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Eighth Sunday after Pentecost † July 18, 2021

P - Pastor ♦ C - Congregation ♦ A - Assisting Minister

*** Please stand as you are able**

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

C Amen.

P Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

God, our provider,

C help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. 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 manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

C Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

C Amen.

GATHERING HYMN *The Church's One Foundation*

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 23:1-6

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."

A The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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 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.

A The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

* **GOSPEL: Mark 6:30-34, 53-56** (*please stand as you are able*)

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 our Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY LBW # 403 *Lord, Speak to Us, that We May Speak*

* **APOSTLES' CREED** *(please stand as you are able)*

C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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 *(you may be seated)*

A Rooted in Christ and sustained by the Spirit, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

A Tend your church, O God. Encourage bishops, pastors, and deacons in their proclamation of the gospel. Raise up new leaders and encourage those pursuing a call to ministry.

Embolden all the baptized to embody your love and justice. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Restore your creation, O God. Sustain croplands and pastures and safeguard all farm animals and livestock. Preserve lakes, rivers, and streams that offer refreshment. Revive lands recovering from natural disasters and protect coastlands threatened by rising oceans. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Reconcile the nations, O God. Break down the dividing walls that make us strangers to one another and unite us as one human family. Equip leaders to deal wisely with conflict and guide diplomats who seek peaceful solutions. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Heal your people, O God. Look with compassion on immigrants, exiles, and all who are afraid or feel lost. Give rest to those who are weary, comfort to those who are grieving, and recovery to those who are ill especially we remember those on our hearts and minds. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Nourish this congregation, O God. Prepare a table where we receive food for our hungering spirits. Renew our commitment to provide for one another and revitalize our ministries of feeding and nurturing hungry neighbors. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A You lead us home, O God. We give thanks for all who have died, now citizens with the saints As you have received them into your heavenly home, so welcome all of us to dwell in your house forever. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P We lift these and all our prayers to you, O God, confident in the promise of your saving love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

*** LORD'S PRAYER** *(please stand as you are able)*

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

C 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

BENEDICTION

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SENDING HYMN LBW # 481 *Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us*

POSTLUDE

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Altar Flowers

Flowers are given to the glory of God by Rupert & Rita Schweinhagen in honor of their 60th wedding anniversary on July 15.

This week please hold in prayer: Karl & Oneta Wiechers, Mary Lou Zwiebel, Rick Ford, Juanita Clausen, Randy Gerken, Sue Kruse, Norm Bostelman, for all those on our hearts and minds, and for peace in our nation and the whole world.

Thursday evening services

Our Thursday evening service begins at 7 pm. Tell your friends.

JOIN US in reading the New Testament in chronological order in 2021! This week's readings are:

July 18: Acts 15:22-35

July 22: Acts 16:11-15

July 19: Acts 15:36-41

July 23: Acts 16:16-40

July 20: Acts 16:1-5

July 24: Acts 17:1-9

July 21: Acts 16:6-10

HELP!! Please consider volunteering as Readers – Ushers – Camera Operators – Sound Board Operators. You can sign up for one week or for a month. The sign up sheet is on the bulletin board in the narthex or talk to Joe Kohout or Laura Ellis-Kruse to volunteer. **WE NEED YOUR HELP!!**

CARING CORNER: For July and August, we would like to continue to highlight the various food pantries in Henry County. As many of us know, children are home from school and food budgets are tight. It can be very difficult for some families to keep their children fed. We suggest easy shelf-stable items such as:

Peanut Butter	Jelly	Pudding/Jell-o Cups
Macaroni & Cheese	Pasta	Spaghetti Sauce
Soup	Canned Meats (Tuna, Chicken, etc.)	
Granola Bars	Canned Fruit and Vegetables	

Northwestern Ohio Community Action Commission presents:

The Summer Foods Program

THIS PROGRAM PROVIDES FREE LUNCHESES AND FUN TO CHILDREN
AGES 1-18 (UP TO AGE 21 WITH A DISABILITY)

Christ United Methodist Church

1255 Glenwood Avenue, Napoleon, Ohio

JUNE 9TH TO JULY 29TH – LUNCH SERVED 11:45-12:30

THERE WILL BE NO LUNCHESES SERVED ON JULY 5TH

ALL KIDS & TEENS EAT FREE; NO INCOME OR ID REQUIREMENTS;
NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED

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RELAY FOR LIFE OF HENRY COUNTY - August 28, 2021 - Henry Co. Fairgrounds
Luminaria Ceremony begins at dusk. There are Luminaria order forms at both entrances. If you want to donate to Team Julie in memory of Julie Mires or to others. Complete and return the form with \$10 per Luminaria to the church office or contact Lori Sharpe 419-966-1240.