

**July 21, 2024  
9th Sunday  
after  
Pentecost**

**OUR MISSION**

**Fisher** – “As Children of God, we invite all people to journey with us as we worship, grow in faith and serve in Jesus’ name.”

**Bygland** - “We are God’s work in

progress, with hearts lifted to God in trust and praise and with hands extended to serve in Jesus’ name.”



**PRELUDE/BELLS**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GATHERING SONG** *Oh Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate* (ELW #722)

**THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you

**And also with you**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

The Spirit of the Lord is upon us, **God has called us to bring good news to the poor.**

God has sent us to proclaim release to the captives, **God has called us to let the oppressed go free.**

God is telling us that now is the time, **Even if some won’t listen to us.**

Now is the time, **Even if the words are hard to proclaim.**

Now is the time, **Even when we tremble and are afraid.**

Now is the time, **To do justice, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with our God. Amen.**

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** Gracious God, **have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light (ELW #815)*

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us Pray... **O God, powerful and compassionate, you shepherd your people, faithfully feeding and protecting us. Heal each of us, and make us a whole people, that we may embody the justice and peace of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### **FIRST READING: Jeremiah 23:1-6**

A reading from Jeremiah.

*Jeremiah prophesied before the exile in 587 BCE. In this passage, he uses the metaphor of a shepherd to describe the bad kings who have scattered the "flock" of Israel. God promises to gather the flock and to raise up a new king from David's line to save Israel and Judah.*

<sup>1</sup>Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. <sup>2</sup>Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. <sup>3</sup>Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the

lands 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 raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD. <sup>5</sup> The days are surely coming, says 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 live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: “The LORD is our righteousness.”

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

## **SECOND READING: Ephesians 2:11-22**

A reading from Ephesians.

*The author of this letter reminds his audience that originally they were not part of God’s chosen people. Through Jesus’ death, however, they are included in God’s household of faith, whose cornerstone is Jesus Christ.*

<sup>11</sup> Remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called “the uncircumcision” by those who are called “the circumcision”—a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands—<sup>12</sup> remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens 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 is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. <sup>15</sup> He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, <sup>16</sup> and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. <sup>17</sup> So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; <sup>18</sup> for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. <sup>19</sup> So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, <sup>20</sup> built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. <sup>21</sup> In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; <sup>22</sup> in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**TIME WITH THE CHILDREN** - as the children come forward the congregation sings Jesus loves me (ELW #595) (V. 1)

**GOSPEL: Mark 6:30-34, 53-56**

The holy gospel according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*When Jesus sends his disciples out to teach and heal, they minister among large numbers of people. Their work is motivated by Christ's desire to be among those in need.*

<sup>30</sup> The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. <sup>31</sup> He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves 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 deserted place by themselves. <sup>33</sup> Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. <sup>34</sup> As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. <sup>53</sup> When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. <sup>54</sup> When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, <sup>55</sup> and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. <sup>56</sup> And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

**PRAYERS**

Response -

Lord in your mercy

**Hear our Prayer**

**OFFERING MUSIC** *Holy God, We Praise Your Name, vs. 1 & 4* (ELW #414)

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

<b>Our Father, who art in heaven,</b>	<b>as we forgive those</b>
<b>hallowed be thy name,</b>	<b>who trespass against us;</b>
<b>thy kingdom come,</b>	<b>and lead us not into</b>
<b>thy will be done,</b>	<b>temptation,</b>
<b>on earth as it is in heaven.</b>	<b>but deliver us from evil.</b>
<b>Give us this day our daily</b>	<b>For thine is the kingdom,</b>
<b>bread;</b>	<b>and the power, and the glory,</b>
<b>and forgive us our trespasses,</b>	<b>forever and ever. Amen.</b>

**DISTRIBUTION SONG** *One Bread, One Body (ELW #496)*

## BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. **Amen.**

**SENDING SONG** *The Church's One Foundation (ELW #654)*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

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## JOYFULLY SERVING

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SET UP AUTO-PAY  
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Laminated cards are available if you give online and would like to put something in the offering plate.

**Thank you for your new or continued generosity towards God's mission at Fisher/Bygland Lutheran Parish**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Welcome Pastor Mike Ozaki!!
- Mon, July 22nd & Tue, 23rd 9:00 AM Quilting at FLC
- Tue, July 23rd 8:00 AM Stretch and Pray
- Wed, July 24th 10:00 AM Trinity staff Book Study  
1-2 PM Bible Study at Good SAM (Pastor Gretchen leading)  
6-7:30 PM BIO Girls
- Thur, July 25th 6:30 AM AA at FLC  
5:15 PM Stretch and Pray
- Sun, July 28th 9:00 AM Worship at Bygland
- VBS July 29-Aug 1. VBS is looking for volunteers of all ages to help ensure the kiddos have a safe and fulfilling experience. No preparation necessary. Please contact Pastor Gretchen if you are able to help. 812-639-7816.





# Bouquet Bar



*By Kembra Kember Floral*

**Tuesday, August 20, 2024**

**6:30 - 8:00 pm**

**Hosted by Fisher Lutheran Church**

**209 2nd St. S., Fisher, MN**

*Cost: \$35*

*Bring your own vase or purchase one at the event for \$5*

*Payment Options: Cash, Debit or Credit Card*

*All Age Welcome!*

**Gatherers Give with Glad Hearts**

*Fisher Lutheran Church*

**July – September Donations**

**will be gathered for ...**

## **Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kits**

Simply purchase any items from the list to donate, return them to Fisher Lutheran in the gathering bag and they will be delivered to Lutheran World Relief.

### *Personal Care Kit Items*

- ❖ Light-weight bath-size towels (between 20" x 40" and 52" x 27")

*Dark color recommended*

- ❖ Bath-size bars of soap equaling 8 to 9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping

- ❖ Adult-size toothbrushes in original packaging

*Toothbrush multi-packs may be used by sealing an individual toothbrush in a business size envelope; no plastic bags or wrap.*

- ❖ Sturdy comb

- ❖ Metal nail clippers (*attached file optional*)



**LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF**