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## Joint Pastoral Call Service

### THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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### AS WE GATHER

An old Jewish prayer begins, “Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the universe.” To call God “King” is to acknowledge Him as the highest ruler over all. Earthly kings never created the subjects of their rule out of nothing as has the one Creator God. So much higher and more exalted than any earthly sovereign king is God. In the Old Testament, God gave His people kings for their nation. But unlike the rulers of other nations, Israel’s kings were to rule in God’s name and after His heart and will and word. They were to rule God’s people like shepherds tending sheep, like David of old. Few, however, were faithful to their calling. Through a king named Zedekiah, God both condemned the former faithless kings and promised the future righteous Branch of the great King David. In today’s Gospel, we see Jesus, God’s Son, having compassion on people as a shepherd has compassion on the sheep. Because of Jesus’ blood and righteousness, you have a King that cannot fail. He cares for you and will deliver you safely to your eternal home.

## +PREPARATION+

LSB 709

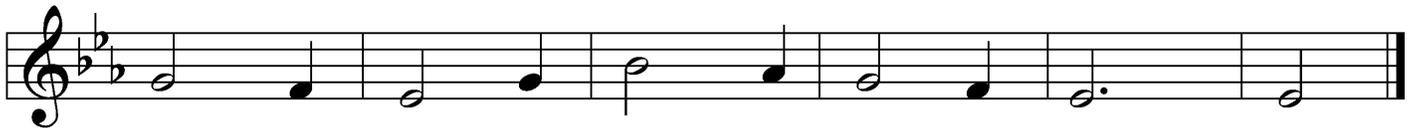
### “The King of Love My Shepherd Is”



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, Whose good - ness  
2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, My ran - somed  
3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, But yet in  
4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill With Thee, dear



fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if  
soul He lead - eth And, where the ver - dant  
love He sought me And on His shoul - der  
Lord, be - side me, Thy rod and staff my



I am His And He is mine for - ev - er.  
pas - tures grow, With food ce - les - tial feed - eth.  
gent - ly laid And home re - joic - ing brought me.  
com - fort still, Thy cross be - fore to guide me.

5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;  
Thine unction grace bestoweth;  
And, oh, what transport of delight  
From Thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so through all the length of days  
Thy goodness faileth never;  
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise  
Within Thy house forever!

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## INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the ✚ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*Ephesians 2:12–13, alt.*

P Remember that you were once separated from Christ, having no hope and without God in the world.

**C But now in Christ Jesus we who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For He Himself is our peace.**

*Silence for reflection.*

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the universe, for You have commanded us to confess our sins and yet have promised Your forgiveness. We therefore confess our sins, even those we are not aware of, those we have done and all that we have failed to do. By Your divine command, grant us Your forgiveness for the sake of the blood of our crucified and risen Shepherd, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the universe, for You have commanded Your called ministers of Christ to absolve those who repent of their sins. Therefore, upon this, your confession, as a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

**+WORD+**

## INTROIT

*Psalm 147:7–11; antiphon: Psalm 145:16*

P You open your hand;  
you satisfy the desire of every living thing.

**C Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving;  
make melody to our God on the lyre!**

P He covers the heavens with clouds; he prepares rain for the earth;  
he makes grass grow on the hills.

**C He gives to the beasts their food,  
and to the young ravens that cry.**

P His delight is not in the strength of the horse,  
nor his pleasure in the legs of a man,  
but the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear him,  
in those who hope in his steadfast love.

**C Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

P You open your hand;  
you satisfy the desire of every living thing.

### This Is the Feast (Setting Two)

*LSB 171*



**A** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



**C** Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,



whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.



Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and strength and



hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are His.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le -

lu - ia. Sing with all the peo - ple of

God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:

Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and might be to

God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,

for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun His reign.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.



## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P** Let us pray.

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.

**C Amen.**

## **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

*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.’”

**R** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM**

*Psalm 23; antiphon: v. 6*

**R** <sup>1</sup>The LORD is my shepherd;  
I shall not want.

**C** <sup>2</sup>**He makes me lie down in green pastures.  
He leads me beside still waters.**

- R <sup>3</sup>He restores my soul.  
He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
- C <sup>4</sup>**Even 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.**
- R <sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.
- C <sup>6</sup>**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life,  
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

## EPISTLE

*Ephesians 2:11-22*

<sup>11</sup> Therefore 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 expressed in 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,<sup>[a]</sup> 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<sup>[b]</sup> the Spirit.

## **VERSE**

*Psalm 78:25*

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

## **HOLY GOSPEL**

*Mark 6:30–44*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixth chapter.

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

<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.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**



1 The Church’s one foun - da - tion Is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;  
 2 E - lect from ev - ’ry na - tion, Yet one o’er all the earth;  
 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der The world sees her op - pressed,  
 4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion And tu - mult of her war  
 5 Yet she on earth has u - nion With God, the Three in One,



She is His new cre - a - tion By wa - ter and the Word.  
 Her char - ter of sal - va - tion: One Lord, one faith, one birth.  
 By schisms rent a - sun - der, By her - e - sies dis - tressed,  
 She waits the con - sum - ma - tion Of peace for - ev - er - more  
 And mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion With those whose rest is won.



From heav’n He came and sought her To be His ho - ly bride;  
 One ho - ly name she bless - es, Par - takes one ho - ly food,  
 Yet saints their watch are keep - ing; Their cry goes up, “How long?”  
 Till with the vi - sion glo - rious Her long - ing eyes are blest,  
 O bless - ed heav’n - ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by Your grace



With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.  
 And to one hope she press - es With ev - ’ry grace en - dued.  
 And soon the night of weep - ing Shall be the morn of song.  
 And the great Church vic - to - rious Shall be the Church at rest.  
 That we, like saints be - fore us, May see You face to face.

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## **SERMON**

“The Way Things Ought to Be” *Ephesians 2:11-22*

### **Introduction:**

People knew how things ought to be. Emma ought to be able to visit her brother who lived on the other side of town. But she couldn’t. A wall separated them.

When President Reagan visited her town, he saw the Berlin Wall. He knew how things ought to be, and he said so: “Mr. Gorbachev, tear down this wall.” People thought it would never happen, but it did. The wall crumbled. Emma saw her brother for the first time in forty years.

Our Epistle talks about a “dividing wall of hostility” (v 14) that separated Jews and Gentiles. It wasn’t supposed to be that way. God loves all people, and he created all people to live together in peace and harmony. But the wall just seemed to get bigger. Jews and Gentiles were separated by their religion, culture, race, and language. Jews and Gentiles hated one another. Examples:

1. Jonah refusing to go to the Gentiles;
2. Galilean Jews taking the long way around Samaria to get to Jerusalem;
3. The Zealots’ opposition to Roman rule.

Christ came and tore down the dividing wall of hostility and made things the way they are supposed to be. God in Christ reconciled both Jew and Gentile to himself. He put an end to all the sin between the two, overcoming past hostilities with his own blood shed on the cross. He called both to be fellow citizens of his kingdom and members of his family. He united both into the one holy catholic/Christian Church. That’s the way God wants things to be. That’s the way things are supposed to be between people—united together through the blood of Christ, having one Lord, one faith, one Baptism, one Spirit, and one Bible, all in one communion of saints. Incredibly, that *is* what we now have, because, as he did for Jews and Gentiles, so **Christ Makes Things the Way They Ought to Be for Us**. How so? What dividing walls

of hostility does Christ tear down among us? How does he make things the way they ought to be? He does this by putting to death all hostilities through his blood.

**I. Things too often aren't the way they ought to be among us.**

A. We know how things are supposed to be among us. We worship together. We care for one another. Together we take the Gospel of Jesus to our community. We live in peace and harmony as God's people.

B. But sin builds up big, tall, dividing walls of hostility among us.

1. ***In the workplace.*** Jeanne had not participated in the life of God's Church for more than twenty years. On his second visit to her home, the pastor learned that things weren't the way they were supposed to be because Jeanne had had an argument with another member of the church years ago when they had both worked at the same school cafeteria. Sinful words were said both by Jeanne and her co-worker Rita. After that, Jeanne couldn't bring herself to worship in the same church. The sins committed at work changed things from the way they ought to be to the way things are not supposed to be among fellow workers and church members.
2. ***In the home.*** Mark and Janet called it quits after fifteen years of marriage. The sins committed against each other built a dividing wall of hostility between them. The sins of a broken marriage meant that the way things ought to be quickly became the way things weren't supposed to be, not only between them and their families, but also with the Lord and his Church.
3. ***In the congregation.*** Ray became very upset when the first black man joined the congregation. He refused to take Communion out of the same cup. That

happened thirty-six years ago. The sin of racism made things the way they're not supposed to be.

C. The devil works hard to build these walls of hostility among us. His divide-and-conquer tactics destroy friendships, families, and congregations. He separates people from people and people from God.

**II. But Christ came to tear down those walls of sin and hatred by taking our sin into his own body. He came to bring peace to divided people and to make things the way they ought to be (vv 13–17).**

A. The cross is all about God reconciling the world to himself, removing the sin that separates people from God. The Gospel is for all people. It's for us and for those on the other side of the wall. When the sin is forgiven, it brings us to God. It also brings us to one another. Examples:

(the Fifth Petition of the Lord's Prayer, Philemon, Joseph and his brothers.)

1. As Pastor sat with Jeanne, they talked about Christ's forgiveness, how God is not angry with us over our sin, and that Christ came to take away our dividing sin. Then Jeanne, all on her own, suggested that maybe she ought to visit with Rita. They did. They forgave one another. Today Jeanne worships every Sunday. Before Rita passed away a few months ago, they sat next to each other in the same pew. Christ had made peace between them; he had made things the way they're supposed to be.

2. Ray? That's another story that Jesus worked out to be the way things are supposed to be. The Lord enlightened Ray's mind to see how Christ loves people of every language, race, and nation. Today, Ray receives Communion as it's distributed by the pastor and the congregation's first black elder!

3. As for Janet and Mark, well, the Lord is still working on that one. Things are not the way they're supposed to be with Janet and her Lord and his Church. But the Lord hasn't given up. He's torn down that wall of hostility that divides and keeps on inviting her to lift up her eyes to see that the wall is gone. Mark sees that the wall is gone, but hasn't yet been able to walk over to the other side and say hello to his haven't-seen-you-in-a-while brothers and sisters in Christ.

B. What about you? How are things with you and the Lord and with you and your fellow Christians? Did you know that any wall that may seem to be separating you is gone?

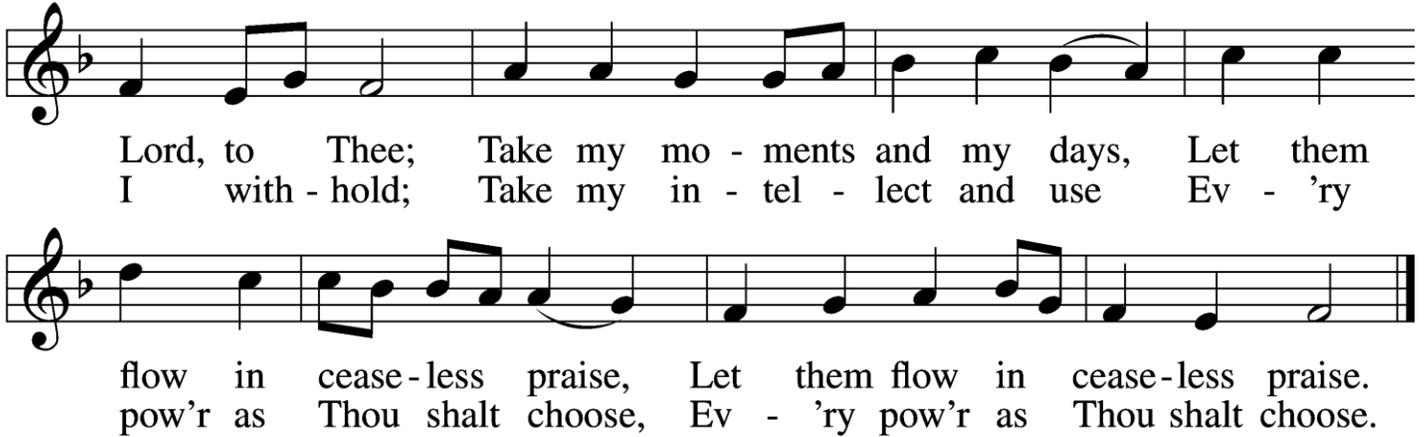
### **Conclusion:**

Christ has forgiven all your sin. Your relationship with God *is* what it ought to be. You have peace with God through Jesus. That same forgiveness tears down the walls of hostility that divide us from one another. We see it as we forgive one another as God in Christ forgives us.

### **NICENE CREED**

**All: I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.  
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,**





Lord, to Thee; Take my mo - ments and my days, Let them  
I with - hold; Take my in - tel - lect and use Ev - 'ry  
flow in cease - less praise, Let them flow in cease - less praise.  
pow'r as Thou shalt choose, Ev - 'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.

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## **CALL SERVICE**

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Opening Prayer**
3. **Introduction of Call Committee members.**
4. **Presentation of the Candidates for call.**
5. **Discussion**
6. **Voting for Pastor Elect**
7. **Call for unanimous consent**
8. **Adjourn**

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

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

Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the universe, who has sanctified us with Your Word—Your Holy Commandments, Your Holy Scriptures, but above all, with Your Holy Word made flesh, Your only-begotten Son to be our Good Shepherd, our Savior, our Lord, and our King. Receive our praise for the gift of Your salvation and life. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the universe, for You have commanded us to pray. Grant Your Holy Church peace and strength to give witness to Your mercy for all people. Bless our nation with faithful leaders who will govern according to Your will in righteousness. Sustain

all who protect and defend us from harm and danger both in the world and in Your gift of faith. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

P Endow Your ministers with compassion and grace to reach the lost and to serve Your people faithfully with Your Word and Sacraments. Guard and protect them from the assaults of the devil and all enemies of Your Word. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

P Deliver and heal all who are in trouble, danger, or illness, [*especially . . .*]. Like a shepherd, lead us all to the still waters and green pastures of Your grace. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C Amen.**

**+SACRAMENT+**

## **PREFACE**

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

**C We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

## **PROPER PREFACE**

P It is truly good, right, and proper that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. Therefore with angels and

archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

## **SANCTUS**

*LSB 178*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of  
pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is He who comes in the name  
of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own

testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

### **WORDS OF OUR LORD**

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✚ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✚ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

### **PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST**

**P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

**C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

**P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

### **LORD’S PRAYER**

**All 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.**

**PAX DOMINI**

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**C** Amen.

**AGNUS DEI**

*LSB 180*

**☐** Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world;  
 have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the  
 sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of  
 God, You take a - way the sin of the world;

grant us peace, grant us peace.

*A PERSONAL PRAYER BEFORE COMMUNING:* O Lord, my God, make me ready to receive the most holy body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of my sins. Let me find favor in Your eyes that I may receive this Sacrament in faith for my salvation, and to Your glory. Amen

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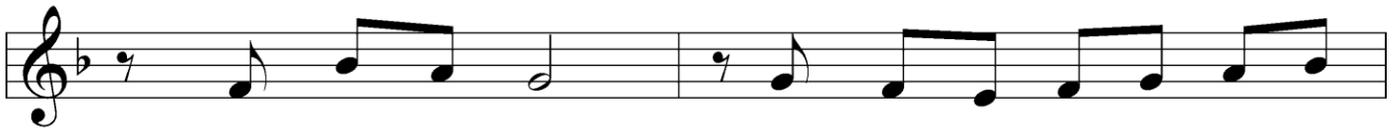


**LSB 629**

**“What Is This Bread”**

1	What	is	this	bread?	Christ's	bod - y
2	What	is	this	wine?	The	blood of
3	So	who	am	I,	That	I should
4	Yet	is	God	here?	Oh,	yes! By
5	Is	this	for	me?	I	am for -

ris - en	from the	dead:	This	bread	we	break,
Je - sus	shed	for mine;	The	cup	of	grace
live	and	He should	Un -	der	the	rod?
Word	and	prom - ise	In	mouth	and	soul
giv - en	and	set free!	I	do	be -	lieve



This life we take, Was crushed to pay for our re -  
 Brings His em - brace Of life and love un - til I  
 My God, my God, Why have You not for - sak - en  
 He makes us whole— Christ, tru - ly pres - ent in this  
 That I re - ceive His ver - y bod - y and His



lease. O taste and see— the Lord is peace.  
 sing! O taste and see— the Lord is King.  
 me? O taste and see— the Lord is free.  
 meal. O taste and see— the Lord is real.  
 blood. O taste and see— the Lord is good.

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**LSB 628 “Your Table I Approach”**



1 Your ta - ble I ap - proach; Dear Sav - ior, hear my prayer.  
 2 Lord, I con - fess my sins And mourn their wretch - ed bands;  
 3 Your bod - y and Your blood, Once slain and shed for me,  
 4 Search not how this takes place, This won - drous mys - ter - y;



Let not an un - re - pen - tant heart Prove hurt - ful to me there.  
 A con - trite heart is sure to find For - give - ness at Your hands.  
 Are tak - en at Your ta - ble, Lord, In blest re - al - i - ty.  
 God can ac - com - plish vast - ly more Than what we think could be.

5 O grant, most blessèd Lord, That earth and hell combined  
 May not about this sacrament, Raise doubt within my mind.

6 Oh, may I never fail, To thank You day and night  
 For Your true body and true blood, O God, my peace and light.

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1 Just as I am, with - out one plea But that Thy  
 2 Just as I am and wait - ing not To rid my  
 3 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout With man - y a  
 4 Just as I am, poor, wretch - ed, blind; Sight, rich - es,



blood was shed for me And that Thou bidd'st me come to  
 soul of one dark blot, To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each  
 con - flict, man - y a doubt, Fight - ings and fears with - in, with -  
 heal - ing of the mind, Yea, all I need, in Thee to



Thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
 spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
 out, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
 find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

5 Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,  
 Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;  
 Because Thy promise I believe,  
 O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

6 Just as I am; Thy love unknown  
 Has broken ev'ry barrier down;  
 Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,  
 O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

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*THANKSGIVING AFTER COMMUNING:* Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the eternal life-giving body and blood of Your Son Jesus. Keep me in Your faith and favor that I may live in You as You live in me. May this Holy Meal preserve me in the true faith to life everlasting. Amen.

## **POST COMMUNION COLLECT**

**P** Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

## **BENEDICTION**

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✚ give you peace.

**C Amen.**

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## **News and Notes for July 18, 2021**

### **Events this week**

Monday	7/19	Men's Night Out @ Tailgaters, Selah	6:00pm
Tuesday	7/20	Bethlehem Council Meeting	7:00pm
Wednesday	7/21	Men's Bible Study @ Gateway Hotel	7:00am
Sunday	7/25	Sunday Worship	Peace @ 9:00am
		Coffee Fellowship in the Parish Hall after Service @ PLC	
			Bethlehem @ 11:00am
		Coffee Fellowship Downstairs After Service @ BLC	

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**Men's Night Out** All men from Peace and Bethlehem are invited to attend Peace's weekly Men's Night Out tomorrow evening at Tailgaters in Selah at 6:00 p.m.

**We are updating the Bethlehem church directory!** Bethlehem members please look over your information and make sure it is up to date. The directory can be found in the entryway.

**Pastor on Jury Duty.** Pastor will be on jury duty July 19 – 30. He will be in the office as usual unless he is selected to actively serve on a jury.

**In Our Prayers we pray especially for:**

**Peace:**

- **Ted Miles hospitalized in critical condition with renal failure**
- **Diane Pearson struggling with MS**
- **Betty struggling with depression**
- **Lance Ostrom recovering from surgery last Friday July 23.**

**Bethlehem:**

- **Comfort for Mary & Gail's cousin, Elton Young, who is in the final stages of COPD, and comfort for his family.**
- **Bob Van Dyke who is experience health issues.**
- **Verna Wild who has been placed on Hospice Care in Lacey WA.**

**For our loved ones with cancer**

**Bethlehem:** Karianna, Rudy, Becky, Scott, Debbie, Chris, Leah, Bob, Jim, Thresa, Jan and Gary

**Peace:** Diana, Cindy, Pam, Lance, Ida, Rick, Lisa, Cameren, Tony and Bill

<b>Celebrating Birthdays</b>	<b>(BLC)</b>	<b>7/21</b>	<b>Waneta Reynolds</b>
		<b>7/22</b>	<b>Keith Jacobson</b>
		<b>7/23</b>	<b>Debbie Buchert</b>
		<b>7/24</b>	<b>Norma Rohrbach</b>
	<b>(PLC)</b>	<b>7/19</b>	<b>Marcia Shotwell</b>
		<b>7/20</b>	<b>Ava Groth</b>
		<b>7/21</b>	<b>Steve Sinclair</b>
		<b>7/23</b>	<b>Beckie Place</b>
<b>Anniversaries</b>	<b>(PLC)</b>	<b>7/19</b>	<b>Paul &amp; Grace Rath</b>