



Salem Lutheran Church  
401 S. Lake St. Lake Mills IA 50450

Welcome to the House of the Lord

Eighth Sunday After Pentecost  
July 18, 2021 – 9:00am



**OUR MISSION:** We are God forgiven and mission driven.

**OUR VISION:** To be that Lake Mills place where belonging, healing, growing, serving and believing are open to all, regardless of background, experience or aptitude. Central to this is that we are a -forgiving, mission-driven community, which means we all want to have an impact, shaped by the love of Christ to serve all others.

**Saturday--5:30pm Worship Service**  
**Preaching:** Pastor Joel Guttormson  
**Organist:** Ruth Sheldon  
**Reader:** Claire Levine  
**Liturgical Choir:** open  
**Sound:** Shannon Bruhns  
**Acolytes:** Shannon Bruhns  
**Ushers:** Shannon Bruhns  
**Communion Servers:**  
**Altar Guild for July:**  
 Janet Swenson & Joan Kloster

**Sunday--9:00am Worship Service**  
**Preaching:** Pastor Joel Guttormson  
**Organist:** Ruth Sheldon  
**Readers:** Margaret Okland  
**Liturgical Choir:** Nancy Guttormson, Bruce Adams, Al Skellenger  
**Sound:** Al Skellenger  
**Live Stream:** Brad Evenson  
**Video:** Al Skellenger  
**Acolytes:** Lyle Thomson  
**Ushers:** Lyle and Orloue Thomson  
**Communion Servers:**  
**Altar Guild for July:**  
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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

PRELUDE

BELLS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG *The Power of Your Love* Vol. 1

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Guiding, guardian God,  
we do not want to be like sheep without a shepherd,  
or strangers wandering alone in the world.  
We want to know your presence,  
and trust that you dwell within us.  
We yearn for conviction that your Spirit  
flows in and through us.  
Fill us when we are empty.  
Forgive us when we are wrong.  
Guide us when we are lost.  
Comfort us when we are tired.  
Reconcile us when we are disconnected,  
and guard our lives with your indwelling Spirit.  
In your loving name, we pray.  
Amen.

Beloved God, hear this good news. In Christ, who is our peace, we live and love.  
As Christ’s sisters and brothers, let us be at peace with one another. Turn to a  
sister or brother and share the peace of Christ that dwells within.  
Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you all.  
And also with you.

We stand for the hymn of praise.  
HYMN OF PRAISE *God is Here!* ELW #526



1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer  
2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our life - long  
3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's  
4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an age of



praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure  
need of grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;  
flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en,  
change and doubt, keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;



what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the  
here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es -  
Christ sus - tains us as of old. Here the ser - vants  
help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's



world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts  
ty of preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,  
of the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore  
ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;



wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.  
here, in new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.  
what it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.  
we, who can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

WORD

FIRST READINGJeremiah 23:1-6

<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.” Word of God, word of life. Thanks be to God.

PSALMODYPsalms 23

The Lord Jesus is my Soul Shepherd who meets all my needs and makes me smile He gets me to stop working and to relax with him in his Father’s loving arms

He takes me into a quiet place to be still and know that he is God and I am loved He heals and rejuvenates my whole being with his grace from the inside out

He holds my hand at the crossroads and walks me onto the path of life Even though I go through dark and difficult times I don’t fear anything bad because you are with me

You discipline me in love and converse patiently with me to bring out the best in me You prepare a celebration to bless and honor me right in front of my enemies

You anoint me with your Spirit to minister to others out of the overflow of your love to me I can count on your generous favor and tender mercy coming to me wherever I go

I will live in the presence of Christ as his beloved in all things and at all times

SECOND READINGEphesians 2:11-22

<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.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Open the Eyes of My Heart*

Vol. 2

*We stand for the hearing of the gospel.*

## GOSPEL

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

The Holy Gospel according to Mark

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<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

### HYMN OF THE DAY

*I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*

ELW #611



1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, “Come un - to me and rest;  
2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, “Be - hold, I free - ly give  
3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, “I am this dark world’s light;



lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on my breast.”  
the liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; stoop down and drink and live.”  
look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright.”



I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad;  
I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream;  
I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun;



I found in him a rest-ing-place, and he has made me glad.  
my thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.  
and in that light of life I’ll walk till trav - ling days are done.

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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**

*All may be seated as the pastor invites us into our time of prayer.*

Rooted in Christ and sustained by the Spirit, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

*A brief silence.*

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.

**Your mercy is great.**

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. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

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.**

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* all we love and care for and name before you know (*pause*). Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

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.

**Your mercy is great.**

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. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered as the pastor concludes the prayers.*

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

**Amen.**

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## **MEAL**

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## **OFFERING**

*The offering is being collected at the beginning of the service as you walk in. The usher will bring the offering forward for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need at the time of the offering song and prayer.*

## **MUSICAL OFFERING**

## **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.**

## THE 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.**

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.

## THE 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**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

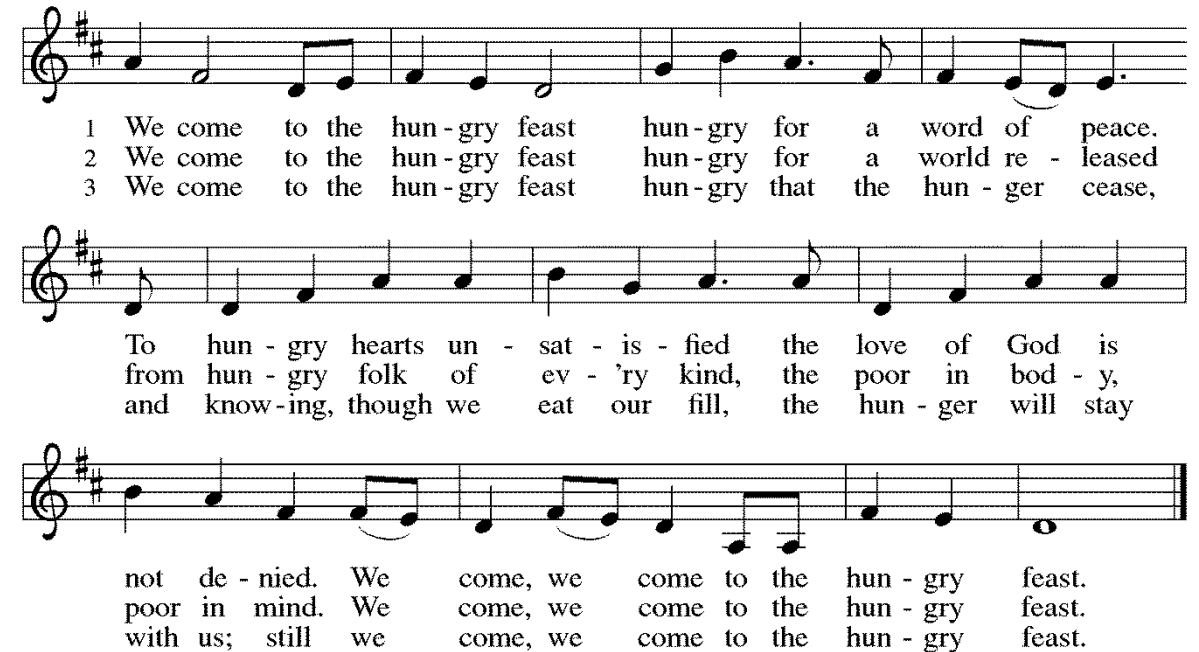
Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

## DISTRIBUTION

## COMMUNION SONG

*We Come to the Hungry Feast*

ELW #479



1 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a word of peace.  
2 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a world re - leased  
3 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry that the hun - ger cease,

To hun - gry hearts un - sat - is - fied the love of God is  
from hun - gry folk of ev - 'ry kind, the poor in bod - y,  
and know - ing, though we eat our fill, the hun - ger will stay

not de - nied. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.  
poor in mind. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.  
with us; still we come, we come to the hun - gry feast.

## 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.**

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## SENDING

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## BLESSING

The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,  
✠ be upon you now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN

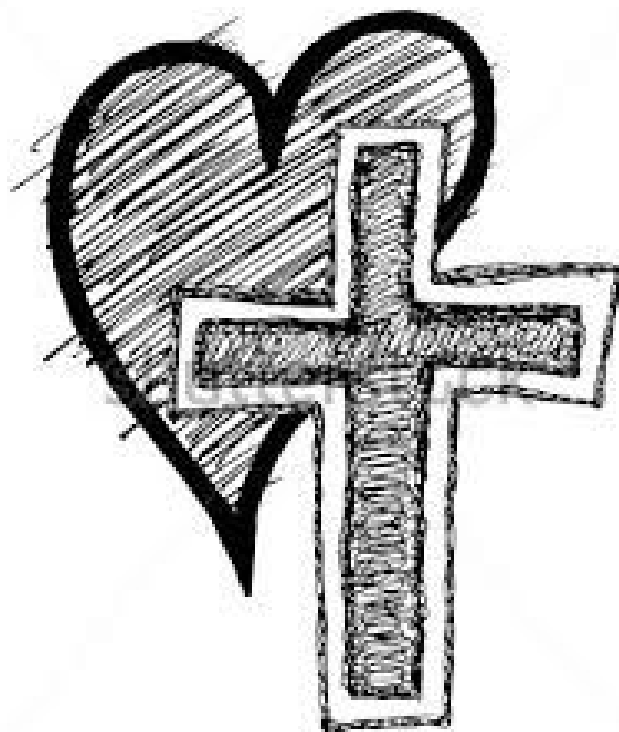
*Today is the Day*

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**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

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Psalm 23 written by Bill Gaultiere and Kristi Gaultiere. Posted on Soul Shepherding. <http://www.soulshepherding.org>





Happy moments,  
*Praise God.*

Difficult moments,  
*Seek God.*

Quiet moments,  
*Worship God.*

Painful moments,  
*Trust God.*

Every moment,  
*Thank God.*

