



8th Sunday after Pentecost

With Holy Communion

Please text Prayers to "Text in Church" # 314.329.0487 - lifted during Prayers of the People

GATHERING The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross.*

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 sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God, our Provider, **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 understand rather than trusting in You.

Where else can we turn?

Share with us the words of eternal life and nourish us for life in this world.

Amen.

The presiding minister announces God's forgiveness:

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 and forgiveness

and loved into abundant life! **Amen.**

<p>Verse 1 How do you explain How do you describe A love that goes from east to west And runs as deep as it is wide You know all our hopes Lord You know all our fears And words cannot express The love we feel But we long for You to hear</p> <p>Chorus So listen to our hearts Hear our spirits sing A song of praise that flows From those You have redeemed We will use the words we know To tell You what an awesome God You are But words are not enough To tell You of our love So listen to our hearts</p>	<p>Verse 2 If words could fall like rain From these lips of mine And if I had a thousand years Lord I would still run out of time If You listen to my heart Ev'ry beat will say Thank You for the life Thank You for the truth Thank You for the way</p>
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GREETING (ELW p. 138) *During this time, the presiding minister and the assembly greet each other.*

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 *The presiding minister leads the prayer of the day.*

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

Dear Jesus, powerful and compassionate, you shepherd your people, faithfully....

...Heal each of us, and make us a whole people, that we may embody the justice
and peace God grants us through You, Savior and Lord. **Amen.** *The assembly is seated.*

WORD God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 23:1-6 Read by the Worship Asst.

A reading from Jeremiah.

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.

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.”

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

KIDS’ MESSAGE WHAT SCATTERS? WHAT HELPS? TO TALK ABOUT THINGS THAT MATTER...



[HTTPS://WWW.VOGUE.COM/ARTICLE/SIGNAL-FOR-HELP-WOMENS-FUNDING-NETWORK-ABUSE-CORONAVIRUS](https://www.vogue.com/article/signal-for-help-womens-funding-network-abuse-coronavirus)

“Signal for Help,” or “#SignalForHelp,” is a one-handed gesture that [people] can use on a video call or in person to communicate that they feel threatened. The movement involves facing your palm to the camera or person, tucking your thumb into your palm and folding your four fingers over the top of your thumb. It is an alternative to calling 911 and sends a signal to anyone—the police, a family member, a friend—to “please reach out to me safely,” so that the victim can respond via text or email or in a call away from the abuser and provide information to get help.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 2:11-22 Read by the Worship Asst.

A reading from Ephesians. *The author of this letter reminds 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.*

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.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 142) *The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.*

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

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

The holy gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

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

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.** *The assembly is seated.*

MESSAGE "A CHURCH Growing Older" But is Not the whole story... "A CHURCH Growing Younger!"
Week 3 – EMPATHIZE with Today's Young People

INCLUDING VIDEO CLIP - <https://www.elcacoaching.org/podcasts/media/2020-12-16-growing-young-empathy> From 26:24 – 28:18 we will hear from Kate Reynolds (ELCA Coaching "Church Together")

<p>Verse 1 How great the chasm that lay between us How high the mountain I could not climb In desperation I turned to heaven And spoke Your name into the night Then through the darkness Your loving-kindness Tore through the shadows of my soul The work is finished the end is written Jesus Christ my living hope</p> <p>Verse 2 Who could imagine so great a mercy What heart could fathom such boundless grace The God of ages stepped down from glory To wear my sin and bear my shame The cross has spoken I am forgiven The King of kings calls me His own Beautiful Savior I'm Yours forever Jesus Christ my living hope</p>	<p>Chorus Hallelujah praise the One who set me free Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me You have broken every chain There's salvation in Your name Jesus Christ my living hope</p> <p>Verse 3 Then came the morning that sealed the promise Your buried body began to breathe Out of the silence the Roaring Lion Declared the grave has no claim on me (REPEAT) Jesus Yours is the victory whoa</p> <p>Ending Jesus Christ my living hope Oh God You are my living hope</p>
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CREED (ELW p. 104) *The 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.**

*Or, "he descended into hell," another translation of this text in widespread use.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE – LED BY THE WORSHIP ASST.

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

A brief silence.

Tend your church, O God. Encourage Preachers 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.

Your mercy is great.

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

Your mercy is great.

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.

Your mercy is great.

Heal your people, O God. Look with compassion and empathy 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 (*We especially pray for...*)

Keith DeCamp,

Myron Holm

Adam Jackson,

Betty Kent,

Wayne Mosher (upcoming surgery on July 19th),

Leah Leimbach,

Alvin Leimbach (at home recovering),

Lloyd Campbell (lung cancer),

Steve Kuhlman (at home recovering),

Jayne Kasten,

Eva & Margaret (friends of Jayne Kasten),

Nathan Winkler (David Winkler's bother, broken ribs),

Marylyn Bicknell (recovering from surgery),

Keith Krull (cataract surgery on July 14th),

Dima (hospitalized in St. Petersburg following a stroke)- Uncle of Yelena Barnhart

Renate Hawn (1st knee replacement scheduled for July 26th)

Barbara (moved to palliative care, friend of Tyahla family)

Emma (surgery scheduled)

Holding in Prayer the Family of Kelly (fiancé of Heidi & Gerry Reчек's nephew, Patrick.)

Jan Gratzner (upcoming eye surgery for glaucoma),

Preben Christensen (in rehab),

Tina Sheppard (friend of Moira McCracken),

Scotty Larson,

Sandy Andrews (cancer mass in lungs, friend of Sandy Kalin),

Kim (physical therapy following surgery, daughter of Judy & Mark Unland),

Zac (Kevin & Julie Aleshire's son-in-law),

Larry Dennison (ruptured neck disc causing pain),

Wilbert Pajunen (moving into assisted living),

Prayers of Thanksgiving for the upcoming marriage of John C. & Michelle taking place on Friday 7/16.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Nourish this congregation, O God, and grow our attention to the needs of others. Prepare a table where we receive food for our hungering spirits. Renew our commitment to provide for one another and nurturing hungry neighbors. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered from Text-In-Church by Pastor.

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

Your mercy is great.

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

PEACE

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

MEAL God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

OFFERING *Please continue to offer to Holy Cross what you desire to give to God through*

- *E-giving pledge through Vanco OR mobile App called GIVEPLUS+ is available from your mobile store online*
- *Send your check directly to Holy Cross at 13014 Olive Blvd. in Creve Coeur, MO 63141*
- *Go to our Website & hit "DONATE NOW" <http://www.holycrosselca.com/site/cs/links.asp>*

OFFERTORY *Instrumental*

The presiding minister instructs those communing at home to gather their bread / cracker / wine/ grape juice elements to hold up during the Words of Institution.

OFFERING PRAYER *After the table is set, the assisting minister leads.*

Let us pray.

God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE *The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks.*

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.**

PREFACE

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
you have brought us this far along the way.

In times of bitterness you did not abandon us,
but guided us into the path of love and light.

You have sent prophets to make known your loving will for all humanity.

The cry of the poor has become your own cry;
our hunger and thirst for justice is your own desire.
In the fullness of time, you sent your chosen servant
to preach good news to the afflicted,
to break bread with the outcast and despised,
and to ransom those in bondage to prejudice and sin.

[Please Hold Up Your Communion Elements / Fellowship Cups]

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 all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

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

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER (ELW p. 145)

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

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. COME!

The assembly may be seated. The bread may be broken for Home Communion.

COMMUNION *When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say*

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. (Bless those + not communing today.)
The ministers commune after others commune.

COMMUNION SONG *Great Are You, Lord* CCLI Song # 6460220 CCLI License # 1787498

<p>Verse You give life You are love You bring light to the darkness You give hope You restore ev'ry heart that is broken And great are You Lord</p> <p>Chorus It's Your breath in our lungs So we pour out our praise We pour out our praise It's Your breath in our lungs So we pour out our praise to You only</p> <p>REPEAT VERSE</p> <p>Chorus It's Your breath in our lungs So we pour out our praise We pour out our praise It's Your breath in our lungs So we pour out our praise to You only</p> <p>REPEAT CHORUS</p>	<p>Bridge And all the earth will shout Your praise Our hearts will cry these bones will sing Great are You Lord</p> <p>(REPEAT x2)</p> <p>Chorus It's Your breath in our lungs So we pour out our praise We pour out our praise It's Your breath in our lungs So we pour out our praise to You only</p> <p>REPEAT CHORUS</p>
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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *The assisting minister leads prayer.*

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

ANNOUNCEMENTS – YOUNG ADULT PICNIC TODAY! 12:30 MEET IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

BLESSING

The God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

<p>Verse 1 Love the Lord your God with all your heart With all your soul with all your mind And with all your strength (REPEAT) Chorus 1 With all your heart with all your soul With all your mind with all your strength Love the Lord your God with all your heart With all your soul with all your mind And with all your strength Verse 2 I will serve the Lord With all my heart with all my soul With all my mind and with all my strength (REPEAT)</p>	<p>Chorus 2 With all my heart with all my soul With all my mind with all my strength I will serve the Lord with all my heart With all my soul with all my mind And with all my strength Bridge I will love You (I will love You) I will praise You (I will praise You) I will serve You (I will serve You) I will trust You Lord (I will trust You) Chorus 3 With all my heart with all my soul With all my mind with all my strength (REPEAT) I will love You Lord with all my heart With all my soul with all my mind And with all my strength (REPEAT 2X)</p>
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WE ARE GRATEFUL!

Worship Assistants: Early – Bud Niebling / Late - Tim Tyahla

Singers: Chris Syrup, Linda Tyahla & Moira McCracken

Organist: Jack Hamill

Praise Band: Marty Little, Paul Niehaus, Jason Cooper & Brandon Clay

AV/Camera: Patrick Goertzen, Donovan Lucas, David Ristau, Philip Paul & Marcus Benson

Media Shout Screens: Early - Carrie Curnutte / Late - Jane Ristau

Deacons: Early Donna Jackson / Late –

Ushers: Early – Dan Gockel & Judy Gockel / Late –Lupie Johnson Verby & Patrick Goertzen

Flowers Given by: David & Janet Haas in honor of Donna & Fred Friedman's anniversary