

Memory Verses of the Week

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

+Psalm 23:1



*7th Sunday after Pentecost
July 19, 2020- 10:00 a.m.*

ST. JOHN EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH

OUR VISION:

We envision a world fed and led by God.

OUR MISSION:

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MONDAY & FRIDAY
IN OFFICE 8:00 AM-3:00 PM
TUESDAY-THURSDAY (REMOTELY)
8:00 AM-3:00 PM**

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

7th Sunday after Pentecost

July 19, 2020

10:00 a.m.

P = Presiding Minister; **A** = Assisting Minister; **C** = Congregation

GATHERING

Prelude

Ringing of the Church Bells

Welcome & Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, † one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

C: **Amen.**

P: Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

(silence is kept for reflection)

P: Reconciling God,

C: **we confess that we do not trust your abundance, and we deny your presence in our lives. We place our hope in ourselves and rely on our own efforts. We fail to believe that you provide enough for all. We abuse your good creation for our own benefit. We fear difference and do not welcome others as you have welcomed us. We sin in thought, word, and deed. By your grace,**

forgive us; through your love, renew us; and in your Spirit, lead us; so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.

P: Beloved of God, by the radical abundance of divine mercy we have peace with God through Christ Jesus, through whom we have obtained grace upon grace. As a called and ordained minister . . . in the name of the †Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

The Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

(Please remain in place and maintain physical distancing while you greet those around you in the name of Christ.)

Gathering Songs..... “*Better Is One Day*”

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord almighty.
For my soul longs and even faints for you.
For here my heart is satisfied within your presence.
I sing beneath the shadow of your wings.

Chorus

Better is one day in your courts,
better is one day in your house,
better is one day in your courts
than thousands elsewhere.

Better is one day in your courts,
better is one day in your house,
better is one day in your courts
than thousands elsewhere,
than thousands elsewhere.

One thing I ask and I would seek: to see your beauty,
to find you in the place your glory dwells.

Better is one day in your courts,
better is one day in your house,
better is one day in your courts
than thousands elsewhere. *(repeat)*

My heart and flesh cry out for you, the living God.
Your Spirit’s water to my soul.
I’ve tasted and I’ve seen. Come once again to me.
I will draw near to you, I will draw near to you, to you.

Better is one day,
better is one day,
better is one day
than thousands elsewhere. (*repeat*)

Chorus

Better is one day in your courts,
better is one day in your house,
better is one day in your courts
than thousands elsewhere.

The Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

The Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray, Merciful God,

C: **you command your people to rest. Grant us the blessed rhythm of rest in you, that we might know your refreshment in our spirits, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

WORD

A Rest That Works Video Journey: “*Rhythm*”

First Reading.....*Exodus 31:12-18*

¹²The LORD said to Moses: ¹³You yourself are to speak to the Israelites: “You shall keep my sabbaths, for this is a sign between me and you throughout your generations, given in order that you may know that I, the LORD, sanctify you. ¹⁴You shall keep the sabbath, because it is holy for you; everyone who profanes it shall be put to death; whoever does any work on it shall be cut off from among the people. ¹⁵Six days shall work be done, but the seventh day is a sabbath of solemn rest, holy to the LORD; whoever does any work on the sabbath day shall be put to death. ¹⁶Therefore the Israelites shall keep the sabbath, observing the sabbath throughout their generations, as a perpetual covenant. ¹⁷It is a sign forever between me and the people of Israel that in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day he rested, and was refreshed.” ¹⁸And when he finished speaking with him on Mount Sinai, he gave to Moses the two tablets of the testimony, stone tablets, written with the finger of God.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 23

A: The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

C: **He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;**

A: he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name’s sake.

C: **Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff— they comfort me.**

A: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

C: **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.**

**The Gospel Acclamation WORSHIP BOOK - Setting 4 Page 151
“Alleluia”**

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

The Holy Gospel.....*Matthew 14:22-23*
(spoken) (text for pastor’s sermon)

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 14th chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²²Immediately [Jesus] made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon - “A Rest That Works: Rhythm”Rev. Paul Offhaus

Special Music “*Enter the Rest of God*” - Brian Doerksen
Jay Heare - Soloist

Are you tired worn out and empty
Is your soul weary
Have you tried releasing your burdens
Do you feel the weight of worry
I am the rest you need
I am the Prince of Peace
Enter the rest of God

Chorus

Come to Me
Burdens will fly away
Walk with Me
Learn the unforced rhythms of grace

Special Music “*Come As You Are*” - Ben Glover/David Croder/Matt Maher
Soloist, Jay Heare

Chorus

(So) Lay down your burdens lay down your shame
All who are broken lift up your face
O wanderer come home
You're not too far
So lay down your hurt lay down your heart
Come as you are

Come as you are
Come as you are
Come as you are

Sacrament of Holy Baptism—Montgomery Fritz Biggs, son of JT & Britta-
ny, his sponsors are Andrew Weidemeier, Cassie Flippin & Brittany Peavler.

Hymn **WORSHIP BOOK - 443**
“*Dearest Jesus, We Are Here*”- Vs 1

Vs 1 Dearest Jesus, we are here,
 gladly your command obeying.
 With this child we now draw near
 in response to your own saying
 that to you it shall be given
 as a child and heir of heaven.

Baptism Service **WORSHIP BOOK Pgs 227-231**
(or see screens)

Prayers of the People (after each petition, please respond as follows):

A: Lord, in your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

P: ...through Jesus Christ our Lord.
C: Amen.

Time of Offering

MEAL

Canticle of Thanksgiving..... **WORSHIP BOOK - 207**
“Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise”



Thank-ful hearts and voic-es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done. Let



ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re - joice and bear the name of Christ.



Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia.

Words of Institution

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.

Communion (in the public gathering or in your own homes)

(Lutheran Christians proclaim that Jesus Christ is truly present “in, with and under” the ordinary elements of bread and wine. To receive Holy Communion, therefore, is to receive Christ. All who seek to be nourished in faith and life through the presence and power of the Lord Jesus Christ are welcome to share in this Meal.)

Communion Music..... *Commune with Me*

Post Communion Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace, both now and forevermore.

C: **Amen.**

SENDING

The Blessing

Sending Hymn..... *“Today Is the Day”*

(WL - Worship Leader; C - Congregation)

I'm casting my cares aside. I'm leaving my past behind.
I'm setting my heart and mind on you, Jesus.
I'm reaching my hands to yours, believing there's so much more,
knowing that all you have in store for me is good, it's good.

Chorus

Today is the day you have made. I will rejoice and be glad in it.
Today is the day you have made. I will rejoice and be glad in it.
And I won't worry about tomorrow; I'm trusting in what you say.
Today is the day. Today is the day.

I'm putting my fears aside. I'm leaving my doubts behind.
I'm giving my hopes and dreams to you, Jesus.
I'm reaching my hands to yours, believing there's so much more,
knowing that all you have in store for me is good, it's good. *Chorus*

WL: I will stand upon your truth.
C: I will stand upon your truth.
WL: And all my days I'll live for you.
C: And all my days I'll live for you.
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C: I will stand upon your truth.
WL: And all my days I'll live for you.
C: And all my days I'll live. Chorus

Today is the day.

Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

THIS WEEK'S WORSHIP LEADERS (7/19)

Presiding Minister & PreacherRev. Paul Offhaus
Assisting Minister..... Linda McGahey
Worship Leader Jay Heare
Greeters Tina Thompson
Deacon..... Milt Brown
Ushers.....Cheryl Kienzle, Terry Kienzle
Altar Guild..... Lois Sharp, Dorthy Epple
Media/Sound Jay Heare, Mike McGahey, Pete Newcomb, Lori Paul

NEXT WEEK'S WORSHIP LEADERS (7/26)

Presiding Minister & PreacherRev. Paul Offhaus
Assisting Minister..... Steve Rieck
Worship Leader Jay Heare
Greeters Chris & Julie Walda
Deacon..... Milt Brown
Ushers.....Cheryl Kienzle, Terry Kienzle
Altar Guild..... Lois Sharp, Dorthy Epple
Media/Sound Jay Heare, Mike McGahey, Pete Newcomb, Lori Paul

Dearest Jesus, We Are Here



1 Dear - est Je - sus, we are here, glad - ly your com - mand o -
 2 Your com - mand is clear and plain, and we would o - bey it
 3 This is why we come to you, in our arms this in - fant
 4 Gra - cious head, your mem - ber own; shep - herd, take your lamb and
 5 Now in - to your heart we pour prayers that from our hearts pro -



bey - ing. With this child we now draw near in re -
 du - ly: "You must all be born a - gain, heart and
 bear - ing; Lord, to us your glo - ry show; let this
 feed it; Prince of Peace, make here your throne; way of
 ceed - ed. Our pe - ti - tions heav'n - ward soar; may our



sponse to your own say - ing that to you it shall be
 life re - new - ing tru - ly, born of wa - ter and the
 child, your mer - cy shar - ing, in your arms be shield - ed
 life, to heav - en lead it; pre - cious vine, let noth - ing
 fond de - sires be heed - ed! Write the name we now have



giv - en as a child and heir of heav - en.
 Spir - it, and my king - dom thus in - her - it."
 ev - er, yours on earth and yours for - ev - er.
 sev - er from your side this branch for - ev - er.
 giv - en; write it in the book of heav - en!

Text: Benjamin Schmolck, 1672-1737; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1829-1878, alt.
 Music: LIEBSTER JESU, WIR SIND HIER, Johann R. Ahle, 1625-1673

COMMUNION TO BE CELEBRATED IN (REMOTE AND PUBLIC) WORSHIP TODAY

We are celebrating the Sacrament of Holy Communion today and every Sunday moving forward. Here is what you will need to do on your end:

If attending our public worship:

We will be offering communion in one part, that is, wafers but no wine/ grape juice. Communicants will be directed by the ushers to come forward by side (left side from front to back, then right side), masked and maintaining physical distance from those outside of their family unit. After receiving the wafer from Pastor or the Assisting Minister (both of whom will be masked), you are asked to step to the side (on the 'X') before removing your mask to partake of communion. Then return, masked, to your seat. Hand sanitizers will be available on the tables by the side aisles.

If at home worshipping remotely:

1. Gather the elements you will need: bread, crackers or even a tortilla wrap, as well as wine or grape juice. If you'd like to make your own (unleavened, if you wish) bread, one was printed in the April newsletter or you can find several online.
2. Prepare a space for you to place the elements, either at a table or coffee table, perhaps with a tablecloth. Set the elements out for that point in our worship.
3. After the Words of Institution, you may then partake of the elements. If you are sheltering with others, share them with one another; if not, simply consume them yourself. In either case, speak the words, "The Body of Christ, given/broken for you/me . . . The Blood of Christ, shed for you/me," to remind you of Christ's presence "in, with, and under" (Luther's words) the ordinary elements of bread and wine.

As in previous instances of remote communion, we honor and respect you, whether you choose to partake or not to partake. *There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.* + Ephesians 4:4

