



Meaningful Ministry: Jesus Models a Compassionate Shepherd's Heart

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

July 21, 2024



Trinity Lutheran Church is a family because God welcomed us into his family. Our mission is to grow closer to God, to our brothers and sisters in Christ, and to share this sense of belonging with the surrounding community, welcoming more souls into the family of God.

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In the ancient Middle East, a shepherd needed certain skills to do his job well: knowledge of edible grasses, ability to trim hooves, capacity to fend off predators, competency to birth lambs. However, the greatest qualification of a shepherd is much simpler. A good shepherd needed to care for his sheep. Without that, none of those other skills would be fully utilized.

In Scripture meaningful ministry is often pictured as a compassionate shepherd caring for his sheep: Jesus' care for us; a spiritual leader's care for his "flock." Certainly, gospel ministry requires specific skills: ability to actively listen to people, aptitude for applying the gospel to someone's situation, etc. But ultimately, meaningful ministry requires a compassionate heart—a profound caring for others. An individual might know God's Word backwards and forwards. But if they lack compassion, they will not fully perform meaningful ministry. Today, we ask the Spirit to see how Jesus models a compassionate shepherd's heart so that we might be filled with that same compassion.

May God bless your worship.

Serving in Worship

Preacher

Organist

Pastor Matthew Langebartels

Hannah Langebartels

† Order of Service †

Greeting and welcome.

Hymn

*600, All Praise to Him
Choir sings v. 1*

- 1 All praise to him, the God of light
who formed the mountains by his might.
All praise to him who names the stars
that sing his fame in skies afar.
All praise to him who reigns in love,
who guides the galaxies above,
yet bends to hear our ev'ry prayer
with sov'reign pow'r and tender care.

- 2 All praise to him whose love is seen
in Christ the Son, the servant King,
who left behind his glorious throne
to pay the ransom for his own.
All praise to him who humbly came
to bear our sorrow, sin, and shame,
who lived to die, who died to rise,
the all-sufficient sacrifice.

- 3 All praise to him whose pow'r imparts
the love of God within our hearts,
the Spirit of all truth and peace,
the fount of joy and holiness.
To Father, Son, and Spirit now
our souls we lift, our wills we bow;
to you, the triune God, we raise
with loving hearts our song of praise.

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Please stand.

L O Lord, o - pen my lips.

C And my mouth shall de - clare your praise.

L Hasten to save me, O God.

C O Lord, come quickly to help me.

L Give glory to God, our light and our life.

C Come, oh, come, let us wor - ship.

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Come, oh, come, let us sing to the Lord,
 let us shout with joy to our sav - ing Rock;
 come, en - ter in with our songs of praise,

Repeat for use with canon

come, en - ter in with thanks - giv - ing.

Verses

1. You are a great and a wondrous God,
 2. Come, let us worship and, bow - ing low,

cup - ping in your hands all the depths of earth.
 kneel be - fore the One who has made us all.

You made the hills and the moun - tains high,
 You are the God whom we call our own,

you made the seas and the dry land.
 we are the flock that you shep - herd.

to Refrain

Please be seated

Children's Message

The children's devotion is a shortened version of the sermon intended to communicate God's truths in a simplified way. Children 12 and under are encouraged to come forward and participate in the devotion.

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.

¹“Woe to the shepherds who are destroying and scattering the sheep of my pasture!” declares the LORD. ²Therefore 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. ³“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. ⁴I 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.

⁵“The days are coming,” declares the LORD,
“when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch,
a King who will reign wisely
and do what is just and right in the land.

⁶In 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 Righteous Savior.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 23

Choir: 1st refrain, Cong: all other refrains

Second Lesson

Hebrews 13:7-8,17–21

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.

⁷Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith. ⁸Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

¹⁷Have confidence in your leaders and submit to their authority, because they keep watch over you as those who must give an account. Do this so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no benefit to you.

¹⁸Pray for us. We are sure that we have a clear conscience and desire to live honorably in every way. ¹⁹I particularly urge you to pray so that I may be restored to you soon.

²⁰Now may the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, ²¹equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

Verse of the Day

Alleluia. Jesus had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. Alleluia.

Gospel Lesson

Mark 6:30–34

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 they had done and taught. ³¹Then, 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."

³²So they went away by themselves in a boat to a solitary place. ³³But many who saw them leaving recognized them and ran on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. ³⁴When 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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Please be seated.

Hymn of the Day *555, The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want*

- 1 The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want;
 he makes me down to lie
 in pastures green; he leadeth me
 the quiet waters by.
- 2 My soul he doth restore again
 and me to walk doth make
 within the paths of righteousness,
 e'en for his own name's sake.
- 3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
 yet will I fear no ill;
 for thou art with me, and thy rod
 and staff me comfort still.
- 4 My table thou hast furnished
 in presence of my foes;
 my head thou dost with oil anoint,
 and my cup overflows.
- 5 Goodness and mercy all my life
 shall surely follow me,
 and in God's house forevermore
 my dwelling-place shall be.

Sermon

Hebrews 13:7-8, 17-21

Leadership: Top-down or bottom up?

Hymn

766, *Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service*

- 1 Lord, whose love in humble service
bore the weight of human need,
who upon the cross, forsaken,
offered mercy's perfect deed,
we, your servants, bring the worship
not of voice alone, but heart,
consecrating to your purpose
ev'ry gift that you impart.
- 2 Still your children wander homeless;
still the hungry cry for bread;
still the captives long for freedom;
still in grief we mourn our dead.
As, O Lord, your deep compassion
healed the sick and freed the soul,
use the love your Spirit kindles
still to save and make us whole.
- 3 As we worship, grant us vision,
till your love's revealing light
in its height and depth and greatness,
dawns upon our quickened sight,
making known the needs and burdens
your compassion bids us bear,
stirring us to tireless striving,
your abundant life to share.
- 4 Sent from worship as your servants,
forth in your dear name we go,
to the child, the youth, the aged,
love in living deeds to show;
hope and health, goodwill and comfort,
counsel, aid, and peace we give,
that your servants, Lord, in freedom
may your mercy know and live.

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Please stand.

L In the morn - ing, O Lord, I call to you;
be mer - ci - ful to me and hear my prayer.
C Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have
mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Prayer of the Church

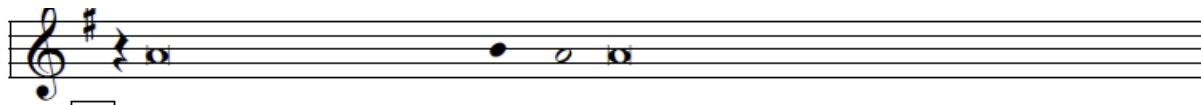
Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.

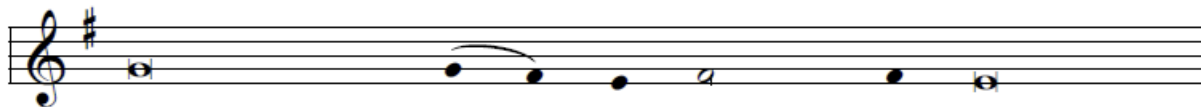
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

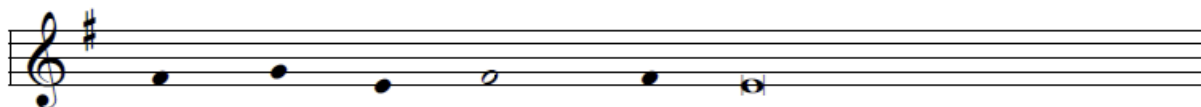
Prayer for Grace



L O Lord, our heavenly Fa-ther, almighty and everlasting God, you have



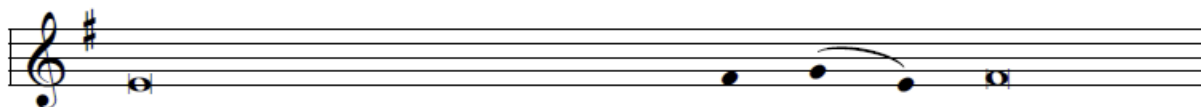
brought us safely to this new day. De - fend us with



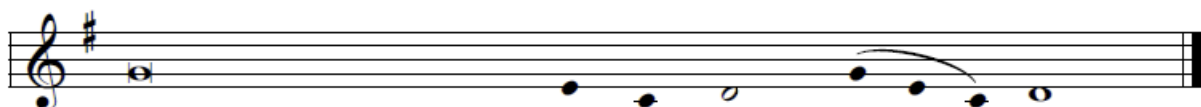
your might - y power, and grant that this day we neither



fall into sin nor run into an-y kind of danger; and in



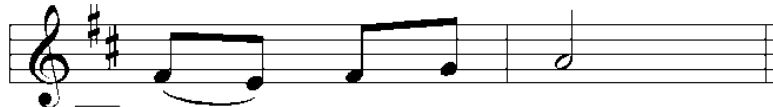
all we do, direct us to what is right in your sight,



through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. **C** A - men.



L Let us praise the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

Blessing



L The Lord bless and keep you.



C A - men.



L The Lord's face ev - er shine up - on you.



C A - men.



L The Lord grant you peace for all your days.



C A - men.

Please be seated.

Hymn

*735, Before You I Kneel
Choir sings v.1*

- 1 Before you I kneel, my Master and Maker,
to offer the work of my hands.
For this is the day you've given your servant;
I will rejoice and be glad
for the strength I have to live and breathe,
for each skill your grace has given me,
for the needs and opportunities
that will glorify your great name.
- 2 Before you I kneel and ask for your goodness
to cover the work of my hands,
for patience and peace to shape all my labor;
your grace for thorns in my path.
Flow within me like a living stream;
wear away the stones of pride and greed,
till your ways are dwelling deep in me
and a harvest of life is grown.

3 Before you we kneel, our Master and Maker;
establish the work of our hands,
and order our steps to seek first your kingdom
in ev'ry small and great task.
May we live the gospel of your grace,
serve your purpose in our fleeting days,
then our lives will bring eternal praise
and all glory to your great name.

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Announcements

WELS Connection will be shown today.

Ministry Update today after church at 10:45 am. Please stay and learn more and what has been happening at church and some things coming up in the future.

Trinity's VBS 2024: "Celebrate the Savior" is planned for July 22nd - 26th Monday through Friday, from 8 am-1 pm. Sign up on our website or by picking up a registration form at the back of the church. Call or Text 715-938-4399 or email Beth.Henry@trinitycoleman.org.

VBS Teachers if you have any questions about the lessons meet with Mrs. Henry after church on July 21.

Trinity's Worship in the Park, "Sing to the Lord a New Song". On July 28th Trinity will have a special service at the Coleman baseball field. Service will be at 9:30 am and will feature the music talents of Stephen Bautista and his daughter Marissa Renee'.

There will be a freewill offering next week after church to thank Stephen and Renee Bautisa for enriching our worship. They will also have a table set up where you can purchase their music and other items.

After our service there will be a potluck picnic and games for all. Our main entry will be prepared by Michele Demmith and Julie Zeitler. Please add to our meal with your favorite dish. Also take this opportunity to invite friends and family. Activities planned will be Bingo with prizes and baseball!

Summer Church Softball Schedule- July 28th (Church Picnic) at Coleman and August 11th in Crivitz. Games start at 1 pm.

Voter's Meeting August 4th at 10:45 am after church service. All men 18 years and older are voting members of the congregation. Please make plans to attend.

Attendance 7/14: 110
 Offering 7/14: \$ 2,893.31
 General Fund Balance as of 7-14: \$22,766.63

This Week at Trinity...

21	22	23	24	25	26	27
8:15 Sunday School & Bible Study 9:30 Worship Service 10:45 Ministry Update	VBS 8 am-1 pm	VBS 8 am-1 pm	VBS 8 am-1 pm	VBS 8 am-1 pm	VBS 8 am-1 pm	

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