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

*Good morning. This is Richfield Lutheran Church’s video worship service for July 21. I’m Pastor Brian, with me today are Paul on the organ and Mary as our vocalist. The printed bulletin for this service can be found on our website, Richfield-Lutheran.org.*

*Our gospel is Mark 6:30-34, 53-56. How great is the press of the crowd—with its countless needs to be met—on Jesus and his disciples. Yet, 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.*

1. **GATHERING**

**Prelude**

**Call to Worship** Psalm 118:24

This is the day that the Lord has made;

**Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

**Gathering Hymn** *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*  **# 645, vv 1-2**

1 Christ is made the sure foundation,

Christ, our head and cornerstone,

chosen of the Lord and precious,

binding all the church in one;

holy Zion's help forever

and our confidence alone.

2 To this temple, where we call you,

come, O Lord of hosts, and stay;

come, with all your lovingkindness,

hear your people as they pray;

and your fullest benediction

shed within these walls today.

**Greeting and Prayer of the Day**

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

**And also with you.**

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.**

1. **WORD**

**Gospel: Mark 6:30-34, 53-56.** *(*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.*)*

The holy gospel according to Mark, the 6th chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

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

**Hymn of the Day** *Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life* **# 719, vv 1 & 5**

1 Where cross the crowded ways of life,

where sound the cries of race and clan,

above the noise of selfish strife,

we hear your voice, O Son of Man.

5 O Master, from the mountainside

make haste to heal these hearts of pain;

among these restless throngs abide;

oh, tread the city's streets again;

**Prayers of the People**

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,

**hear our prayer.**

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,

**hear our prayer.**

For the leaders of nations: 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,

**hear our prayer.**

For the health and well-being of family, friends, and neighbors: Heal those who are sick, *especially* *those whom we now name in our hearts….* Give courage to all who struggle with addiction. Touch with your tender care all who reach out to you in pain. In your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

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,

**hear our prayer.**

*(A brief silence.)*

In thanksgiving for those who have died: 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,

**hear our prayer.**

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.

**Amen.**

**III. THANKSGIVING**

**Offering**

*You can support this and other of God’s ministries through Richfield Lutheran Church today via our website: Richfield-Lutheran.org/give. Thank you for your faithful generosity.*

**Lord's Prayer**

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

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

**IV. SENDING**

*On July 21, in addition to this video recording and its phone-in option, we have in-person worship at 9:30. Pastor Mark Wegener is our guest preacher. We celebrate Holy Communion. Afterwards we share fellowship. All are welcome.*

*Next Sunday, July 28, our gospel reading is John 6:1-21.* In John’s gospel, the miracles of Jesus are called “signs,” because they reveal the true character of God. As such, they remain within the mystery of God and cannot be brought under human control.

*Until then, go forth with God’s blessing.*

**Blessing**

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

**Amen.**

**Sending Hymn** *The Church’s One Foundation* **# 654, vv 1 & 4**

1 The church's one foundation

is Jesus Christ, her Lord;

she is his new creation

by water and the word.

From heav'n he came and sought her

to be his holy bride;

with his own blood he bought her,

and for her life he died.

4 Through toil and tribulation

and tumult of her war,

she waits the consummation

of peace forevermore;

till with the vision glorious

her longing eyes are blest,

and the great church victorious

shall be the church at rest.

**Dismissal**

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

**This Week’s Daily Bible Readings:**

Monday, July 22. Psalm 20:1-2, 11-18

Tuesday, July 23. Zechariah 9:14-10:2

Wednesday, July 24. Luke 15:1-7

Thursday, July 25. Mark 10:35-45

Friday, July 26. Colossians 3:12-17

Saturday, July 27. 2 Kings 4:38-41

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