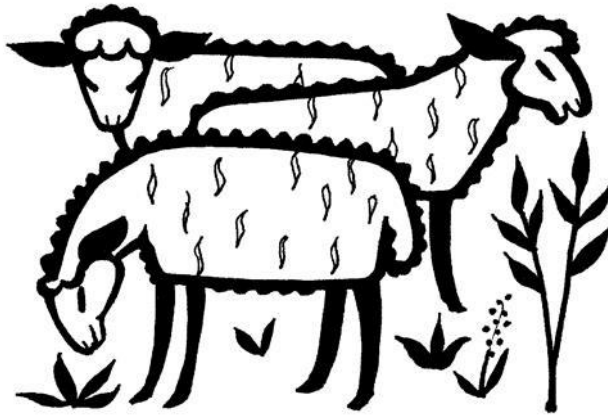


**9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**July 21, 2024**

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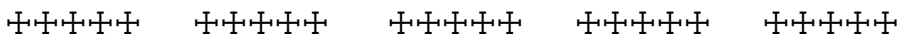
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Monday 8:30am-12:00pm  
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***Our Mission is to make Christ known.***

We welcome all guests this morning.  
We are very pleased to have you worship with us.  
All are welcome to receive communion.

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**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE**     *He Leadeth Me*   *Arranged by Bradbury*

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy. **Amen.**

Drawn to Christ and seeking God’s abundance, let us confess our sinfulness.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

O God, our provider,

**C: help us. You provide for our every need, yet 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 bread from heaven, we are fed and nourished.

By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, † the bread of life, we are shown God’s mercy: we are forgiven and loved into his abundant life. **Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN**   *The Church’s One Foundation*     **ELW 654**

**INVOCATION**

P: May 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.**

**Kryie**             **(Spoken)**

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

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

**Lord, have mercy.**

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.

**Lord, have mercy.**

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

**Lord, have mercy.**

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

**Amen.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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. **Amen.**

**FIRST READING Jeremiah 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."

*The Word of the Lord...Thanks be to God.*

\* **GOSPEL VERSE** ~ *please stand if able*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
*Repeat alleluia*  
Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.



## GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.     **C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.     **C: We lift them unto the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

**C: It is right to give God our thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right....

## \*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the  
high - est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: On the night in which he was betrayed ...

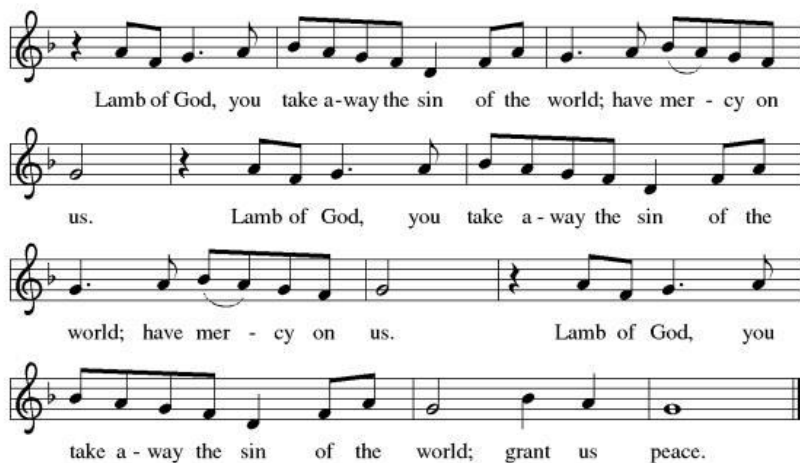
for as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death, until he comes again.

**C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

## THE FRACTION AND INVITATION

## LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on  
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you  
take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

## DISTRIBUTION

*We practice "open communion" at St. John. ALL are invited to come forward as ushered to receive this life-giving sacrament. Those not receiving communion are invited to receive a blessing. As you are given the bread and wine an appropriate response is "Amen." Please be respectful of this meditative time within our worship.*

## COMMUNION HYMNS

*Here is Bread*

**ELW 483**

*Day by Day*

**ELW 790**

## COMMUNION BLESSING

P: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us, now and forever. **Amen.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: 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 go and love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. **Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

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

## **SENDING HYMN**      *Go Make Disciples*

Go, make disciples,  
baptizing them, teaching them.  
Go, make disciples,  
for I am with you till the end of time.  
Go, be the salt of the earth.  
Go, be the light for the world.  
Go, be a city on a hill,  
so all can see that you're serving me.  
Go, make disciples.

## **DISMISSAL**

**A:** Go in peace. Serve the risen Lord.

**C:** **Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**      *Praise to the Lord God, the Almighty*