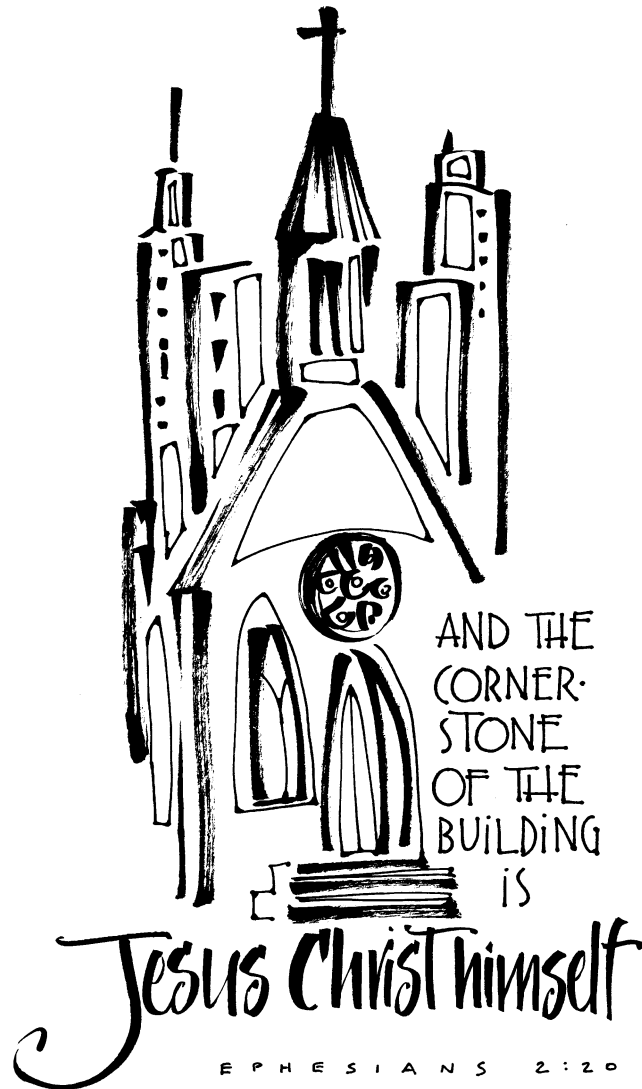


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**EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**JULY 18, 2021**

**July 18, 2021**  
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

*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.*

**GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**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.**

## GATHERING SONG (*verses 1&5*)

### The Church's One Foundation



1 The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;  
2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,  
3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op - pressed,  
4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult of her war,  
5 Yet she on earth has u - nion with God, the Three in One,



she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.  
her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth:  
by schisms . . rent a - sund - er, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,  
she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;  
and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.



From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;  
one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,  
yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"  
till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,  
Oh, bless - ed heav'n-ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by your grace,



with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.  
and to one hope she press - es with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.  
and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.  
and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.  
that we, like saints be - fore us, may see you face to face.

Text: Samuel J. Stone, 1839–1900

Music: AURELIA, Samuel S. Wesley, 1810–1876

## 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.**

## CANTICLE OF PRAISE (ELW p. 148)

### We Rejoice in the Grace of God

The musical score is written on five staves in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The melody is simple and joyful, with lyrics written below each staff. The lyrics are: "We re-joice in the grace of God poured up-on our lives; lov-ing-kind-ness has come to us be-cause of Je-sus Christ. We re-joice in the grace of God, our hearts o-ver-flow. What a joy to know the grace of God!"

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lov-ing-kind-ness has come to us be-  
cause of Je-sus Christ. We re-joice in the  
grace of God, our hearts o-ver-flow.  
What a joy to know the grace of God!

Text: Steve Cook and Vicki Cook

Music: WE REJOICE IN THE GRACE, Steve Cook and Vicki Cook

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## 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.**

## FIRST READING: Jeremiah 23:1-6

A reading from Jeremiah.

*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.*

<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.”

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

### **PSALM: Psalm 23**

*(Read responsively between lector and congregation, beginning with the lector)*

<sup>1</sup>The LORD<sup>1</sup> is my shepherd;  
I shall not <sup>1</sup> be in want.  
<sup>2</sup>**The LORD makes me lie down <sup>1</sup> in green pastures  
and leads me be- <sup>1</sup> side still waters.**  
<sup>3</sup>You restore my <sup>1</sup> soul, O LORD,  
and guide me along right pathways <sup>1</sup> for your name’s sake.  
<sup>4</sup>**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall <sup>1</sup> fear no evil;  
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they <sup>1</sup> comfort me.**  
<sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me in the presence <sup>1</sup> of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is <sup>1</sup> running over.  
<sup>6</sup>**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days <sup>1</sup> of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the <sup>1</sup> LORD forever.**

### **SECOND READING: Ephesians 2:11-22**

A reading from Ephesians.

*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.*

<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.

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

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 151)

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

## **GOSPEL: Mark 6:30-34, 53-56**

The holy gospel according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*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.*

<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.

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

**PASTOR BILL**

## HYMN OF THE DAY (*verses 1&4*)

### Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak



1 Lord, speak to us, that we may speak in  
2 Oh, lead us, Lord, that we may lead the  
3 Oh, teach us, Lord, that we may teach the  
4 Oh, fill us with your full - ness, Lord, un -



liv - ing ech - oes of your tone; as you have sought, so  
wan-d'ring and the wa - v'ring feet; oh, feed us, Lord, that  
pre - cious truths which you im - part; and wing our words, that  
til our ver - y hearts o'er - flow in kin - dling thought and



let us seek your stray - ing chil - dren, lost and lone.  
we may feed your hun - g'ring ones with man - na sweet.  
they may reach the hid - den depths of man - y • a heart.  
glow - ing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879, alt.  
Music: CANONBURY, Robert Schumann, 1810–1856

*Please stand if you are able.*

Please join me as we confirm our faith together in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

## **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 THE CHURCH** *(Please respond.)*

*P: Hear us, O God. C: Your mercy is great.*

## **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

## OFFERATORY *We Are an Offering* (ELW 692)

The musical score is written on six staves in treble clef, 7/8 time. It features a melody with eighth and sixteenth notes, including triplet markings (indicated by a '3' over a group of notes). The lyrics are printed below the staves, aligned with the notes.

We lift our voice-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an  
of-fer-ing. Lord, use our voice-es, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our  
lives, they are yours: we are an of-fer-ing. All that we have, all that we are,  
all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.  
We lift our voice-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you:  
we are an of-fer-ing, we are an of-fer-ing.

Text: Dwight Liles, b. 1957  
Music: Dwight Liles  
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## OFFERING 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

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

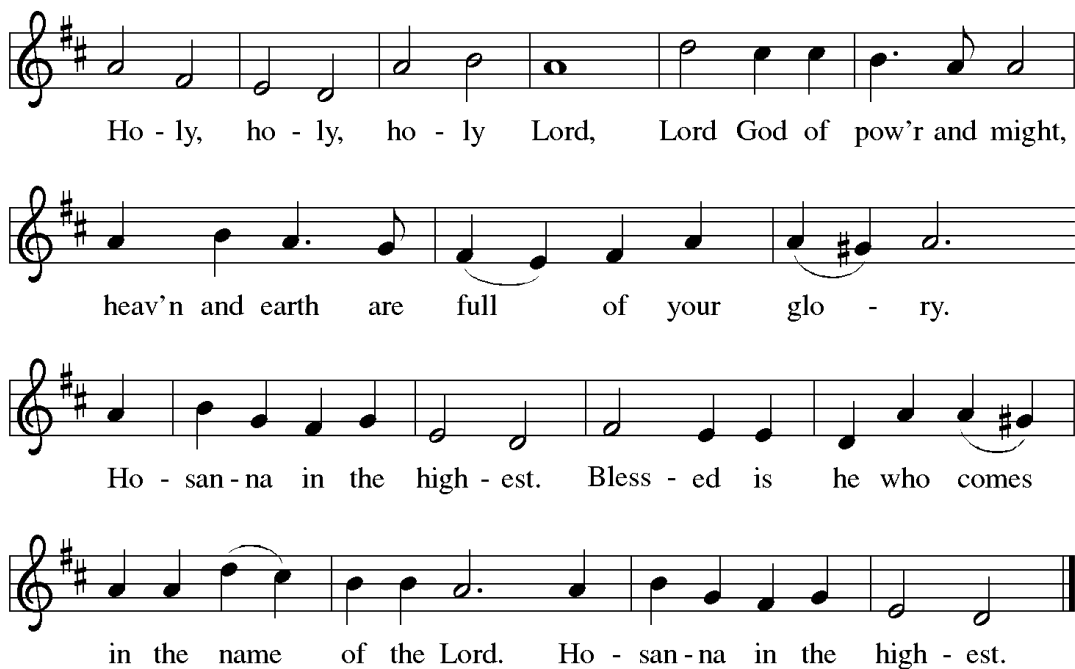
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

## PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ;  
who on this day overcame death and the grave,  
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.  
And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (ELW p. 153)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

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.

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

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.**

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

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

## **COMMUNION**

*Continuous - Please continue down center aisle at the direction of the usher, maintaining your distance. Please place your empty communion cup in the basket. Return to your seat.*

## **COMMUNION BLESSING**

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

## **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.**

## **BLESSING**

The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✝ give you peace.  
**Amen.**

## SENDING SONG (*verses 1&4*)

### 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.



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

## DISMISSAL

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

## SILENT PRAYER

## POSTLUDE

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Attendance last Sunday .....	40

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The altar flowers** this morning are placed to the Glory of God in memory of Glenn Mummert.

**Welcome Visitors!** We welcome you to our worship service. We hope your visit with us will be a time of blessing. If you have any concerns, please talk to the Head Usher. We invite you to worship with us again!

**2021 Altar Flowers Chart**—Kimberly will not be posting the new altar flowers chart as usual. INSTEAD, please call her to reserve your special Sunday! **Flowers will now be purchased from Royer's Florist in Chambersburg. Please note the price will change to \$35.** For the price of two flower arrangements, you can give glory to God with the beauty of His creation on the altar; commemorate a loved one; and if you choose, have your flowers given to someone who is homebound or recovering from surgery or illness.

**Prayer requests** for the following persons *Matthew Bowen, Nancy Bumbaugh Cook, Thelma Briggs, Dave Bowen, Kristy Nienstedt, Patricia Yetter, Courtney Shreiner, Patsy Wildeson, Joe Mock, Darrell Veilleux, Bud Armstrong, Gertie Reichard, Manny Negron, Barbara Socks, Denise Bowen, Anne English, Millie Kulkusky, Bonnie Hudson.* If anyone has a prayer request, please call Janice McEntire. **Note:** At the beginning of each month, the Prayer Request List will start anew. If you would like to remain listed on the next month's list, or if you would like to have your name removed from the list before the end of the month, please call the office.

**For Sale:** Recliner/lift chair (condition is new) and a single adjustable (head & feet) bed frame and mattress (purchased Feb of 2020). Please see Becky Mull for details.

**Relay for Life – Chambersburg Event Fundraising opportunity** – Roy Pitz Brewing Company (140 North Third Street, Chambersburg) will donate 10% of all food and drinks sales every Thursday in July to the Chambersburg Relay for Life event. It includes dine-in, take-out and online orders from the Beer Stube and Side Slice Pizza! Organize a group of friends & family to support Roy Pitz Give Back Thursday on July 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 from 3 pm to 9 pm.

Please contact Becky Mull with any questions.

If you would like to join Solomon's Relay for Life team, please register online at [relayforlife.org](https://relayforlife.org) OR call 1-800-227-2345. Paper forms are no longer available. The event is scheduled for Friday, September 17, 2021 from 6 pm to 10 pm at Norlo Park.

Thank you for your support!

**No Sunday School classes** during the summer months. Classes will resume on September 26.

**2021 Summer Camp** information is available in the pamphlet rack in the narthex for those who are interested.

The **annual SpiriTrust Lutheran Chambersburg Auxiliary membership drive** will continue through the summer months. Anyone can join with a minimum contribution of \$1.00. The auxiliary is grateful for the generous support we have received. This enables the Auxiliary to make donations to the many important programs and services at The Village at Luther Ridge. If you would like to join the auxiliary or need more information, contact Becky Pecha.

**Bulletin Announcement Forms** are located in both pamphlet racks. Please submit all bulletin announcements to the office by the Wednesday prior to the Sunday for inclusion in the bulletin.

**Council Minutes, Monthly Financial Statement and Committee Minutes** are available in the library for anyone to read.

**JULY 18, 2021**  
**EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**



*In deepest darkness, God provides safety and comfort.*

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Mark 6:30-34, 53-56</b>	<b>Jesus teaches and heals</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Jeremiah 23:1-6</b>	<b>God promises a righteous king</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Ephesians 2:11-22</b>	<b>United by Christ</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Psalms 139:7-18</b>	<b>The Lord knows us well</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Romans 13:11-14</b>	<b>The day when Christ returns</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Colossians 1:9-14</b>	<b>The work of Christ</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Psalms 23</b>	<b>The Lord is my shepherd</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>John 6:1-21</b>	<b>Jesus feeds the five thousand</b>

**SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK**

*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. Psalm 23:4 (NRSV)*

**PRAYERS AND BLESSING**

**A Prayer for the Week:**

God of compassion and protection, give us peace and faith in knowing you are our shepherd who pursues us with your goodness through Jesus Christ. Amen.

**Mealtime Prayer:**

Shepherding God, we thank you that you have provided this meal for us and promised us green pastures and still waters through Christ. Amen.

**A Blessing to Give:**

May God bless you with peace and comfort all the days of your life.

**CARING CONVERSATIONS**

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- When have you felt the need for protection or safety?
- When you feel you are in danger, who do you turn to?
- How do you experience God's care during difficult times?

## HYMN OF THE WEEK

*Have No Fear Little Flock*



## DEVOTIONS

*Read: Psalm 23.*

It is good to read this beloved psalm, one that many people have known by heart. This intricately woven poem and prayer has only 58 words in the Hebrew language and very few words are repeated. At the very center are the words *“for you are with me”* (v. 4b). In the beginning, middle, and end of this psalm, the Lord’s presence and care is beautifully announced as part of our journey through life. This is true even—and especially—in our deepest darkness that can sometimes feel like being at the bottom of a valley. God is our shepherd who provides safety and comfort. In an ancient world that accentuated social honor and shame—experiences still very much with us today—our divine shepherd even leads us to a place of honor at a banquet before those who would shame us. Nothing but safety, comfort, and honor pursue God’s people. God is our shepherd. Jesus is the Good Shepherd. We, as ambassadors of Jesus, shepherd one another each and every day to offer safety, comfort, and honor all the days of our lives. When have you felt the presence of the Lord as your shepherd?

***Pray: Shepherd God, give us peace, safety, and good courage to go out with compassion to shepherd others through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.***

## SERVICE

Many people looked to Jesus for teaching, healing and guidance. His ministry was very busy and demanding. Those in helping professions (teachers, doctors, counselors, social workers, pastors, nurses, firefighters, police officers, and others) have many demands placed on them. Their work can be very tiring and sometimes stressful. How can you show your appreciation and support to someone in such a profession?

## RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Jesus took his disciples to a quiet place to rest (Mark 6:31-32). Spend some time in a quiet place for your devotional time this week. Light a candle to represent the presence of Jesus with you. Focus on the candle in your silence. Finish your quiet time by saying the Lord’s Prayer.