

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 18 & 21, 2024

Jesus Models A Compassionate Shepherd's Heart

Opening Hymn551, "Jesus, Shepherd of the Sheep"

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Prayer of the Day: 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.

FIRST READING

Psalm of the Day (*On Insert*)..... Psalm 23F vv. 1-3

SECOND READING

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Gospel Acclamation Verse: *Jesus had compassion / on them,
because they were like sheep without a shep / herd.*

GOSPEL

Hymn of the Day706, "Come unto Me, Ye Weary"

SERMON..... "Get Some Rest" Mark 6:30-34

Offering Hymn 754 v. 2, "Forgive Us, Lord, for Shallow Thankfulness"

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Communion Hymn..... 668, "Jesus Comes Today with Healing"

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Closing Hymn 601 vv. 1 & 2, "All People That on Earth Do Dwell"

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 23:1-6

The LORD chastises spiritual shepherds for not bestowing care and compassion on their flock and promises to raise up good shepherds who would tend God's people.

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! declares the LORD. Therefore, this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says about the shepherds who shepherd my people. You have scattered my flock. You have driven them away. You have not taken care of them, but I will certainly take care of you, because of the evil things you have done, declares the LORD. I will gather what is left of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their pastures. They will be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them. They will no longer be afraid or terrified, nor will any be

missing, declares the LORD. Listen, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, who will reign wisely as king and establish justice and righteousness on earth. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will dwell securely. This is his name by which he will be called: The LORD Our Righteousness.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 13:7-8,17-21

In the first reading, the Lord promised to raise up faithful shepherds. That promise is kept when the Lord provides spiritual leaders who point us to the great Shepherd.

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

Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls as men who will give an account. Obey them, so that they may do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no benefit to you.

Pray for us, because we are sure that we have a good conscience, and because in everything we want to conduct ourselves in an honorable way. I urge you to do this even more, so that I may be restored to you quickly.

Now may the God of peace—who brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, in connection with his blood, which established the eternal testament— may he equip you with every good thing to do his will, as he works in us what is pleasing in his sight through Jesus Christ. To him be glory forever and ever. Amen.

GOSPEL: Mark 6:30-34

Jesus is filled with compassion for those who go through life like sheep without a shepherd.

The apostles gathered around Jesus and reported to him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, "Come away by yourselves to a secluded place and rest a while." For there were so many people coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat. They went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. But many people saw them leave and knew where they were going. They ran there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. When Jesus stepped out of the boat, he saw a large crowd. His heart went out to them because they were like sheep without a shepherd. He began to teach them many things.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMMUNION: Because of the confessional nature of the Lord's Supper which is offered today, we invite forward those who are members of a WELS or ELS congregation. If you have questions about the Lord's Supper, please speak to the pastor.

HEAD USHERS THIS WEEK: Don Koch/Doug Schulz; next Sunday: Ross Schultz/Wayne Schultz

ORGANISTS: The **August** schedule is hanging on the **SCHOOL** bulletin board. Please look at your calendars in the near future and sign up for the date(s) you are willing to play for us. Thank you!

QUARTERLY VOTERS' MEETING HIGHLIGHTS: The following actions were taken at this past Wednesday's voters' meeting—Membership action included: **Received by (8th Grade) Confirmation:** Amelia Boeder, Ava Grotelueschen, Ashton Neu, and Ilyssa O'Gorman; **Transferred:** Amelia Boeder & Ava Grotelueschen to Trinity Lutheran Church, Hartford. **Transferred:** Teresa Krogmann to The Word Lutheran, Stevens Point.

In other business, 1) A report was given on the church refurbishment project. The drywall portion of this project will begin soon. It was also noted that access to the balcony will be closed in the near future, so all church attendees will soon need to sit below the balcony. The full refurbishment project (including upgrades to our sound system) is still set to begin in early September. 2) It was m/s/p to hold an "Everyone Outreach" program for evangelism purposes for our church. The cost of this program is \$500.00, and this amount has been donated. This is scheduled to take place in late February or early March. Watch the bulletins for more details as the time draws closer. 3) Plans for calling a new Pastor to replace Pastor Mose who is retiring in June of 2025 as well as school staffing matters were discussed; however, no formal actions were taken at the time.

THANK YOU to everyone who will be helping (helped) or donated anything for our brat fry on Saturday! We could not put on this event without all your efforts!

SCHOOL SUMMER LETTER: The school summer letter was mailed out to all school parents (4K-8) this past week. If you do not receive your letter, please speak with Debbi Foulkes or Mr. Lorge.

SCHOOL REGISTRATION DAY: A reminder that registration for the 2024 – 2025 school year is scheduled for **Wednesday, July 31, from 4:00 PM – 6:30 PM.** Attendance at Registration Day is mandatory for all school families (4K families included). If you cannot make it at this time, please speak with Mr. Lorge or Debbi Foulkes to make other arrangements. **This should be done prior to July 31!** Thank you!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: This is a reminder to those who signed their children up for Vacation Bible School! VBS is set for this coming week on **Tuesday (7/23) & Wednesday (7/24)** from **9:00 AM – 2:00 PM** at **St. Peter's Lutheran Church** in **Theresa** (113 East Bonduel Street). We are sure this will be an enriching and fun experience for all involved!

SCRIP ORDERS: A reminder that scrip orders for August will be due on **Thursday, August 8!** This will be the only order date for the month of August. Monthly scrip orders are taken in summer; however, we will return to the regular schedule once school begins again in fall.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER NEEDED! When we begin Sunday School classes once again this fall, we will be in need of a teacher. Mrs. Holly Daley, who has faithfully served as a teacher for the past few years, is stepping down from this position, so we could use someone to fill her shoes. If this is something you may be interested in doing, please speak with Pastor Mose as soon as possible. Thank you!

ALTAR FLOWERS: The flowers on the altar this week are given to the glory of God by Donald & Diane Koch in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary! What a blessing! Congratulations!

OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD

Attendance: Thursday: 12; Sunday: 110

Offerings: \$6,261.00

(Budget Amount Needed Each Week: \$7,355.00)

Special Funds: Debt Retirement: \$20.00



We invite you to support this ministry through financial offerings out of thanksgiving for the Gospel you have received here. Offerings may be placed in the plates located on the tables at the back of church, or you may scan the QR code to give electronically.

OUR WEEK AT ST. MATTHEW'S

Sunday:	Communion Worship Service	9:00 AM
Tues./Wed.	Vacation Bible School (@ St. Peter's, Theresa)	9:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Thursday:	Worship Service	7:00 PM
Sunday:	Worship Service (Fellowship Sunday)	9:00 AM

23F My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

Psalm 23F



1 My shep - herd will sup - ply my need, Je -
2 When I walk through the shades of death, his
3 The sure pro - vi - sions of my God at -



ho - vah is his name; in pas - tures fresh he
pres - ence is my stay; one word of his sup -
tend me all my days; oh, may his house be



makes me feed be - side the liv - ing stream.
port - ing breath drives all my fears a - way.
my a - bode and all my work be praise.



He brings my wan - d'ring spir - it back when
His hand, in sight of all my foes, will
There would I find a set - tled rest while



I for - sake his ways and leads me, for his
still my ta - ble spread; my cup with bless - ings
oth - ers go and come, no more a stran - ger



mer - cy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.
o - ver - flows; his oil a - noints my head.
or a guest but like a child at home.

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