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9th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, July 21, 2024, 9:30 a.m.

Prelude

Welcome

Inspired by the abundant hospitality of Jesus Christ, Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer welcomes all of God's children into the life of the church as 'we make God known through words and deeds'.

Call to Worship (based on Psalm 23)

God, you are our shepherd; with you we don't need anything else.

You provide a green meadow for us to lie down in.

You lead us to quiet pools of water where we can drink.

You lead us in the right direction.

We might be walking through the valley of death, but you are right there with us.

Your presence makes us feel secure.

You prepare a great banquet right in front of our enemies.

You anoint our head with oil, our blessing cup overflows.

Your goodness and mercy are with us all day, every day, and for the rest of our lives.

Confession and Forgiveness

They say there's one human made structure that can be seen from outer space: the great wall of China. And history will show that all that effort to build that wall doesn't succeed in the end. We all have lots of walls in our lives, like fear, apprehension, guilt, shame, depression, addiction, attraction, distraction, and sin. Let's enter into a time of prayer and confess our sin to God and one another, trusting the love and mercy of God who has already forgiven our sin. We confess,

We build them high and wide because we're afraid our secrets will get out, but our sin is exposed in what we think, say and do. We build walls that separate us from you and one another, but it is our prayer that you would tear them down and make them fall to the ground. Forgive our sin.

(Silence for confession.)

God, we give you thanks and praise for Jesus Christ. In him we find forgiveness for sin. In him we find healing and restoration. In him we find grace and mercy. We thank you. We praise you. We worship you. Amen.

Opening Hymn

"Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"

#645 vs. 1, 2, 4

Greeting

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

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. **God, there are many times in life when it seems like there's an immovable wall right in front of us, and there's no possible way to get around it or through it. Help us to understand that these walls don't stand a chance against God's faithful people. Give us enough trust in you to act on what you tell us to do, and confidently face every impossibility in life. Amen.**

First Reading

Joshua 6:1-20

¹Now Jericho was shut up inside and out because of the Israelites; no one came out and no one went in. ²The Lord said to Joshua, "See, I have handed Jericho over to you, along with its king and soldiers. ³You shall march around the city, all the warriors circling the city once. Thus you shall do for six days, ⁴with seven priests bearing seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark. On the seventh day you shall march around the city seven times, the priests blowing the trumpets. ⁵When they make a long blast with the ram's horn, as soon as you hear the sound of the trumpet, then all the people shall shout with a great shout; and the wall of the city will fall down flat, and all the people shall charge straight ahead." ⁶So Joshua son of Nun summoned the priests and said to them, "Take up the ark of the covenant, and have seven priests carry seven trumpets of rams' horns in front of the ark of the Lord." ⁷To the people he said, "Go forward and march around the city; have the armed men pass on before the ark of the Lord." ⁸As Joshua had commanded the people, the seven priests carrying the seven trumpets of rams' horns before the Lord went forward, blowing the trumpets, with the ark of the covenant of the Lord following them. ⁹And the armed men went before the priests who blew the trumpets; the rear guard came after the ark, while the trumpets blew continually. ¹⁰To the people Joshua gave this command: "You shall not shout or let your voice be heard, nor shall you utter a word, until the day I tell you to shout. Then you shall shout." ¹¹So the ark of the Lord went around the city, circling it once; and they came into the camp, and spent the night in the camp. ¹²Then Joshua rose early in the morning, and the priests took up the ark of the Lord. ¹³The seven priests carrying the seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark of the Lord passed on, blowing the trumpets continually. The armed men went before them, and the rear guard came after the ark of the Lord, while the trumpets blew continually. ¹⁴On the second day they marched around the city once and then returned to the camp. They did this for six days. ¹⁵On the seventh day they rose early, at dawn, and marched around the city in the same manner seven times. It was only on that day that they marched around the city seven times. ¹⁶And at the seventh time, when the priests had blown the trumpets, Joshua said to the people, "Shout! For the Lord has given you the city. ¹⁷The city and all that is in it shall be devoted to the Lord for destruction. Only Rahab the prostitute and all who are with her in her house shall live because she hid the messengers we sent. ¹⁸As for you, keep away from the things devoted to destruction, so as not to covet and take any of the devoted things and make the camp of Israel an object for destruction, bringing trouble upon it. ¹⁹But all silver and gold, and vessels of bronze and iron, are sacred to the Lord; they shall go into the treasury of the Lord." ²⁰So the people shouted, and the trumpets were blown. As soon as the people heard the sound of the trumpets, they raised a great shout, and the wall fell down flat; so the people charged straight ahead into the city and captured it.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Psalm 23

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

²**The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.**

³You restore my soul, O LORD, and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

⁴**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.**

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

⁶**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

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 hands¹² 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. 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 in a holy temple in the Lord; ²²in whom you also are built together spiritually in a dwelling place for God. Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

"Alleluia"

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The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 6th Chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel Reading

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

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.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

"Marching Around Jericho"

Pastor Overbo

Hymn of the Day

"O Master, Let Me Walk with You"

#818

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 the Church

Offering

*Text to Give: 605-250-6765 or Scan the QR code located in the pew
Noisy Can Offering (for all ages) Mission of the Month:
Church on the Street & Pueblo de Dios*



Offertory Response

"Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful"

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Offering Prayer

Let us pray. **God, bless and use these gifts to break down walls that stand between us and your dream for the world. May they shatter injustice and prejudice. May they be used in such a way that everyone they touch begins to hear the faint whisper from God: "Walls don't stand a chance against God's faithful people." Amen.**

Communion

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

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Thanksgiving at the Table

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.

Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

In this sacrament, God renews, restores, and reconciles us as the body of Christ, and sends us out in the power of the Holy Spirit to proclaim the good news of the risen Christ. **Amen!**

Announcements

Blessing

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

Sending Hymn

“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

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Call to Service

Go with the blessing of God to live as God's faithful people this week.
Go in peace and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Please share the peace, as well as your name when you leave today.

Postlude

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Serving

Preaching: Pastor Overbo; **Piano:** Jan Birkeland; **Sound & Projection:** Zach Stanton;

Communion Assistants: Steven Ays & Amanda Kienow; **Greeters:** Bill & Sharon Malcom;

JULY 21, 2024 NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

God cares for us like a shepherd.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Sunday	Mark 6:30-34, 53-56	Jesus teaches and heals
Monday	Jeremiah 23:1-6	God promises a righteous king
Tuesday	Ephesians 2:11-22	United by Christ
Wednesday	1 Peter 2:18-25	The example of Christ’s suffering
Thursday	Matthew 9:35-38	Jesus talks about his suffering
Friday	Micah 2:12-13	A promise of hope
Saturday	Psalms 23	The Lord is my shepherd
Sunday	John 6:1-21	Jesus feeds the five thousand

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

As he [Jesus] 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.

Mark 6:34 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Shepherding God, we thank you for supplying our wants with your healing touch that feeds us with your love through Christ Jesus our Shepherd and Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, you care for us like a shepherd cares for the sheep; we thank you for this food, a gift of your loving care for us through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God care for you and calm your fears through Christ our Lord.

HYMN OF THE WEEK- *Have No Fear, Little Flock*

WEEKLY MILESTONES

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS



Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- When you hear the word shepherd, what images come to mind?
- How does God act like a shepherd to calm your anxieties and give you hope?

DEVOTIONS



Read: Jeremiah 23:1-6.

The shepherds spoken of in this reading are the kings of Judah and Israel. These kings are recognized as shepherds, those who care for the people. Due to the injustices and unfaithfulness of most of the kings, the people have suffered. There is clearly prophetic judgment in this writing. The point of prophetic judgment is not scolding but hope. Through the prophet Jeremiah God gives hope to the people with the promise of a just and faithful shepherd king. The people will live without fear; they will not be appalled by events around them; they will not be abandoned or disappear from the face of the earth. Jesus, in the reading from Mark 6, is the one who comes as the Son of God, the true shepherd king. The people are in great need, fearful, and distressed. In Mark 6, Jesus comes with compassion to feed the five thousand, heal, and calm their anxieties and sicknesses.

Discuss: What needs to be shepherded with the goodness of God in our lives and in the world today?

Pray: **Dear God, you shepherd us with your love that we may not live in fear or in want. We thank you for your compassion that touches our lives through Jesus Christ our shepherd. Amen.**

SERVICE



Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, how can you help someone cope with their fears and anxieties?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



Psalm 23 is one of the most familiar psalms in the Bible. Many people know this psalm by heart. A pattern of divine reading called *lectio divina* is a way to meditate and pray. Read Psalm 23 once, then pause. Read it again and then pick out a word or phrase that has meaning for you. Read it again and wonder how it speaks to you today. Consider highlighting or underlining the words or phrases you have chosen in your Bible. Pause and reflect on those words.

Pray: **God of compassion and protection, give us peace and faith in knowing that you, our shepherd, pursue us with your goodness through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

THE WEEKLY WORD - ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCHEDULE ONLINE
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Photography Dates
Aug 28 - 30 2pm - 8:30pm
Aug 31 10am - 4:30pm
Sept 3 - 5 2pm - 8:30pm

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Password: photos




DELIVER A CARING CASSEROLE



KNOW SOMEONE WHO JUST GOT HOME FROM THE HOSPITAL? A FAMILY WHO RECENTLY HAD A BABY? A FREEZER FILLED WITH CASSEROLES IS LOCATED IN TWILA'S OFFICE. PLEASE STOP BY AND PICK UP ONE (OR TWO) AND SHARE IN THIS CARING MINISTRY.

SALVATION ARMY DONATIONS

Cereal

As you go grocery shopping, please consider picking up a couple extras to donate. Drop these items off at LCOOR and we will deliver them to the Salvation Army. Thanks in advance for your generosity!





JULY MISSIONS OF THE MONTH

Church on the Street & Pueblo de Dios

Mission of the Month dollars are above and beyond your regular giving. Please clearly mark your offering with Mission of the Month. Thank you!




COOKIES NEEDED

Sandwich Ministry is in need of cookies. We have cookie kits available for pick up at the Welcome Center or church office.

You can also bake your own cookies & drop them off at the church. Thank you!



We Are Hiring!

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APPLICATION DEADLINE: **JULY 31, 2024**


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LCOOR Book Club

In July the LCOOR Book Club will be meeting **Thursday, July 25 at 10:00 a.m.** in the Youth Room. The book for July is *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee.

SO MANY BOOKS, SO LITTLE TIME



LET'S GET SOCIAL

DO YOU FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK?

Join our active Facebook community to receive frequent updates on church happenings and good news!

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LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

We are collecting school kits in July & August.

Instructions & school bags can be found at the Welcome Center.



5TH & 6TH GRADE ROUTE 56

Join us from 6-7:30 p.m. for games, crafts, snacks and fellowship. Friends are always welcome.

SUMMER DATES: JULY 22, AUGUST 12



July 21-28

Print too small? Large print bulletins are available at all worship services.

Sunday July 21

9:00 a.m. Worship at Memorial Park with Holy Communion

9:30 a.m. Traditional Worship with Holy Communion

Monday July 22

August Newsletter Deadline

8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry

6:00 p.m. Rt. 56 Youth Group (5-6 grade)

6:45 p.m. Al-Anon

Tuesday July 23

11:00 a.m. Text Study

1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting

Wednesday July 24

8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry

Thursday July 25

10:00 a.m. Book Club

5:15 p.m. Al-Anon

Friday July 26

Church Office Closes at Noon

8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry

Saturday July 27

5:30 p.m. Traditional Worship

Sunday July 28

9:00 a.m. Worship at Memorial Park

9:30 a.m. Traditional Worship

Attendance & Offering

July 7 Live Stream- N/A

Saturday, July 13- 50

Sunday, July 14 (9:00)- 215

Sunday, July 14 (9:30) - 106

Offering (7/14):

General Fund: \$11,300.00;

Mission of the Month: \$118.58;

Other: \$1,070.00;

Simply Giving Offering (7/8-7/12):

General Fund: \$3,985.74;

Debt Reduction: \$55.00;

Other: \$154.65;

Mission of the Month: \$54.78;

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God, because your mercies are new every morning, I am never at a loss for Your loving kindness. Show me how and where to impart mercy today.

