



## 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

July 21, 2024

### Opening Hymn #26 (v. 1-3)

#### *Praise the Almighty, My Soul, Adore Him*

1. Praise the Almighty, my soul, adore Him!

Yea, I will laud Him until death.

With songs and anthems I'll come before Him

As long as He doth give me breath.

From Him my life and all things came;

Bless, O my soul, His holy name.

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

2. Trust not in princes, they are but mortal;

Earth-born they are and soon decay.

Naught are their counsels at life's last portal,

When the dark grave doth claim its prey.

Since, then, no man can help afford,

Trust ye in Christ, our God and Lord.

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

3. Blessed, yea, blessed is he forever

Whose help is in the Lord most high,

Whom from the saving faith naught can sever

And who in hope to Christ draws nigh.

To all who trust in Him, our Lord,

Counsel and aid He doth afford.

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

## Invocation

P We worship today in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C ♪ **Amen.**

## Confession & Absolution

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C ♪ **Who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord

C ♪ **And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sins.**

P Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto Thee that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against Thee by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Thine infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Thy grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**P & C O most merciful God, who has given Thine only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Thy Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of Thee and of Thy will and true obedience to Thy Word, to the end that by Thy grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, hath had mercy upon us and hath given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgiveth us all our sins. To them that believe on His name He giveth power to become the sons of God and hath promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

C ♪ **Amen.**

## **Gloria Patri**

**C ♪ Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

## **The Kyrie**

**C ♪ Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

## **Gloria in Excelsis – (Hymn #238 v.1)**

All glory be to God alone,  
Forevermore the Highest One,  
Who doth our sinful race befriend,  
And grace and peace to us extend.  
Among mankind may His good will  
All hearts with deep thanksgiving fill.

## **The Collect for the Day**

**P** Let us pray..... who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C ♪ Amen**

## **The First Lesson – Jeremiah 23:1-6**

<sup>1</sup>“Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture!” declares the LORD. <sup>2</sup>Therefore 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. <sup>3</sup>Then 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. <sup>4</sup>I 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. <sup>5</sup>“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. <sup>6</sup>In 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.'"

## **Psalm of the Day – Psalm 23**

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*Antiphon – The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.*

1 The Lord is my | shepherd;\*

**I | shall not want.**

2 He makes me to lie down in green | pastures;\*

**He leads me beside the still | waters.**

3 He re- | stores my soul;\*

**He leads me in the paths of righteousness**

**For His | name's sake.**

*Antiphon – The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.*

4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no | evil;\*

**For You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they | comfort me.**

5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my | enemies;\*

**You anoint my head with oil; my cup runs | over.**

6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days | of my life;\*

**And I will dwell in the house of the Lord 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.**

*Antiphon – The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.*

## **The Second Lesson – Ephesians 2:11-22**

<sup>11</sup>Remember 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— <sup>12</sup>remember 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. <sup>13</sup>But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. <sup>14</sup>For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility <sup>15</sup>by abolishing the law of commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, <sup>16</sup>and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. <sup>17</sup>And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. <sup>18</sup>For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. <sup>19</sup>So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, <sup>20</sup>built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, <sup>21</sup>in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. <sup>22</sup>In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

### **Verse of the Day – Psalm 78:25**

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

### **The Gospel – Mark 6:30-44**

<sup>30</sup>The apostles returned to Jesus and told him all that they had done and taught. <sup>31</sup>And 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. <sup>32</sup>And they went away in the boat to a desolate place by themselves. <sup>33</sup>Now many saw them going and recognized them,

and they ran there on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. <sup>34</sup>When 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. <sup>35</sup>And when it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, "This is a desolate place, and the hour is now late. <sup>36</sup>Send them away to go into the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat." <sup>37</sup>But 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?" <sup>38</sup>And 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." <sup>39</sup>Then he commanded them all to sit down in groups on the green grass. <sup>40</sup>So they sat down in groups, by hundreds and by fifties. <sup>41</sup>And 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. <sup>42</sup>And they all ate and were satisfied. <sup>43</sup>And they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. <sup>44</sup>And those who ate the loaves were five thousand men.

### **Confession of Faith** ***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 Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints The forgiveness of sins; The  
resurrection of the body; And the life everlasting. Amen.**

**Hymn of the Day #473**

***The Church's One Foundation***

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

2. Elect from every 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 every grace endued.

3. The Church shall never perish!  
Her dear Lord, to defend,  
To guide, sustain, and cherish,  
Is with her to the end.  
Though there be those that hate her.  
False sons within her pale,  
Against both foe and traitor  
She ever shall prevail.

4. Though with a scornful wonder  
Men see her sore 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.

5. Mid toil and tribulation  
And tumult of her war  
She waits the consummation  
Of peace forevermore,  
Til with the vision glorious  
Her longing eyes are blest  
And the great Church victorious  
Shall be the Church at rest.

### **Sermon Text – Jeremiah 23:1-6**

#### **Sermon**

*The Lord Jesus Shepherds His Church on Earth by the  
Ministry of the Gospel*

#### **Offertory**

#### **Offering of Thankful Hearts**

#### **Prayer of the Church**

P: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

P: Heavenly Father, in Jesus' compassion for the crowd, He provided bread and fish until all had eaten their fill and were satisfied. Give us our daily bread, according to Your will. Help us to use the gifts that You have given us to care for those who are hungry and in need. Grant us good government and faithful rulers, while reminding us always that all provision comes from You.

**1 Savior, like a shepherd lead us;  
Much we need Your tender care.  
In Your pleasant pastures feed us,  
For our use Your fold prepare.**



P: Lord God of Israel, You promise to set caring shepherds over the sheep of Your pasture. Drive away deceitful shepherds who scatter Your flock, and gather Your sheep into Your heavenly kingdom by the hands of pious and faithful men whom You send in Your name.

**2 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.**

P: We give thanks to You, heavenly Father, for Your constant care and all we need to support this body and life. Attend to those in need among us [*especially* \_\_\_\_\_]. Free them from dismay and fear by the certainty that Christ is their righteousness.

**3 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.**

P: We give thanks to You, heavenly Father, for Your compassion shown in Christ Jesus, the great Shepherd of the sheep and the righteous Son of David. Keep us trusting at all times in Your right hand, in whom true satisfaction is found.

**4 Early let us seek Your favor,  
Early let us do Your will;  
Blessed Lord and only Savior,  
With Your love our spirits fill.**

P: We give thanks to You, O Lord, that You have made us fellow citizens with the saints in light. Keep us in the true faith for as long as You preserve us in this world, that we would hopefully and eagerly await the day when we stand in Your presence with them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who taught us to pray:

**The 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.**

### **The Benediction**

**P:** The Lord bless you and keep you,  
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you,  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.  
**C** ♪ **Amen, Amen, Amen.**

### **Closing Hymn #467 (v. 1-3, 7)** *Built on the Rock the Church doth Stand*

1. Built on the Rock the Church doth stand,  
Even when steeples are falling;  
Crumbled have spires in every land,  
Bells still are chiming and calling,  
Calling the young and old to rest,  
But above all the soul distrest,  
Longing for rest everlasting.

2. Surely in temples made with hands,  
God, the Most High, is not dwelling;  
High above earth His temple stands,  
All earthly temples excelling.

Yet He whom heavens cannot contain  
Chose to abide on earth with men,  
Built in our bodies His temple.

3. We are God's house of living stones,  
Builded for His habitation;  
He through baptismal grace us owns  
Heirs of His wondrous salvation.  
Were we but two His name to tell,  
Yet He would deign with us to dwell,  
With all His grace and His favor.

7. Grant then, O God, where'er men roam,  
That, when the church-bells are ringing,  
Many in saving faith may come  
Where Christ His message is bringing:  
"I know Mine own, Mine own know Me;  
Ye, not the world, My face shall see.  
My peace I leave with you." Amen.

### **Silent Prayer**

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