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Eighth Sunday after Pentecost



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MISSION STATEMENT

We will LIVE and SERVE through FAITH

we will ACT with LOVE and KINDNESS

we will GIVE hope and SUPPORT to all.

Hearing Assistance is available during the service.
Please notify usher if you would like assistance

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, powerful and compassionate, you shepherd your people, faithfully feeding and protecting us. Heal each of us, and make us a whole people, that we may embody the justice and peace of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

SPECIAL MUSIC “God Be With You Till We Meet Again”
Hand Bell Choir

FIRST READING: 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.

¹¹So 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 — ¹²remember 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. ¹³But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴For 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. ¹⁵He 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, ¹⁶and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. ¹⁷So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; ¹⁸for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. ¹⁹So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, ²⁰built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. ²¹In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; ²²in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

PSALM (ELW): PSALM 23

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want. (Ps. 23:1)

¹The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

²The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.

³You restore my soul, O LORD, and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

⁴Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. R

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever. R

GOSPEL: Mark 6:30–34

When Jesus sent his disciples out to teach and heal, they ministered among large numbers of people. Their work was motivated by Christ's desire to be among those in need.

³⁰The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. ³¹He 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. ³²And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. ³³Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. ³⁴As 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. ⁵³When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat.

SERMON HYMN “You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore” #784 WOV

SERMON: “No Longer Strangers”

OFFERTORY HYMN: “See Ye First the Kingdom of God” #783 WOV

OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The prayers are prepared locally for each occasion. The following examples may be adapted or used as appropriate.

Gathered by the Holy Spirit and fed by the word, we come together as the people of God to pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Holy One, give hope to your church around the world and nurture it with a shepherd's care so that all will remember your faithfulness and love. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Restore the earth to the goodness you provided at creation. Protect and renew the quiet places of the world. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Break down walls and hostilities that divide people and nations. Teach us to be neighbors to each other instead of strangers and aliens. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Give rest to those who care for others in homes, hospitals, long-term care facilities, and hospice. Be with those who are dying, comfort those who grieve, and heal those who are sick (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Bring calm to those who are troubled because of frantic schedules and lack of leisure. Make this assembly a place of rest and refreshment. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We give thanks that we are citizens with the saints and members of your household. Keep us in communion with all the faithful departed until we join them around your throne. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Into your hands, loving God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in the grace of Jesus our Savior.

Amen.

APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Wise and generous God, we thank you that at this holy table you have fed us again with the food of everlasting life. Send us with your blessing to seek the good of our neighbor and call others to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

Almighty and merciful God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you this day and forevermore. Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live in love, as Christ loved us. Thanks be to God.

CLOSING HYMN:

“Precious Lord”

#731 WOV

It has been great having you join us for worship! Please come again.

THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK

Music: Saturday: Marilyn Samuelson
Sunday: Marllys Beavers & Hand Bell Choir

Greeters: Bruce Gingerich & Carol Schlottman

Ushers: 8:30 am — Wayne & Janice Olson
10:00 am – Darrel Kelly

Lector: 8:30 am — Char Berg

Hospitality Hosts: Judy Wuorio, Harold & Ardis Kendall

Communion Servers: Dave & Joanne Stueven, Judy Wuorio

Thank you for your service!

Response to God's Word Last Week

Attendance: Saturday, July 11, 2015 5:00pm: 15
Sunday, July 12, 2015 8:30am: 84 10:00am: 41

THIS WEEK AT BETHESDA

July 20 - July 26

Monday	7/20	8:00am	Spring Kitchen Clean-Up
		1:00 pm	Double Deck Pinochle
		7:00 pm	AA/Alanon
Tuesday	7/21	8:00-10:00am	Pastor Text Study
		9:00am	Crafters
		1:00 pm	Property Committee Meeting
Wednesday	7/22	8:30am	Bible Study
		9:30am	Hardanger
		11:00am	Bible Study
		6:00 pm	Choir Practice
		7:00 pm	Praise Team
Thursday	7/23	8:00am	Romeos
		12:30 pm	Fun Timers
		6:00 pm	Hand Bell Practice
Friday	7/24	10:00am	Bones

Saturday	7/25	8:00-11:00am	Veggie Stand
		4:30-7:00pm	Beef & Corn Feed
		5:00 pm	Worship
Sunday	7/26	8:30 am	Worship
		10:00 am	Worship
		2:00-5:00 pm	Neil & Myra Honl (50 th Anniversary Celebration)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ATTENDANCE REGISTRY Please sign and pass the new attendance registry folders which you will find in the pew. This is a new process we are trying. This will replace the green cards. Information will be gathered for Evangelism.

COFFEE SERVERS NEEDED Signup sheets are to the left of the serving window by the kitchen. Please check it out and take your turn.

NEW MEMBERS We receive new members the last Sunday of the month. If you are interested in membership or associate membership, please talk to Pastor Raisanen.

LAWN MOWING SCHEDULED is on the entry table. Please pick a week to mow. Thank you!

HELPING HANDS MINISTRY Please pick up and fill out the yellow forms at the church entry if you have some free time to help out church members in need.

VEGGIE STAND is now open every Saturday morning until fall.

BEEF & CORN FEED will be on Saturday, July 25th from 4:30pm – 7:00pm

UPDATING OUR FILES We are updating our church files for a new directory. Please pick up the envelope with your name on it from the table in the Fellowship Hall and return forms to the church by July 31st.

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION Neil & Myra Honl invite you to celebrate with them their 50th Wedding Anniversary party on Sunday, July 26th from 2:00pm-5:00pm.