

St. Johns Lutheran Church

Sheep Without A Shepherd



Declares the Lord. “I will gather
the remnant of my flock ...
I will bring them back to their
fold.”

AS WE GATHER

We enjoy lives of liberty and freedom—freedom especially from any oppressive political government. Spiritually, however, we are not free, but slaves to sin and death. Spiritually, we need a deliverer, a Savior, a benevolent king. Jesus is the saving King who takes away your sin and delivers you through death. The Shepherd's compassion is for all and is for you. The title "King" was placed above His head on the cross. Now by His victory, all earthly sovereigns cast their crowns before Him. Receive His compassionate rule today as He brings us near to Himself by His Word and Sacraments and calls you blessed.

RINGING OF THE BELLS WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME GUESTS

We're glad you are here! Make it a point to introduce yourself to the pastor. *(Please keep your distance though)* Please take time to fill out an attendance card and drop it in the basket during the offering.

PREPARATION

HYMN Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us *LSB 711*

**Savior, like a shepherd lead us;
Much we need Your tender care.
In Your pleasant pastures feed us,
For our use Your fold prepare.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
You have bought us; we are Yours.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
You have bought us; we are Yours.**

**We are Yours; in love befriend us,
Be the guardian of our way;
Keep Your flock, from sin defend us,
Seek us when we go astray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Hear us children when we pray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Hear us children when we pray.**

**You have promised to receive us,
Poor and sinful though we be;
You have mercy to relieve us,
Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Early let us turn to You.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Early let us turn to You.**

**Early let us seek Your favor,
Early let us do Your will;
Blessed Lord and only Savior,
With Your love our spirits fill.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
You have loved us, love us still.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
You have loved us, love us still.**

INVOCATION

**In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Ephesians 2:12–13, alt.*
**Remember that you were once separated from Christ, having no
hope and without God in the world.**

But now in Christ Jesus we who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For He Himself is our peace.

Silence for reflection.

Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the universe, for You have commanded us to confess our sins and yet have promised Your forgiveness. We therefore confess our sins, even those we are not aware of, those we have done and all that we have failed to do. By Your divine command, grant us Your forgiveness for the sake of the blood of our crucified and risen Shepherd, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the universe, for You have commanded Your called ministers of Christ to absolve those who repent of their sins. Therefore, upon this, your confession, as a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

WORD

KYRIE *LSB 152 (Sung)*

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST

LSB 154

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:

We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:

You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.

For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord,

You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy

Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father. Amen

SALUTATION

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the universe, for You have not abandoned Your creation but have sent Your Son to be our Shepherd and our righteousness. Give us the strength of faith to follow Him who calls us by name that we may dwell in safety as Your redeemed people now and forever; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, and our eternal King, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

MEMORIZED WORD

For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. Galatians 5:13

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Jeremiah 23:1–6*

¹“Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture!” declares the Lord. ²Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who care for my people: “You

have scattered my flock and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. Behold, I will attend to you for your evil deeds, declares the Lord. ³Then I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴I will set shepherds over them who will care for them, and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall any be missing, declares the Lord. ⁵“Behold, the days are coming, declares 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 dwell securely. And this is the name by which he will be called: ‘The Lord is our righteousness.’”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

**Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and
knowl * edge of God!**

**How unsearchable are his judgments and how
inscrutable * his ways!**

For from him and through him and to him are * all things.

To him be glory forever. * Amen.

EPISTLE *Ephesians 2:11–22*

¹¹Remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called “the uncircumcision” by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands— ¹²remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated 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 himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility ¹⁵by abolishing the law of commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, ¹⁶and

might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. ¹⁷And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. ¹⁸For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. ¹⁹So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, ²⁰built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, ²¹in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. ²²In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

VERSE *Psalm 78:25*

Alleluia. Man ate of the bread of the angels; He sent them food in abundance. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL *Mark 6:30–44*

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixth chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

³⁰The apostles returned to Jesus and told him all that they had done and taught. ³¹And he said to them, “Come away by yourselves to a desolate place 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 desolate place by themselves. ³³Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they ran there on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. ³⁴When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. And he began to teach them many things. ³⁵And when it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, “This is a desolate place, and the hour is now late. ³⁶Send them away to go into the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat.” ³⁷But he answered them, “You give

them something to eat.” And they said to him, “Shall we go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread and give it to them to eat?” ³⁸And he said to them, “How many loaves do you have? Go and see.” And when they had found out, they said, “Five, and two fish.” ³⁹Then he commanded them all to sit down in groups on the green grass. ⁴⁰So they sat down in groups, by hundreds and by fifties. ⁴¹And taking the five loaves and the two fish he looked up to heaven and said a blessing and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples to set before the people. And he divided the two fish among them all. ⁴²And they all ate and were satisfied. ⁴³And they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. ⁴⁴And those who ate the loaves were five thousand men.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

HYMN “The Church’s One Foundation” *LSB 644*

**The Church’s one foundation
Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
She is His new creation
By water and the Word.
From heav’n He came and sought her
To be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her,
And for her life He died.**

**Elect from ev’ry nation,
Yet one o’er all the earth;
Her charter of salvation:
One Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name she blesses,
Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses
With ev’ry grace endued.**

**Though with a scornful wonder
The world sees her oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder,
By heresies distressed,
Yet saints their watch are keeping;
Their cry goes up, “How long?”
And soon the night of weeping
Shall be the morn of song.**

**Through toil and tribulation
And tumult of her war
She waits the consummation
Of peace evermore
Till with the vision glorious
Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious
Shall be the Church at rest.**

**Yet she on earth has union
With God, the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion
With those whose rest is won.
O blessed heav'nly chorus!
Lord, save us by Your grace
That we, like saints before us,
May see You face to face.**

SERMON

APOSTLE’S CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence 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

OFFERING (You are my all in all)

**You are my strength when I am weak,
You are the Treasure that I seek,
You are my All in All.
Seeking You as a precious jewel,
Lord to give up I'd be a fool.
You are my All in All.**

**Jesus Lamb of God,
Worthy is Your name.
Jesus, Lamb of God,
Worthy is Your name.**

**Taking my sin, my cross, my shame,
rising again I bless Your name.
You are my All in All.
When I fall down, You pick me up
When I am dry You fill my cup
You are my All in All.**

**Jesus Lamb of God,
Worthy is Your name.
Jesus, Lamb of God,
Worthy is Your name.**

OFFERTORY

LSB 159

**What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?
I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the
name of the Lord.**

**I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.
I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,
in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O
Jerusalem.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray

Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the universe, who has sanctified us with Your Word—and above all, Your only-begotten Son to be our Good Shepherd, our Savior, our Lord, and our King. Receive our praise for the gift of Your salvation and life. Lord, in Your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the universe, for You have commanded us to pray. Grant Your Holy Church peace and strength to give witness to Your mercy for all people.

Lord, in Your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Endow Your ministers with compassion and grace to reach the lost and to serve Your people faithfully with Your Word and Sacraments. Guard and protect them from the assaults of the devil and all enemies of Your Word. Lord, in Your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Deliver and heal all who are in trouble, danger, or illness, [*especially . . .*]. Like a shepherd, lead us all to the still waters and green pastures of Your grace. Lord, in Your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Individual petitions may be added.

Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

Amen.

HYMN Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me *LSB 683*

**Jesus, Thy boundless love to me
No thought can reach, no tongue declare;
Unite my thankful heart to Thee,
And reign without a rival there!
Thine wholly, Thine alone I am;
Be Thou alone my constant flame.**

**O grant that nothing in my soul
May dwell, but Thy pure love alone;
Oh, may Thy love possess me whole,
My joy, my treasure, and my crown!
All coldness from my heart remove;
My ev'ry act, word, thought be love.**

**This love unwearied I pursue
And dauntlessly to Thee aspire.
Oh, may Thy love my hope renew,
Burn in my soul like heav'nly fire!**

**And day and night, be all my care
To guard this sacred treasure there.**

**In suff'ring be Thy love my peace,
In weakness be Thy love my pow'r;
And when the storms of life shall cease,
O Jesus, in that final hour,
Be Thou my rod and staff and guide,
And draw me safely to Thy side!**

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Announcements

Saved to Share Called to Care

Our Response to God's Love Last Week

Attendance Sunday: 35

Communion: 31

Offering: \$884.00

ATTENTION: PLEASE TAKE A HYMNAL from the rack nearest to you and leave it on the pew where you are sitting prior to leaving the sanctuary today. This will enable us to be more efficient when we sanitize the pews this week. Thank you.

FRIDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY Is looking at the series called "See through the Scriptures". This Bible Study has been produced to provide hands-on training. It is designed to serve as a tool to convince people that: We need to *read* the Bible, We can *understand* the Bible's message, and that We can *explain* that message to others.

FOOD PANTRY will no longer be accepting clothes until further notice.

FREE SUMMER CONCERTS at Ascension Lutheran Church every Saturday in July @ 6:30pm on the Church lawn. **July 24th** will be led by Grafted (Ascension members Christian Folk Quartet). **July 31st** will be led by Gerard Ekert (Folk/Bluegrass Trio)

NEW INSTALLATION of Gordie Denholm at Emmaus Lutheran Church today at 5:00pm.

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Prayers

Special Prayer Petitions – **Karl** for healing from a kidney infection; **Maureen** for healing for her hip and from her brace; **Steve Bain** for healing from back and hip arthritis pain; **Irene** as she gets ready to move; **For** those infected by the corona virus for quick healing and recovery. **For** those seeking new employment opportunities; **Field-workers** and **Vicars** for their class work; **Nepali & African Congregation** blessings; **Food Pantry & ESL** for blessings on what they do; **EAGLE schools** for their new principal Ms. Major, praying for energy and working partnership; **Compass** with new director Veronica, praying for the right staff and transition, **Shut Ins** – Jeanette Creamer, Carmen Hobson, Bobbie Kepford, Dennis Solomon, Jerry Schmaltz, Carol Carr, Steve Bain

Opportunities to Love and Serve Christ this Week

July 18-July 25

Sunday	9:00am Worship 10:30am Bible Study/Nepalese Worship 12:30pm African Worship
Monday	8am-2pm Office Open
Tuesday	8am-2pm Office Open 6pm Seminary Students
Wednesday	8am-2pm Office Open 6:30pm ESL 6:30pm NT Class
Thursday	8am-12pm Office Open 6:30pm Confirmation
Friday	8am-12pm Office Open 8am Bible Study
Saturday	8:30am Food Pantry 1:30pm Vicar Meeting
Next Sunday	9:00am Joint Worship w/ Communion 10:30am Bible Study 12:30pm African Worship