

Sunday, July 21, 2024 The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Service Theme JESUS MODELS A COMPASSIONATE SHEPHERD'S HEART

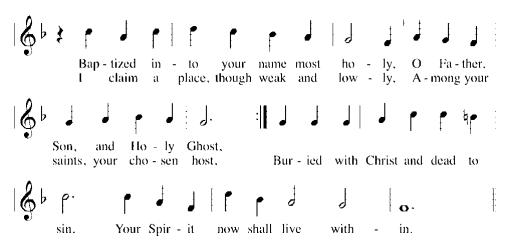
In Scripture meaningful ministry is often pictured as a compassionate shepherd caring for his sheep. Today we celebrate the rest our compassionate Shepherd Jesus offers us through the Gospel. He provides rest from false teaching as we follow his voice in Scripture. He gives rest to those who labour to share his saving Gospel with others. He offers rest to our troubled world by revealing himself as the promised Saviour who forgives sin.

Order of Service

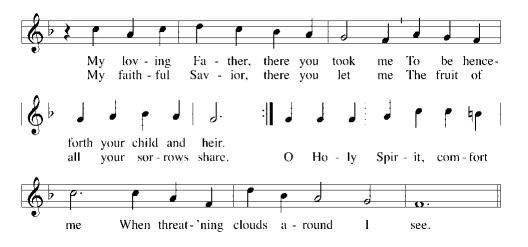
(A Combination of different liturgies for different sources)

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: (spoken) Amen.



- M: I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit.
- C: Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. (John 3:5,6)
- M: Surely we were sinful at birth, sinful from the time our mothers conceived us. (Psalm 51:5)
- C: But we were washed, we were sanctified, we were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God. (1 Corinthians 6:11)



M: As baptized children of God, we confess our sins.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.



M: Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless (*Ephesians 5:25-27*). Therefore, as a called 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.

C: (spoken) Amen.



Baptismal Exhortation

Our Savior Jesus Christ commanded Baptism when he said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Scripture makes plain the need for Baptism. As children of Adam, we belong to a fallen race. From our parents we inherit a sinful nature, and we would be lost forever unless delivered by our Lord Jesus Christ. He willingly took on himself the curse of sin, and by his death on the cross he redeemed us and all people. It is the Father's will that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and he will raise them up at the Last Day.

Christ's almighty Word gives Baptism its power to save. Jesus promises in the last chapter of Mark, "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved." The apostle Peter declares, "Baptism now saves you." Scripture also teaches that the power and promise of Baptism are intended for young and old alike. On the day of Pentecost, the apostle testified, "The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call." By water and the Spirit, we are born again and are united with Christ and his people as members of the Church.

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, almighty God, for your acts of deliverance, your gift of salvation, and the power to live a new life through your Holy Spirit. Especially this day, we praise you for the waters of Holy Baptism, through which your children are buried with Christ into his death and share in his glorious resurrection.

Holding firmly to your command and promise, we ask that you would look with favor on *Charlotte Lillian Carr*. Through this water of Baptism, cleanse *her* from all sin and deliver *her* from death and the devil. Set *her* apart from the unbelieving world and, by the power of the Holy Spirit, keep *her* in the true Christian faith all the days of *her* life. Guide, strengthen, and protect *her* so that she may honor your holy name and at last receive, together with all your people, the promised inheritance of eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

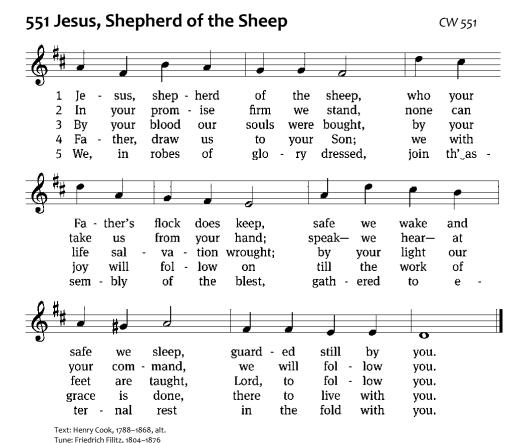
Charlotte Lillian Carr, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Receive the sign of the cross on the head and heart to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the crucified.

The almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has given you the new birth of water and the Spirit and has forgiven all your sins. May he strengthen you with his grace all the days of your life. Peace be with you.

Let us pray.

We give thanks, most merciful Father, that you have received *Charlotte*, as your own child and made her a member of Christ's body, the church. Now, we pray, grant to her and to all your church on earth that, being dead to sin, we may live to righteousness and, being buried with Christ into his death, we may also share in his resurrection, so that, with all your saints, we may inherit eternal life; through Christ our Lord. Amen.



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PRAYER OF THE DAY

M:Let us pray.

O God, the strength of all who trust in you, mercifully hear our prayers. Be gracious to us in our weakness, and give us strength to keep your commandments in all we say and do; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

1st Lesson

Jeremiah 23:1-6 (EHV)

The LORD chastises spiritual shepherds for not bestowing care and compassion on their flock and promises to raise up good shepherds who would tend God's people.

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! declares the LORD.

²Therefore, this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says about the shepherds who shepherd my people.

You have scattered my flock. You have driven them away.

You have not taken care of them,

but I will certainly take care of you,

because of the evil things you have done,

declares the LORD.

³I will gather what is left of my flock

out of all the countries where I have driven them,

and I will bring them back to their pastures.

They will be fruitful and multiply.

⁴I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them.

They will no longer be afraid or terrified,

nor will any be missing, declares the LORD.

⁵Listen, the days are coming, declares the LORD,

when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch,

who will reign wisely as king

and establish justice and righteousness on earth.

⁶In his days Judah will be saved

and Israel will dwell securely.

This is his name by which he will be called:

The LORD Our Righteousness.



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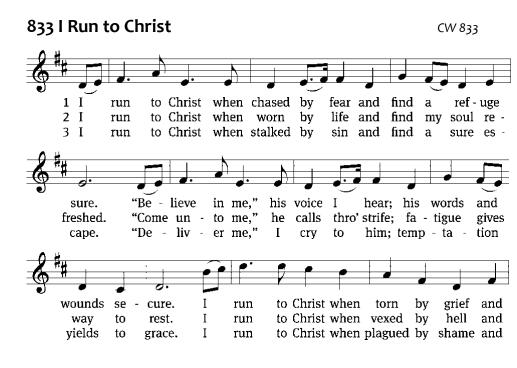
Gospel Lesson

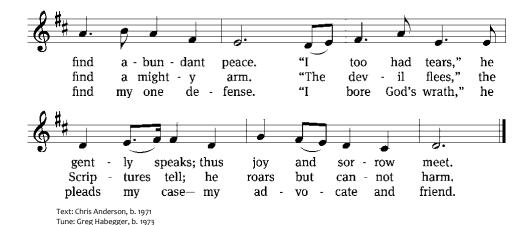
Mark 6:30-34 (EHV)

Jesus is filled with compassion for those who go through life like sheep without a shepherd.

³⁰The apostles gathered around Jesus and reported to him all that they had done and taught. ³¹He said to them, "Come away by yourselves to a secluded place and rest a while." For there were so many people coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat. ³²They went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. ³³But many people saw them leave and knew where they were going. They ran there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. ³⁴When Jesus stepped out of the boat, he saw a large crowd. His heart went out to them because they were like sheep without a shepherd. He began to teach them many things.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!





Sermon Text & Theme

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Mark 6:30-34 ... Our Compassionate Shepherd offers us 1. Rest from the world. 2. Rest for the world.

The Apostles Creed

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

I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there 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.

Offertory Prayer

Prayer of the Church

M: Gracious God and Father, we praise you for the countless blessings, which we receive from your hand: the beauties of creation and the bounties of the earth, the joy of life and the pleasure of friendship, the good of work and the gift of rest, the privilege to share happiness and sorrow with one another. Above all we praise and thank you for your saving Word and for your Son's body and blood, which you give us to eat and to drink in the sacrament. Through these means of grace, you send the Holy Spirit into our hearts and unite us to Jesus and to the whole Christian Church on earth.

C: Strengthen us through this heavenly food; increase our trust in Christ and our love for one another.

M: Great God and Lord, without your continuing help we easily waver in our faith, lose courage, and grow careless in our watchfulness. The times and days are perilous. Give us strength to face the evils of each day with fresh confidence. Open our lips to speak of your grace, and move us to use the gifts that you give us to share your Word of salvation with all people. Protect and prosper the family, the school, the government, and all good institutions that you have established for the benefit of society. Remember in mercy those who are sick and suffering, and bring your healing to troubled homes and lives.

C: Move us to pray for those in need and to help them with deeds of kindness.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

M: Now, eternal God and Father, keep us in the saving faith and so enable us to overcome all things through our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen

The Sacrament

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He sends the Holy Spirit to testify that we are his children and to strengthen us when we are weak. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever:

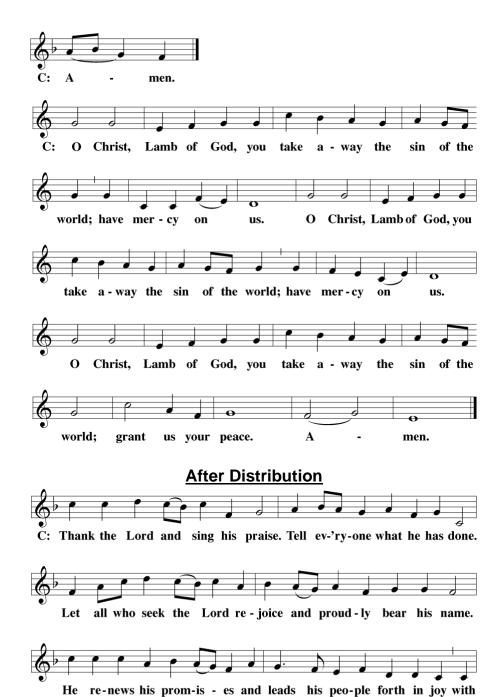


Words of Institution

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

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





M: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Blessing

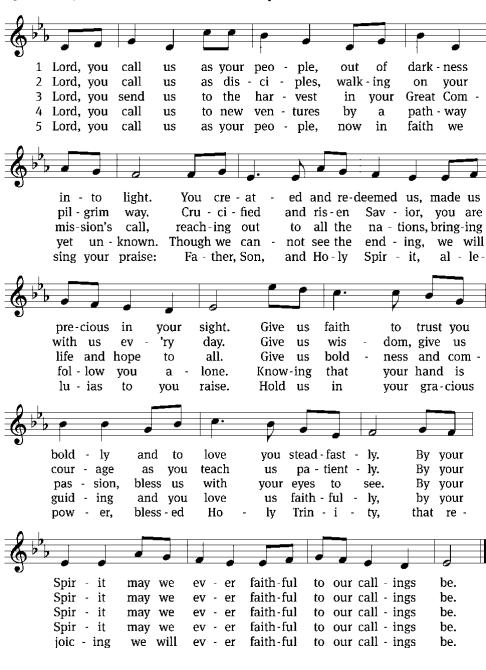
M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.





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Announcements

Evangelism Encouragements

Let's pretend for a moment that the conversation with your friend is going well. You've asked questions and listened to your friend and now he has agreed to listen to what you know about Jesus. What a blessing! Rejoice! Don't worry about the perfect witness, just keep it simple. What do you know about God and yourself? I know God demands perfection and I cannot possibly be perfect on my own. What else do you know about God? I know he planned a way to save me because of his love for me. What is that plan? He sent his perfect son, Jesus, to take my sin on himself and put his perfection on me. This "Great Exchange" happened on the cross. So what happens now? Now, because Jesus died and rose again, I, too, will rise to eternal life when I die. Focus on the italics. This is your law/gospel witness. Take time this week to practice this simple witness or write your own. Practice it until it flows off your tongue. Don't worry about a "perfect" witness, but rather lovingly show Jesus. The Holy Spirit will take care of the rest. For more ideas on witnessing, take a look at the flow chart the evangelism committee has created.

Evangelism Resources

- The evangelism committee has created a flow chart with questions to ask and Bible passages to study as you prepare to witness to your friend. Pick up your copy today in the back of the church.
- 2. The evangelism committee has also created "witness bags". Inside is a copy of the "Great Exchange" and an invitation to the picnic. The idea behind these bags is that you have something physical to leave with your friend when you witness or invite them to a service or event. You can also personalize this bag however you want: fill it with more resources? Add a cookie? You know your friend best!

Picnic information

The picnic is August 11th after church. Plan on attending and bringing a friend! So many fun things are planned for this event. The congregation can help by bringing a salad or dessert for the lunch. We can also use help setting up tables and cleaning up on the day of.

Church Cleaners

July 28 – Luke // August 4 – Timothy

DIVINE WORD'S TWO-WEEK CALENDAR

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Su (21)		Worship (with Communion) Worship in Poltimore
Tu (23)	7:00 pm	Council Meeting
We (24)	•	Communicating Christ (BIC) "Test the Spirits" (BIC)
Th (25)	6:30 pm	Youth Confirmation (W)
Fr (26)	6:30 pm	Friday Fellowship
Su (28)	9:30 am 10:30 am	Worship Picnic Info Meeting
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