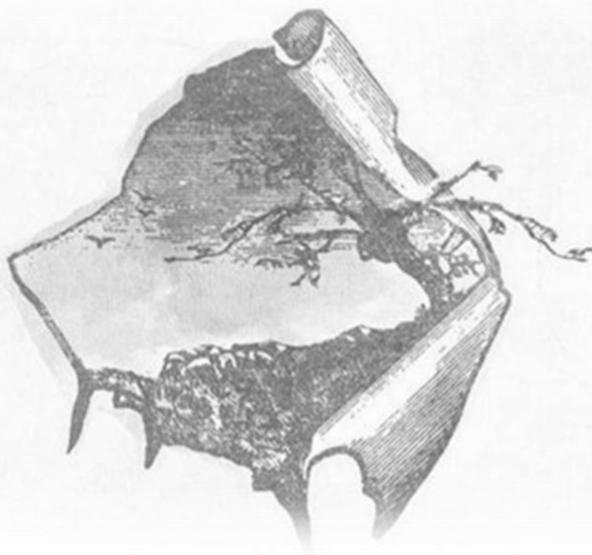


# THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



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.

JEREMIAH 23:5

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Theme of Today's Readings: Jesus, the King and great Good Shepherd, leads his church on earth by the Gospel.

Silent Prayer Before Worship: Lord Jesus Christ, so govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of Your glorious return, we may persevere in both faith and holiness of living; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## Welcome

### Opening Hymn, LSB 804, TLH 17

#### "O Worship the King"



1 O wor - ship the King, all - glo - rious a - bove.  
2 O tell of His might, O sing of His grace,  
3 This earth, with its store of won - ders un - told,  
6 O mea - sure - less Might, in - ef - fa - ble Love,



O grate - ful - ly sing His pow'r and His love;  
Whose robe is the light, whose can - o - py space;  
Al - might - y, Thy pow'r hath found - ed of old,  
While an - gels de - light to hymn Thee a - bove,



Our shield and de - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,  
His char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der - clouds form,  
Es - tab - lished it fast by a change - less de - cree,  
Thy hum - bler cre - a - tion, though fee - ble their lays,



Pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor and gird - ed with praise.  
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.  
And round it hath cast, like a man - tle, the sea.  
With true ad - o - ra - tion shall sing to Thy praise.

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## Invocation/Call to Worship

P We have come together this morning for a reason:

C **We are here to worship our God.**

- P We worship in His holy name.
- C **We worship in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

### **Confession and Forgiveness**

- C **As much as we don't like to admit it or think about it, we are sinners. Our words betray us, as do our actions. Even our thoughts are far from pure. We come, Lord, as Your humble children, asking – even begging – that You forgive us, even though we are far less than deserving.**
- P Our God is just and He is merciful. In His powerful grace, He listens to us when we bring Him our concerns, especially when we admit our sin-full-ness. In the name of Jesus, and for His sake, He forgives us all, of all our sins. Live in this confidence, then, that you are forgiven, and can begin again, cleansed by His grace-filled love.
- C **Amen.**

### **Prayer of the Day**

- P We pray together:
- C **Heavenly Father, though we do not deserve Your goodness, still You provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your gifts, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## **The First Reading, Jeremiah 23:1-6**

“Woe to the shepherds who are destroying and scattering the sheep of My pasture!” declares the Lord. Therefore 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. “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. I 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. “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. In 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.”

## **The Second Reading, Psalm 23**

The LORD is my Shepherd, I lack nothing. He makes me lie down in green pastures, He leads me beside quiet waters, He refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for His name's sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely Your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

## **Gospel Reading, Mark 6:30-44 (NIV)**

P The Holy Gospel:

C **Glory be to You, O Lord.**

The apostles gathered around Jesus and reported to Him all they had done and taught.

Then, 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."

So they went away by themselves in a boat to a solitary place. But many who saw them leaving recognized them and ran on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. When 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.

By this time it was late in the day, so His disciples came to Him. "This is a remote place," they said, "and it's already very late. Send the people away so that they can go to the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat." But He answered, "You give them something to eat."

They said to Him, "That would take more than half a year's wages! Are we to go and spend that much on bread and give it to them to eat?"

"How many loaves do you have?" He asked. "Go and see." When they found out, they said, "Five—and two fish."

Then Jesus directed them to have all the people sit down in groups on the green grass. So they sat down in groups of hundreds and fifties. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, He gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then He gave them to His disciples to distribute to the people. He also divided the two fish among them all. They all ate and were

satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces of bread and fish. The number of the men who had eaten was five thousand.

- P This is the blessed Gospel of our Lord.  
C **Praise be to You, O Christ.**

### **A Statement of Faith**

We believe in God the Father,  
Creator of the heavens and the earth.

We believe in Jesus Christ, His only begotten Son, our LORD.  
He was born on Christmas, lived a short life of ministry,  
healed, served, and forgave sins of those near and far.  
He realized His goal to call us together as His family –  
around the table the night before He was crucified,  
and around the cross where He gave His life for ours.

He conquered the power of death – for Himself and for us.  
In His forever-life, He reigns as King with His Father in Glory.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
Who brings all these truths to us,  
Guiding us to gather as the Christian Church,  
Serving us as He comforts us with the forgiveness of our  
sins,  
And leading us in our service to our neighbors all around.

Amen!



## Sermon Hymn, LSB 554 (TLH 361, lyric variations)

### "O Jesus, King Most Wonderful"



1 O Je - sus, King most won - der - ful!  
2 When once You vis - it dark - ened hearts,  
3 O Je - sus, light of all be - low,  
4 May ev - 'ry heart con - fess Your name,  
5 Oh, may our tongues for - ev - er bless,



O Con - quer - or re - nowned! O Source of peace in -  
Then truth be - gins to shine, Then earth - ly van - i -  
The fount of life and fire, Sur - pass - ing all the  
For - ev - er You a - dore, And, seek - ing You, it -  
May we love You a - lone And ev - er in our



ef - fa - ble, In whom all joys are found:  
ty de - parts, Then kin - dles love di - vine.  
joys we know, All that we can de - sire:  
self in - flame To seek You more and more!  
lives ex - press The im - age of Your own!

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## Sermon, "Jesus, A Super-sized King" Jeremiah 23:1-6

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## **Prayers**

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

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

**C hear our prayer.**

P We give thanks to You, heavenly Father, that You have built one Holy Church on the foundation of the apostles and prophets with Christ Himself as our cornerstone. Grant unity to Your Church on earth through the work of Your Spirit and the faithful proclamation of Christ's reconciling cross. Heal all divisions on earth between countries, churches and people, even as Your Church is one before Your throne. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

P We give thanks to You, heavenly Father, for our nation and its leaders. We ask Your blessing on those who serve in civil office, that we may enjoy good government in accord with Your commandments. Help us to live in service to our neighbors while here, mindful that our true citizenship is in heaven. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

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

P All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and still teaches us to pray:

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.**

### **Benediction (NIV)**

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord turn His face toward you and T give you peace.  
C **Amen.**

## Closing Hymn, LSB 909 (TLH 466, different lyrics and tune)

### "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"



1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ, our head and  
2 To this tem - ple, where we call You, Come, O Lord of  
3 Grant, we pray, to all Your faith - ful All the gifts they  
△ 4 Praise and hon - or to the Fa - ther, Praise and hon - or



cor - ner - stone, Cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,  
hosts, and stay; Come with all Your lov - ing - kind - ness,  
ask to gain; What they gain from You, for - ev - er  
to the Son, Praise and hon - or to the Spir - it,



Bind - ing all the Church in one; Ho - ly Zi - on's  
Hear Your peo - ple as they pray; And Your full - est  
With the bless - ed to re - tain; And here - af - ter  
Ev - er three and ev - er one: One in might and



help for - ev - er And our con - fi - dence a - lone.  
ben - e - dic - tion Shed with - in these walls to - day.  
in Your glo - ry Ev - er - more with You to reign.  
one in glo - ry While un - end - ing a - ges run!

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## Announcements

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **Thank You to Those Serving Today:**

July Altar Guild: Mary Lange  
July Communion Assistant: Lyle Horrmann  
Counter for today: Keith and Mary Lange  
Lector: Linda Scanlon  
Organist: Julie Wright  
Vacancy Pastor: Rev. Don Mulfinger  
Guest Preacher: Rev. Kevin Froelich  
Recorder: James Blomberg  
Ushers: Ed Copeland & Kim Blomberg  
Weed & Water: Sue Protzner

*Thank  
you!*

## **Prayer Requests**

For the family of former members, Mark Newfield and Patricia Robbins) who passed away.

For Jeff Mulfinger (son of Pastor Don and Mary) and his wife Clea on the death of Clea's father, John Dezio.

## **Last Sunday**

The attendance on 7/11 was 41. The total offering was \$1,956 including \$5 to the Capital/Building Fund and \$1 to Synod.

## **Celebrations**

Happy Birthday to Vicky Dean (7/19), Marlette Steinke (7/25) and Michael Schlueter (7/25).

## **Lutheran Night at Target Field**

The Annual Lutheran Night at Target Field will be Monday, July 26 at 7:10PM as the Twins play the Detroit Tigers. An information sheet is available on the table in the back of the church. Individual tickets are available as well as group tickets.

