

FIRST READING Jeremiah 23:1-6 Restoration after Exile 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 Righteous Branch of David 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.’

SECOND READING Eephesians 2:11-22 One in Christ So then, 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 — 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. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. 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. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, so that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling-place for God.

GOSPEL 6:30-34,53-56 Feeding the Five Thousand 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.

Healing the Sick in Gennesaret - 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.

Ninth Sunday After Pentecost



Sunday July 21, 2024 @ 11:00 am

“In response to God’s love, St. Matthew’s is a faith community welcoming all to grow in faith, to worship Christ and to reach out to everyone.”

Welcome!

We hope our worship will be a blessing to you. Our Lord’s Supper is being celebrated today. Everyone is welcome to receive this Holy Sacrament.

Order of Worship

Today's Order of Worship and hymns are both located in **the Evangelical Lutheran Worship**.

If you missed last week’s sermon, it is available on our website.

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The lines of the Psalm printed in bold font are sung in unison to the tune of a familiar hymn. The lines in plain font are read by the leader.

Psalm 23 – Tune 380, *Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!* (Fred til Bod)

Reader: The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

**God, my shepherd, shall provide
Ev'rything I want or need.**

He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul.

**Oh, good shepherd, be my guide;
I shall follow where you lead.**

He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

**Where my shepherd welcomes me,
There is true security.**

Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff--they comfort me.

**God, my shepherd, shall provide
Ev'rything I want or need.**

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

**Oh, good shepherd, be my guide;
I shall follow where you lead.**

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

**Where my shepherd welcomes me,
There is true security.**

Dates to Remember

Save the date – Sunday August 18 - Golf tournament and perch dinner at Freedom Oaks in Dunnville. Golf 1:00 pm and dinner 5 pm. More details to follow.

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GATHERING

Welcoming Hymn ... **ELW #651 Oh, Praise the Gracious Power**

Prayer of the Day

WORD

First ReadingJeremiah 23:1-6

Psalm **#23**Printed in bulletin

Second Reading ...Ephesians 2:11-22

Gospel Acclamation**Hymn #513 Listen, God is Calling v. 3**

“Glory to you, O Lord”

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

“Praise to you, O Christ.”

Sermon

Hymn of the Day ELW #611 I heard the Voice of Jesus Say

Prayers

Peace (non-contact gestures)

MEAL

Great Thanksgiving.....ELW.....Page 206

Holy, Holy, Holy.....ELW.....Page 207

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord's Prayer.....ELWPage 208

O Lamb of GodELW..... Page 208

Communion **Hymns... ELW #789 & 481**

Prayer After Communion

SENDING

Announcements

Blessing

Sending **Hymn...TBA**

Dismissal:

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

“Thanks be to God”