

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.

**-MARK 6:34**

9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
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Mark's gospel makes clear how great is the press of the crowd, with its countless needs to be met, on Jesus and his disciples. Yet in today's gospel Jesus advises his disciples to get away and rest, to take care of themselves. Sometimes we think that when others are in great need we shouldn't think of ourselves at all; but Jesus also honors the caregivers' need. We are sent from Christ's table to care for others and for ourselves.

# Welcome

Pastor Wolfgang Herz-Lane

## Confession and Forgiveness

P. In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C. Amen.

P. Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P. God, our provider,

C. help us.

**It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.**

P. Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, ✝ the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

C. Amen.

# Peace

## The Peace

**P.** May the peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C.** And also with you.

## Gathering Hymn

*Come, We That Love the Lord*

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## 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.

## Kyrie



1, 3 Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.  
2 Chris - te e - le - i - son. Chris - te e - le - i - son.



Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.  
Chris - te e - le - i - son. Chris - te e - le - i - son.

## Now the Feast and Celebration

*Refrain*



Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;



praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!

1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



*Refrain*



freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God,

2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and



*Refrain*



glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.

3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of



*Refrain*



God; to make all things new.

## Prayer of the Day

**A.** 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.

**C. Amen.**



## First Reading

### Jeremiah 23:1-6

*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.”

**L.** Word of God. Word of life.

**C. Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 23

## Spoken Responsively

<sup>1</sup> The LORD is my shepherd;  
I shall not be in want.

<sup>2</sup> **The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures  
and leads me beside still waters.**

<sup>3</sup> You restore my soul, O LORD,  
and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

<sup>4</sup> **Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I shall fear no evil; for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

<sup>5</sup> You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

<sup>6</sup> **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

## Second Reading

## Ephesians 2:11-22

*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.

L. Word of God. Word of life.

C. **Thanks be to God.**



## Gospel Acclamation



Al-le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**P.** The holy gospel according to St. Mark, the sixth chapter.

**C.** Glory to you, O God.



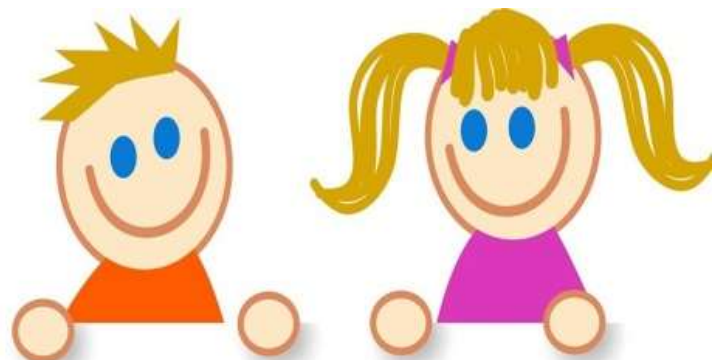
*When Jesus sends his disciples out to teach and heal, they minister among large numbers of people. Their work is motivated by Christ's desire to be among those in need.*

<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.

**P.** The gospel of the Lord.

**C.** Praise to you, O Christ.



**Children's Sermon**

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

**Sermon**

"Citizens With the Saints"

Pastor Wolfgang

**Hymn of the Day**

*Healer of Our Every Ill*

ELW 612



## **WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS TO THE CONGREGATION**

**P.** Today, we welcome three persons as new members of our congregation through Affirmation of Baptism. We welcome (please come forward as your name is called):

**Eugene and Gary Asinas  
Gail Hrobuchak**

**P.** Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for these siblings, one with us in the body of Christ, whom we welcome as new members into the life and ministry of this congregation.

## **The Apostles' Creed**

**L.** With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**C. 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 again 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**

## ADDRESS AND QUESTIONS

**P.** In baptism, we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God. We are called

to live among God's faithful people,  
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,  
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,  
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,  
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

Sisters and brothers in Christ, do you intend to continue in the covenant of your baptism among God's people in this place?

**Response: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.**

**P.** People of God, do you promise to support and pray for these new members in their life in Christ?

**C. We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

## WELCOME

**P.** Let us welcome these new siblings in Christ to this community of faith.

**C. We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.**



## Prayers of Intercession

**A.** One in the communion of saints and in the power of the Holy Spirit, we join our voices in prayer.

*A brief silence.*

For the church of Jesus Christ in this and every land: Through the One who is the cornerstone of a firm foundation, join us together and build us up as a temple of mercy and peace. In your mercy,

**C. hear our prayer.**

**A.** For the creation: Cause new trees to be planted. Restrain the melting of polar ice caps. Save land from destruction. Like a shepherd tends her sheep, raise up from among us caretakers of all you have made. In your mercy,

**C. hear our prayer.**

**A.** For the leaders of nations and heads of tribes (*especially*): Where peace seems far off, bring it near. Where justice seems fleeting, bring it to light. Where discord seems relentless, bring harmony. In your mercy,

**C. hear our prayer.**

**A.** For the health and well-being of family, friends, and neighbors: Heal those who are sick (*especially*). Give courage to all who struggle with addiction. Touch with your tender care all who reach out to you in pain. In your mercy,

**C. hear our prayer.**

**A.** For this assembly and for the faith communities represented this week at the ELCA Youth Gathering: Nurture the faith of young people as they encounter new experiences and people. Break down dividing walls and inspire collaboration among people of every age. In your mercy,

**C. hear our prayer.**

### *Other Prayers*

**A.** In thanksgiving for those who have died (*especially*): Make us certain that in Christ we are no longer strangers and aliens but citizens with the saints in the household of God. In your mercy,

**C. hear our prayer.**

**P.** Holy God, holy and merciful: into your outstretched arms we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in the one who is the way, the truth, and the life, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

**C. Amen.**

### **The Offering**

### **Offertory**



Ralph Jones

Canticle

*Create in Me a Clean Heart*

ELW 188

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right

spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your

pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -

store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,

and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

## Offertory Prayer

- A.** 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.**

## The Great Thanksgiving

- P.** The Lord be with you.
- C. And also with you.**

- P.** Lift up your hearts.
- C. We lift them to the Lord.**

- P.** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C. It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

- P.** It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:





## The Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and  
might; heav - en and earth are filled with your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Words of Institution

**P.** In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.



# The 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

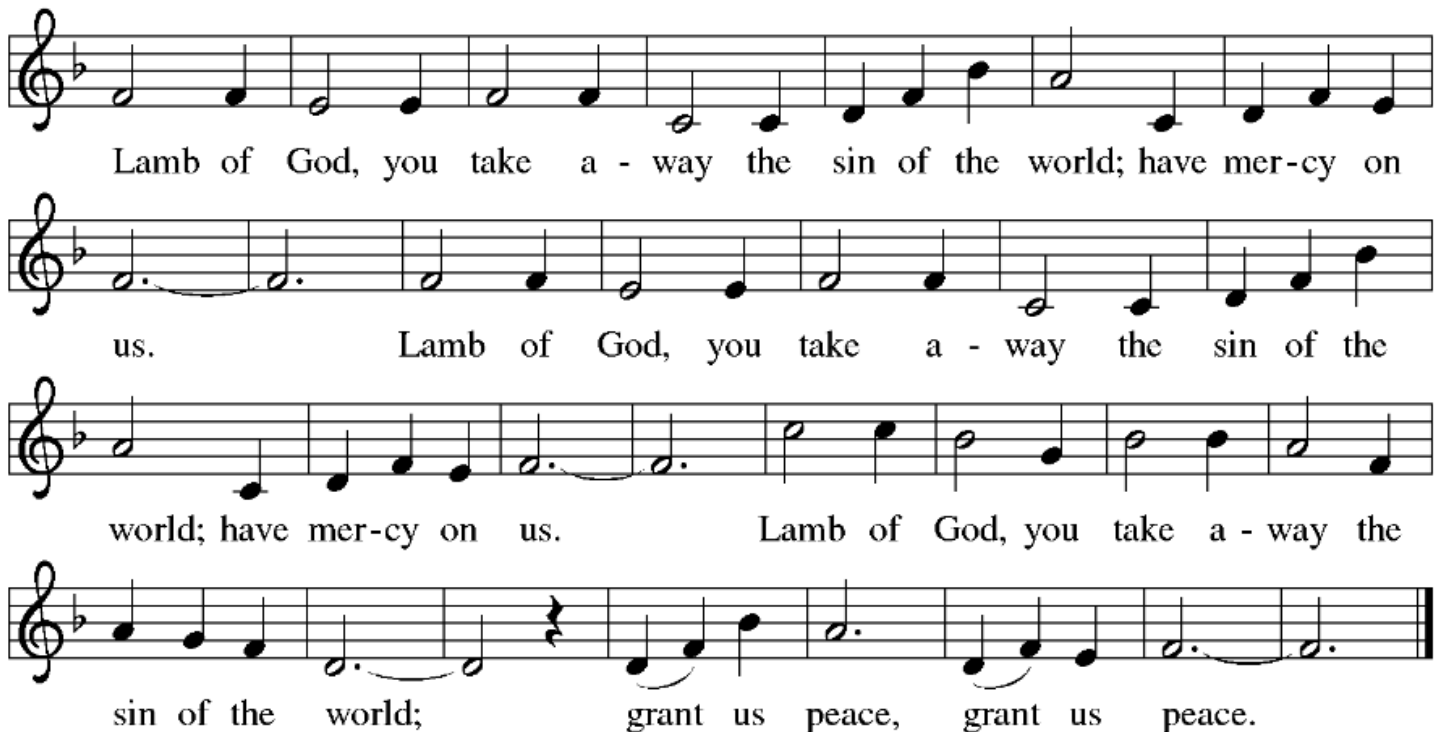
## Invitation to Communion

**P.** Christ has set the table with more than enough for all.

Come! All are welcome, no exceptions.

**C.** Alleluia!

## Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on  
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

## Communion Hymns

*The King of Love My Shepherd Is* ELW 502  
*Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying* ELW 752

## Post Communion Blessing

**P.** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his peace.

**C. Amen**

## Post Communion Prayer

**A.** 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**



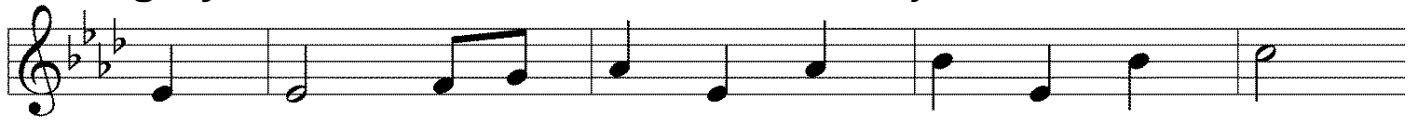
## Benediction

**P.** The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,  
✠ be upon you now and forever.

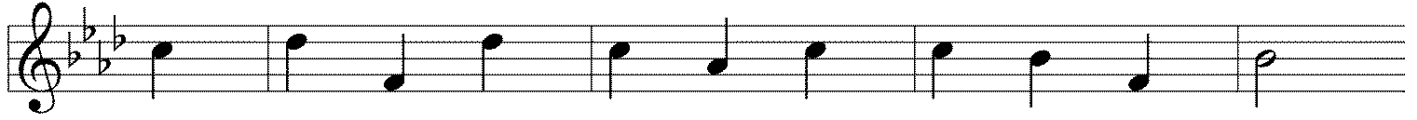
**C. Amen.**

# Sending Hymn

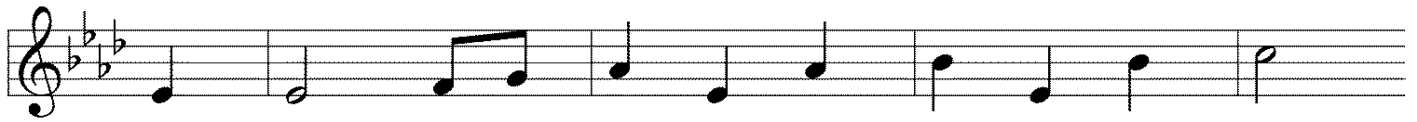
## To God Be the Glory



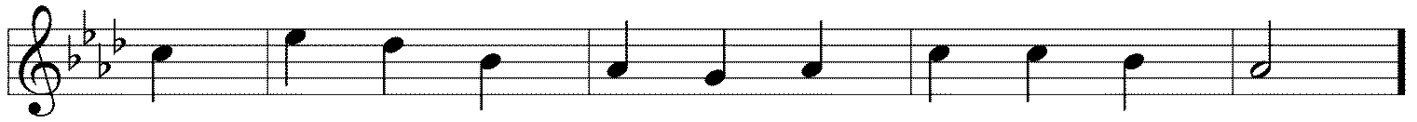
1 To God be the glo - ry, great things he has done;  
2 Oh, per - fect re - demp - tion, the pur - chase of blood,  
3 Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,



so loved he the world that he gave us his Son,  
to ev - 'ry be - liev - er the prom - ise of God;  
and great our re - joic - ing through Je - sus the Son;



who yield - ed his life an a - tone - ment for sin,  
the vil - est of - fend - er by grace may be - lieve,  
but pur - er, and high - er, and great - er will be

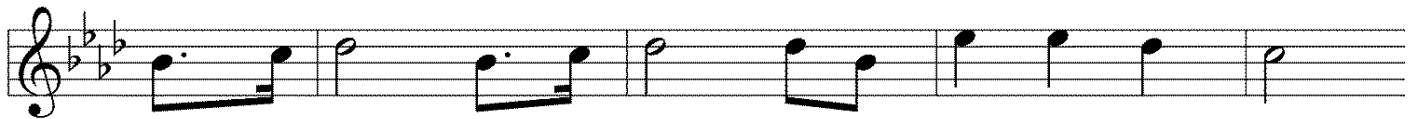


and o - pened the life - gate that all may go in.  
that mo - ment from Je - sus a par - don re - ceive.  
our won - der, our vic - t'ry, when Je - sus we see.

### *Refrain*



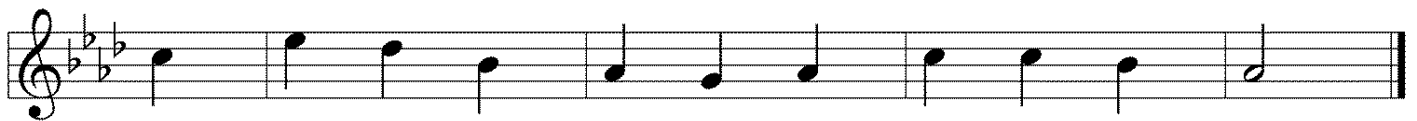
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!



Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the peo - ple re - joice!



Oh, come to the Fa - ther, through Je - sus the Son,



and give him the glo - ry, great things he has done.

## Dismissal

A. Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

C. Thanks be to God.

## Postlude

*Hornpipe in D*

~John Dixon

Gail Hrobuchak



**Next Sunday, July 28,** we invite all members and guests to a short "Mission Conversation" during the Fellowship Hour. The Visions & Dreams Team will present demographic data for our area and invite congregation members to share their ideas and offer feedback. A

proposal for the addition of audio-visual equipment in the sanctuary that has been approved by the Congregation Council will be shared, and plans for funding these improvements discussed. Plan now to attend this important gathering.



May your week be filled  
with good thoughts,  
kind people, &  
many blessings.

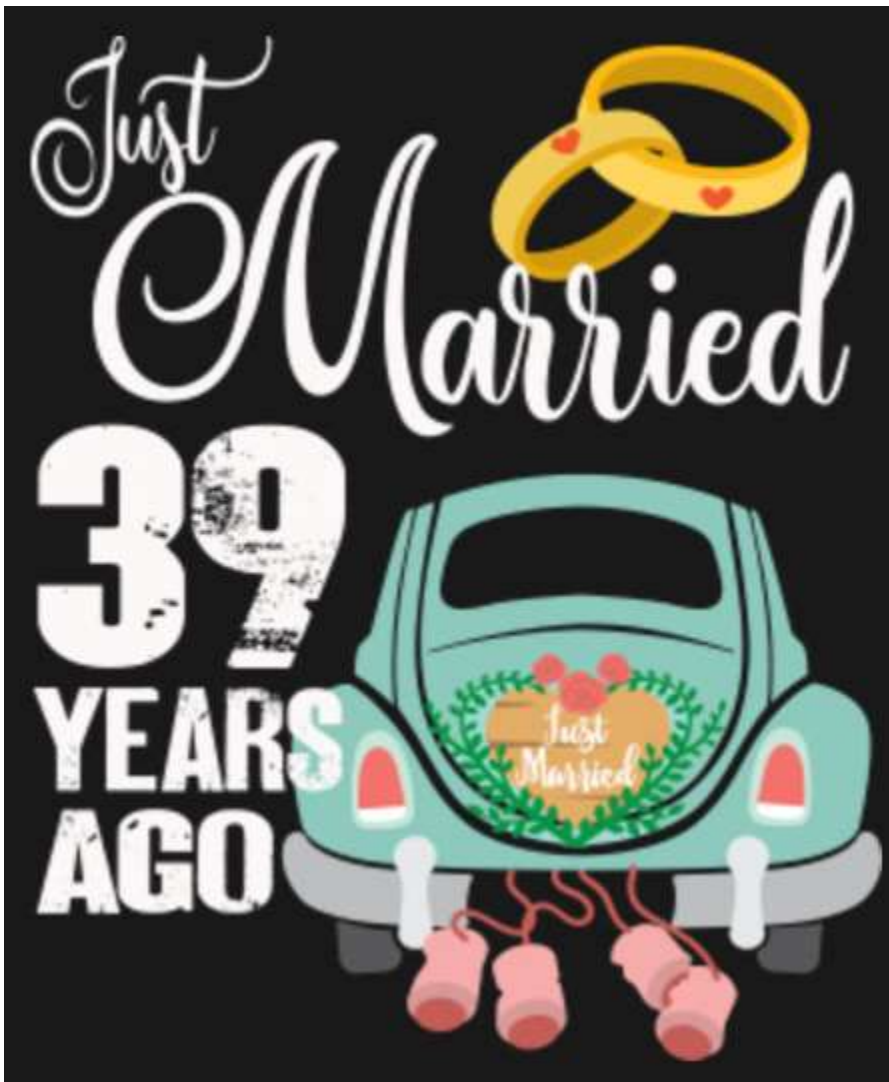


# Servers for Sunday, July 21<sup>st</sup>

Assisting Minister/Reader..... Shannon Thomsen  
Reader ..... Mary Cook  
Altar Guild ..... Grace Barnes  
Greeters / Counters ..... Tim Clark / Sylvia Lambert  
Acolyte ..... Antonio Smith



Sign-up sheets for the various worship assistant slots are on the board in the hallway. Please consider spending time giving glory to God by filling one of these positions on a Sunday.



**Flowers** this week are provided by Matt & Larissa Himmeger in celebration of their 39<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!!!

**Candles** this month are also given by Matt & Larissa Himmeger.



Honor a loved one by making a donation for the candles in the sanctuary for the month or the flowers that beautify the church each Sunday. Sign-up sheets are on the board in the hallway.