

Our Mission

“to serve God and share the good news of Jesus Christ”
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost - Traditional Worship
July 18, 2021 – 9:00 a.m.

Prelude

Gene Fougner, organist

“O For the Wings of a Dove” (Mendelssohn/Tambling)

Introduction

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.

GATHERING

Invocation

P: In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Confession and Forgiveness *All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism.*

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

C: Amen.

P: Drawn to Christ and seeking God’s abundance, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God, our provider,

C: 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.

P: 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.

C: Amen.

Opening Hymn

ELW #654

“The Church’s One Foundation” (vs. 1 & 2)

The church’s one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord:
she is his new creation by water and the word.
From heav’n he came and sought her to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth:
one holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses with ev'ry grace endued.

Prayer of the Day

C: 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.

Children's Message

WORD

First Reading

Jeremiah 23:1-6

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.

L: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God!

Second Reading

Ephesians 2:11-22

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.

L: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God!

Gospel Reading

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

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.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Message

Pastor Tricia Lowe

"Come Away...Rest a While"

Hymn of the Day

ELW #676

"Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak" (vs. 1 & 2)

Lord, speak to us, that we may speak
in living echoes of your tone;
as you have sought, so let us seek
your straying children, lost and lone.

Oh, lead us, Lord, that we may lead
the wand'ring and the wav'ring feet;
oh, feed us, Lord, that we may feed
your hung'ring ones with manna sweet.

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

L: Rooted in Christ and sustained by the Spirit, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation. *A brief silence.*

L: 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.

C: Your mercy is great.

L: 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. Bring healing rain and protect us from wildfires. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

L: 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.

L: 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 especially those affected by the global pandemic. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

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

C: Your mercy is great.

L: Hear the prayers of this congregation Lord, offered now either silently or aloud.

L: 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. We lift these and all our prayers to you, O God, confident in the promise of your saving love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Offering

P: We give thanks for the offerings that we have received in the mail, online and in person this past week. These gifts make it possible for us to continue to be the church in the world even when we can't all meet in our sanctuary. If you are worshiping with us today and would like to make a donation, please go to our website and click the online giving link.

Offering Prayer

P: 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.

C: Amen.

MEAL

The 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 the Lord our God.

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

P: Blessed are you, O God, creator of heaven and earth ...

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's Passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

C: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

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

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

Invitation to Communion

Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come, for this is the body of Christ given for you. The blood of Christ shed for you.

Communion Blessing

Communion Hymn

ELW #494

“For the Bread Which You Have Broken” (vs. 1 & 2)

For the Bread which you have broken, for the wine which you have poured,
for the words which you have spoken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.

By this promise that you love us, by your gift of peace restored,
by your call to heav’n above us, hallow all our lives, O Lord.

Prayer after Communion

P: 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.

C: Amen.

SENDING

Announcements

Blessing

P: The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, † be upon you now and forever.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn

ELW #789

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us” (vs. 1)

Savior like a shepherd lead us; much we need your tender care.
In your pleasant pastures feed us, for our use your fold prepare.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us; we are yours.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us; we are yours.

Dismissal

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

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Gene Fougner, organist

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As a congregation, we pray for God’s guidance on our journey of service to our membership, our community and our world. Pray for Pastor Tricia, the Church Council, and the Ministry Leadership. The church office reviews this list monthly. Please call if your prayer concern is removed earlier than you wish.

Please keep the following in your prayers during this week:

Members

<i>Casey Rooney</i>	<i>Helen Morton</i>	<i>Kathy Austin</i>	<i>Stan Walters</i>
<i>Cris Spahr</i>	<i>Inge Scholl</i>	<i>Mary Austin</i>	<i>Sue Smith</i>
<i>Chuck Lynch</i>	<i>Isabel Benell</i>	<i>Ron Kovara</i>	<i>Tom Smith</i>
<i>Compton Reeves</i>	<i>Kat Harley-Mays</i>	<i>Sheila Smilgis</i>	

Our Family Members in Military and Deployed

Meg Northrup

Family Members and Friends

<i>Asher Stuart – great grandson of Nancy Renner</i>	<i>Kent Freeland – son-in-law of Donna & A.E. Morgan</i>
<i>Berto Rosellini – husband of Gayle Rosellini</i>	<i>Kris Franklin – friend of Wendy Woolley</i>
<i>Bill Deffenbaugh – stepfather of Kimberly Goats</i>	<i>Leroy Goats – father-in-law of Kimberly Goats</i>
<i>Bill & Ruth Garrett – friends of Kimberly Goats</i>	<i>Linda Vallner – sister of Ron Kovara</i>
<i>Bill Trancik – fiancé of Sheila Smilgis</i>	<i>Marie – Clara Farmer’s son’s mother-in-law</i>
<i>Buel McCoy – father of Wendy Woolley</i>	<i>Mark Erickson – friend of Mark & Mary Austin</i>
<i>Carol & Rita Kuenne – friend of Mark & Mary Austin</i>	<i>Mark Kovara – son of Ron Kovara</i>
<i>Cheryl Midel – aunt of Wendy Woolley</i>	<i>Marilyn Boston – cousin of Sue & Tom Smith</i>
<i>Charles Dean – great nephew of Gail Kenny</i>	<i>Mary Leavy – mother of Kathie Siggs</i>
<i>Chris Vettore – daughter of Ron Kovara</i>	<i>Merle MacCleary – father of Pam MacCleary</i>
<i>Connie – friend of Helen Morton</i>	<i>Miranda & Brad Rebholz – granddaughter and grandson of Jim & Carole Rebholz</i>
<i>Connie Miller & son Trevor – friends of Carl Schulze</i>	<i>Phil Miller – friend of Emmanuel</i>
<i>Cris & Susie – brother & sister of Clara Farmer</i>	<i>Rev. Paul Meier – former pastor of Larry & Sonya Mahler</i>
<i>Dawn Byars – stepsister of Kimberly Goats</i>	<i>Rich, Carol, daughter of Rachel & Granddaughter of Audrey, friend of Larry & Sonya Mahler</i>
<i>Doug Bayle – nephew of Phyllis Pohlman</i>	<i>Rosemary – neighbor of Mary Wakimoto</i>
<i>Eddie Hales – mother of Cheryl Miller</i>	<i>Rudy & Lena Juarez – friends of Julie Chisholm</i>
<i>Edward Kelly – friend of Mark & Mary Austin</i>	<i>Sam Crifasi – friend of Larry Mahler</i>
<i>Glen Stockbridge – son of David Stockbridge</i>	<i>Sarah Mulligan – daughter of Carol Wade</i>
<i>Jack Gregory – friend of Ellen Rosfeld</i>	<i>Star Campbell – friend of Bob Saul</i>
<i>Joann Harlib – mother of Scott Harlib</i>	<i>Suzanne Stump – friend of Emmanuel</i>
<i>John Wade – husband of Carol Wade</i>	<i>Tom Spahr – husband of Cris Spahr</i>
<i>Joshua Diebel – stepbrother of Tawnya Worthington</i>	<i>Wayne Stithem – friend of Emmanuel</i>
<i>Julie Ward – daughter of Keith & Cathy Namock</i>	<i>Wayne Wallingford – brother of Sheila Smilgis</i>
<i>Katy Rost & family – cousin of Kimberly Goats</i>	
<i>Kay & Dave & their families – friends of Bert & Kathy Austin</i>	

Shares of Faith

In loving memory of Daryl Newcomb & Heather Malboeuf,
from Bruce and Sally Newcomb

Someone is in the church office Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. except Wednesdays, which is 9:00 a.m.– 1:00 p.m. Please check in at the office when you arrive so we know who is in the building. Please wear a mask. Please call 772-4135 about the building availability, if you want to use a room for bible study, meeting, etc.

MISSION OUTREACH for the month of **July** is **Stepping Stones Women's and Children's Shelter**. Stepping Stones believes that all individuals who seek help due to some form of victimization or abuse need a therapeutic response. We work very hard to help women in our programs to become aware of their responsibility to end abuse or homelessness in their lives and the lives of their children. Stepping Stones is dedicated to ending violence/abuse in the family and promoting self-sufficiency, personal growth, self-worth and resiliency in the women and children who we are committed to serve.

Our blood drive is tomorrow, **1:00 – 5:00 p.m.** Visit vitalant.org to sign up; walk-ins are welcome!

Life Line Screening is coming on August 23, 9:00am – 5:00 pm. Watch for details in your mailbox.

Backpacks and School Supplies – We are collecting backpacks and school supplies this month for the Family Resource Center of the Humboldt School District. This is a great time to take advantage of the back-to-school sales! We will bless what we have next Sunday, and all items will be delivered to the Resource Center on July 30th.

EXCITING NEWS: We are now into stage five of our reopening plan, which means: all the chairs are back in the sanctuary, there is no limit on numbers of folks attending, and those fully vaccinated do not need to wear a mask. We encourage mask and distancing for those who are not vaccinated, including children.

Food Bank - We have resumed collection for the Prescott Valley Food Pantry at 8781 Spouse. Items most needed: canned fruits, canned vegetables, tuna, canned chicken, pasta, peanut butter, cereal, and rice. Cash donations are always appreciated as they can fill in with items such as fresh food, breads and meats.

Shares of Faith, financial gifts, are a wonderful means of honoring, celebrating and memorializing your loved ones. They are given for life events as well as deaths. Your Shares of Faith will be acknowledged in our weekly service folder

Our next Interfaith Meal is July 23, 11:00 am. We are now serving 150 takeout meals. If you are able to help, please let Mary Jensen know.

Habitat For Humanity Annual Golf Tournament is **August 30, 2021 at the Club at Prescott Lake**. If you would like to participate, the registration forms are located on the table in the narthex. If you have questions, please call 928-899-3343 or email aayers@prescotthabitat.org.

Our quilters meet the first and third Thursday of each month, 9:00 – 10:30 a.m. If you are a quilter or you'd like to learn, come and join in!

Thrivent Member Action Cards – Each member is allocated two \$250.00 cards per year. If you have not used your action cards, please consider applying for a card to support the Interfaith Meal.

Lectionary Bible Study meets Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall, and is led by Hal Vogelaar and Larry Gordon.

Aluminum Cans – We're still collecting cans! Please bring yours to the church and deposit them in the container held in the dumpster area.