

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Shepherds, Tend the Flock!

July 18, 2021

AS WE GATHER The Bible uses many ways to describe God's relationship with us. None is perhaps more beloved than the metaphor of the Shepherd with His sheep. Jesus is our Good Shepherd. We are His beloved sheep, cared for, fed, and guided by His most blessed Word and Sacraments.



WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to Peace Lutheran Church – a special welcome to our guests! Please take some time during worship to fill out the attendance/prayer card, located by the bulletins as you enter the sanctuary. If you are a guest, we would love to receive contact information so we can respond to your visit with us today. Please place the card in the offering receptacle.

OPENING SONG

“All of Creation”

MercyMe, Dan Muckala, Brown Bannister

INVOCATION AND PSALM *(from Psalm 23)*

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

People: He makes me lie down in green pastures, He leads me beside quiet waters, He restores my soul.

Pastor: He guides me in paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

People: Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

Pastor: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

People: Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Jesus had compassion on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd. *[Mark 6:34]*

People: We all like sheep have gone astray, and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all. *[Isaiah 53:6]*

Pastor: Let us confess our sins to God. (*silence for reflection*) Jesus, our Good Shepherd,

People: we confess that we are sinful from birth, lost sheep who wander far from You. We have sinned by thinking wayward thoughts, by speaking hurtful words, by doing deeds that disobey Your loving commands. Forgive us, Lord Jesus, through Your most precious blood. Reconcile us to Yourself.

Pastor: Jesus, our Good Shepherd, laid down His life for us, His sheep. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, I announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Thanks be to God! Amen.

PRAISE SONG

"Jesus Saves"

David Moffitt, Travis Cottrell

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Merciful Lord, You sent Jesus to be the Good Shepherd to us, Your wayward sheep. Grant us now such compassion and love so that we, by the power of the Spirit, may be enabled to think and do such things that please You as we live according to Your will, for without You, we cannot do anything good. We pray through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

+ WORD +

OLD TESTAMENT Jeremiah 23:1-6

(God promises to place good shepherds over His people.)

¹ "Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture!" declares the LORD. ² Therefore 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. ³ Then 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. ⁴ I 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. ⁶ In 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.'

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE Ephesians 2:11-22

(Christ has broken down the dividing wall between us and God.)

¹¹ Therefore 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-- ¹² remember 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. ¹³ But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴ For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility ¹⁵ by 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, ¹⁶ and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. ¹⁷ And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. ¹⁸ For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. ¹⁹ So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, ²⁰ built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, ²¹ in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. ²² In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL VERSE

Pastor: Alleluia, Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

People: You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mark 6:30-44 (*Jesus has compassion on the crowds.*)

³⁰ The apostles returned to Jesus and told him all that they had done and taught. ³¹ And 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. ³² And they went away in the boat to a desolate place by themselves. ³³ Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they ran there on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. ³⁴ When 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. ³⁵ And when it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, "This is a desolate place, and the hour is now late. ³⁶ Send them away to go into the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat." ³⁷ But 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?" ³⁸ And 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." ³⁹ Then he commanded them all to sit down in groups on the green grass. ⁴⁰ So they sat down in groups, by hundreds and by fifties. ⁴¹ And 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. ⁴² And they all ate and were satisfied. ⁴³ And they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. ⁴⁴ And those who ate the loaves were five thousand men.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **People: Praise to You, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MESSAGE SONG

“You Are God Alone”

Billy Foote

MESSAGE: “Of Fission and Fusion” Ephesians 2:11-22

APOSTLES’ CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting, Amen.

OFFERING

“Hungry (Falling on My Knees)”

Kathryn Scott

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Lord, You are our Good Shepherd. In You, we have been given all things needful. Grant that we may comprehend Your vast generosity in caring for our lives in mind, body, and spirit. O Lord,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Nourish us with Your precious Word, that we may heed Your commands and be blessed with Your life-giving Gospel. May the mysteries of Your holy Scriptures penetrate our hearts and minds that we may live according to Your will. O Lord,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: May we who hunger and thirst after You find forgiveness and strength in the presence of Your body and blood, in, with, and under the bread and wine. Bring us at last to that place where we will know unending respite in Your green pastures and still waters. O Lord,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Continually bless us with the unchanging righteousness of Christ, that we may be firmly rooted on the path of salvation. Restore our souls and keep us from sin that would ensnare us. Lighten our darkness, and forge the path of our eternal life, even in the midst of temporal death. O Lord,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Heal and restore Your people, Good Shepherd, (*especially...*) that they may overcome the adversities that entangle body, mind, and soul. In the midst of disease, temptation, and death, guard and protect us in Your loving care. Grant to us goodness and mercy that shall follow us all the days of our lives and bring us to that final hour, when we shall live in Your house forever and ever. O Lord,

People: hear our prayer.

LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

ALL: 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.

GOD'S BLESSING IS PLACED UPON US [BENEDICTION]

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up his countenance on you and give you peace.

People: Amen.

CLOSING SONG "I Could Sing of Your Love Forever"

Martin Smith

THE SENDING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Pastor: Go in peace—Connect, Celebrate, and Serve the Lord! Let all the people say:

People: "Amen!"

*Permission for all lyrics used during worship – CCLI # 2647991
Copies of song lyrics are available upon request from the church office.*

Notes & News

WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS! We are so glad to have you with us for worship this morning. You are welcome to join us anytime. If you have an interest in joining Peace Lutheran Church or have questions about our ministry, please contact Matt Branham (812-216-3465).

For any Peace member in need of pastoral care, please contact Pastor Lohn Johnson @ (859) 361-3181 or he can be found in his office most Sunday afternoons.

Adult bible study is downstairs at 9:20AM. It will also be broadcast via zoom at the same time.

Children's Sunday School is also at 9:20 A.M.!

Lakeview Ministries is in search of individuals to join our ministry team. We have openings in food service, housekeeping, and maintenance. These positions are available as full time or part time work schedules. All positions start at \$12.00 an hour with flexible scheduling. Full time positions also include benefits. Please contact David Vandercar for more information at 812-342-4815 or by email at david@lakeviewministries.camp

USE OF CHURCH FACILITIES – Anyone wanting to add activities or use of church facilities should contact the church office at 812-523-3838 or Jeremy Wischmeier by texting or calling 812-498-9913. Thanks.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS – Announcements for the bulletin are due to the office by 8:00 A.M. on Thursday mornings. Thanks!

Face Coverings & Servant Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Communion</u>	<u>Lay Reader</u>	<u>Sound/SongShow</u>
18-July	No	Max Goecker	Wischmeiers
25-July	Yes	Don Sweeney	Branhams