

*But we have been with Jesus. It is time to do and teach, even as we look forward to and anticipate a return to report to him and hear him call us aside to himself. Those who understand these things have no difficulty applying this text in urging members to also go away to a quiet place with Jesus every day before they must rush off into the world and to its pressures and demands. May we and they with us love both: to feed and to be fed.*

<sup>30</sup> The apostles gathered around Jesus and reported to him all they had done and taught. <sup>31</sup> Then, because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, he said to them, “Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest.”

<sup>32</sup> So they went away by themselves in a boat to a solitary place. <sup>33</sup> But many who saw them leaving recognized them and ran on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. <sup>34</sup> When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began teaching them many things.

**Sermon Hymn:** 362 Lord Jesus Christ, My Savior Blest

**Sermon: Fill Up With God’s Gifts**

- 1) Your Head With His Wisdom.
- 2) Your Heart With His Spirit.

**Offering:** *(Please remember to sign the Friendship Register.)*

**3rd Hymn:** Father Welcomes (See Insert)

**Benediction**

**Closing Hymn:** 375 The King of Love My Shepherd Is

**Ushers:** This Week – Jeese Horta & Jake Horta  
Next Week – Richard Engelhart & Mark Genz

**Greeters:** This Week – Richard & Shirley Pfeifer  
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## ***St. Peter’s Ev. Lutheran Church***

9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – July 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018



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## We Welcome You!

**Order of Worship:** pg. 38

**Opening Hymn:** 360 The Lord's My Shepherd; I'll Not Want

**Prayer of the Day:**

M: Grant us, Lord, the spirit to think and do what is right that we, who cannot do anything that is good without you, may by your help be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**First Lesson - Jeremiah 23:1-6**

*Woe! What a punch that word has when it comes from God. And come it does over those who falsify and adulterate his pure Word. False doctrine destroys and scatters the sheep of his pasture. Oh, to be sure, he will always find a way to gather in his elect. But woe to those who hinder him in that work, and thus conceal from the doomed and dying world The LORD Our Righteousness, who gives his righteousness, who gives himself in his pure Word and Sacraments. May we be found faithful!*

<sup>1</sup>“Woe to the shepherds who are destroying and scattering the sheep of my pasture!” declares the LORD. <sup>2</sup>Therefore this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says to the shepherds who tend my people: “Because you have scattered my flock and driven them away and have not bestowed care on them, I will bestow punishment on you for the evil you have done,” declares the LORD. <sup>3</sup>“I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them and will bring them back to their pasture, where they will be fruitful and increase in number. <sup>4</sup>I will place shepherds over them who will tend them, and they will no longer be afraid or terrified, nor will any be missing,” declares the LORD. <sup>5</sup>“The days are coming,” declares the LORD, “when I will raise up to David a righteous Branch, a King who will reign wisely and do what is just and right in the land. <sup>6</sup>In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. This is the name by which he will be called: The LORD Our Righteousness.

**Psalm of the Day - Psalm 23, p. 72**

**Second Lesson - Ephesians 2:13-22**

*This is the response that God wants to create by the proclamation of his pure Word: He wants to give us peace with him and then peace with each other as we see in Christ our all in all. That peace comes from the pure Word, not from compromise and error designed to gain peace. Whether we come from this culture or that, are of one gender*

*or the other, have this occupation in life or another, are this age or that, Christ is all in all. Christ makes us a people of God. Christ gives us an everlasting citizenship and homeland. Christ makes us individually and collectively into his temple, so that when we see one another we see the dwelling place of Christ. But that is only true to the extent that it has the Word of the apostles and prophets as foundation and Christ himself as the cornerstone from which every joint takes its measure and has its worth. It is all the fruit of his faithfulness to his Word, which calls forth our faithfulness and finds in it rich blessings indeed.*

<sup>13</sup> But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near through the blood of Christ.

<sup>14</sup> For he himself is our peace, who has made the two one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, <sup>15</sup> by abolishing in his flesh the law with its commandments and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new man out of the two, thus making peace, <sup>16</sup> and in this one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility. <sup>17</sup> He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. <sup>18</sup> For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.

<sup>19</sup> Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God's people and members of God's household, <sup>20</sup> built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. <sup>21</sup> In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. <sup>22</sup> And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

**Verse of the Day:** Alleluia. My Word will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it. Alleluia. (Isaiah 55:11b cf. NIV)

**Gospel - Mark 6:30-34**

*May we ever be eager to do what the disciples did, to report to him all that we have done and taught. To be sure there is still sin to confess. But the one who looks forward to reporting to Jesus all that he has done and taught will not soon degenerate into a mere professional, whose goal is to win the praise of the crowd and ultimately (whether he knows and it admits or not) a following for himself. Jesus will be delighted to hear us. More than that, he will know and understand that because of the weakness of our mortal frames we have become worn and tired in the struggle against the enemy inside ourselves as well as foes of the gospel on the outside. And so he will take us aside—ah, what a delight!—and go with us to a quiet place where we may hear him and feast on his words for us, just for us. That's what he invites us to receive from him in our private and very solitary devotional life, separate from what we do and prepare also for others. The respite will be brief, but so rich. Soon the telephone will ring. Soon there will be another appointment, another meeting, another knock on the door.*