St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Congregation

Building on the Rock of Jesus and His Word 1600 S. Main St. Fond du Lac, Wisconsin stpetersfdl.net ~ 920-922-1160 Worship: Thursday, 6:30 pm ~ Sunday, 9:00 am Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod

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WELCOME TO GOD'S HOUSE May the Lord bless us as we continue to enjoy the security of resting safely in our Good Shepherd's fold.

Thank you for joining us for worship. If you have any questions about our service or practice, please feel free to ask one of the ushers or the pastor.

HOLY COMMUNION Today we have the privilege of receiving Christ's true body and blood in, with and under the bread and wine of Holy Communion. Through this sacrament the Holy Spirit seals to us the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation for the strengthening of our faith. Scriptures also teach that as we commune together, we are publicly testifying to a complete unity of faith based on a confession of all of God's Word. For this reason, we respectfully request that all of those who are not members please speak with one of our pastors before communing with us.

A PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP Christ, ever be our guide, our shepherd and our pride, our staff and song. Jesus, O Christ of God, by your enduring Word lead us where you have trod; make our faith strong. So now and till we die sound we your praises high and joyful sing; infants and all the throng who to your Church belong unite to swell the song to Christ, our King. Amen.

SERVICE THEME

Meaningful Ministry: Jesus Models a Compassionate Shepherd's Heart

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PRAYER OF THE DAY O Lord Jesus Christ, preserve the congregation of believers with your never-failing mercy. Help us avoid whatever is wicked and harmful, and guide us in the way that leads to our salvation; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

OPENING HYMN

FIRST LESSON Jeremiah 23:1-6

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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

In the first reading, the LORD promised to raise up faithful shepherds. That promise is kept

when the LORD provides spiritual leaders who point us to the great Shepherd.

Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Carefully consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith. ⁸Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. ¹⁷Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls as men who will give an account. Obey them, so that they may do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no benefit to you. ¹⁸Pray for us, because we are sure that we have a good conscience, and because in everything we want to conduct ourselves in an honorable way. ¹⁹I urge you to do this even more, so that I may be restored to you quickly.

²⁰Now may the God of peace—who brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, in connection with his blood, which established the eternal testament—²¹may he equip you with every good thing to do his will, as he works in us what is pleasing in his sight through Jesus Christ. To him be glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

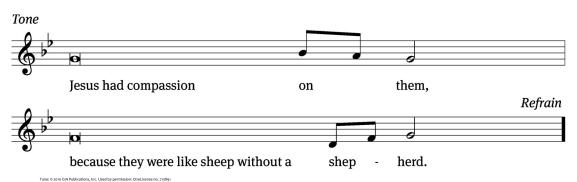
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GOSPEL (sermon text)

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

The 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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

HYMN OF THE DAY

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Pastor Boehringer

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ORGANIST Erin Achey

GREETER

9:00 ~ Sue Repp