

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
MEANINGFUL MINISTRY: JESUS MODELS A COMPASSIONATE
SHEPHERD'S HEART



Pastor Zietlow's Sermon:
Mark 6:30-34
**"Are you a Worn-out
Miracle Worker or a
Shepherd-less Sheep?
Come to Jesus for Rest"**

WELCOME! WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!

We pray that you find comfort, peace, and motivation through God's Word today. In our worship bulletin, you will find an outline of **today's order of worship**. The entire service can be found in the hymnal, up on the screen on Sunday at St. John's and Emmanuel and livestreamed at www.stjohnsmontello.org and also at St. John's in the Lower Level. At St. John's, the **restrooms** are located in the link way, out the church entry way, to the left and down the stairs. At Emmanuel, they are located in the Parish Hall. You may also find a **nursery changing station** in the lower level of St. John's.

ST. JOHN'S & EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCHES-WELS

July 20 & 21, 2024

Emmanuel: Sun. 8:00am

St. John's: Sat. 4:30pm & Sun. 10:00am

MEANINGFUL MINISTRY

“Ministry” is one of those churchy words that is often used, yet perhaps not fully understood. Ministry comes from the Latin word for “service.” Ministry involves serving others with love, compassion, and empathy. Helping someone with physical needs is sometimes called “compassion ministry.” Helping someone with their spiritual needs, sharing the good news of Christ, is generally called “gospel ministry.” We misunderstand ministry if we think of it as something only ministers do. While pastors are called to perform gospel ministry on behalf of others, ultimately every believer is called by God to reflect Christ-like love and share the message of salvation as God provides those opportunities.

JESUS MODELS A COMPASSIONATE SHEPHERD’S HEART

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.

ORDER OF SERVICE: Setting One, pp.154-164, 171

HYMNS: 632, 551, 736, (Hymns also posted on the screen)

PSALM: 23 "I Will Live in the House of the LORD" (Hymnal/Screen)

SERMON: Mark 6:30-34 "Are you a Worn-out Miracle Worker or a Shepherd-less Sheep? Come to Jesus for Rest"

OPENING HYMN: 632 "Lord, Open Now My Heart to Hear"



1 Lord, o - pen now my heart to hear, and through your
2 Your Word in - spires my heart with - in; your Word grants
3 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, and God the



Word to me draw near. Let me your Word e'er pure re -
 heal - ing from my sin. Your Word has pow'r to guide and
 Spir - it, Three in One, shall glo - ry, praise, and hon - or



tain; let me your child and heir re - main.
 bless; your Word brings peace and hap - pi - ness.
 be now and through - out e - ter - ni - ty.

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In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

CONFESSION

CW 155

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Almighty and merciful Father, we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts. We have offended you and sinned against your holy law. We have done those things that we should not have done, and we have not done those things that we should have done.

Have mercy on us, Lord! Spare us, forgive us, and restore us, according to your promises in Christ Jesus.

Silence for meditation and reflection

God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.

Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

In peace let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



A - men.

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Glory Be to God on High

CW 157



Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.



We praise you, we bless you, we wor - ship you, we glorify you,



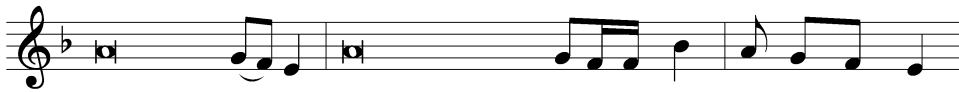
we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,



God the Fa-ther Al - mighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sin of the world;



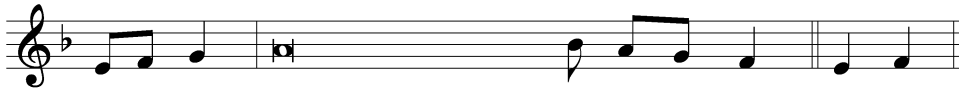
have mercy on us. You take away the sin of the world; re-ceive our prayer.



You sit at the right hand of God the Father; have mercy on us.



For you on-ly are holy; you on-ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the



Ho - ly Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

THE WORD

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

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.

Amen.

FIRST READING: 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: 23 "I Will Live in the House of the LORD"

Refrain

I will live in the house of the LORD all the
days, all the days of my life.

Tone



The LORD is my / shepherd,
I lack / nothing.

He makes me lie down in green / pastures,
he leads me beside quiet / waters,
he refreshes / my soul.

He guides me along the right paths for his / name's sake.
Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no / evil,
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they / comfort me. *Refrain*

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my / enemies.

You anoint my head with oil; my cup / overflows.
Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days / of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for- / ever.

**Glory be to the Father and / to the Son
and to the Holy / Spirit,
as it was in the be- / ginning,
is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain***

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SECOND READING: 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,

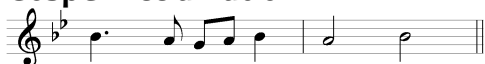
who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, ²¹equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

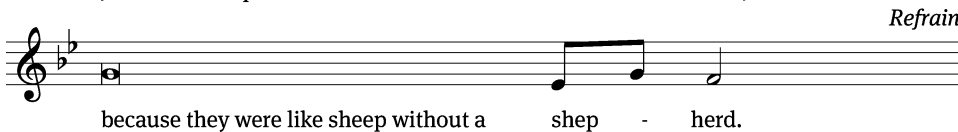
Mark 6:34



Refrain



Tone



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GOSPEL READING: Mark 6:30-34 (Sermon Text)

(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!

HYMN OF THE DAY: 551 "Jesus, Shepherd of the Sheep"



1 Je - sus, shep - herd of the sheep, who your
2 In your prom - ise firm we stand, none can
3 By your blood our souls were bought, by your
4 Fa - ther, draw us to your Son; we with
5 We, in robes of glo - ry dressed, join th'as -



Fa - ther's flock does keep, safe we wake and
take us from your hand; speak— we hear— at
life sal - va - tion wrought; by your light our
joy will fol - low on till the work of
sem - bly of the blest, gath - ered to e -



safe we sleep, guard - ed still by you.
your com - mand, we will fol - low you.
feet are taught, Lord, to fol - low you.
grace is done, there to live with you.
ter - nal rest in the fold with you.

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SERMON: Mark 6:30-34 "Are you a Worn-out Miracle Worker or a Shepherd-less Sheep? Come to Jesus for Rest"

APOSTLE'S 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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH:

Almighty God and Father, we thank you for all your mercies, especially for the gift of your Son, through whom you have revealed your gracious will. We praise you for the Holy Spirit and his working through the means of grace.

Plant your Word in our hearts, and cause it to produce fruit in our lives.

Strengthen and defend your Church, that by your Word and sacraments faith may grow and love toward all may increase.

Support all who spread the light of your truth throughout the world.

Keep our children in the grace of their baptisms. Enable their parents to train them in lives of faith.

Raise up Christians to serve you in the ministry of the Word and in all godly walks of life.

Preserve our nation in justice and honor. Guide and bless all who make, administer, and judge our laws.

Give them wisdom that they may promote justice and hinder evil.

Let your blessing rest on planting and harvest, commerce and industry, medicine and science, the arts and culture. Protect all who travel, and care for those whose work is difficult or dangerous.

Be with all who devote themselves to any useful task.

Comfort all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity. Remember those who suffer persecution for the faith. Have mercy on those for whom death draws near.

Grant them your love, and take them into your tender care.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

We remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served you, who now rest from their labors. Console those who are mourning or living with sadness.

Keep us in the true faith, and bring us at last to the joys of heaven.

Grant us these things, Father, for the sake of Jesus, who died and rose again.

Amen.

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

OFFERING, CARE CARDS, FRIENDSHIP REGISTERS & ALTAR PRAYER

Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart that, being strengthened and

comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

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.

BLESSING

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.

Amen.

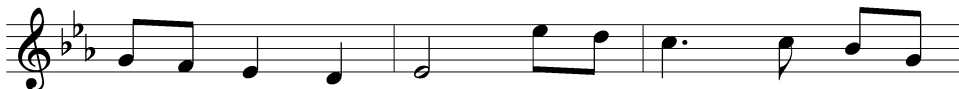
CLOSING HYMN: 736 v.1-3 "Lord, You Call Us As Your People"



1 Lord, you call us as your peo - ple, out of dark - ness
2 Lord, you call us as dis - ci - ples, walk - ing on your
3 Lord, you send us to the har - vest in your Great Com -



in - to light. You cre - at - ed and re - deemed us, made us
pil - grim way. Cru - ci - fied and ris - en Sav - ior, you are
mis - sion's call, reach - ing out to all the na - tions, bring - ing



pre - cious in your sight. Give us faith to trust you
with us ev - 'ry day. Give us wis - dom, give us
life and hope to all. Give us bold - ness and com -



bold - ly and to love you stead - fast - ly. By your
 cour - age as you teach us pa - tient - ly. By your
 pas - sion, bless us with your eyes to see. By your



Spir - it may we ev - er faith - ful to our call - ings be.
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THEME FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost-- MEANINGFUL MINISTRY:

GOD MEETS OUR NEED TO MEET OTHERS' NEEDS

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INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

- For the sick and others facing trials, including: Gale "Blackie" Boyd, Mike Brown, Bob Buehrens, Vicki Davis (Marilyn Riemer's sister), Agnes Dassow, Edith Duesterhoeft, Don Ebert, Kaye Edwards (Mark Emond's friend), Ken Elmer (Sally's husband), Earl Ewert, Judy Fandrey, Bob & Christine Ferber, John Gaedke (Dan Finger's uncle), Donna Gatzke, Dennis Gray (Mary Dahlke's brother), Kelleen Gruzca (Judy Fandrey's daughter), Kim Hanko (Judy Fandrey's daughter), Randy Hardell, Del & Jean Henke, Jerry & Darlene Hunter (Bonnie Chapman's parents), Xzander Jahr, Kris Kemp (Diane Hintz' daughter), Dale Kozlowski, Emily Krueger, Jeff Krueger (Diane Hintz's son), Jacob Kwit (Suzie Weber's son), Lucy Laun, Darren Marceau, Ken McKenzie (Mark Emond's friend), Julie Moran, Kathy Ninneman, Ken Pabelick, Debbie & Steve Parrish, Milo Petrick, Sharon Priewe, Melissa Prater, Sharon Priewe, Karen Radke, Marilyn Riemer, Roxanne Schmanke, Ashley Schroeder, Eloise Schultz, Lynn Sellnow, Bob Sluga (Sherry's husband), DuWayne Sommerfeld, Amanda Stalker, Tom Stempniak (Carol's husband), Pastor Josh Stibb (Evie Blada's grandson), DuWayne Sommerfeld, Billy & Gloria Tucker, James & Suzanne Weber, Paul Weldon, Tama Zuehls (Zeb's mother) (added this week: Lucy Laun, Tom Stempniak, Ken McKenzie (Mark Emond's friend) __)

- For former President Donald Trump who survived an assassination attempt last Saturday (7/13) in Pennsylvania

Dear members of St. John's Lutheran in Montello,
I wanted to thank you for your loving support, remembering me in your prayers, the beautiful flowers, the delicious cake, the heartfelt cards, the beautiful picture of Jesus with the little children, the warm blanket, and thoughtful reception. It was a joy and privilege to serve as teacher and director of Little Lambs and director of the wrap around care program named Eagle's Nest and serve God by sharing His word. I pray that Little Lambs may continue to grow and make friends for the Kingdom of God and that all glory may be given to our Lord and Savior.

Thank you,
Barbara Stelter

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Week: July 21-27, 2024

Today	9:00 a.m.	Emmanuel Council Meeting
Tuesday	6:30 p.m.	Worship Meeting SJ
Saturday	4:30 p.m.	SJ Worship With Communion

Next Sunday: July 28, 2024

8:00 a.m.	Emmanuel Worship with Communion
10:00 a.m.	St. John's Worship with Communion
9:00 a.m.	Emmanuel Congregational Meeting

Attendance

Date	EM	SJ
7/13/24	-	12
7/14/24	31	-

Total June Offerings	Budget Needs	June Expenses	Year to Date Offerings	Year to Date Expenses
\$19230.45	\$33939.58	\$33595.40	\$163646.32	\$338522.09

Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:7

St. John's	Usher's Schedule
Saturday, July 20 Sunday, July 21	Saturday, July 27 Sunday, July 28
Matthew Kath Glen Bubolz Martin Schmanke Mike Kempley	James Wachholz Zeb Zuehls Thomas Wojtalewicz Kenny Wojtalewicz Chuck Boetcher Jesse Schable

St. John's Summer Office Hours:

CLOSED: Monday and Tuesday

**OPEN:
Wednesday, Thursday and Friday
9:00am - 2:00pm**

The Emmanuel congregational meeting will be held Sunday, July 28th following the service.

**St. John's is hiring a Custodian for the
Church and Education Center!**

Part-time work with flexible hours.

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As a Christian church body, our calling is to nurture the faith of our members and to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ throughout the world. Everything about the way we're organized is designed to serve that dual purpose. We are the third largest Lutheran church body in America with 1,250 churches; 340,511 baptized members; and 272,555 communicant members. We have 12 districts to allow for more area-specific ministry, personal contacts, and member involvement.

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