

**Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**  
July 18, 2021  
St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church

**Confession and Forgiveness**

Pr. Blessed be the Holy Trinity, +one God,  
the God of manna,  
the God of miracles,  
the God of mercy.

**Amen**

Pr. Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.  
God our protector,

**All 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.**

Pr. 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.

**Amen.**

**Opening Hymn: "The Church's One Foundation" ELW 654**

## The Church's One Foundation



1 The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;  
2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,  
3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op - pressed,  
4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult of her war,  
5 Yet she on earth has u - nion with God, the Three in One,



she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.  
her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth:  
by schisms . . rent a - sund - er, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,  
she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;  
and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.



From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;  
one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,  
yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"  
till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,  
Oh, bless - ed heav'n-ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by your grace,



with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.  
and to one hope she press - es with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.  
and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.  
and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.  
that we, like saints be - fore us, may see you face to face.

## **Greeting**

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

**All And Also with you.**

## **Prayer of the day**

Pr. 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.

**All Amen.**

## **Hymn of Praise Glory setting 4**



Assisting minister



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

All



Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.



For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

## Welcome and Announcements

### First Reading Jeremiah 23:1-6

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. 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. 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. 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.

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. 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.'

### Psalm: Psalm 23

*Asst* The Lord is my shepherd;

**All I shall not be in want.**

*Asst* The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures

**All and leads me beside still waters.**

*Asst* You restore my soul, O Lord,

**All and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.**

*Asst* Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil;

**All for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

*Asst* You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

**All you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.**

*Asst* Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

**All and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

## Gospel Acclamation-- "Alleluia" ELW Setting 4

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

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

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. 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. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. 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.

When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the market-places, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

## Sermon

Hymn "Lord Speak to Us, That We May Speak" ELW 676

Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak



1 Lord, speak to us, that we may speak in  
2 Oh, lead us, Lord, that we may lead the  
3 Oh, teach us, Lord, that we may teach the  
4 Oh, fill us with your full - ness, Lord, un -



liv - ing ech - oes of your tone; as you have sought, so  
wan-d'ring and the wa - v'ring feet; oh, feed us, Lord, that  
pre - cious truths which you im - part; and wing our words, that  
til our ver - y hearts o'er - flow in kin - dling thought and



let us seek your stray - ing chil - dren, lost and lone.  
we may feed your hun - g'ring ones with man - na sweet.  
they may reach the hid - den depths of man - y a heart.  
glow - ing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879, alt.  
Music: CANONBURY, Robert Schumann, 1810–1856

## **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**

Asst' Let us offer our prayers to God, responding to each petition with an echo from  
Ephesians, "**Grant us your peace.**"

***A brief silence.***

O God our shepherd, the church calls out for your care. Form bishops and pastors into courageous shepherds who guide the flocks of the baptized. Where the pandemic recedes, renew the worship and revive the ministries of your churches. Where throughout the world the pandemic rages, uphold your people with the strength of your word.

***A brief silence.***

Show mercy to the church, O God:

**Grant us your peace.**

The lands and waters call out for renewal. Provide green pastures and still waters for livestock, and protect gardens, farms, and ranches from disaster. Where flood or drought threatens, save your creation with your loving might.

***A brief silence.***

Show mercy to the earth, O God:

**Grant us your peace.**

All the needy cry to you. Restore all who are oppressed or imprisoned. Visit Haiti and all nations in distress. Guide the leaders of nations to walk in the pathways of justice. Break down the walls that divide people of different nation, color, language, or ethnicity.

***A brief silence.***

Show mercy to the nations, O God:

**Grant us your peace.**

Embrace all who are lonely or abandoned. Protect teenage runaways, and house any who are homeless. Grant acceptance to quarreling family members. Bless all governmental and church agencies of care with sufficient resources for their tasks.

***A brief silence.***

Show mercy to all in want, O God:

**Grant us your peace.**

We pray for the safety of the athletes at the Olympics. Cultivate among them a spirit of friendly camaraderie, and protect the residences of Tokyo from COVID contagion.

***A brief silence.***

Show mercy to this worldwide pursuit, provident God:

**Grant us your peace.**

Those who are sick stand in need of your care. Visit all who have COVID-19, and accompany those who are standing in the shadow of death. Be a strong rod to those who are weak, and with your staff keep evil distant from all your children. Hear our pleas for those we name here before you; Dick Atkins, Marge Kolb, Ken Welton, Ron Edwards, James Dickie, Arlene Lauer, Jim Murray, Rosemary Rizzo, Tony Rizzo, and Pastor Adam Miller-Stubbendick and his family.

***A brief silence.***

Show mercy to all who suffer, O God:

**Grant us your peace.**

Each of us praises you, O loving God, for untold goodness and endless mercy. We reach out to Christ, to touch the fringe of his cloak. Hear now our personal prayers:

***A longer time of silence.***

Show mercy to each of us, O God:

**Grant us your peace.**

We thank you for all the faithful of every time and place, especially those we name here before you. . . . We pray that at the end, we all will dwell in your house forever.

***A brief silence.***

Show mercy to us all, O God:

**Grant us your peace.**

Into your hands, mighty and merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your gift of life, through Jesus Christ, who is our peace.

**Amen.**

## **Invitation to Communion**

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

## **Offering Prayer**

Asst. 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.

**All Amen**

## **Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

## **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE: SUMMER**

Holy God,

our Maker, Redeemer, and Healer,  
in the harmonious world of your creation,  
the plants and animals,  
the seas and stars  
were whole and well in your praise.

When sin had scarred the world,  
you sent your Son to heal our ills  
and to form us again into one.

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.

Remembering, therefore,  
Jesus' acts of healing,  
Christ's body given up,  
and the victory over death,  
we await that day when all the peoples of the earth  
will come to the river to enjoy the tree of life.

Send your Spirit upon us and this meal:  
as grains scattered on the hillside become one bread,  
so let your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth,  
that all may be fed with the Bread of life, your Son.

Through whom all glory and honor is yours,  
Almighty God, with the Holy Spirit,  
in your holy Church,  
both now and forever.

**Amen**

## **Lord's Prayer**

## **Distribution of Communion**

## Communion music "Now the Silence" ELW 460

### Now the Silence

Now the si - lence Now the peace Now the emp - ty hands up - lift - ed

Now the kneel - ing Now the plea Now the Fa - ther's arms in wel - come

Now the hear - ing Now the pow'r Now the ves - sel brimmed for pour - ing

Now the bod - y Now the blood Now the joy - ful cel - e - bra - tion

Now the wed - ding Now the songs Now the heart for - giv - en leap - ing

Now the Spir - it's vis - i - ta - tion Now the Son's e - piph - a - ny

Now the Fa - ther's bless - ing Now Now Now

Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda, b. 1919

Music: NOW, Carl F. Schalk, b. 1929

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## **Prayer after Communion**

Asst. 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.**

## **Blessing**

Pr. The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, + be upon you now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **Dismissal**

Asst Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

**All Thanks be to God.**

**Sending Hymn** "Savior, Like a Shepherd Leave us" ELW 789



## Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us



1 Sav - ior like a shep - herd lead us; much we need your ten - der care.  
2 We are yours; in love be - friend us, be the guard - ian of our way;  
3 You have prom - ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin - ful though we be;  
4 Ear - ly let us seek your fa - vor, ear - ly let us do your will;



In your pleas - ant pas - tures feed us, for our use your fold pre - pare.  
keep your flock, from sin de - fend us, seek us when we go a - stray.  
you have mer - cy to re - lieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.  
bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with your love our spir - its fill.



Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, you have bought us; we are yours.  
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, hear us chil - dren when we pray.  
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, ear - ly let us turn to you.  
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, you have loved us, love us still.



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Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, hear us chil - dren when we pray.  
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Text: attr. Dorothy A. Thrupp, 1779–1847  
Music: BRADBURY, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868