

**THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY**  
 Mills River, North Carolina  
**The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**July 21, 2024**

Sacred Place +++ Sacred Space  
 Please observe silence after the altar candles are lit



**PRELUDE** *Savior Like A Shepherd with "He Leadeth Me"*

*Arr. Larry Shackley*

*A bell rings three times; the people stand.*

*Hymns and service music are found in the blue 1982 Hymnals (H) and the purple Glory to God hymnals (GTG) They are in the racks under the chairs.*

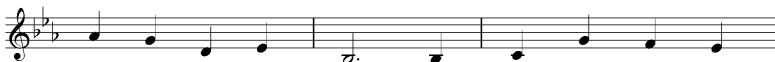
**PRESENTATION OF THE WORD**

**ENTRANCE HYMN**

*H# 653 Dear Lord and Father of mankind*



1 Dear Lord and Fa - ther of man - kind, for -  
 2 In sim - ple trust like theirs who heard, be -  
 3 O Sab - bath rest by Gal - i - lee! O  
 4 Drop thy still dews of qui - et - ness, till  
 5 Breathe through the heats of our de - sire thy



1 give our fool - ish ways! Re - clothe us in our  
 2 side the Syr - ian sea, the gra - cious call - ing  
 3 calm of hills a - bove, where Je - sus knelt to  
 4 all our striv - ings cease; take from our souls the  
 5 cool - ness and thy balm; let sense be dumb, let



1 right - ful mind, in pur - er lives thy ser - vice find, in  
 2 of the Lord, let us, like them, with - out a word, rise  
 3 share with thee the si - lence of e - ter - ni - ty in -  
 4 strain and stress, and let our or - dered lives con - fess the  
 5 flesh re - tire; speak through the earth - quake, wind, and fire, O



1 deep - er rev - erence, praise, in deep - er rev - erence, praise.  
 2 up and fol - low thee, rise up and fol - low thee.  
 3 ter - pret - ed by love! in - ter - pret - ed by love!  
 4 beau - ty of thy peace, the beau - ty of thy peace.  
 5 still, small voice of calm, O still, small voice of calm.

## OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*People* **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

## COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you 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 Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**SONG OF PRAISE** *GTG #582 Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*  
Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,  
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,  
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

World, without end, without end. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## FIRST READING: Jeremiah 23:1-6

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. 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. 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. 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. 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. 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."

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.  
*People*            Thanks be to God.

### PSALM 23

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my shepherd; \*

**I shall not be in want.**

<sup>2</sup>He makes me lie down in green pastures \*

**and leads me beside still waters.**

<sup>3</sup>He revives my soul \*

**and guides me along right pathways for his 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 spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; \*

**you have anointed my head with oil,**

**and my cup is running over.**

<sup>6</sup>Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, \*

**and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.**

## SECOND READING: Ephesians 2:11-22

A reading from the letter to the Ephesians.

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—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. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. 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. 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, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

**People**            **Thanks be to God.**

## SEQUENCE HYMN

## *GTG #312 Take Us As We Are O God*

Take us as we are, O God, and claim us as your own.

As once you chose to tell your love in human flesh and bone,  
so let our lives be used to make your saving purpose known.

Bless us for your service, Lord, no power we devise  
will ever give us strength enough or make us truly wise,  
yet by your promise we can know the peace your grace supplies.

Break us open to disclose how brokenness can heal,  
wherever broken loaves suffice to give a crowd a meal  
and graves break open to release new life from death’s dread seal.

Give us to the world you love as light and salt and yeast,  
that we may nourish in your name the last, the lost, the least,  
until at length you call us all to your unending feast.

**GOSPEL: Mark 6:30-34, 53-56**

*Deacon*            The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
                         according to Mark.

***People*            Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. 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. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. 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. When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. 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.

*Deacon*            The Gospel of the Lord.

***People*            Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**THE SERMON      Rev. Tammy Bales**

**THE NICENE CREED**

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and

was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sisters and brothers, children of God, let us come before the Most High with humility, saying, "Holy God, we lift our voices to you; **Holy God, hear the prayers of your people.**"

*Celebrant* Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### CONFESSION OF SIN

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**Most merciful God, we confess that 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. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

### THE PEACE

*Celebrant*                      The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People*                         **And also with you.**

## GATHERING

*GTG 501 Feed Us, Lord*

Feed us, Lord. Feed us, Lord. In the broken bread, be revealed again.  
Come and feed our hearts, O Lord.

Quench us, Lord. Quench us, Lord. On this thirsty ground, may your love  
flow down. Come and quench our hearts, O Lord.

Fill us, Lord. Fill us, Lord, with the bread and wine of the risen Christ.  
Come and fill our hearts, O Lord.

Lead us, Lord. Lead us, Lord, nourished here by Christ, given strength for  
life. Come and lead our hearts, O Lord.

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and  
sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

OFFERTORY *Blessed Assurance*

*Pepper Choplin*

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* We lift them to the Lord.

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give  
thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and  
called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels  
and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to  
proclaim the glory of your Name:

# SANCTUS *LEVAS 256 Holy, Holy, Holy*

*Leader*  
(piano) Ho - ly,

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of

pow'r\_ and might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. —

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and



gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Christ has died.*

*Christ is risen.*

*Christ will come again.*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**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.**

## **THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

FRACTION ANTHEM

WLP # 865 Christ our Passover



Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;  
 there - fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.

COMMUNION INVITATION

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*(The bread and wine are given to the people. Please indicate that you would prefer a gluten-free wafer by placing your hands with palms together when you come up to receive Communion.)*

COMMUNION HYMN LEVAS #137 Just As I Am



1. Just as I am, with - out one plea, But  
 2. Just as I am, though tossed a - bout With  
 3. Just as I am, poor, wretch - ed, blind; Sight  
 4. Just as I am, thou wilt re - ceive; Wilt  
 5. Just as I am, thy love un - known Has  
 6. Just as I am, of thy great love The  
 1. that thy blood was shed for me,  
 2. ma - ny a con - flict, ma - ny a doubt;  
 3. rich - es, heal - ing of the mind,  
 4. wel - come, par - don, cleanse, re - lieve,  
 5. bro - ken ev - ery bar - rier down;  
 6. breadth, length, depth, and height to prove,

1. And that thou bidd'st me come to thee, O  
 2. Fight - ings and fears with - in, with - out, O  
 3. Yea, all I need in thee to find, O  
 4. Be - cause thy prom - ise I be - lieve, O  
 5. Now to be thine, yea, thine a - lone, O  
 6. Here for a sea - son, then a - bove: O

Lamb of God, I come, I come.

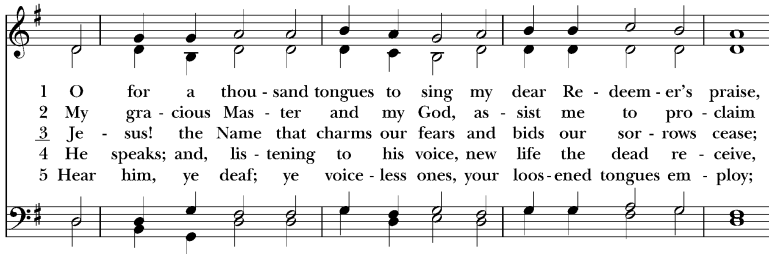
**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

Let us pray.

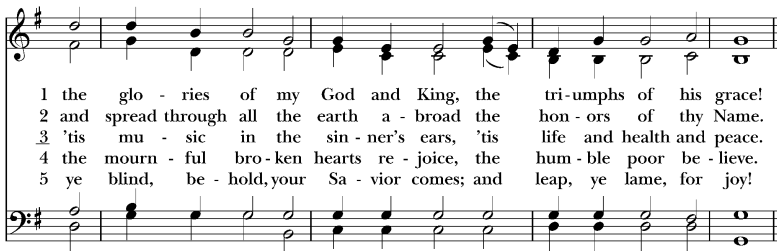
Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**BLESSING**

## RECESSIONAL HYMN H# 493 O for a thousand tongues to sing



1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my dear Re - deem - er's praise,  
2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim  
3 Je - sus! the Name that charms our fears and bids our sor - rows cease;  
4 He speaks; and, lis - tening to his voice, new life the dead re - ceive,  
5 Hear him, ye deaf; ye voice - less ones, your loos - ened tongues em - ploy;



1 the glo - ries of my God and King, the tri - umphs of his grace!  
2 and spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy Name.  
3 'tis mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.  
4 the mourn - ful bro - ken hearts re - joice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.  
5 ye blind, be - hold, your Sa - vior comes; and leap, ye lame, for joy!

6 Glory to God and praise and love  
be now and ever given  
by saints below and saints above,  
the Church in earth and heayen.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

Yoga with Kelly, Friday, July 26, 10:00 am

Men's Breakfast, Sat. Aug. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 9:00 am, Mills River Restaurant

Vestry Meeting, Sun. Aug. 11<sup>th</sup>, 12:15 pm

Outreach Committee, Tues. Aug 13<sup>th</sup>, 4 pm, Carole Kitchen's house

Grill and Chill, Thurs. Aug. 15<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm

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