

He had compassion on them,
because they were like sheep
without a shepherd.

Mark 6:34



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**Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
July 21, 2024**

A warm welcome to those who are visiting us today. You may hang your coat in the entry way of the church or on the coat rack downstairs. The bathrooms are located in the lower level of this building. Before you go home today, please sign our guest book located on the podium in the entry way. Also, refreshments are served in the fellowship hall after our service this morning. We invite you to join us for something to eat and drink.

Our lower level is wired for sound. If you need to take your child out during the service, you won't miss any of the sermon. The service is also simulcast on the church's Facebook page.

In the unlikely event of an emergency during this morning's service, you can exit the building using the main entryway or the exit to the right of the chancel. Our building does have a fire alarm system which is wired directly to the fire department. Remember, we follow the "Run, Hide, Fight" response in an emergency.

<p><u><i>Before Service Prayer:</i></u> Jesus, my Good Shepherd who leads me, You know what lies ahead for me today and every day. By Your mighty power and tender love, turn my future, no matter what it is, to my eternal good. Guide me and guard me that I do not become lost in sin and unbelief. Amen.</p>

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Today's Theme: **JESUS MODELS A COMPASSIONATE SHEPHERD'S HEART**

In the ancient Middle East, a shepherd needed certain skills to do his job well: knowledge of edible grasses, ability to trim hooves, capacity to fend off predators, competency to birth lambs. However, the greatest qualification of a shepherd is much simpler. A good shepherd needed to care for his / her sheep. Without that, none of those other skills would be fully utilized.

In Scripture meaningful ministry is often pictured as a compassionate shepherd caring for his sheep: Jesus' care for us; a spiritual leader's care for his "flock." Certainly, gospel ministry requires specific skills: ability to actively listen to people, aptitude for applying the gospel to someone's situation, etc. But ultimately, meaningful ministry requires a compassionate heart—a profound caring for others. An individual might know God's Word backwards and forwards. But if they lack compassion, they will not fully perform meaningful ministry. Today, we ask the Spirit to see how Jesus models a compassionate shepherd's heart so that we might be filled with that same compassion.

Pastor's Welcome

Opening Hymn: CW 766 “Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service” (CW93 353)

Invocation

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

Opening Sentences *Psalm 40:11, 16; 145:1–4*

P: I will exalt You, my God the King; I will praise Your name forever and ever.

C: Every day I will praise You and extol Your name forever and ever.

P: Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; His greatness no one can fathom.

C: One generation will commend Your works to another; they will tell of Your mighty acts.

P: Do not withhold Your mercy from me, O LORD; may Your love and Your truth always protect me.

C: May all who seek You rejoice and be glad in You; may those who love Your salvation always say, “The LORD be exalted.”

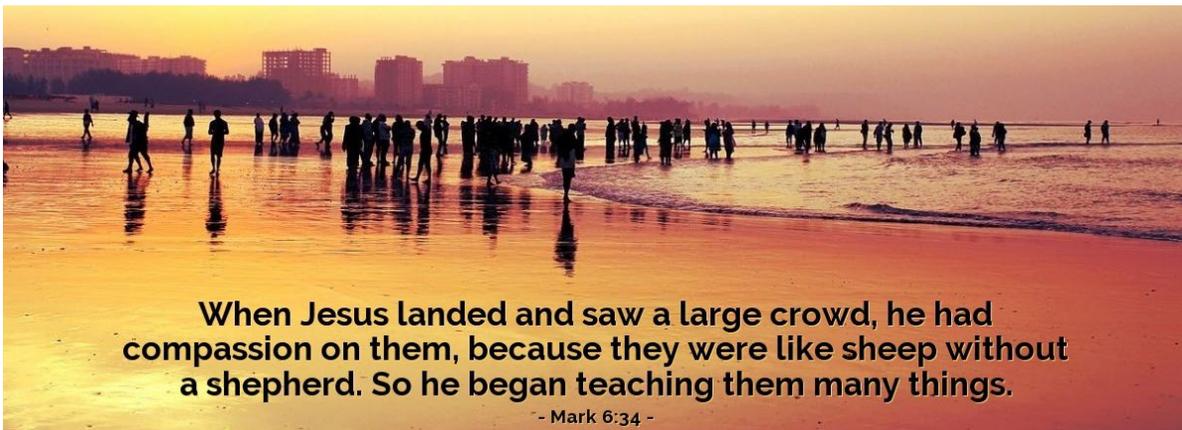
Confession and Absolution

P: Let us humble ourselves before God, confess our sins to Him, and ask His gracious forgiveness.

C: We humbly confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and before one another, that we are sinful human beings by nature and by deed. We have not always put God first. We have used His holy name in ways that do not honor Him. We have not always been thoughtful caretakers of His creation and have not shared His bounty with others at all times. We have been heedless in word and deed and have not always kept our thoughts, words, and deeds pure and honorable. We strayed from His paths of righteousness and have sinned in ways we know and in ways we do not even recognize. We have wished for that which is not rightfully ours and have not put the best construction on all things and on all people. We pray God to have mercy on us, to forgive us all our sins, and to bring us to everlasting life. Amen.

P: The almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all our sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.



P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.



C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are
they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e -
ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav -
ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -
ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.
Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

The Greeting

P: The Lord be with you!

C: **And also with you!**

The Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

God of compassion, when You saw that we were like sheep without a shepherd, You sent Your Son, Jesus, to shepherd us. Keep alive in us Your spirit of compassion for the world, until all people come to know Your Shepherd's care; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

The First Lesson: Jeremiah 23:1-6 – The LORD chastises spiritual shepherds for not bestowing care and compassion on their flock and promises to raise up good shepherds who would tend God’s people.

“Woe to the shepherds who are destroying and scattering the sheep of My pasture!” declares the LORD. ² Therefore this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says to the shepherds who tend My people: “Because you have scattered My flock and driven them away and have not bestowed care on them, I will bestow punishment on you for the evil you have done,” declares the LORD. ³ “I Myself will gather the remnant of My flock out of all the countries where I have driven them and will bring them back to their pasture, where they will be fruitful and increase in number. ⁴ I will place shepherds over them who will tend them, and they will no longer be afraid or terrified, nor will any be missing,” declares the LORD.

⁵ “The days are coming,” declares the LORD,
“when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch,
a King who will reign wisely
and do what is just and right in the land.

⁶ In His days Judah will be saved
and Israel will live in safety.

This is the name by which He will be called:
The LORD Our Righteous Savior. (NIV 2011)

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

Psalm of the Day: Psalm 23 (Read in unison)

¹ **The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.**

² **He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: He leadeth me beside the still waters.**

³ **He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name’s sake.**

⁴ **Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.**

⁵ **Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.**

⁶ **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever. (KJV)**

The Second Lesson: **Hebrews 13:7-8,17-21** – In the first reading, the Lord promised to raise up faithful shepherds. That promise is kept when the Lord provides spiritual leaders who point us to the great Shepherd.

⁷ Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith. ⁸ Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

¹⁷ Have confidence in your leaders and submit to their authority, because they keep watch over you as those who must give an account. Do this so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no benefit to you.

¹⁸ Pray for us. We are sure that we have a clear conscience and desire to live honorably in every way. ¹⁹ I particularly urge you to pray so that I may be restored to you soon.

²⁰ Now may the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, ²¹ equip you with everything good for doing His will, and may He work in us what is pleasing to Him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen. (NIV 2011)

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

Gospel Acclamation: (Sung by the Pastor) Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. I am the Good Shepherd; I know My sheep and My sheep know Me. Alleluia!

Stand

The Gospel Lesson: **Mark 6:30-34** – Jesus is filled with compassion for those who go through life like sheep without a shepherd.

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark, the sixth chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

³⁰ The apostles gathered around Jesus and reported to Him all they had done and taught. ³¹ Then, because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, He said to them, "Come with Me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest."

³² So they went away by themselves in a boat to a solitary place. ³³ But many who saw them leaving recognized them and ran on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. ³⁴ 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. (NIV 2011)

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to You, O Christ.

Sit

Hymn of the Day: CW 736 “Lord, You Call Us as Your People” (CWS 763)

The Sermon

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

The Offering

The ushers will gather the offering which will then be placed on the Lord's Altar. Offerings can also be given electronically by using your smart phone and the QR code which takes you to the donation part of New Life's website.



The Prayer of the Church

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name, Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours now and forever. Amen.

Closing Collect

P: Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

C: Amen.

Blessing

P: The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the Great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do His will, working in you that which is well pleasing in His sight. And the blessing of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit rest upon you now and forevermore.

C: Amen.

The Closing Hymn: CW 737 “Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way” (CW93 398)

The Announcements

Our Father’s Business in the Coming Week

Cleaning this Week: VBS Staff

Today—Ninth Sunday after Pentecost Worship Service at 9:30 AM

Fellowship at 10:30 AM

Monday through Friday—Vacation Bible School

Next Sunday—Tenth Sunday after Pentecost Worship Service at 9:30 AM

Fellowship at 10:30 AM

FELLOWSHIP SIGN-UP SHEET

A new sign-up sheet has been posted for providing something to eat and drink after the Sunday service. The sheet covers July 2024 through October 2024.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

As of Sunday, July 14th we have received \$7,562 in offerings for the current fiscal year. This places us \$1,599 behind the budget.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS at New Life will be held this coming week. You can register your child / children on New Life’s website at www.newlife-wels.org.

CPR CLASS

On Sunday, August 4, a trainer will come to provide a CPR and First Aid Class for the preschool staff. If you are interested in attending, please talk to Pastor Bauer.

NEW COUNCIL MEMBER

Last Sunday at New Life’s voter’s meeting, Brian James was elected to church council by unanimous consent.

ANNUAL REPORT / MINISTRY PLAN

An annual report for 2023-24 and a ministry plan for 2024-25 has been prepared for all the members of New Life. The usher will hand you your report this morning after church if you haven’t received yours yet.