

ORDER OF SERVICE

Evangelical Lutheran Worship ~ Setting IV

10:30 AM

INTRODUCTION

Mark's gospel makes clear how great was the press of the crowd, with its countless needs to be met, on Jesus and his disciples. Yet in today's gospel Jesus advises his disciples to get away and rest, to take care of themselves. Sometimes we think that when others are in great need we shouldn't think of ourselves at all; but Jesus also honors the caregivers' needs. We are sent from Christ's table to care for others and for ourselves.

PRELUDE

ENTRANCE HYMN

"Gather Us In "

ELW 532

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the Holy Trinity: the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen**

P Sisters and brothers, bear with one another in love, maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace, and take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P Holy and gracious God,

C **we confess that we have not led a life worthy of the calling to which we have been called. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not acted according to your will. We have grieved your Holy Spirit. Have mercy on us. Forgive us according to the riches of your grace. Make us holy and blameless before you in love, so that we might live to the praise of your glory. Amen.**

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. You who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

C: **Amen.**

GREETING

P The blessing of the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious grace freely bestowed in the Son, and the power of the promised Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

HYMN OF PRAISE Beautiful Savior-vs. 3

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Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight,
bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
than all the angels in the sky.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P O God, powerful and compassionate, ,

C: 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.

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 23:1-6

Jeremiah proclaims the word of the Lord: Woe 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."

PSALM: Psalm 23

(Read Responsively)

¹The LORD ¹is my shepherd;

I shall not ¹be in want.

²**The LORD makes me lie down ¹in green pastures
and leads me be- ¹side still waters.**

³You restore my ¹soul, O LORD,

and guide me along right pathways ¹for your name's sake.

⁴**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall ¹fear no evil;**

for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they ¹comfort me.

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence ¹of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is ¹running over.

⁶**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days ¹of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the ¹LORD forever.**

SECOND READING: Ephesians 2:11-22

The Ephesians are urged to become an inclusive community, open to those who are near and far. They may begin by remembering that, as Gentiles, they themselves were once the outsiders.

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--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.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE GOSPEL

P: The Holy Gospel, according to Mark, the sixth chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

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.

The 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. **Praise to you, O Christ**

CHILDREN'S TIME
THE SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

"We Are Called"

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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.**

THE PRAYERS

A: With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

A: Gracious God, by your grace you have freed us; lead us to freely share your grace with others. God of mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Eternal God, renew your creation and teach us to faithfully tend all that you have made. God of mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Righteous Judge, guide leaders and governments throughout the world into your ways of justice and peace. God of mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Merciful God, we pray for those who suffer and cry in the valley of the shadow of death; be near them and shepherd them. God of mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Loving God, we pray for the sick, hospitalized, and those with special needs. Hold them close to you and give them peace. God of mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Lord of the Church, be present among your people and teach us to serve in your name. We pray for your work done through this and every congregation, especially our companions: St. John in Athol, St. Martin in Kansas City, Zion in Hollenberg, and New Hope Lutheran in Onaga. God of mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Here other prayers are offered.

A: Great Shepherd, in your time gather all your peoples together so that with one voice we may give you praise for all things made new. God of mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Loving God, you hear us when we cry to you. We commend to your embrace all for whom we pray, through Jesus Christ and by the power of your Spirit.

C: Amen.

THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

THE OFFERING

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Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful *Offering Song*



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that



we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of



all; u - nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble



with your pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: Holy God,

C: you open the doors of heaven, giving us every generous and perfect gift from above.

Lift our eyes from the food that perishes, and nourish us now with the food that endures for eternal life, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you...And so with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name, saying:

C: Holy Lord, Mighty God, Lord of All, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna!

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, Lord, come, save your people.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth...we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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P: Remember us in your Kingdom, Lord, and teach us to pray:

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

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Jesus said, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

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Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

THE COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN "How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds"

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COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in grace.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Gracious God, in this meal you have rained down the true bread from heaven, the body and blood of your beloved Son. So by this promise bring us to abide in him, and he in us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen**

BLESSING OF GATHERING PARTICIPANTS

P: At baptism, you were claimed by God. When you affirmed your baptism, you claimed our Christian faith as your own and you promised to live that faith. You promised to live among God's people faithful people, to hear God's Word and share in the Lord's Supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through words and deeds, to serve all people following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth. As you are sent to New Orleans for the 2009 Youth Gathering, you are sent to live out your baptism and the promises you have made. As we live in community with God and one another, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God, witnesses to Jesus' way of compassion and justice. We pray that you return to us renewed in your Christian vocation as imitators of Christ.

P: People of God, we send these young people and their adult sponsors forth on this jazzy journey to the Big Easy to experience the body of Christ beyond this place. They will return to us with a renewed commitment to serve all God's people, following the example of Jesus, and with new skills to be able to strive for justice and peace in all the earth. Will you accept their gifts and the witness they will bring with love and gratitude?

C: We will

P: Let us pray...We give you thanks, O God, that through baptism you have made us all brothers and sisters in Christ. In this community of faith, we have heard your life-giving word, been fed and forgiven at your table, and been called to witness to your gospel of justice and peace. We ask you to grant peace and safety to all attending this youth gathering. Bless the participants: form them by your hand, guide them by your word, renew them by your Spirit, protect them as they travel. Make their ways safe and their homecomings joyful.

C: Amen.

P: God has looked with favor on this community and blessed us through the lives of these young people. As they have blessed us, we now send them to be a blessing to others in the name of Jesus Christ, our truth and life.

C: Amen

A: Go now with Jesus, to do Justice and return Jazzed!

BENEDICTION

P Know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C **Amen**

SENDING HYMN

“The Spirit Sends us Forth to Serve”

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DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

50 DAYS OF PRAYER FOR CHURCHWIDE ASSEMBLY: Presiding Bishop Mark Hanson is calling ELCA Members to read and reflect on the daily lectionary passages for the week of the Churchwide Assembly (August 17-22). This week, please read Philippians 2:1-13 and John 13:2b-17. Consider the questions: What does it mean for you to know that while we may not be of one mind, we are all under the cross? Given that Jesus “loved them to the end” with an act of humility, how are you challenged in your life? How are we encouraged in this church to love one another in humble service, gently caring for one another in our greatest vulnerability? The hymns “*At the Name of Jesus*” and “*Where True Charity and Love Abide*” may further your reflection. Prayer for the Week: Eternal God, in the sharing of a meal, your Son established a new covenant for all people and in the washing of feet he showed us the dignity of service. Grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these signs of our life may speak again to our hearts, feed our spirits, and refresh our bodies, through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

2009 ELCA Youth Gathering New Orleans July 21st - 27th Jesus, Justice, & Jazz

This Is How Our Youth And Sponsors Will Spend The Next Week.

Tuesday, July 21 - We will meet our bus at First Lutheran Church. We will be riding with other area churches including: First, Our Saviors, Zion from Beloit, and First Lutheran from St. Joe. There will be 46 passengers on a 56 passenger bus. The kids are invited to bring snacks and DVDs to share. Around 7:00 PM they will arrive in Southaven, MS which is close to the Memphis area. I'm sure they will all be ready to hit the swimming pool!

Wednesday, July 22 – Load the bus and arrive in New Orleans by mid-afternoon. Our group will stay at the same hotel at First Lutheran, Topeka – Chateau Sonesta/Bourbon which is near the French Quarter. Evening worship begins at 7:00 PM.

During the convention, our bus will be sublet to the convention to transport youth to service activities during the week.

Thursday, July 23 - We will gather at the Interaction Center located at the Morial Convention Center in New Orleans, this is where we will get to do hands on things from jumping off a 30 foot tower down a zip line, help build a habitat house, learn about environment and renewable resources, play sports and games, see a FEMA trailer.

Friday, July 24 - Will find us serving the community, we are assigned to the Ogden Museum in New Orleans, where we will help create Art which will be used to decorate the halls of elementary schools that are being rebuilt and then walk back to the French Quarter of New Orleans to help paint a Mural. God has called for us to use our artistic talents in New Orleans instead of our muscle in helping to rebuild the area.

Saturday, July 25 - will be our 'Krew' or Learning Day at the Morial Convention Center. We will learn about Service and bring back new skills that will help us to grow both as individuals and as a Church, (PMC at work, help us to grow missional to include others in our community at home).

Sunday, July 26 – The end of the convention – worship and closing services run from 9:00 AM to Noon. After the service, everyone will load on the bus and travel back to Southaven to stay at the same hotel they stayed at on July 21.

Monday, July 27 – The bus should arrive in Topeka early in the evening. I'm sure we'll have a bus full of tired travelers with lots of adventures to share!

The Gathering will provide us many opportunities; to meet new people, time for worship and prayer, exploring New Orleans, and learn more about ourselves and each other. We are blessed to have the prayers and support of our members and friends with us. Our goal is to learn, share and bring back as much as we can so that we can continue to be an active part of the life of Trinity Lutheran Church. Thank You - Check out our Displays Downstairs!

Recap of the Funding for the Youth Gathering

It's hard to believe after all the work over the past year that our kids are about to begin an awesome adventure in their spiritual learning. Thank you to the entire congregation who has supported the young people with time, money, and prayers.

After a lot of hard work, the youth fund has reached the goal to fund in full those going to the gathering.

Anticipated funds needed:

\$1050/person * 10 people attending from Trinity = \$10,500

Funds raised:

Soup Luncheons	\$ 2,756
Private Donations	\$ 4,191
Shelley Andrew's Farm work	\$ 1,100
Garage Sale	\$ 1,247
Thrivent	\$ 635
Rent-A-Kid	\$ 355
Silent Auction	\$ 767
Total Funds Raised	\$11,051

If there are any proceeds left over, those will go back into Hi-Times to support their activities.

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