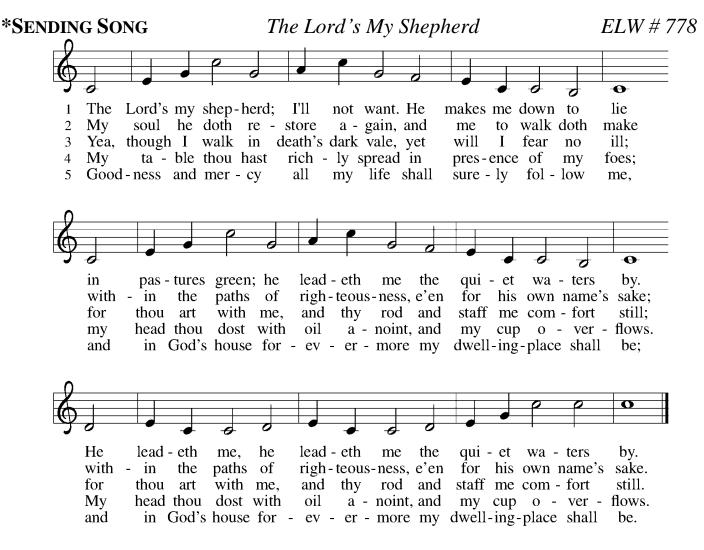
P Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!



- 5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight; thine unction grace bestoweth; and, oh, what transport of delight from thy pure chalice floweth!
- 6 And so, through all the length of days, thy goodness faileth never.Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.

Post Communion Prayer

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.**



Text: *The Psalms of David in Meeter*, Edinburgh, 1650 Music: BROTHER JAMES' AIR, James L. Macbeth Bain

Blessing

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

Postlude

Dismissal

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ. Thanks be to God.

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SPECIAL MUSIC FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP

Beginning in July there will two worship services each Sunday. The 9:00 AM service will be out doors and will be a sung service. The 10:30 AM service will be in the sanctuary and the service will be spoken. Pastor Ed will try to line up vocalists for the 9 AM services and instrumentalists for either services. On July 25th our chime ringers will provide music at both services. Pastor Ed will be contacting choir members to have them sing some Sundays at the 9:00 AM service. If you know of vocalists or instrumentalists who may want to share their talents with us, please pass their name on to Pastor Ed at 814-650-5584 or pastorech@comcast.net.

Please be advised that worship services are recorded and/or live-streamed on social media.

Today's Altar Flowers are placed to the Glory of God by Tina Harclerode in honor of Loved Ones.

Serving God and Us		
Our Pastor – Rev. Traci Marriott		
Our Pianist/Organist – Dr. Adam Smith/Mary Nelson		
Our Administrative Assistant – Lori Tremmel		
Our Assistant Administrative Assistant– Laura Orczeck		
Our Sexton – Bill Brown		
Our Audio/Video Tech – Camden Kuster		
Our Offering Counters – Jim Barley, Beth Garner		
Second Quarter Ventures in Faith to "Youth & Camping"		

RSVP Requested—Catechism Camping Trip

Catechism students (those entering Grade 6 and up who have not yet been confirmed) will be camping in Ohiopyle, PA then biking and rafting on the Middle Yough River, Wednesday, July 28—Thursday, July 29. The whole family is invited (younger siblings must be at least 8 to participate in the rafting part of the trip). Please contact Pastor Traci for more information.

Yoga

Yoga is on for rain or shine! 5PM Wednesday in the side yard (weather-permitting) or in the fellowship hall (in case of rain or extreme heat). Please bring your mat.

Office Hours This Week:

Wednesday: 1 PM to 4 PM (Pastor Traci) Office Hours all week are 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. (Lori)

This Week Events

TODAY, Evangelism Committee Meeting, following the 10:30 a.m. Worship Service
Monday, Christian Ed Meeting 6:30 p.m. by Zoom
Wednesday, July 21: Yoga 5:00 p.m. in the church yard
Thursday, Staff Meeting, Christian Ed Office 10:00 a.m.
Thursday, Staff Support Committee, Fellowship Hall 1:00 p.m.
Friday, Pastor's Day Off

Worship Schedule Change for July & August

In July and August, we will offer two Sunday services each week.

- **9AM Worship Outside**—Full Sung Liturgy of Word & Sacrament (Communion) In case of rain, the service will move to the Fellowship Hall and will be a spoken liturgy.
- **10:30AM Worship in the Sanctuary**—Full Spoken Liturgy of Word & Sacrament (Communion)

This will be the recorded and live-streamed service.

Inside or outside, masks are optional for those who are fully vaccinated and required for those who are not fully vaccinated.

Home Communion Visits

Pastor Traci is available for home communion visits, either inside for those fully vaccinated or outside for those not fully vaccinated. To schedule, please call the office or cell (814-935-9267).

Flower Committee Announcement

Worship and Music Committee agreed with a recommendation from the Flower Committee that when worship is scheduled in the sanctuary, flowers will be placed on the altar as usual. If you would like to sponsor flowers as a memorial or honorarium, please contact Margie Smith. The price for (2) Altar Vase flowers is \$40. You can share the expense with a friend so each pay \$20.

Donors are reminded to pay for the flowers in a timely manner, preferably on/or before the date of the memorial. Payment may be made in cash or check made payable to **<u>St. Matthew Flower Fund</u>**. You can place the payment in the appropriate mailbox in the hallway outside the church office.

Prayers are needed for our homebound: Shirley Acker, Carl & Dawn Alexy, John Aljets, Vivian Beach, Verna Blough, Fred Brandenberg, Clyde Claycomb, Donna Gearhart, Betty Helsel, Jere Hess, Gerald Hoover, Audrey Hite, Ruth Johnson, Janet Kreider, Ginny Sell, Dan Sinal, Don Smith, Joy Williams.

Prayer Concerns: Amy & Family, Pastor Denise Arpino, Cindy Barnes, Randy Barrett, Diane Cappel, Dwight Ciccotelli, Greg Comer, Brian Fleck, Jim Fritz, George Gilbert Sr., Donna Gearhart, Dan Hershberger, Marilyn Horton, Justin Karol, Audrey & Dan Kensinger, Anna Klepser, Darren Kreutzer, Theo Lardieri, Dave Lehman, Karrie McCall & Family, Chuck McGeary, Marjorie Marriott, Ryder McDermitt, Betty McDowell, Rick McIntyre, Nathan, Aunt Mica, Murtle Miller, Deb Peters, Paul Ruth, Barbara Smith, Luther Steele, Cindy Thomas, Carol Weyandt, Pete Williams, Jody Zelanko, and for our **Missionaries: Rev. Lesley Hand, On Eagle's Wings, Elizabeth Hendrickson.**

Our college students: Christopher Bush, Olivia Day, Jacob Orczeck.

Those Serving in the Army Overseas: Nathan Smith (Germany)

FOOD PANTRY

- If you harvest more vegetables in your garden than you can use, please share with the Food Pantry, 133 E. Allegheny St. in Martinsburg on Thursdays, July 1 and July 15 between 7:30 and 9:00 a.m. It will be open for food distribution on these dates between 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Volunteers from Brethren in Christ Church will be helping besides the regular volunteers.
- Items most needed for July: Canned Fruit, Tomato Sauce, Pancake Mix, Syrup/Honey, Tuna/Hamburger Helper.
- Again, we will be collecting school supplies, which can be placed in the school box in the Narthex. *Many thanks, Linda Smith*

St Matthew Endowment Fund 2020 Funds Disbursed in 2021 \$5.437.16 was EARNED IN 2020

Requst Submitted		<u>Amount</u>
CAMP KASEEN	LORI	500
OLIVIA DAY		1000
JACOB ORCZECK	JANE	250
AARON REYNOLDS	ALLEN -EAGLE SCOUT	237
CAMP SEQUANOTA	JANE -CABIN #4 BILL B + P ED1250	
JEEREMY SMITH FAMILY	PEGGY FREYER	1200
JACOB ORCZECK		1000
FOOD PANTRY	DAVE	0
	TOTAL>	5,437

Readings for the Week:

Monday Psalm 100. Tuesday Zechariah 9:14—10:2. Wednesday Luke 15:1-7. Thursday (Mary Magdalene, Apostle) John 20:1-2, 11-

18. **Friday** (commemoration of Birgitta of Sweden, renewer of the church) Colossians 3:12-17. **Saturday** 2 Kings 4:38-41 **Ninth Sunday after Pentecost** (James, Apostle) 2 Kings 4:42-44; Psalm 145; Ephesians 3:14-21; John 6:1-21.

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