

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—PROPER 11

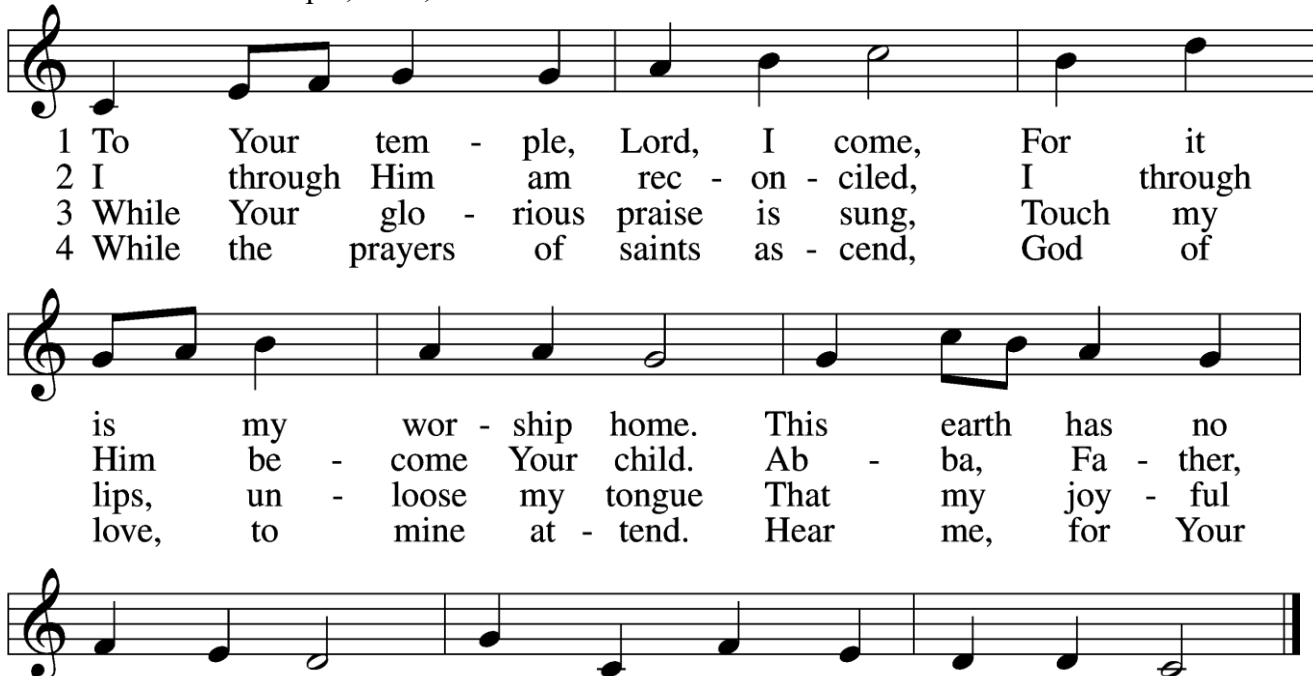
July 21, 2024 – 9:30 a.m.

AS WE GATHER

Tending sheep is a mainstay occupation in many countries around the world. The American Sheep Industry Association includes more than 100,000 sheep producers from every part of the nation. Statewide associations are located across the nation from Maine to Hawaii. Some use the historic title of “wool growers” in their group name; others call themselves “Shepherds Federations.” In referring to Himself as the “Good Shepherd,” Jesus identified His ministry as one given to caring for and nurturing His precious lambs. One hymn states simply, “I am Jesus’ little lamb” (*LSB* 740:1). It is a faithful confession for people of all ages!

PRELUDE “Shepherd of My Heart”

HYMN “To Your Temple, Lord, I Come” *LSBuilder* 981



1 To Your tem - ple, Lord, I come, For it
2 I through Him am rec - on - ciled, I through
3 While Your glo - rious praise is sung, Touch my
4 While the prayers of saints as - cend, God of

is my wor - ship home. This earth has no
Him be - come Your child. Ab - ba, Fa - ther,
lips, un - loose my tongue That my joy - ful
love, to mine at - tend. Hear me, for Your

bet - ter place, Here I see my Sav - ior's face.
give me grace In Your courts Your love to trace.
soul may bless Christ the Lord, my righ - teous - ness.
Spir - it pleads; Hear, for Je - sus in - ter - cedes.

5 While I listen to Your Law,
Fill my soul with humble awe
Till Your Gospel bring to me
Life and immortality.

6 While Your ministers proclaim
Peace and pardon in Your name,
Through their voice, by faith, may I
Hear You speaking from the sky.

7 From Your house when I return,
May my heart within me burn,
And at evening let me say,
“I have walked with God today.”
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INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 40:11, 16; 145:1–4*

Pastor: I will extol You, my God and King, and bless Your name forever and ever.

People: Every day I will bless You and praise Your name forever and ever.

Pastor: Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, and His greatness is unsearchable.

People: One generation shall commend Your works to another, and shall declare Your mighty acts.

Pastor: As for You, O LORD, You will not restrain Your mercy from me; Your steadfast love and Your faithfulness will ever preserve me!

People: But may all who seek You rejoice and be glad in You; may those who love Your salvation say continually, “Great is the LORD!”

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us humble ourselves before God, confess our sins to Him, and ask His gracious forgiveness.

People: We humbly confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and before one another, that we are sinful human beings by nature and by deed. We have not always put God first. We have used His holy name in ways that do not honor Him. We have been heedless in word and deed and have not always kept our thoughts, words, and deeds pure and honorable. We strayed from His paths of righteousness and have sinned in ways we know and in ways we do not even recognize. We have wished for that which is not rightfully ours and have not put the best construction on all things and on all people. We pray God to have mercy on us, to forgive us all our sins, and to bring us to everlasting life. Amen.

Pastor: The almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all our sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

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

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

People: Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; make melody to our God on the lyre!

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

People: He gives to the beasts their food, and to the young ravens that cry.

Leader: 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.

All: 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.

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

KYRIE

Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

People: Amen.

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Jeremiah 23:1–6* (The remnant of God’s flock will be gathered.) “Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture!” declares the Lord. 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. 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. 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. 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. 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.’”

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM *Psalms 23*

Lector: The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

Women: He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters.

Men: He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for His name’s sake.

Women: 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.

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

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

HYMN “The King of Love My Shepherd Is” *LSB 709*

1 The King of love my shepherd is,

Whose goodness faileth never;

I nothing lack if I am His

And He is mine forever.

2 Where streams of living water flow,
 My ransomed soul He leadeth
And, where the verdant pastures grow,
 With food celestial feedeth.

3 Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
 But yet in love He sought me
And on His shoulder gently laid
 And home rejoicing brought me.

4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill
 With Thee, dear Lord, beside me,
Thy rod and staff my comfort still,
 Thy cross before 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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EPISTLE *Ephesians 2:11–22* (Together we are fellow citizens with God's people.) 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— 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. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility by abolishing the law of commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL *Romans 11:33, 36*

Pastor: Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!

People: How unsearchable are His judgments and how inscrutable His ways!

Pastor: For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things.

People: To Him be glory forever. Amen.

HOLY GOSPEL *Mark 6:30–44* (Jesus miraculously feeds thousands of people.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

The apostles returned to Jesus and told him all that they had done and taught. 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. And they went away in the boat to a desolate place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they ran there on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. 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. And when it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, “This is a desolate place, and the hour is now late. Send them away to go into the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat.” 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?” 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.” Then he commanded them all to sit down in groups on the green grass. So they sat down in groups, by hundreds and by fifties. 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. And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. And those who ate the loaves were five thousand men.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY “The Church’s One Foundation” *LSB* 644

1 The Church’s one foundation
 Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
She is His new creation
 By water and the Word.
From heav’n He came and sought her
 To be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her,
 And for her life He died.

2 Elect from ev’ry nation,
 Yet one o’er all the earth;
Her charter of salvation:
 One Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name she blesses,
 Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses
 With ev’ry grace endued.

3 Though with a scornful wonder
 The world sees her oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder,
 By heresies distressed,
Yet saints their watch are keeping;
 Their cry goes up, “How long?”
And soon the night of weeping
 Shall be the morn of song.

4 Through toil and tribulation
And tumult of her war
She waits the consummation
Of peace forevermore
Till with the vision glorious
Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious
Shall be the Church at rest.

5 Yet she on earth has union
With God, the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion
With those whose rest is won.
O blessed heav'nly chorus!
Lord, save us by Your grace
That we, like saints before us,
May see You face to face.
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SERMON

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

OFFERING "Be Unto Your Name"

We offer our gifts to the Lord as we use this time in our service for contemplation and preparation for the sacrament of communion. Offerings can be placed in the plates at the back entrance doors as you enter the sanctuary, or as the offering plates are passed at this time.

PREFACE 2 Timothy 4:22

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and proper that we should give thanks to You, O Lord, for in Jesus Christ, the servant of all, You have shown Your saving power and Your great compassion. Grant that we may live in humility, honoring our Good Shepherd in all that we do. Gathered at the Table of the Lord, we rejoice that we are given a foretaste of the heavenly banquet. Pour out Your Holy Spirit upon us, merciful Lord, that we rejoice in the gifts before us and praise You with thankful hearts.

People: Amen.

SANCTUS

Holy holy holy Lord
God of power and might
Heav'n and earth are full of your glory
Hosanna in the highest

Blessed is he who comes
In the name of the Lord
Hosanna in the highest
Hosanna in the highest

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, O Lord eternal and blessed be Your name. In Your great love You sent Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be the promised Savior, whose power was shown in love and whose life of service fulfilled Your will and completed the work of salvation. With thankfulness we receive the blessings our Good Shepherd has obtained for us. Gather into one, we pray You, all Your people who now join at Your holy Table. Bless and nourish us, so that all we who partake of Christ's holy body and blood may be strengthened to serve You and our neighbor, as You would have us do. To You, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in Your holy church, forever and ever.

People: Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD *Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

Pastor: 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 *1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20*

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Pastor: 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 *Matthew 6:9–13*

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

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

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God you take away
All the sin of the world
Oh Lamb of God have mercy on us
And grant to us your peace

You are invited to receive the Lord's Supper if you believe and confess that Jesus Christ is your Savior from sin, you are a baptized child of the Triune God, and you believe that He gives you His body and blood in the bread and wine you receive. White grape juice can be found in the center of each tray for those who cannot receive alcohol. Children are welcome to come forward for a blessing.

Communion is offered in two ways: the individual cup and the common cup. If you would like the individual cup, please partake as the assistant minister passes by after Pastor gives the bread. If you would like the common cup, let the assistant minister pass by, open your hands palm up, and Pastor will return to give you the common cup.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us” *LSB* 711

1 Savior, like a shepherd lead us;
 Much we need Your tender care.

In Your pleasant pastures feed us,
 For our use Your fold prepare.

Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
 You have bought us; we are Yours.

Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
 You have bought us; we are Yours.

2 We are Yours; in love befriend us,
 Be the guardian of our way;

Keep Your flock, from sin defend us,
 Seek us when we go astray.

Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
 Hear us children when we pray.

Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
 Hear us children when we pray.

3 You have promised to receive us,
 Poor and sinful though we be;

You have mercy to relieve us,
 Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.

Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
 Early let us turn to You.

Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
 Early let us turn to You.

4 Early let us seek Your favor,
 Early let us do Your will;

Blessèd Lord and only Savior,
 With Your love our spirits fill.

Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
 You have loved us, love us still.

Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
You have loved us, love us still.
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“Church of God, Elect and Glorious” *LSB* 646

1 Church of God, elect and glorious,
Holy nation, chosen race;
Called as God’s own special people,
Royal priests and heirs of grace:
Know the purpose of your calling,
Show to all His mighty deeds;
Tell of love that knows no limits,
Grace that meets all human needs.

2 God has called you out of darkness
Into His most marv’lous light;
Brought His truth to life within you,
Turned your blindness into sight.
Let your light so shine around you
That God’s name is glorified
And all find fresh hope and purpose
In Christ Jesus crucified.

3 Once you were an alien people,
Strangers to God’s heart of love;
But He brought you home in mercy,
Citizens of heav’n above.
Let His love flow out to others,
Let them feel a Father’s care;
That they too may know His welcome
And His countless blessings share.

4 Church of God, elect and holy,
Be the people He intends;
Strong in faith and swift to answer
Each command your Master sends:
Royal priests, fulfill your calling
Through your sacrifice and prayer;
Give your lives in joyful service—
Sing His praise, His love declare.

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“Children of the Heavenly Father” *LSB* 725

1 Children of the heav’nly Father
Safely in His bosom gather;
Nestling bird nor star in heaven
Such a refuge e’er was given.

2 God His own doth tend and nourish;
In His holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things He spares them;
In His mighty arms He bears them.

3 Neither life nor death shall ever
From the Lord His children sever;
Unto them His grace He showeth,
And their sorrows all He knoweth.

4 Though He giveth or He taketh,
God His children ne'er forsaketh;
His the loving purpose solely
To preserve them pure and holy.
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BLESSING

Pastor: May our Lord's body and blood strengthen and preserve you in true faith to life everlasting. Depart in peace and with joy.

People: Amen.

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray. Gracious and eternal God, we thank You for having fed us with the body and blood of our Lord Jesus. Grant that the bread of life and blood of Christ that has been shared and received in this blessed Meal be for us that life-giving food that sustains us on our earthly journey as we serve and follow our Good Shepherd faithfully all our days; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24–26*

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

HYMN "Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise" *LSB 917*

1 Savior, again to Thy dear name we raise
With one accord our parting hymn of praise;
Once more we bless Thee ere our worship cease,
Then, lowly bending, wait Thy word of peace.

2 Grant us Thy peace upon our homeward way;
With Thee began, with Thee shall end, the day.
Guard Thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,
That in this house have called upon Thy name.

3 Grant us Thy peace, Lord, through the coming night;
Turn Thou for us its darkness into light.
From harm and danger keep Thy children free;
For dark and light are both alike to Thee.

4 Grant us Thy peace throughout our earthly life,
Our balm in sorrow and our stay in strife;
Then, when Thy voice shall bid our conflict cease,
Call us, O Lord, to Thine eternal peace.
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POSTLUDE “Flesh of His Flesh”

Creative Worship for the Lutheran Parish, Series B, Quarter 3.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Worship 9:30 a.m.

GENEROSITY THOUGHTS: *Ephesians 2:13* – “*But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.*” What all of mankind’s efforts, works and scheming could not do, the blood of Christ did: We have peace with God, and we are brought near to the Father. This life-giving sacrifice of Christ sets the pattern for the sacrifices we are called to make for others in our vocations in home, church and society.

HEAR “THE LUTHERAN HOUR” on Sunday mornings at 6:05 a.m. on WCCO 830 AM radio. Next week’s broadcast: “Thus and So Spoke the Girl from Israel” Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Jesus is making His people into a light for a world that’s crying for help. He came to make God’s light shine on us so that all people might see the face of God. (2 Kings 5:4)

LWML MITES: Where do your LWML Mites go? Mission Grant #16 is “Care for Street Children of Western Kenya, \$50,000.” This grant supports Capstone Ministries in Western Kenya. Capstone Ministries helps reunite street boys with their families. Their staff provides ongoing support to these families by providing emotional and spiritual counseling to be responsible parents and to take care of their children. To learn more, visit www.lwml.org/2023-2025-mission-grant-16

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St. Paul Outreach News

July 26 join other St. Paul Outreach center partners as we host a Summer Social (free frozen treats!) and Sampler. All partners will be invited to bring information and people from their site(s), and Jehovah will host, show off our SPOC facilities. Come to meet partners and neighbors to share the love of Jesus by reaching out and meeting physical, social, and spiritual needs.

How can *you* partner?

Mark your calendar and join the party!

Pray for those served by the SPOC and all the partners!

Learn more about the SPOC by contacting coordinator David Mennicke or checking out the SPOC website:

Tell others about the SPOC and all its ways to connect to the community



Chai Dosti with SPOC partner, CSP Chai Dosti is a program of conversation and fellowship with international students at Concordia University, St. Paul. We will meet occasionally over the summer. Everyone is welcome to stop by and meet students and be a welcoming presence during their time in the US. Meet in the Buenger Education Center (BEC) at 4:30 p.m. **Planned summer dates are July 31 and August 28.** Contact Anna Gruen (gruen@csp.edu) with questions or visit the CSP hospitality website for more details about this and other volunteer opportunities: www.thehospitalitycenter.org/events

Food Distribution with SPOC partner St. Stephanus - Each month a truck from Second Harvest comes to deliver many pounds of fresh produce for us to give out to neighbors in need. Food is paid for through gifts to Second Harvest or St. Stephanus. You're invited to join the team of volunteers to sort food, bag it, and distribute it to our neighbors. We have a dedicated team of volunteers that help each month, but we would love, and need, some new hands to help this summer as people travel. There is a job for everyone! **Volunteers are needed each 3rd Thursday, 2:30-6:45** with the sign-up for slots at: <https://tinyurl.com/4xuevwy9> **The remaining date this summer is August 15.** For questions, contact Megan at youth@saintstephanus.org.

Life Match Grant Initiative Great news! Life Match Met! The SPOC partners have already exceeded the \$4,500 LCMS Life Match Grant with \$5,230 in pledges and gifts, more than meeting the \$9,000 total to support the three women in their pre-natal care at Options for Women East. The excess donations (and any more that come in) will go into the SPOC budget for more ministry. We also continue to seek mentors to connect with the three women clients. Please contact David Mennicke at spoc@jehovahlutheran.com if you are interested in this mentorship.

THIS WEEK AT EMMAUS:

Today: 9:30 a.m. Worship

10:30 a.m. Bible Study

Tues: Youth event

Wed: Bulletin Deadline

Fri: Office closed – call Pastor in emergencies

Sat: 12-5 p.m. Organist Rehearsal

Next Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Worship

10:30 a.m. Bible Study

SERVING OUR WORSHIP SERVICE TODAY:

PASTOR: Rev. Nick Kooi

ALTAR GUILD: Jean G

MUSIC LEADER: Paul H

SOUND TECH: Eric R

VIDEO TECH: Arlen P

WORSHIP ASSISTANT: Andy V

USHERS: Dave H, Ken N, Mark R

COUNTERS: Eric R, Don V

LECTOR: Aaron H

GREETER: Magdalena B

ACOLYTE: Rebecca Y