



You prepare
a table
before me.

Psalm 23:5

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Putting Christ First*

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LBW – green hymnal **BC** – Borning Cry

A WARM WELCOME TO ALL who are worshiping with us today! We hope that the service will be a joy and blessing to you.

THE SERVICE BEGINS

P We begin this service IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER:

C Dear Heavenly Father, we thank you for creating all living things and causing them to grow;

P AND OF THE SON:

C O Jesus Christ, our Savior, in whom we have been born anew, help us to grow up in every way into You, who are our Lord;

P AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT:

C Dear Holy Spirit, you have called us all and gathered us together as the Body of Christ, the Church. Help your church to grow – in numbers, in faith, and in love.

All: AMEN!

OPENING SONG: “The Lord’s My Shepherd”

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WE CONFESS

P Let us confess our weakness and sin, and hear the comfort of God.

C Dear Holy Spirit, we do not know how to pray as we ought. We confess that we have lived according to the flesh, with our minds set on the things of the flesh. We know this is death. We pray that each day you will set us free, setting our minds on the things of the Spirit, which is life and peace. *(Romans 8:5-6,26)*

WE HEAR THE GOOD NEWS OF SALVATION

P The Spirit helps us in our weakness, and prays for us with sighs too deep for words. You are no longer in the flesh, you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. He who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit. There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. His peace be with you! *(Romans 8:1,9,11,26)*

C And also with you.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Shepherding God, through your Son's cross you draw all people to yourself and reconcile the relationship between you and your world which we so carelessly neglect and fracture. Teach us to be your healing and reconciling presence in a wounded world; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 23:1-6

¹“Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture!” declares the Lord. ²Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who care for my people: “You have scattered my flock and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. Behold, I will attend to you for your evil deeds, declares the Lord. ³Then I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴I will set shepherds over them who will care for them, and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall any be missing, declares the Lord. ⁵“Behold, the days are coming, declares 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 dwell securely. 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 (Read responsively by whole verse.)

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SECOND READING

Ephesians 2:11-22

¹¹Therefore remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called “the uncircumcision” by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands — ¹²remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated 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 himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility ¹⁵by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, ¹⁶and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. ¹⁷And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. ¹⁸For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. ¹⁹So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, ²⁰built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, ²¹in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. ²²In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

L The Word of the Lord. C Thanks be to God.

***ALLELUIA**

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***GOSPEL**

Mark 6:30-44

³⁰The apostles returned to Jesus and told him all that they had done and taught. ³¹And he said to them, "Come away by yourselves to a desolate place 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 desolate place by themselves. ³³Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they ran there on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. ³⁴When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. And he began to teach them many things. ³⁵And when it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, "This is a desolate place, and the hour is now late. ³⁶Send them away to go into the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat." ³⁷But he answered them, "You give them something to eat." And they said to him, "Shall we go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread and give it to them to eat?" ³⁸And he said to them, "How many loaves do you have? Go and see." And when they had found out, they said, "Five, and two fish." ³⁹Then he commanded them all to sit

down in groups on the green grass. ⁴⁰So they sat down in groups, by hundreds and by fifties. ⁴¹And taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples to set before the people. And he divided the two fish among them all. ⁴²And they all ate and were satisfied. ⁴³And they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. ⁴⁴And those who ate the loaves were five thousand men.

P The Gospel of the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

SERMON: "LIVING BREAD FROM HEAVEN"

SONG: "O Living Bread from Heaven"

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STATEMENT OF FAITH – Nicene Creed

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THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

You are our good Shepherd, Lord. We thank you for watching over us and leading us in your will and your ways in this world. Grant us peace in times of trouble. Keep us safe as we navigate the dangers of this world, and comfort us in our grief.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Holy God, you grant us rest and renewal on the Sabbath and at other times when we are able to get away from work, school, and the daily demands of life. Be with all who are traveling or on vacation, so they may be rejuvenated and restored with great energy when they return home.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Sovereign Lord, you work for justice and mercy through all the leaders in this world. Give them the mind of Christ so they would look out for their peoples' best interests and not their own. Give them wisdom and counsel so they will walk in your ways and lead with integrity and honesty.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Holy Spirit, guide our church to the Pastor you have in mind for us. Help us to let You be in charge and guide us with your Word and the study of Scripture. Give us patience and trust in your

wisdom. We also ask you to be at work in the thoughts and heart of the pastor you have in mind to draw that pastor to serve this congregation. Make us a mission congregation who will work with a new pastor to reach out to our town and with the love of Christ. Make us instruments of your saving work.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Healing God, comfort all who suffer with chronic pain or illness, addiction, depression, or loneliness. [Especially we pray for... .] Bring them all to your tender embrace of healing and love.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

OFFERING

WE PREPARE FOR HOLY COMMUNION

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts!

C We lift them up to the Lord!

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give him thanks and praise.



THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

P When Jesus instituted Holy Communion at the Last Supper before his crucifixion, He promised His disciples that one day they would again feast together in the kingdom of heaven.

C Dear Lord, keep us steadfast in faith until that day!

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

C Amen.

THE BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG: "Jesus Fed Five Thousand People"

BC 461

P Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

C Thanks be to God!

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Last Sunday, 7/11: 28

**The new Church Council will be installed tomorrow at the
Worship Service.**

Installations of Council Members:

President: Jo Boehmer

Financial Secretary: Jean Bauer

Treasurer: Gary Steinhorst

Council Secretary: Jill Vodden

Congregational Life Directors:

Property: Bob Coyle

Fellowship: Louie Mielke

Food Pantry/Clothes Closet: Roger Bauer

Stewardship: Dan Pahnke

Learning Team, Worship & Music:

Pastor Phil Gronbach

Next Week's Readings:

Genesis 9:8-17; Psalm 136:1-9; Ephesians 3:14-21; Mark 6:45-56



BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS!!!

Mike Valasek 7/18

Betty Paulsen 7/21



ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS

Joshua & Marcynda Atkinson 7/19/14

Jeff & Michelle Anderberg 7/23/11

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sunday 7/18: Installation of new Church Council will be during the worship service.

Join us after the service for coffee in the Fellowship Hall.

Monday 7/19: Food Truck Delivery, 9:30am.

Tuesday 7/20: Food Pantry Set-up, 9:30am; dist., 12-2pm.

Thursday 7/22: Wittenberg Door – Pastor’s Fellowship – here at 10am.

Saturday 7/24: Worship Service, 5:30pm.

Sunday 7/25: Worship Service, 9am.

PARISH CONCERNS

Please keep in your daily prayers all people in need, including those mentioned here:

- Gary Steinhorst’s mother, Lorraine is struggling with dementia progression.
- Jason Gorski, Dan Pahnke’s nephew who is fighting cancer again.
- All those who are suffering physical or mental illness, and their families, caregivers, and medical teams. We pray especially for Trudy Loomis, Onie Luepkes and Jackie Conner.
- All those who are not able to worship with us because they are in health care facilities or homebound: Ina Koehler, Nancy Bakanas and George Vodden.
- Ben Blobaum, our Seminarian, for discernment about a vicarage (internship) position.
- Pray for all NALC congregations that are waiting for new Pastors, let us all be patient for the right one that You Lord, are sending.
- Persecuted Christians throughout the world.
- All elected leaders, police officers, first responders, and military personnel, that they hear and receive God’s guidance and protection.
- The NALC, NALS, the Great Rivers Mission District, all Christian churches, and our partners in SC and PA.