

SUNDAY, JULY 19, 2015

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

FIRST LESSON 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. 6 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."

SECOND LESSON 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.

GOSPEL Mark 6:30-44

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 it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, 'This is a deserted place, and the hour is now very late; send them away so that they may go into the surrounding country and villages and buy something for themselves to eat.' But he answered them, 'You give them something to eat.' They said to him, 'Are we to go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread, and give it to them to eat?' And he said to them, 'How many loaves have you? Go and see.' When they had found out, they said, 'Five, and two fish.' Then he ordered them to get all the people to sit down in groups on the green grass. So they sat down in groups of hundreds and of fifties. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to his disciples to set before the people; and he divided the two fish among them all. And all ate and were filled; and they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. Those who had eaten the loaves numbered five thousand men.

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July 19, 2015

Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

July 19, 2015
9:30 a.m.

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Jesus knew how tired the disciples were after their missionary journey. He invites them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." Jesus sends the disciples (and us) into the world to minister to those in need. But he also has compassion on us and ministers to us in our weariness and need. He gives us rest and renewal.

Prelude
Announcements

***Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the creator of wind and rain, field and ocean, the bread of life coming down from above, the power at work within us and this world.
C: Amen.

P: Before God and in the company of our sisters and brothers, let us confess our sin.
(Silence for reflection and self-examination.)

P: God and Father of all,
C: we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We have thought better of ourselves than others. We have told lies, said hurtful things, acted in ways we wish we could take back, and looked the other way when action was needed. In your mercy, O God, forgive us, cleanse us, and heal us, for the sake of Jesus, our Savior.
Amen.

P: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; everything has become new! In Christ, + you are a new creation: your sins are taken away and you are made new. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.

C: Amen.

***Opening Hymn** *When Morning Gilds the Skies* **ELW 853 (v. 1-3, 6)**

***Apostolic Greeting** ELW Page 147

***Kyrie** ELW Page 147

This Week at Lutheran:

Today: 9:30 a.m. Worship
Monday: 9:00 a.m. WELCA Love Days
5:00 p.m. Al-Anon
6:30 p.m. **Softball – Field #5**
7:30 p.m. **Softball – Bell State Bank**
Tuesday: **MESSENGER DEADLINE**
9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
Wednesday: 9:30 a.m. Al-Anon
10:00 a.m. AA
3:00 p.m. **FLY 57**
Thurs.: 8:45 am Morning Watch – Pastor Jennifer – KBRF AM 1250
9:30 a.m. Sr. Bible Study & Coffee
3:00 p.m. **Sr. FLY Dairyland Devo's**
5:30 p.m. Worship
Friday: CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
Next Sunday, July 26:
9:30 a.m. Worship

OWLs (Older Wiser Lutherans) EVENTS

Monday, August 3 – 5:30 p.m. "Creation's Wonders"

Meet at FL parking lot (upper level) at 5:15 to car pool to Bluebird Gardens. Mark Boen will be our tour guide at 5:30. This will be a very educational and fun evening. Sign-up sheet on Info Counter. We could have supper together when we get back into town?

Wednesday, Aug 26 we will travel by Coach to the "Greatest Musical Show in the Northwest" at the Woodtick Theater at Akeley, MN to enjoy an afternoon of all kinds of music.

Leave FL parking lot (lower level) 8 a.m. Lunch in Park Rapids. Show at 3 p.m. Supper at the Brauhaus (German Restaurant) on #34. Return to FF 9:00 p.m. Coach sponsored by FL Foundation—Meals on your own. Show \$20—pay by check to First Lutheran Owls when you sign up before August 20. Sign-up sheet on Info Counter. We have 30 tickets. Questions? Call Margaret Kratzke

Monday, September 14 –to Prospect House (Civil War Museum) in Battle Lake

Leave FL parking lot (lower level) 10 a.m. We'll car pool to Battle Lake for 10:30 tour by Jay Johnson. More information on Kiosk or www.prospecthousemuseum.org. Admission is \$5—Write check to Prospect House when you sign up at Info Counter. Lunch in Battle Lake after tour.

Fellowship and Refreshments this morning are in the Narthex, serving today is Logan & Jasmine Sonmor.

Radio Broadcast this Sunday is sponsored by Luella Estenson in memory of Donald.

Altar Flowers are given by Missy Mattson.

Sympathy to Ian Bjorgum and Taylor Bach on the loss of their son, Kane Joseph. Great Grandma is Ida Mae Bjorgum. Also, sympathy to Jacqueline Ness-Ludwig and family on the death of her father, Ken Ness.

Known Hospitalized: Branda Mouritsen and Geraldine Fjeld at Lake Region Hospital.

Visitors! If you didn't get a "Visitors Bag" when you came in this morning please pick one up on your way out after worship. You'll find them in a basket located on the small table on the ramp coming up from the narthex into the sanctuary.

Large Print Edition of the order of worship, the lessons, and the hymns for today are available. If you would like copies for worship, please ask an usher.

August Messenger deadline is Tuesday, July 21st; please have all items into the church office to have them included in the August Messenger.



The Outreach Committee is in need of volunteers for the Red Cross Blood Drive on Tuesday, July 21st and Wednesday, July 22nd from 1-7 p.m. This is a great opportunity to serve! If you are willing to help, please sign-up at the info counter or call Rick West at 218-205-6963.

Senior Pastor:	Saul Stensvaag
Associate Pastor:	Jennifer Rose
Part-time Visitation Pastor:	Stan Satre
Sunday School Superintendent:	Cindy Larson
Council President:	Lisa Wolfe
Ushers:	Dawn & Tucker Henkes, Abbey Kwapinski, Roger Neuleib
Organist:	Keith Melberg
Lector:	Roy Nell Norby
Cantor:	Linda Mellon
Acolyte:	Aaron Shelstad
Greeters:	Dolores Simdorn
Sacristan:	Carolyn Sund
PA Operator:	Paul Dimke

***Hymn of Praise**

Glory to God

***Prayer of the Day**

P Let us pray. . . .

C Amen

Special Music

In this Very Room

Harris

Alise Werner

First Lesson

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Jeremiah prophesied before the exile in 587 B.C. In this passage, he uses the metaphor of a shepherd to describe the bad kings who have scattered the "flock" of Israel. God promises to gather the flock and to raise up a new king from David's line to save Israel and Judah.

(Congregational response after reading: **Thanks be to God**)

Second Lesson

Ephesians 2:11-22

The author of this letter is reminding his audience that originally they were not part of God's chosen people. Through Jesus' death, however, they are included in God's household of faith, whose cornerstone is Jesus Christ.

(Congregational response after reading: **Thanks be to God**)

Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

(Congregational response sung after Gospel is announced: **Glory to you, O Lord.**)

***Gospel**

Mark 4:26-34

(Congregational response sung after Gospel is read: **Praise to you, O Christ**)

Sermon

Rest for Body and Soul

Pastor Saul

Hymn of the Day

Jesus, Still Lead On

ELW 624

Children's Event

Pastor Saul

***Apostle's Creed**

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***The PEACE is shared**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

Offering

*Offertory

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right spir -
 it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres- ence, and take
 not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re-store to me the
 joy of your sal-va - tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir - it.

*The Prayers

P ...Lord, in your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

OR

P ... Let us pray to the Lord,
C Lord, have mercy.

*The 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

*Blessing

*Threefold Amen

*Sending

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

*Closing Hymn

O Jesus, I Have Promised

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Postlude

*denotes when to stand

OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE

Followed by
POTLUCK PICNIC



SUNDAY, August 9th, 2015 10 a.m.

PEBBLE LAKE PICNIC SHELTER

(Old Gun Club North of Golf Course)

HOT DOGS, BUN AND BEVERAGES PROVIDED

PLEASE BRING A DISH TO SHARE

Bring a lawn chair for best seating

THERE WILL BE NO 9:30A.M. WORSHIP THAT SUNDAY

*In case of bad weather worship will be held
at First Lutheran at 10 am*