

**Traditional**

**Pilgrim Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
**Order of Worship**  
**EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
July 18, 2021

***A Righteous Shepherd-King***

***Welcome to all who gather to worship the LORD this day!*** Jesus urged his disciples, “Come away ... and rest a while” (Mark 6:31). He calls us also to leave our busyness for a time of Sabbath. Welcome to worship and rest.

***Please sign*** your name in the Attendance pad at the end of the pew. If you are a guest, please take one of the visitor bags at the *Welcome Center* counter at the front entrance.

**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. As Paul writes in today’s Epistle, this King Jesus is the cornerstone of life.

**Welcome**

**Memory Verse of the Month:** “Because of the LORD’s great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.” (Lamentations 3:22-23)

**Opening Hymn:** “The King of Love My Shepherd Is” # 709

**Invocation**

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

People: **Amen.**

**Psalm of the Day:** *Psalm 147:7–11; antiphon: Psalm 145:16*

<sup>16</sup> *You open your hand;*  
**you satisfy the desire of every living thing.**

<sup>7</sup> *Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving;*  
**make melody to our God on the lyre!**

<sup>8</sup> *He covers the heavens with clouds;*  
*he prepares rain for the earth;*  
**he makes grass grow on the hills.**

<sup>9</sup> *He gives to the beasts their food,*  
**and to the young ravens that cry.**

<sup>10</sup> *His delight is not in the strength of the horse,*  
**nor his pleasure in the legs of a man,**

<sup>11</sup> *but the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear him,*  
**in those who hope in his steadfast love.**

<sup>16</sup> *You open your hand;*  
**you satisfy the desire of every living thing.**

### **Confession and Absolution**

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

**People: 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.*

*Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.*

**People: 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.**

*Pastor: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the universe, for You have given the gift of forgiveness and peace through Jesus Christ our Lord and Redeemer. 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.*

**People: Amen. Thanks be to God!**

**Hymn of Praise:** “This is the Feast of Victory ...” (p. 155 in front of your hymnal)

*(Refrain)* **This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,  
whose blood set us free to be people of God. Refrain**

**Power, riches, wisdom and strength and honor, blessing and glory are His. Refrain**

**Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:  
Blessing, honor, glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. Refrain**

**For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. Refrain**

### **Prayer for 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:** *Jeremiah 23:1–6* (The righteous Branch)

Pastor: *This is the Word of the Lord*

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Epistle:** *Ephesians 2:11–22* (One in Christ, the Cornerstone of Life for Us)

Pastor: *This is the Word of the Lord*

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Holy Gospel:** *Mark 6:30–44* (Jesus feeds the five thousand.)

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

**People: Glory to You, O Lord.**

*(The Gospel is read.)*

Pastor: *This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

**People: Praise to You, O Christ.**

**Hymn of the Day:** “Christ Is Our Cornerstone” # 912

**Sermon:** “Christ, the Cornerstone of Life” by *Pastor Scott Malme*

### **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.**

## **Prayers of the Church**

Pastor: *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,*

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: *Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the universe, for You have commanded us to pray. Grant Your 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,*

**People: hear our prayer.**

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

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: *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,*

**People: hear our prayer.**

*(Pilgrim's Petitions)*

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

**People: Amen.**

## **The Lord's Supper**

**Preface** *(p. 160 in front of hymnal)*

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.**

## **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Pastor: *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 and hear us as we pray together the prayer that Jesus taught us ...*

## **The Lord's Prayer**

**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.**

## **Words of Institution**

***Pax Domini*** (The Peace of the Lord)

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

**People: And also with you.**

**Distribution Hymns:** "Just as I Am, without One Plea" - #570

"Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face" - # 631

"O Living Bread from Heaven" - # 642

## **Post-Communion Thanksgiving**

Pastor: *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.*

**People: Amen.**

## **Benediction**

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.**

Pastor: *Go in peace. Serve the Lord.*

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**Closing Hymn:** “Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven” # 793

**Offering:** *“Coins for Christ” is an important part of the Mission funding at Pilgrim. Through this program all loose coins in the offering plate are donated to a mission project. During July, “Coins for Christ” is supporting **Lutheran Braille Workers (LBW).***

***You may leave your offering in the plate as you enter or exit worship.** Please sign the register in the pews, whether you are a member of Pilgrim Lutheran or a visitor. The person at the end of the pew should start and then pass it along. *Thank you for making worship with us a priority this Lord’s Day.**

### ***The Sacrament of Holy Communion***

*We celebrate the Lord’s Supper and confess that we receive not only bread and wine, but also the true Body and Blood of Christ, for the forgiveness of sins and are united intimately with Him and each other in a holy faith fellowship.*

*Because of our concern for all who receive the Sacrament here (1 Cor. 11:27-30) and since receiving the Supper is also a confession of faith (1 Cor. 10:16-17), any who are not instructed, in doubt, or have not communed here before are requested to talk with a pastor before communing. Non-alcoholic wine and gluten-free wafers are available for those in need; please discuss this with the pastor. If you are unable to come to the altar and would like to receive communion in the pew, please inform an usher.*

### **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.’”

### **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, 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 the Spirit.

### **Mark 6:30-44**

<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.