

Worship
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

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Good Shepherd

LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Welcome to Worship

Whether one's feet are big or small, fresh or worn, running or crawling
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church is:
Together on the Journey, Sharing God's Love

GATHERING

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism

L. Welcome in the name of the holy Trinity, one God
whose mercy endures forever.

C. Amen.

SONG *"Lord, You Give the Great Commission"*

Lord, you give the great commission: "Heal the sick and preach the word." Lest the church neglect its mission, and the gospel go unheard, help us witness to your purpose with renewed integrity: With the Spirit's gifts empow'r us for the work of ministry.

Lord, you call us to your service: "In my name baptize and teach." That the world may trust your promise, life abundant meant for each, give us all new fervor, draw us closer in community: With the Spirit's gifts empow'r us for the work of ministry.

Lord, you bless with words assuring: "I am with you to the end." Faith and hope and love restoring, may we serve as you intend and, amid the cares that claim us, hold in mind eternity: With the Spirit's gifts empow'r us for the work of ministry.

CALL TO CONFESSION

L. Mighty is our God who calls us to lead courageously and to follow faithfully.
Loving is our God, who calls us to live lives of service and love.
Yet, how often do we go astray?
Let us confess our sin, asking God to lead us back.

Silence for Reflection

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

C. Mighty God, how often we go astray.

Forgive us when we misuse the power you have given us.

Forgive us when we don't follow where you are leading us.

Forgive us when we neglect to serve the ones who need us.

Be our strength.

Be our guide.

**Lead us back to you, that we might embrace your power and strength,
and bring your justice and righteousness to our world. Reveal where we
are most needed that we might serve and love faithfully.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND FORGIVENESS

L. God's grace is enough – it strengthens every weakness, forgives every sin, and empowers us for the journey of faith. Rejoice, for grace sets us free to serve and love!

SONG OF PRAISE *“What a Beautiful Name it Is”*

You were the Word at the beginning, one with God the Lord Most High. Your hidden glory in creation now revealed in You our Christ.

What a beautiful Name it is. What a beautiful Name it is. The Name of Jesus Christ my King. What a beautiful Name it is. Nothing compares to this. What a beautiful Name it is. The Name of Jesus.

WORD

BIBLE READING Mark 6:7-13

He called for the Twelve and sent them out in pairs. He gave them authority over unclean spirits. He instructed them to take nothing for the journey except a walking stick—no bread, no bags, and no money in their belts. He told them to wear sandals but not to put on two shirts. He said, “Whatever house you enter, remain there until you leave that place. If a place doesn’t welcome you or listen to you, as you leave, shake the dust off your feet as a witness against them.” So they went out and proclaimed that people should change their hearts and lives. They cast out many demons, and they anointed many sick people with olive oil and healed them.

The Word of the Lord.

C. Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE Pastor Leesa Soderlind

SONG *“The Summons”*

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name? Will you go where you don’t know and never be the same? Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known, will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name? Will you set the pris’ners free and never be the same? Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen, and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name. Let me turn and follow you and never be the same. In your company I’ll go where your love and footsteps show. Thus I’ll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We belong to God,
Creator of all that is and all that is to come,
abundant provider of the gifts in this life
and the gifts in our own hearts.
It is God alone who gives life,
who is generous beyond measure with grace and blessing.**

**We follow Christ, whom God sent to teach and heal,
to show us a new way of life,
with love and trust and courage, with joy and generosity.
In this faith Jesus gave of himself, even his very life.
He was crucified and buried;
yet God raised him from death,
and he lives among us and grants God’s Spirit to us.**

**We live by that Holy Spirit,
and entrust ourselves to its guidance and empowerment.
As members of the church, the Body of Christ,
we devote ourselves to lives of love,
rejoicing in the power of forgiveness,
the reality of resurrection,
and the mystery of eternal life. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

You are invited to sing the prayer song before and after the prayer petitions

The Spirit intercedes for us with sighs too deep for words to express oh, oh, oh. The Spirit intercedes for us with sighs too deep for words to express oh, oh, oh.

OFFERING *You can place your offering in the plate upon entering or leaving
worship. Or you may give online at our website.
Thank you for your generosity.*

MEAL

HOLY COMMUNION

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.

COMMUNION BLESSING

SENDING

SPECIAL MUSIC *"Well Done"* Bella Studer

BLESSING

P. The blessing of God,
 source of life,
 power of life,
 redeemer of life,
 is with you now and always.
C. **Amen.**

SONG *"We are Called"*

Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord! We are called to be light for the kingdom, to live in the freedom of the city of God.

Refrain: **We are called to act with justice, we are called to love tenderly,
we are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.**

Come! Open your heart! Show your mercy to all those in fear! We are called to be hope for the hopeless so hatred and blindness will be no more. *Refrain*

SENDING

P. Go in peace. Christ is sending you.

C. Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"We are Called"

This week, please pray for:

Healing:

Alli Hobot, leukemia treatment through September 2021

Emily Glass, breast cancer treatment

Betty Tobolt, recently diagnosed with Lupus

Lenore Radi, transitional care

Grief:

Kris Sage grieving the death of her mother, Phyllis Kuhnly

Eliana Lanik grieving the death of her grandfather, Bob Lanik

The family of Doug Dandurand grieving his death

Other:

Those affected by adverse weather, storms, fires, and drought

Vaccine Clinic at Good Shepherd! TODAY from 9:00-3:00

In partnership with the Minnesota Department of Health, Good Shepherd is hosting a vaccine clinic that is open to the public for ages 12+.

Walk-Ins are welcome!

Parking Lot Project ~ Paving the Way for All, Together on the Journey

By August, we need to raise \$110,000 for our Parking Lot Project. Please consider contributing a one-time gift to help pay for it. We accept large gifts and small gifts and all gifts! We appreciate all making a one-time donation! We have already raised \$67,000! Donations collected above our goal will remain in the parking lot fund for future maintenance. Donor names will be put into a drawing to win a reserved parking spot for Christmas or Easter.

Save the Date!

Parking Lot Party – the event of the summer! Sunday, August 29.

Food Trucks, Bingo, Dunk Tank, Music, Games and More!

Calling an Assistant Pastor Update

The first step in the call process has happened – the council approving and sending a job description and ministry site profile to the Saint Paul Area Synod. The focus of our associate pastor will be life-long learning for all ages – children and adults as well as intergenerational ministry programs. The next step is forming a call committee.

Volunteers Needed

After worship treats resume this week after the 8:30 and 9:45 worship services.

Volunteers are needed to help serve.

Please express your interest to Pastor Leesa or Andrea Swainey.

