

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 5:00pm Saturday, July 17 and 9:00am Sunday, July 18, 2021

P The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE - We silence our voices and phones as we prepare our hearts for worship.

Please stand as you are able.

GREETING

- 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 O God,
- C 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.

Please be seated.

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.

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."

PSALM 23 Read responsively

R: ¹The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

- C: ²The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.
- R: ³You restore my soul, O LORD, and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.
- C: ⁴Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- R: ⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.
- C: ⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

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.

¹¹Remember 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. ¹³But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴For 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. ¹⁵He 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, ¹⁶and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. ¹⁷So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; ¹⁸for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. ¹⁹So then

you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, ²⁰built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. ²¹In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; ²²in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

GOSPEL Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

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

C Glory to you, O Lord.

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. 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.

SERMON Pastor Robb Kosky

HYMN "All are Welcome" Sat: Lynn Najem

Sun: Laura Jasiczek

Please stand as you are able.

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

P Let us come before the triune God in prayer.

Each portion of the prayers concludes with these words:

P Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude with these words:

P We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your abiding grace.

C Amen.

PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

OFFERING PRAYER you may place your offering in the plate near the front of the sanctuary as you come forward to commune.

- P Jesus, Bread of life,
- C 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.

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 It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

C Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

- 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.
- P 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, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

LORD'S PRAYER

C Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come! *Please be seated.*

COMMUNION - come forward using the center aisle. Receive the wafer and the wine (red) or juice (white), eat and return to your seats using the side aisle. 100% gluten free wafers are available. This is the Lord's table and the Lord invites all to come and dine.

Please stand as you are able.

- P May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you, and keep you in his grace.
- C Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Jesus, Bread of life,

C 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

- P The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, 中 be upon you now and forever.
- C Amen.

DISMISSAL

- P Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.
- C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

WELCOME TO LAKEVIEW LUTHERAN CHURCH

We are glad that you have chosen to worship with us. We are part of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) and the South Central Synod of Wisconsin-ELCA. We strive to be an open and hospitable place for all. You are invited to join us often for worship and other activities and ministries that may appeal to you. We believe that we celebrate communion at the Lord's Table and that the Lord invites all to share in the holy meal. Grape juice is provided. Gluten-free wafers are also provided. Children are welcome in worship and at communion. A gender inclusive restroom with changing table is located off the narthex. Additional restrooms are located on the lower level.

PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES AND ELECTRONIC DEVICES before worship begins to prevent being a distraction to others.

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Office hours – M-Closed, T-H 8:00-4:00, F-Closed

Altar Guild: Doris Hicks

Communion Assistant: Dayna Dalton

Reader: Laura Jasiczek **Usher:** Dayna Dalton

Counters: Sandy Rupnow and Ellen Bethel

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Masks are Still Welcome

Masks continue to be welcome and respected for many reasons including:

- · Individuals who are not yet fully vaccinated,
- · Health conditions which may not permit or result in full vaccination,
- · Individuals with others at home who may have health needs, or
- · Personal preference

The Pastoral Call Committee needs your help!

The next project we are taking on is to define the Core Values of Lakeview Lutheran Church. Core values are intended to communicate what the congregation stands for and on what principles it operates. They guide the everyday actions of members and staff as well as congregational planning. Examples include: truth,

fellowship, worship, compassion, unity, love, acceptance, prayer, generosity, integrity, discipleship and empowerment.

This phase is about discovering our new identity or Mission – who are we now as a congregation; what do people in the community say about Lakeview, what are our Core Values; who is God calling us to be; where is God at work at Lakeview and how is God calling us as a congregation?

Your input is vital in helping us to define the Core Values of Lakeview Lutheran Church. We will be hosting 2 Focus Group Sessions in July and we hope you will be able to attend on one of these dates(there will be treats!!):

Sunday, July 18th at 10:00am (following the Worship Service) Saturday, July 24th, at 4:00pm (prior to Worship Service)

Bible Study

Bible study is meeting in person in the Fellowship Room, as well as on Zoom, at 10:30 on Wednesday mornings. We are studying the book of Romans. No preparation is necessary. Just come with an interested mind and a sense of goodwill and humor. Of course, treats are always welcome!

Singles Brunch

The Singles Brunch group will be meeting for breakfast on Sunday, July 25, at Tully's in Monona, leaving church immediately after 9:00 worship. Contact Gayle Langer for additional details: 249-3806.

Food Pantry

The food pantry is requesting toothpaste, toothbrushes, bar soap, ketchup, macaroni & cheese, and ranch salad dressing through July.

YouTube

Terry encourages **all** members to Subscribe to the Lakeview Lutheran Church YouTube channel. This can be done by going to youtube.com. Search for "Lakeview Lutheran Church Madison." There are 2 Lakeview Lutheran Church's so don't forget to include "Madison." Click on the "Subscribe" button then click on the notification bell.

Hiring Office Administrator

Lakeview will be hiring a new Office Administrator. This will be a 32 hour/wk position. We are open to flexibility in scheduling, but it is not a work from home

position. Health and dental benefits are available. Please send resumes to office@lakeviewlutheranmail.org.

A Weekend Well Spent

I recently had the pleasure to spend a weekend with one of my best friends who was my college roommate and also happened to be the best man at our wedding 38 years ago. We do not get together often but we finally found a couple of days that worked well for both of us. Long time gaps never interfere or erode those special relationships. My friend Tom went on to become a prison guard at a Maximum-Security facility and attained the rank of Captain until his retirement. As you can imagine he has experienced many intense situations that most people are never exposed to. Even so he remains firmly grounded and is always in high spirits. As we were talking, laughing, and reeling in the years, he presented me with something rather special. Tom also being an exceptionally talented artist painted and framed the following message that I have read over and over since it was received, and it says this:

Praise God
Difficult Moments
Seek God
Quiet Moments
Worship God
Painful Moments
Trust God
Every Moment
Thank God

I thanked him sincerely for the gift and asked about more background. He said the words were plagiarized but that did not matter because he thought I would enjoy the meaning. Tom was right. That is why I am sharing this with you also. It is so simple yet so powerful. Perhaps you have seen this before but that does not matter either because each time you read it; you find great comfort.

God's Peace to you All.

Gregg Steinhauer