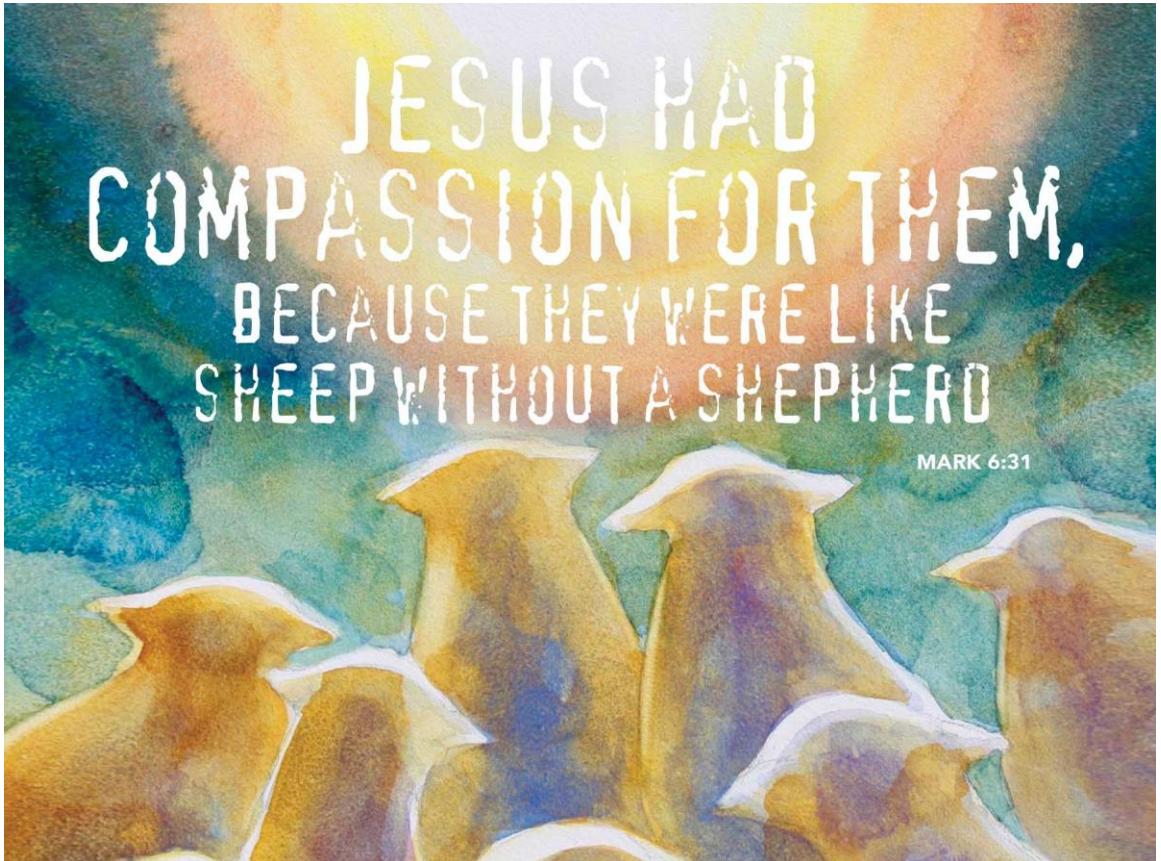


# Ninth Sunday after Pentecost



ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

July 22, 2018

Service of the Word

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*Welcoming all to know and love Jesus.*

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**GATHERING SONG** *Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us*

**ELW 789**

**GREETING**

**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.**

**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

**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.*

<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.**

**PSALM: Psalm 23** (read in unison)

<sup>1</sup>**The LORD is my shepherd;**

**I shall not be in want.**

<sup>2</sup>**The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures**

**and leads me beside still waters.**

<sup>3</sup>**You restore my soul, O LORD,**

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

<sup>4</sup>**Though 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.**

<sup>5</sup>**You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;**

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

<sup>6</sup>**Surely 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 is reminding 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.*

<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.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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### **GOSPEL: Mark 6:30-34, 53-56**

The holy gospel according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*When Jesus sent his disciples out to teach and heal, they ministered among large numbers of people. Their work was motivated by Christ's desire to be among those in need.*

<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** *Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service*

**ELW 712**

## **CREED**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Growing in faith and discipleship, we give thanks for God's merciful compassion as we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

God, you are our cornerstone, giving your people a strong foundation of faith. Help us to seek meaningful change in the world, and lead us to places of rest where you renew us for mission. Be with all in leadership positions in your church, that they find rest from the work to which you have called them, especially Tamara Howes as she begins her sabbatical. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

God, you are our shepherd, leading us to green pastures and still waters for our use and pleasure. Renew the face of the earth. Guard the land and seas, the mountains and valleys, cultivated farmland and untamed wilderness. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

God, you are our righteousness, proclaiming peace to those who are far off and to those who are near. Remove hostility that divides nations. Make us no longer strangers or aliens but fellow citizens with all your saints. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

God, you are our compassion, bringing rest to all who seek treatments and diagnoses and are left without answers or energy. Restore the aching souls and bodies of those who seek comfort, especially those on our prayer list and those we name before you in our hearts. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

God, you are our creativity, creating joy and purpose through all artists in the church: composers, writers, visual artists, musicians, poets, and dancers. Open our hearts to experience your truth in new and beautiful ways through their work. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

God, you are our love, showing your love for us through your Son, and giving us the gift of relationships with others. Be with Gary and Sue Novak as they begin their new life together as husband and wife. May their love and faithfulness reflect your gracious love. Lord in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

God, you are our wall-breaker, bringing justice and peace to our world. Be with all youth participating in the Bridge Builders program at Stony Lake Camp, especially Cammie Houle, Eliza Neiman, Ruby Neiman, and Claire Wiegand. Equip them for leadership and give them a deeper awareness of the realities of racism. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

God, you are our future, leading us through the valley of the shadow of death and preparing a table for us with all of your saints, especially Mary Magdalene. Let your goodness and mercy follow us until we dwell in your house forever. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, we lift to you these prayers and the prayers of our hearts, trusting in your everlasting love and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**PEACE**

**OFFERING**

**CANTICLE OF THANKSGIVING**

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**THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**BLESSING**

**SENDING SONG *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say***

**ELW 611**

**DISMISSAL**

**SERVING TODAY:** Greeter: Karen Boden; Ushers: Marty Green & Jerry Hall; Scripture Reader: Mary Alice Schlegel; Projectionist: Mike Morenko.

**ATTENDANCE:** Saturday 19, Sunday 67

**ANNIVERSARY:** 7/26 Robin & Scott Bell 21 years

**IN NEED OF PRAYER** Dennis Rocker, Mary Forys, Janice Convis, Guy MacIntosh, Sue Kasemeyer, Dick Guyott, Paul & Ruth Reyelts, Delores Cook, Vi Dunn, Will Tanner, Clyde Moore, Louis Eisen, Loretta Lukasak, Suzanne Morris, Elizabeth MacDonald, Sharon Ann Wheeler, Patty Armstrong, Adeline Harsch, Pat Greenwood, Marlene Eisen, Don Schroeder, Patricia Jones, Marc Dease, Stacey Yax, Ruth Morris, Bernie Nummer.  
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### THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER'S

<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday</u>
Nature Prayer at Grieg Park 10 am	Pastor's day off	Worship, Communion 5 pm	Worship, 9:30 am

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome those who are visiting with us. Please take time to sign the registration book or the guest register in the lobby and introduce yourself to Pastor Ken. We hope that you will find our worship edifying and our congregation warm and receptive. We are glad that you are here.

DVD copies of the 9:30 a.m. worship service can be produced for those who are shut-in or others who would like a copy. Let us know in advance if there is a service that you would like recorded.

Pastor Ken will be offering three opportunities to gather together for prayer. No need to sign up ahead of time. Just come as you are. Rain site for outdoor prayer gatherings will be St. Peter's:

July 25 at 10:00 am	Nature Prayer (meet at Grieg Park, weather permitting)
August 1 at 6:30 pm	Coloring Prayer (St. Peter's, fellowship hall)
August 15 at 10:00 am	Centering Prayer (meet at Palmer Park, weather permitting)

All ladies are invited to travel to the *Lake FX Grill* in Port Huron on Wednesday, August 8 for the Outreach Ladies' Luncheon. Meet in the church parking lot at 11:30 am. There is a signup sheet in the lobby.

In August we will be scheduling worship assistants for the next year through August 2019. Names will be taken from last year's list, but we have lost many volunteers in the past year and need more people to serve as ushers, communion assistants and projectionists. If you are willing to serve in any of these positions, please inform Pastor Ken or the office. Current volunteers, if you have special requests for days or months that you do not want to be scheduled, please inform the office by August 15. Thank you to all our volunteers for your faithful service.

We are in need of many new Sunday School teachers this fall. If you can volunteer to teach on a rotating basis, call Keri Stevens 810-326-0885.

The Attic Angels committee has begun the annual clothing drive. Clothing can be brought to the church basement and placed on the tables. All items must be clean and in wearable condition. The clothing will be distributed to both Lutheran Social Services (Samaritas) and Kids in Distress.