



Arlington Hills Lutheran Church

July 18, 2021

**OUR VISION: “*Arlington Hills Lutheran Church Community,
A Beacon for the Kingdom of Jesus Christ*”**

**OUR MISSION: “*To spread the Good News of
Jesus Christ to all in word and deed*”**

Time after Pentecost

Prelude

“Bind Us Together”

arr. Bill Wolaver

Welcome and Announcements.

Confession and Forgiveness

L: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen**

L: 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.

C: **Amen**

.....*Silence is kept for reflection*.....

L: Most merciful God,

C: **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.**

We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

L: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ. and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

Hymn
ELW# 611
1-3

“I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say”

Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

C: **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.**

Readings

Assisting Minister

Jeremiah 23: 1-6

1 Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. ² 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. ³ 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. ⁴ 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.

⁵ 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. ⁶ 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.”

Psalm 23 (*spoken responsively*)

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

² **He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;**

³ he restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths
for his name's sake.

⁴ **Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil;
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff -
they comfort me.**

⁵ You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

⁶ **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD
my whole life long.**

Ephesians 2: 11-22

¹¹ So then, 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—¹² 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. ¹³ But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴ 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. ¹⁵ 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, ¹⁶ and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it.

¹⁷ So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; ¹⁸ for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. ¹⁹ So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, ²⁰ built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. ²¹ In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; ²² in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

AM: “Word of God, word of life,” **C:** **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation (*all that are able, please stand*) **Mark 6: 30-34, 53-56**

P: The Gospel according to Mark the 6th Chapter

C: **Glory to you, O Lord** (*spoken*)

³⁰ The apostles gathered around Jesus and told him all that they had done and taught. ³¹ 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. ³² And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. ³³ Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. ³⁴ 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.

⁵³ When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. ⁵⁴ When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, ⁵⁵ and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. ⁵⁶ 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.

Sermon

“Crowded Spaces, Deserted Places”

Pastor Mitch

Hymn of the Day

“The Lord’s My Shepherd”

ELW# 778

vs. 1-5

The Apostles’ Creed

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

Assisting Minister

P: Hear us O God,

C: Your mercy is great.

Offering will be accepted before or after the service.

Offering Music

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us” arr. Chris Rice

Offering

L: Jesus, bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and Called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world.

C: Amen.

Holy Communion

Communion

Words of Institution

All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Lord's Prayer

All: 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

Sharing of Communion

Post Communion Prayer

L: Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn

“Bind Us Together

Vs 1,2

WOV 748

Blessing

We invite the congregation to remain seated and enjoy the postlude.

Postlude

“Toccata in E Minor”

Johann Pachelbel

Dismissal

L: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Worship Leaders

Interim Pastor: Rev. Dr. Mitch Kinsinger

Organist: Barbara Rossow

Assisting Ministers: Mary Kowitz and Jon Helgason

Video Master: Silvester Vicic

ANNOUNCEMENTS Please pray this week for AHLC Members and friends: Mary Ann Wistrom, John Lind, Deb Perry, Jan Kowitz, Joanne Policone, Gary Winter, Clair Haberman, Richard Johnson, Priscilla Reeve, Edna Dahn, Gloria Doyon, Jerry Ekblad, Margaret Cleary, Ron Hanson, Richard Edge, Betty Richter, Ruth Balfanz, Esther Hallgren, Velta Krauze, Jackie Staples and Dean Anderson.

Trusting the promise of resurrection through Jesus Christ, I wish to inform you that Dan Reed died Tuesday, July 13, 2021. May the Lord comfort his family and friends as they mourn his passing. Funeral arrangements are pending.

When we on that final journey go that Christ is for us preparing, we'll gather in song, our hearts aglow, all joy of the heavens sharing, and there we will join God's endless praise, with angels and saints adoring.

O Day Full of Grace, ELW 627

NEXT SUNDAY, July 25th church service will be held at Walton Park in Oakdale **10:00 a.m.** Collaboration of 4 East Side churches will attend. Service will also be live streamed. Bring a lawn chair or blanket. There will be no service at church this day.

July- Year of Generosity. – See handouts on table

TOMORROW Bend in the River Big Band will be at the Como Park Pavilion on Monday, July 19th from 7:00-8:30 p.m. A free concert. Chuck Linderkamp will be performing.

Summer Giving- Thank you to AHLC for your generosity through the whole year. With summer approaching, attendance declines as well as giving. We have online options available to anyone that would like to sign up. See the office admin. for the paperwork.

Third Quarter Statements have been mailed out.

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 22 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. East Side Freedom Library is holding a conversation with two council members about the upcoming budget plan. The City of Saint Paul sets its 2022 Budget and American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) priorities, East Side Freedom Library and Councilmembers Nelsie Yang and Jane Prince invite you to join them in a conversation to share your priorities for Saint Paul. This will be held in the AHLC parking lot.

Friday July 30th there will be a memorial service for Pastor John Kerr. Faith Lutheran Church, 1115 Hanson Blvd NW, Coon Rapids, MN
Visitation at 10-11; Service at 11; Luncheon to follow, please rsvp for luncheon at johnkerrmemorial@gmail.com Livestream link for memorial service <https://youtu.be/9LvGU8qkyDM>

August 3 National Night Out will be held at the East Side Freedom Library from **5:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.**

August 29 – The annual church picnic will be held at the Phalen Pavilion. Service at 9:30 with lunch to follow. Bring a dish to pass if able.

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