

Jeremiah 23:1-6 (ESV)

23 “Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture!” declares the LORD. ² Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who care for my people: “You have scattered my flock and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. Behold, I will attend to you for your evil deeds, declares the LORD. ³ Then I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴ I will set shepherds over them who will care for them, and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall any be missing, declares the LORD. ⁵ “Behold, the days are coming, declares 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 dwell securely. And this is the name by which he will be called: ‘The LORD is our righteousness.’”

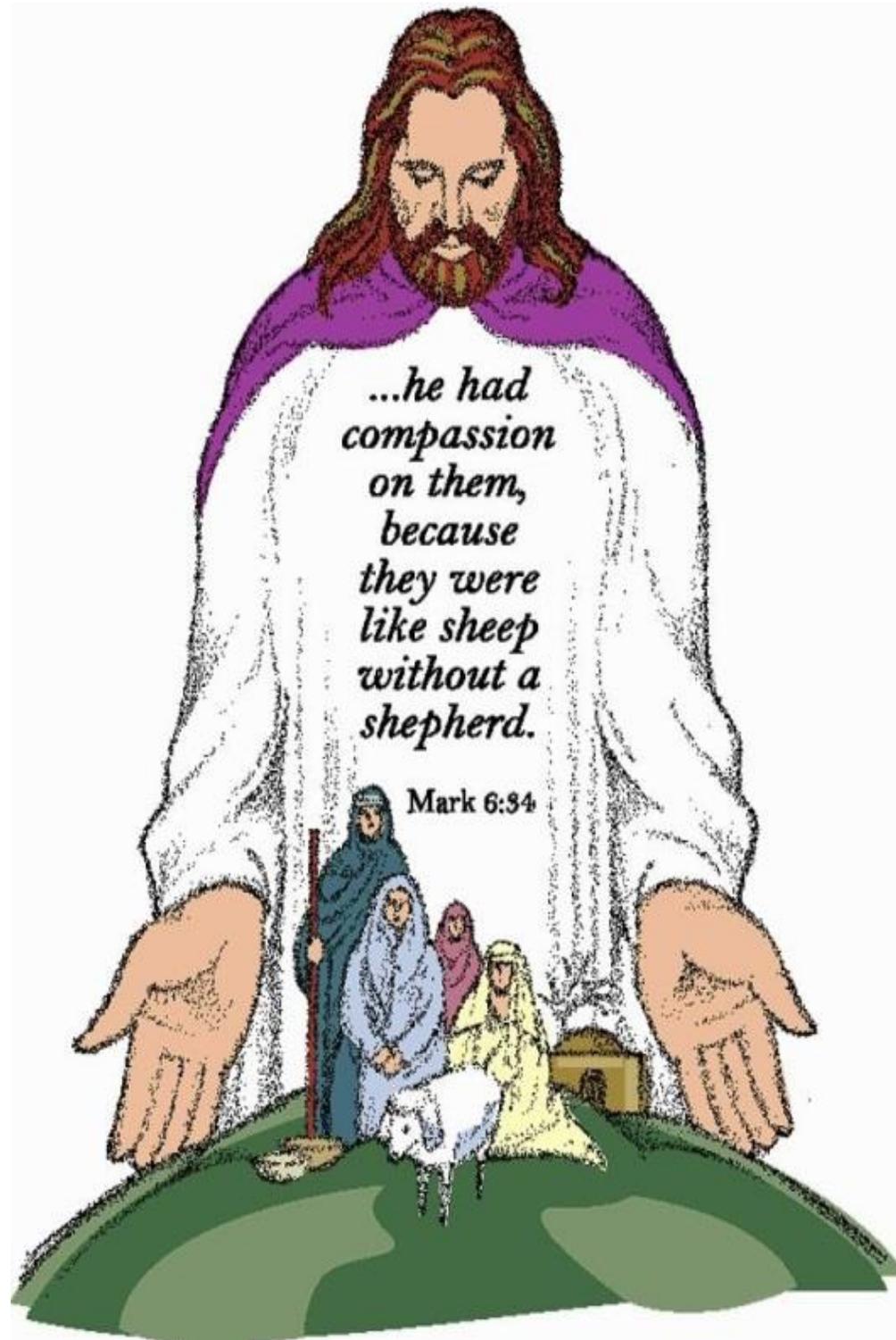
Ephesians 2:11-22 (ESV)

¹¹ Therefore remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called “the uncircumcision” by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands— ¹² remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated 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 himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility ¹⁵ by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, ¹⁶ and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. ¹⁷ And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. ¹⁸ For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. ¹⁹ So then you are no longer

strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, ²⁰ built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, ²¹ in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. ²² In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

Mark 6:30-44 (ESV)

³⁰ The apostles returned to Jesus and told him all that they had done and taught. ³¹ And he said to them, “Come away by yourselves to a desolate place 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 desolate place by themselves. ³³ Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they ran there on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. ³⁴ When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. And he began to teach them many things. ³⁵ And when it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, “This is a desolate place, and the hour is now late. ³⁶ Send them away to go into the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat.” ³⁷ But he answered them, “You give them something to eat.” And they said to him, “Shall we go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread and give it to them to eat?” ³⁸ And he said to them, “How many loaves do you have? Go and see.” And when they had found out, they said, “Five, and two fish.” ³⁹ Then he commanded them all to sit down in groups on the green grass. ⁴⁰ So they sat down in groups, by hundreds and by fifties. ⁴¹ And taking the five loaves and the two fish he looked up to heaven and said a blessing and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples to set before the people. And he divided the two fish among them all. ⁴² And they all ate and were satisfied. ⁴³ And they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. ⁴⁴ And those who ate the loaves were five thousand men.



July 22, 2018

9th Sunday after Pentecost

Zion Lutheran Church

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✠ In the Name of Jesus ✠

Theme of the Day ~ *The Lord Jesus Shepherds His Church on Earth by the Ministry of the Gospel.* The Lord rebukes and removes “the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep” (Jer. 23:1). He gathers the flock, brings them back to the fold and sets “shepherds over them who will care for them” (Jer. 23:3–4). He raises up the Son of David, the great Good Shepherd, to “reign as king and deal wisely” (Jer. 23:5). He is “our righteousness,” in whom we “dwell securely” (Jer. 23:6). He has compassion on all of us, who were “like sheep without a shepherd” (Mark 6:34). Not only does He teach us many things, but taking the bread, He blesses and breaks and gives it to the disciples “to set before the people” (Mark 6:41). He abundantly provides for His Church on earth, so that everyone is fed and fully satisfied in body and soul. He preaches peace “to you who were far off,” and “by the blood of Christ,” He brings you near (Eph. 2:13, 17). Though you were “separated from Christ” by your sin, “having no hope and without God in the world” (Eph. 2:12), now “you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God” (Eph. 2:19).

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OPENING HYMN “*Christ is Our Cornerstone*” LSB 912

SERMON HYMN “*Come unto Me, Ye Weary*” LSB 684

SERMON “*Sitting in the Mud with Someone Else*” Mark 6:30-44

CLOSING HYMN “*Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing*” LSB 924

Pastor Martin Hagenow
Organist Tami Mosher
A/V Mark Richardson
Greeters Ken & Grace Knoerr
Elder Jack Traub
Ushers Dave Hutfilz, Dave Little
Altar Guild Will you be willing to help?

Our Measure of Love and Gifts

Attendance last week – 66 Needed for *The Lord’s Work* at Zion \$4,128 ~ Received for the Lord’s Work \$3,340 = Loose Plate \$65, Envelopes \$2,094, Mission \$130, Maintenance \$151, Pars. Rent \$900; Cap. Prj. \$25;

Please pray for your fellow Christians on their birthday: Jul 28 – Clark Davis (his 81st), Dennis Kreger; Jul 29- Mary Garner, JoAnn Kreger; Jul 30- Josh Hodges, Brandon Wietfeldt.

Vacation ~ Please note that Pastor Hauser will be on vacation through August 5. If you have a pastoral emergency please call St. Peter Lutheran at 642-8188. We will welcome Pastor Richard Mundt on July 29; and Pastor Roger Stauffer on August 5.

Informational Meeting ~ Bids have been taken for putting air conditioning in the church and the trustees would like to have an informational meeting immediately following the church service on July 22nd. Please attend for any questions or comments you might have.

Zion Float ~ If you would like to work on decorating a float, walk in the parade, or pass out candy for Sawdust Days Parade on September 15, please contact Julayne Hutfilz at 643-7141 or Lois Tessin at 642-8216.

Zion’s 10th Annual Old Car/Tractor Show will be held July 29 from noon until 5 pm. **Help is needed as well as pies for the pie auction.** Signup sheets are in the narthex for help. The quilt and pie auction will be held at 3pm. Feel free to pick a flyer and pass on to your neighbors and friends or post at a local business.

Thank You ~ *Thank you to Zion Lutheran Church and Pastor Hauser for all the prayers for Betty Lou. Thank you Pastor Hauser for the wonderful service and comforting words, to everyone who said prayers, sent cards, brought food and served the delicious food at the luncheon that followed. We greatly appreciate your thoughtfulness. May God bless you all.*

The Family of Betty Lou (Tessin) Rood

6th Annual Car Show coming to St. John Amelith Lutheran Church on **Thursday, Aug. 2nd from 5 – 8 pm**. This year the community benefit recipient is the Firefighters Association of Frankenlust Twp. which provides funding to assist the Frankenlust Fire Department in purchasing needed supplies and equipment. In addition to classic cars, the show is open to any classic vehicles which could include trucks, tractors, etc. Plan to come out and attend and view the 80+ cars. For info call Cheri Fish at 989-450-9058.