

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 18th, 2021

Greetings and Welcome

Prelude by Sandi Watts

(organ)

Confession and Forgiveness

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

Sharing of the Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

All are invited to share the peace of Christ with one another.

Greet those around you by placing a hand on your chest and saying, "The peace of Christ be with you."

If you are online, you may share the peace in our comment section.

Call to Worship – "Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether" WOV 703

(organ)

- 1. Draw us in the Spirit's tether, for when humbly in your name two or three are met together, You are in the midst of them.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Touch we now your garment's hem.**
- 2. As disciples used to gather in the name of Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the giver break the bread and bless the cup.
Alleluia! Alleluia! So now bind our friendship up.**
- 3. All our meals and all our living make as sacraments of you, that by caring, helping, giving, we may be disciples true.
Alleluia! Alleluia! we will serve with faith anew.**

Kyrie

(ELW Setting 3)

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

Hymn of Praise – “My Life Is In You, Lord”

(piano)

**My life is in you, Lord, my strength is in you, Lord,
my hope is in you, Lord, in you, it’s in you.**

**My life is in you, Lord, my strength is in you, Lord,
my hope is in you, Lord, in you, it’s in you.**

**I will praise you with all of my life. I will praise you with all of my strength,
with all of my life, with all of my strength. All of my hope is in you.**

**My life is in you, Lord, my strength is in you, Lord,
my hope is in you, Lord, in you, it’s in you.**

**My life is in you, Lord, my strength is in you, Lord,
my hope is in you, Lord, in you, it’s in you, in you.**

First Reading: Jeremiah 23:1-6

Reader: Terri Kimler

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.”

Reader: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God!**

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

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.**

Children’s Sermon

Sermon – “Who Is Your Shepherd”

Song of Day – “The King of Love My Shepherd Is” LBW 456

(organ)

- 1 **The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his and he is mine forever.**
- 2 **Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul he leadeth
and, where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.**
- 3 **Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love he sought me,
and on his shoulder gently laid, and home, rejoicing, brought me.**
- 4 **In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear Lord, beside me,
thy rod and staff my comfort still; thy cross before to guide me.**
- 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.**

The Apostles' Creed

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 to the dead. 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

Stewardship Time

Take time to reflect on how you have been called to be a good steward through giving, serving, and loving. How can you give at this time to those in need? How can you serve by helping others or reaching out in your own home and community? How can you show God's love? If you would like to support our ministry, you may mail a check or give on our website (www.faithlutheranjacksonville.com).

*"You Are My Shepherd," arr. Lee
sung by Melissa Street
(piano)*

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.

Words of Institution

P: 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

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.

Communion Songs

“Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer” LBW 343 *(organ)*

- 1. Guide me ever, great Redeemer, pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but you are mighty; hold me with your pow’rful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore,
Feed me now and evermore.**
- 2. Open now the crystal fountain where the healing waters flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliv’rer, strong deliv’rer, shield me with your mighty arm,
Shield me with your mighty arm.**
- 3. When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death and hell’s destruction, land me safe on Canaan’s side.
Songs and praises, songs and praises, I will raise forevermore,
I will raise forevermore.**

Duet: “Just as I Am, I Come,” by Charlotte Elliott
sung by Kelly Hartz & Terri Kimler

“You Are Mine” *(piano)*

- 1. I will come to you in the silence, I will lift you from all your fear.
You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice, Be still and know I am here.**
- 2. I am hope for all who are hopeless, I am eyes for all who long to see.
In the shadows of the night, I will be your light. Come and rest in me.**
*Refrain: Do not be afraid, I am with you. I have called you each by name.
Come and follow me. I will bring you home; I love you and you are mine.*
- 3. I am strength for all the despairing, Healing for the ones who dwell in shame.
All the blind will see, The lame will all run free, And all will know my name. Refrain**
- 4. I am the Word that leads all to freedom, I am the peace the world cannot give.
I will call your name, Embracing all your pain, Stand up, now walk, and live! Refrain**

Post-Communion Blessing and the Benediction

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

C: **Amen.**

P: May the Lord bless you and keep you, may the Lord make his face to shine on you and be gracious to you, may the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: **Amen.**

Sending Song – “People of Hope”

(piano)

*Refrain: We are people of hope alive in the myst’ry, growing in faith, learning to love.
We are people of hope throughout all of hist’ry, held by the one who will never let go.*

1. **We are dead in our striving for wealth and for might,
But God rich in mercy has loved us to life. Refrain**

2. **We are what God has made us, created in Christ,
For justice and mercy to be our way of life. Refrain**

In the journey ev’ry day we’re led by the Word, saved by grace. Refrain

Dismissal

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**



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