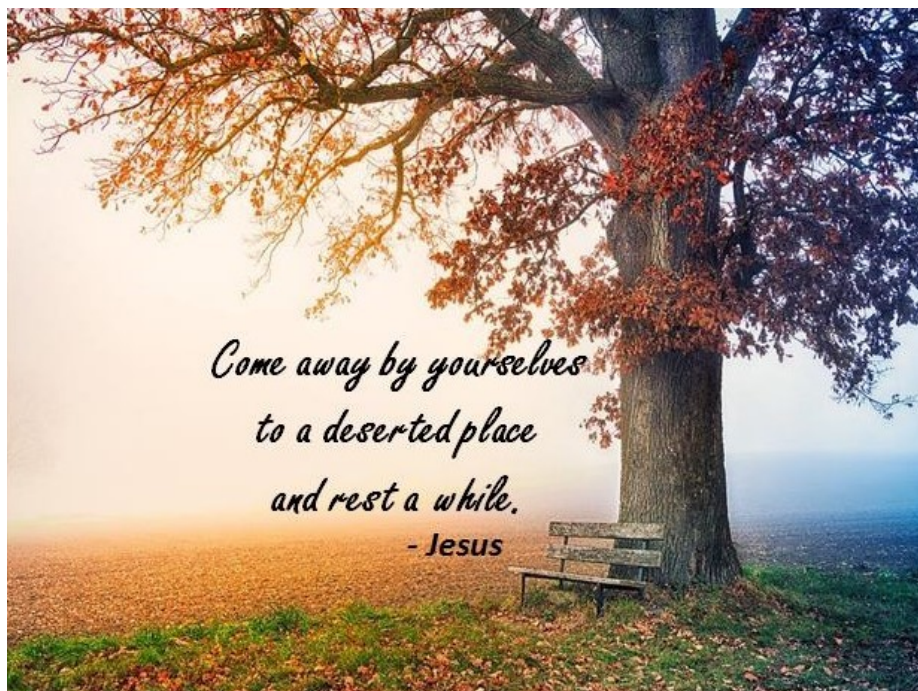


Welcome to Bethania Lutheran Kirke



*Come away by yourselves
to a deserted place
and rest a while.
- Jesus*

Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

July 21, 2024

Order of Worship for Sunday July 21, 2024

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.

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS

GATHERING

(Please rise as you are able)

CALL TO WORSHIP

P: Welcome to worship this morning.

C: Even though it is summertime, our lives are crowded and rushed.

P: Come into this time of peace and quiet.

C: We need to rest in God's word.

P: God's love is with you. God will give you rest and refresh your souls.

C: Thanks be to God for this "break-away" time. AMEN.

PROCESSIONAL AND GATHERING HYMN

"Guide Me Ever Great Redeemer" - #343

Lutheran Book of Worship –Green Hymnal

SALUTATION

P : The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

P: 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.

C: Amen

Please be seated

WORD

OUR FIRST READING is from the book of Jeremiah, chapter 23, verses 1 through 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.

¹ Woe 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.”

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

OUR SECOND READING is from the book of Ephesians, Chapter 2, verses 11 through 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.

¹¹ 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—¹²remember 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. ¹³ But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴ 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. ¹⁵ 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, ¹⁶ and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. ¹⁷ So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; ¹⁸ for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. ¹⁹ So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, ²⁰ built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. ²¹ In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; ²² in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

L: Words of Wisdom. Words of Life.

C: Thanks be to God!

(Please rise as you are able)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

All

Lis-ten, lis-ten, God is call-ing, through the Word in-vit-ing,

of-fer-ing for-give-ness, com-fort, and joy. joy.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 6th chapter.

C: **Glory to you O Lord.**

GOSPEL: 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.

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. ³³ Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. ³⁴ 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.

⁵³ When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. ⁵⁴ When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, ⁵⁵ and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. ⁵⁶ 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.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you O Christ.

Please be seated

MESSAGE

(Please rise as you are able)

HYMN OF THE DAY -

(ELW # 780)

Congregation verses 1-3 & refrain—Soloist verses 4&5

Refrain
All



Shep-herd me, O God, be-yond my wants, be-yond my fears, from



death in - to life. life.

Leader or All



1 God is my shep-herd, so noth- ing shall I want, I
2 Gent - ly you raise me and heal my wea - ry soul, you
3 Though I should wan - der the val - ley of death, I



rest in the mead-ows of faith - ful - ness and love, I
lead me by path - ways of righ - teous-ness and truth, my
fear no e - vil, for you are at my side, your

Refrain



walk by the qui - et wa - ters of peace.
spir - it shall sing the mu - sic of your name.
rod and your staff, my com - fort and my hope.

Leader or All



4 You have set me a ban-quet of love in the face of

Refrain



ha-tred, crown-ing me with love be-yond my pow'r to hold.

Leader or All



5 Sure-ly your kind-ness and mer-cy fol-low me all the days of my life;



I will dwell in the house of my God for-ev - er - more.

Final refrain
All



Shep-herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be -



yond my fears, from death in - to life.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950, based on Psalm 23

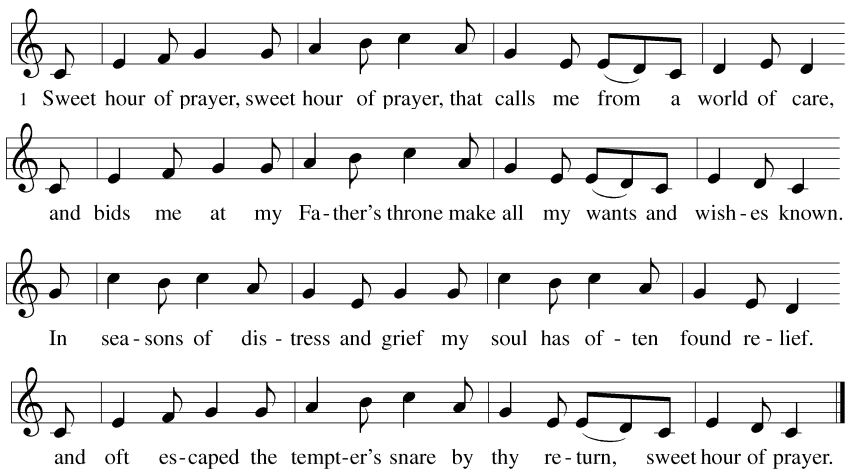
Music: SHEPHERD ME, Marty Haugen

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PRAYER SONG



1 Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, that calls me from a world of care,
and bids me at my Fa-ther's throne make all my wants and wish-es known.
In sea-sons of dis-tress and grief my soul has of-ten found re-lief.
and oft es-caped the tempt-er's snare by thy re-turn, sweet hour of prayer.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: One in the communion of saints and in the power of the Holy Spirit, we join our voices in prayer.

A brief silence.

P: For the church of Jesus Christ in this and every land:
Through the One who is the cornerstone of a firm foundation, join us together and build us up as a temple of mercy and peace. In your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: For the creation: Cause new trees to be planted. Restrain the melting of polar ice caps. Save land from destruction. Like a shepherd tends her sheep, raise up from among us caretakers of all you have made. In your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: For the leaders of nations and heads of tribes
(*especially*): Where peace seems far off, bring it near.
Where justice seems fleeting, bring it to light. Where discord
seems relentless, bring harmony. In your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: For the health and well-being of family, friends, and
neighbors: Heal those who are sick *especially* Jeff & Sue,
Bonnie, Anita, Grete, Bettie, Sherry, Jean D., and all those
we name in our hearts. . Give courage to all who struggle
with addiction. Touch with your tender care all who reach
out to you in pain. In your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: For this assembly and for the faith communities
represented this week at the ELCA Youth Gathering: Nur-
ture the faith of young people as they encounter new ex-
periences and people. Break down dividing walls and in-
spire collaboration among people of every age. In your
mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

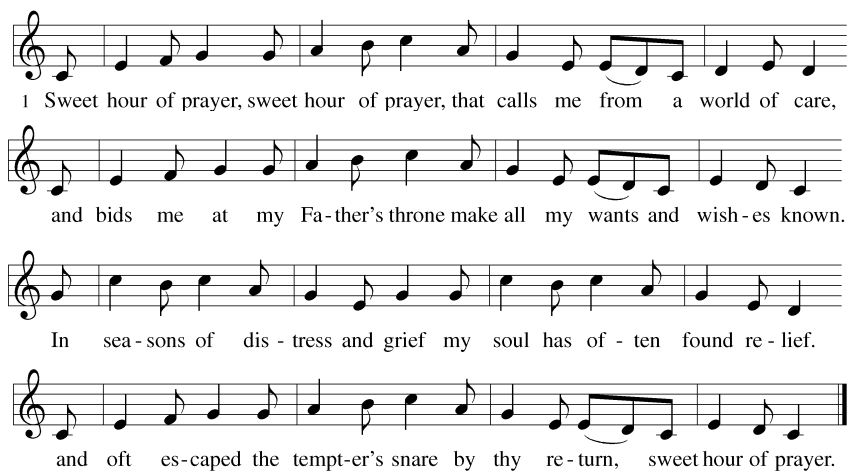
P: In thanksgiving for those who have died *especially*: Fran
Make us certain that in Christ we are no longer strangers
and aliens but citizens with the saints in the household of
God. In your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Holy God, holy and merciful: into your outstretched arms
we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting
in the one who is the way, the truth, and the life, Jesus
Christ our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

PRAYER SONG



1 Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, that calls me from a world of care,
and bids me at my Fa-ther's throne make all my wants and wish-es known.
In sea-sons of dis-tress and grief my soul has of-ten found re-lief.
and oft es-caped the tempt-er's snare by thy re-turn, sweet hour of prayer.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

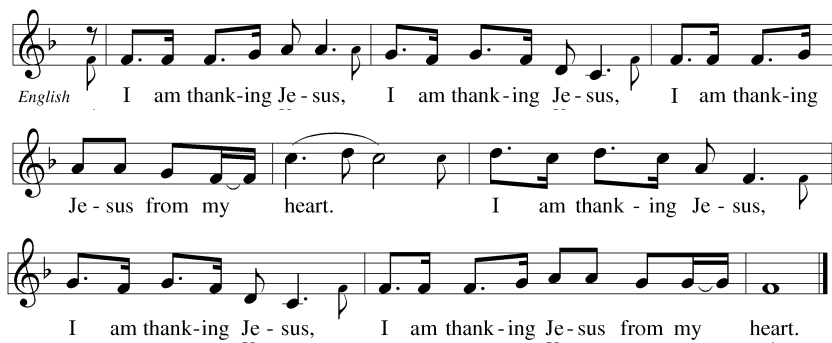
P: The Peace of the Lord be with You.

C: And also with you.

(Shaking of hands and sharing the peace with others around you.)

OFFERTORY

(ELW # 682)



English I am thank-ing Je - sus, I am thank-ing Je - sus, I am thank-ing
Je - sus from my heart. I am thank - ing Je - sus,
I am thank-ing Je - sus, I am thank-ing Je - sus from my heart.

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us pray,

Gracious God, may our prayer together increase our faith in your companionship, our hope in your love, our love for your people. As we offer this bread and wine, may we be strengthened in our friendship with you, now and forever. We ask this through Jesus the Lord.

C: Amen

INTRODUCTION TO THE MEAL

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 him 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 in remembrance of me.

Again after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
And gave it for all to drink , saying;
This is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you
And for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this in remembrance of me.

P: So reaching out to one another, let us join hands with one another and pray the prayer our Lord taught us to pray:

(You are invited to hold hands with our neighbor)

LORD'S PRAYER

**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

P: Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. And all are Welcome. Come!

(Please be seated)

SHARING THE MEAL

For in person, come up the center aisle, receive your communion wafer, carefully dip your wafer into the wine. If grape juice is preferred let the assistant know.

For at home using plain bread/crackers and wine/grape juice.

COMMUNION HYMN -

(ACS #1037)

Christ, Our Peace

Christ, our peace,
you break down the walls that divide us;
Christ, our peace,
come, make us one body in you.

Christ, our peace,
Where your church is wounded, heal it.
Christ, our peace,
come, make us one body in you.

Christ, our peace,
Where your church is divided, reunite it.
Christ, our peace,
come, make us one body in you.

(Please rise as you are able)

COMMUNION BLESSING

P: May the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen

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 -

(ACS #1062)



1 Build a long - er ta - ble, not a high - er wall,
2 Build a saf - er ref - uge, not a larg - er jail;
3 Build a broad - er door - way, not a long - er fence.
4 When we lived as ex - iles, ref - u - gees a - broad,



feed - ing those who hun - ger, mak - ing room for all.
where the weak find shel - ter, mer - cy will not fail.
Love pro - tects all peo - ple, spar - ing no ex - pense.
Christ be - came our door - way to the reign of God.



Feast - ing to - geth - er, strang - er turns to friend,
For an - y place where jus - tice is de - nied,
When we em - brace com - pas - sion more than fear,
So must our ta - bles wel - come those who roam.



Christ breaks walls to piec - es; false di - vi - sions end.
Christ will breach the jail wall, free - ing all in - side.
Christ tears down our fenc - es; all are wel - come here.
None can be ex - clud - ed; all must find a home.

RECESSIONAL

A: We follow the cross of Christ into the world.

(Congregation turns as the cross passes them—so they are facing the back of the church)

DISMISSAL

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

C. Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

TODAYS WORSHIP LEADERS:

Worship Leader: Pastor Paul Nuechterlein

Lector: Anita Nielsen

Communion Assistants: Brad Larsen & Jeff Alderson

Building Host, Acolyte & Offering Presenter: Brad Larsen

Coffee Hour: Open

Altar Flowers: Open

Live Stream Tech: Ed Young

WORSHIP LEADERS NEXT WEEK (Sunday 7/14):

Worship Leader: Pastor Paul Nuechterlein

Lector: John Barnes

Communion Assistants: John & Robin Barnes

Building Host, Acolyte & Offering Presenter: John Barnes

Coffee Hour: Open

Altar Flowers: Open

Live Stream Tech: Brad Larsen

**LIVE STREAM TECHS
NEEDED**

No experience necessary.

Please see Jeff or Brad
if you are interested.

Thank you!

JOYS AND CONCERNS

There are index cards and a basket in the back are on the table by the bulletins. We are asking that you fill out a prayer card before service and leave it in the basket.

The basket will be brought up to the lectern so they can be read the congregation so everyone will be able to hear what /who the Joys and Concerns are.

WAYS YOU CAN HELP OUR COMMUNITY:

BRING NON PERISHABLE FOOD (Food Pantry)

BRING EMPTY ALUMINUM CANS (Cans for K-9s)

BRING GENTLY USED CLOTHES OR PAPER BAGS (TxT)

WAYS YOU CAN HELP BETHANIA:

MOW THE LAWN

JOIN THE CARE & CONCERN TEAM (Send cards)

REMEMBER YOUR OFFERING (Pays the Bills)



If you have anyone you would like to have added to the prayer chain **please contact Kelly Imhoff at 262-554-1558 or by email: bethaniaprayerchain@wi.twcbc.com**

Showing the Love of Christ to Visitors

- ♥ All are welcome! Everyone has different needs and different backgrounds, that's just the way God made us.
- ♥ Be sure to welcome your neighbor whether you know them or not. A friendly face and smile goes a long way.
- ♥ Understand that certain behaviors, at certain moments, cannot be controlled. Most individuals would control them if they could. Overlooking the behavior or making a gentle intervention is the most accepting and least disruptive response.
- ♥ Make time to listen to families or individuals with special needs as they have a lot to say. Let them express their feelings openly, without any judgment.
- ♥ Everyone is invited to participate in communion. It's okay to gently and quietly help someone understand what to do if they need help.
- ♥ Holding hands during the Lord's Prayer is a tradition at Bethania. Respect your neighbors choice if they choose not to hold your hand during the Prayer.
- ♥ Passing the Peace is handshakes or hugs at Bethania. Respect your neighbors choice if they choose not to hug or shake hands during the Peace. They may chose to fist bump, elbow bump or just hold up a peace sign. Remember the Covid Pandemic was a very scary and uncertain time for everyone.
- ♥ The offering plate will remain at the back of the church until the offertory. Your offering can be put in the plate anytime before then. We will not pass the plate but if you forget to place your offering in the plate you are welcome to put it in the bulletin box after worship on your way out.

The Calendar....



Sunday, July 21, 2024 -

9:30a.m. . -Worship In Person & on Facebook Live

10:30a.m. – COFFEE HOUR

Monday, July 22, 2024-

Office CLOSED

Tuesday, July 23, 2024

Office CLOSED

Wednesday, July 24, 2024

6:00 p.m.—Bible Study, hearth room

Thursday, July 25, 2024

Office CLOSED

Friday, July 26, 2024

Office CLOSED

Sunday, July 28, 2024 -

9:30a.m. . -Worship In Person & on Facebook Live

10:30a.m. – COFFEE HOUR