

OUR PATH OF WORSHIP

Pentecost 9 – July 18 & 21, 2024

SERVICE THEME: Are You a Sheep without a Shepherd?

Liturgy: Service of the Word (“Red” Christian Worship ’93, p. 38)

Hymns: “Blue” Christian Worship ’21

HYMN 552 ♪ The King of Love My Shepherd Is

- 1 The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness fails me never;
I nothing lack if I am his, and he is mine forever.
- 2 Where streams of living water flow, my Savior gently leads me,
and where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feeds me.
- 3 Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love he sought me
and on his shoulder gently laid and home, rejoicing, brought me.
- 4 In death’s dark vale I fear no ill with you, dear Lord, beside me,
your rod and staff my comfort still, your cross before to guide me.
- 5 You spread a table in my sight, a banquet here bestowing;
your oil of welcome, my delight; my cup is overflowing!
- 6 And so through all the length of days your goodness fails me never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing your praise within your house forever!

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STAND

M: The grace of our Lord (✝) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But, like lost sheep, we have disobeyed him, put our will above his will and gone our own ways. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

OH, TASTE AND SEE

C: ♪ Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.

Blessed are they who take refuge in him.

Your Word, O Lord, is eternal; it stands firm in the heavens.

Your faithfulness continues forever.

Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.

Blessed are they who take refuge in him.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray: O God, the strength of all who trust in you, mercifully hear our prayers. Be gracious to us in our weakness, and give us strength to keep your commandments in all we say and do; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: ♪ Amen.

BE SEATED

THE WORD

FIRST READING – Jeremiah 23:1–6

“A Better Shepherd”

¹“Woe to the shepherds who are destroying and scattering the sheep of my pasture!” declares the Lord. ²Therefore this is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says to the shepherds who tend my people: “Because you have scattered my flock and driven them away and have not bestowed care on them, I will bestow punishment on you for the evil you have done,” declares the Lord. ³“I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them and will bring them back to their pasture, where they will be fruitful and increase in number. ⁴I will place shepherds over them who will tend them, and they will no longer be afraid or terrified, nor will any be missing,” declares the Lord.

⁵“The days are coming,” declares the Lord, “when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, a King who will reign wisely and do what is just and right in the land. ⁶In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. This is the name by which he will be called: The Lord Our Righteous Savior.

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM OF THE DAY – Psalm 28A The LORD Is My Strength and Shield

Refrain

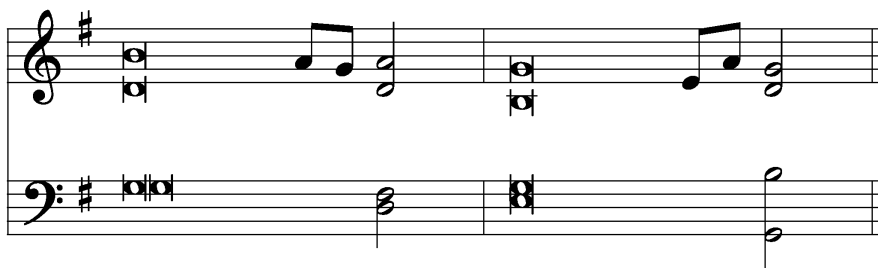


The LORD is my strength and shield; I trust in him and him a-lone.



There-fore my heart ex-ults in him, and with my song I thank him.

Tone



To you, / LORD, I call;

you are my rock, do not turn a deaf / ear to me.

For if you remain / silent,

I will be like those who go down / to the pit.

Hear my cry for / mercy

as I call to / you for help,

as I lift / up my hands

toward your Most / Holy Place. *Refrain*

Praise be to the LORD, for he has heard my cry for / mercy;

my heart trusts in him, and he / helps me.

The LORD is the strength of his / people,

a fortress of salvation for his a- / noointed one.

**Save your people and bless your in- / heritance;
be their shepherd and carry them for- / ever.**

**Glory be to the Father and / to the Son
and to the Holy / Spirit,
as it was in the be- / ginning,
is now, and will be forever. / Amen. Refrain**

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SECOND READING – Hebrews 13:7-8,17–21

“Honoring Your Leaders”

⁷Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith. ⁸Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

¹⁷Have confidence in your leaders and submit to their authority, because they keep watch over you as those who must give an account. Do this so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no benefit to you.

¹⁸Pray for us. We are sure that we have a clear conscience and desire to live honorably in every way. ¹⁹I particularly urge you to pray so that I may be restored to you soon.

²⁰Now may the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, ²¹equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

STAND

VERSE OF THE DAY

Mark 6:34

M: Alleluia. Jesus had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. Alleluia.

C: ♪ Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

These words are written that we may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

GOSPEL – Mark 6:30–34

“The Good Shepherd Had Compassion”

³⁰The apostles gathered around Jesus and reported to him all they had done and taught. ³¹Then, because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, he said to them, “Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest.”

³²So they went away by themselves in a boat to a solitary place. ³³But many who saw them leaving recognized them and ran on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. ³⁴When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began teaching them many things.

M: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: ♪ **Praise be to you, O Christ!**

BE SEATED

Children’s Chapel

(There will be a special message for children. Children 5th grade and younger, please come forward. Parents of younger children may come with them. Participating children will receive a gift.)

HYMN 551 ♪ Jesus, Shepherd of the Sheep

- 1 Jesus, Shepherd of the sheep, who your Father’s flock does keep,
safe we wake and safe we sleep, guarded still by you.**
- 2 In your promise firm we stand, none can take us from your hand;
speak -- we hear -- at your command, we will follow you.**
- 3 By your blood our souls were bought; by your life salvation wrought;
by your light our feet are taught, Lord, to follow you.**
- 4 Father, draw us to your Son; we with joy will follow on
till the work of grace is done, there to live with you.**
- 5 We, in robes of glory dressed, join th' assembly of the blest,
gathered to eternal rest in the fold with you.**

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SERMON TEXT –Hebrews 13:7-8, 17–21 (see the Second Reading)

SERMON THEME – “Pray for Us”

STAND

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand
 of God the Father almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church,
 the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

BE SEATED

OFFERING – During the Offering please fill out the Friendship Register.

CHOIR SELECTION – SHEEP WITHOUT A SHEPHERD

STAND

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Heavenly Father, creator of all things in heaven and on earth, we thank you that through your Son we have received the Spirit of adoption and can call on you in prayer as your dear children.

For your Church and your people, we pray. Grant us ministers and teachers who are led by your Spirit and earnestly hold forth your Word of life. From all false prophets and deceitful guides save us, that we, being knit together in love, may with one mind strive for the faith of the gospel.

Let your Spirit descend on our homes. May the Word of Christ dwell richly in our children, and grant that all parents may be worthy examples of true Christian virtues. Shelter them in every storm and preserve them from all evil.

O Father, give to your children who may be enduring pain, sickness, mental or spiritual anguish, and any other adversity of the body or soul, such assurance of your love that they may commit themselves wholly into your care and receive from you all things needful for their salvation.

[Special prayers of thanksgiving or intercession may be spoken here]

Hear us now as we lay our personal concerns and burdens before you in silent prayer.

[Brief silence]

Finally, Lord, as you have asked us by your Word to let our requests be made known with thanksgiving, we come to you in loving gratitude and trust, offering these petitions in the name of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, our Savior, who has taught us to pray...

LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

BE SEATED

HYMN 892 ♪ By All Your Saints Still Striving

Music in ppt

- 1 By all your saints still striving, for all your saints at rest,
your holy name, O Jesus, forevermore be blessed.
You rose, our King victorious, that they might wear the crown
and ever shine in splendor reflected from your throne.**
- 2 Apostles, prophets, martyrs, and all the noble throng
who wear the spotless raiment and raise the ceaseless song—
for these, passed on before us, we offer praises due
and, walking in their footsteps, would live our lives for you.**
- 3 Then let us praise the Father and worship God the Son
and sing to God the Spirit, eternal Three in One,
till all the ransomed number who stand before the throne
ascribe all pow'r and glory and praise to God alone.**

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STAND

M: Almighty God, thank you for teaching us through your Word those things you want us to believe and to do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to remain faithful to your Word that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holy living, and comforted through the challenges of life and when facing death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **♪ Amen.**

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another.
Serve the Lord with gladness.
The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and (†) give you peace.

C: **♪ Amen. Amen. Amen.**

BE SEATED

HYMN 924 ♪ Abide, O Dearest Jesus

sts. 1,2,4,6

- 1 Abide, O dearest Jesus, among us with your grace
that Satan may not harm us nor we to sin give place.**
- 2 Abide, O dear Redeemer, among us with your Word
and thus now and hereafter true peace and joy afford.**
- 4 Abide with richest blessings among us, bounteous Lord;
let us in grace and wisdom grow daily through your Word.**
- 6 Abide, O faithful Savior, among us with your love;
grant steadfastness and help us to reach our home above.**

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