

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

July 21, 2024

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PRELUDE *Jen Krinke & Ada Erdahl*

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

NOW THE FEAST AND CELEBRATION

By Marty Haugen

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GATHERING HYMN: 'O Day of Rest and Gladness'

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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.

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NOW THE FEAST

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PRAYER OF THE DAY: 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. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

(Children may be dismissed for our July Summer Sunday School!)

FIRST READING: *Jeremiah 23:1-6*

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 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."

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

PSALM: *Psalm 23*

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

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*

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, 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.

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

HYMN: *'I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say'*

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GOSPEL VERSE

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GOSPEL READING: *Mark 6:30-34, 50-56* ~ **Glory to you, O Lord**

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...

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 marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

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

MESSAGE: *Pastor John Stiles*

OFFERING & SPECIAL MUSIC: *Ada Erdahl (Oboe solo)*

OFFERING PRAYER: God of good gifts,
receive these and all our offerings as we present them in faithful service for the sake of your gospel. Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal as you pour out your very presence through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life. Amen.

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

Response: In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

You may greet and share Christ's peace with one another with a handshake or hands folded.

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WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

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

COMMUNION SONGS: *'Lamb of God'*

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'As the Grains of Wheat'

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COMMUNION BLESSING

THANKS BE TO YOU

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BENEDICTION/THREE FOLD AMEN

SENDING HYMN: *Congregational Choice!*

DISMISSAL

Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

THIS WEEK AT ORLC

Website: www.orlpc.com ~ Phone: 320-629-2985 ~ Office Email: orloffice@gmail.com

Sunday (21st)

8am Prayer

9am Worship

9:15am Sunday School

10am Adult Bible Study

Youth Home from National Gathering

Tuesday

6:30pm OR Readers

Wednesday

7:30am Men's Breakfast

Monday

9am Quilting

7:30pm AA

Thursday

8am Sonrisers

1pm Grief Group

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COFFEE HOUR: Join us in the fellowship hall after service for coffee, treats and fellowship. Everyone is welcome!

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL: July 21 & August 18th!! Join Kathy & Lori after the Children's Message on these days for some Sunday School FUN! Stories, songs, snack & activities!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: We are seeking people to help with Vacation Bible School! Station and Crew leaders needed. July 29- Aug 1 from 9:30-11 AM. Connect with Leigha if you are willing to help out during this fun week for our youth!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: Mark your calendars for this summer's Vacation Bible School with the McAvoy Family! Dates: July 29-Aug 1 ~ 9-11:30am ~ Age 3-5th grade. Sign-up is now open and can be found on the Church website under the Faith Formation tab or paper copy registration is available in the narthex.

PARABLES OF JESUS: Who doesn't love a good story? The Bible is full of stories of faith, hope, triumph and despair. What stories have meant the most to you and inspired you to have faith in our own times? I hope you'll join us this Summer for a Bible study series on the Parables of Jesus, who often told simple stories with hidden truths to teach his followers the way toward abundant life. The parables of Jesus help us make sense of our

faith and life each day. Come and explore them on Sunday mornings in the Youth Room, after worship, from 10:00-11:00AM.

FAVORITE HYMN: Have a favorite hymn you would like to sing? Paper and pens are available on the bulletin table, write your song down and place it in the jar. Each week Pastor John will choose a song to close our service with.

PARKING LOT FUNRAISER: We continue to raise funds to pay down our parking lot loan. Please consider making a donation and mark it: parking lot fund. Any amount helps! Thank you to all those who have made generous donations thus far.

ALTAR FLOWERS: Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Eric and Mariah Skalicky in honor of their daughter Kinsley's 6th birthday. Happy Birthday!!

Note: When taking your flowers from the altar please do so by taking the vase around to the back side of the altar space. Remove the flowers from the plastic insert and place the stems in bags we have there for your convenience.

RADIO SPONSOR: Jim & Kandi Koppen

RECYCLE BEYOND THE BAG: Collection drop off: 3 white collection boxes around the Church. Inside: Sanctuary doors and in the hallway outside the kitchen. Outside: Backdoor.

GREEN TIP: July 21

"I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called." –Ephesians 4:1.

God calls us to many things, including our vocations to love our neighbors and to care for creation. How can you implement practices of environmental sustainability in your career/job/workplace? Do people in your job setting recycle? Each job setting is distinct, but think of ways in which you can advocate to reduce waste, energy, and water consumption at work.

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PRAYER TEAM: July 21

The apostle Paul included blessings and prayers in his letters to the churches of his day. We will use these prayers for ourselves, our families, friends and church. Paul began many letters with this blessing. Bless yourself and others daily.

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

Prayer from Philippians 1:3-6, 9-11.

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

ORLC PRAYER LIST: *Prayer is powerful & a way to support those seeking comfort and guidance. The list below are those who need your prayers.*

TO PRAY FOR:

Shelia S, Ruthie B, Keith G, Jerry S, Jack K, Ken H, Tonia J, Norman S, Gail M, Jon R, Jeneice C, John A, Kiley (son-in-law of Pat H), Bill M (son of Ron & Donna P)

Always keep in prayer--- our military, first responders, front line workers, for all who work for peace and justice on behalf of 'the least of these' and for all those we hold in prayer in the quiet of our hearts.