

Worship  
Seventh Sunday in Pentecost

July 24, 2022  
8:30 & 9:45am



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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**

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### GREETING

*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 *"Our Father We Have Wandered"*

**Our Father, we have wandered and hidden from your face; in foolishness have squandered your legacy of grace. But now, in exile dwelling, we rise with fear and shame, as, distant but compelling, we hear you call our name.**

**O Lord of all the living, both banished and restored, compassionate, forgiving, and ever-caring Lord, grant now that our transgressing, our faithlessness may cease. Stretch out your hand in blessing, in pardon, and in peace.**

### CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

L. Seeking reconciliation with God and neighbor,  
let us remember the gift of baptism and confess our sin.

*Silence for Reflection*

C. **God of mercy,  
we confess that we have sinned against you,  
against one another,  
and against the earth entrusted to our care.  
We are worried and distracted by many things,  
and we fail to love you above all else.  
We store up treasures for ourselves  
and turn away from our neighbors in need.  
Forgive us, that we may live in the freedom of your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

L. When we are laid low by sin and guilt,  
God makes us alive together with Christ,  
forgiving us all our trespasses  
for freedom, Christ has set us free:  
Rejoice in this Good News!

C. Amen.

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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

**C. And also with you.**

L. Let us pray together,

**C. Spirit of Grace and hope, your river of mercy tumbles through us, washing our hearts of all our troubles. Having received your love, help us, Creator, to hear more clearly the call to pray for hope, healing, and mercy for your people, even for the people who hurt us. We pray this through Jesus, who seeks to make us whole and whose will is to restore us to new life. Amen**

(All those who are able, please stand)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Spirit of the Living God, fall fresh on me. Spirit of the Living God, fall fresh on me.  
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the Living God, fall fresh on me.**

BIBLE READING                    Genesis 18:20-32

Then the LORD said, “The cries of injustice from Sodom and Gomorrah are countless, and their sin is very serious! I will go down now to examine the cries of injustice that have reached me. Have they really done all this? If not, I want to know.” The men turned away and walked toward Sodom, but Abraham remained standing in front of the LORD. Abraham approached and said, “Will you really sweep away the innocent with the guilty? What if there are fifty innocent people in the city? Will you really sweep it away and not save the place for the sake of the fifty innocent people in it? It’s not like you to do this, killing the innocent with the guilty as if there were no difference. It’s not like you! Will the judge of all the earth not act justly?” The LORD said, “If I find fifty innocent people in the city of Sodom, I will save it because of them.” Abraham responded, “Since I’ve already decided to speak with my Lord, even though I’m just soil and ash, what if there are five fewer innocent people than fifty? Will you destroy the whole city over just five? The LORD said, “If I find forty-five there, I won’t destroy it.” Once again Abraham spoke, “What if forty are there?” The LORD said, “For the sake of forty, I will do nothing.” He said, “Don’t be angry with me, my Lord, but let me speak. What if thirty are there?” The LORD said, “I won’t do it if I find thirty there.” Abraham said, “Since I’ve already decided to speak with my Lord, what if twenty are there?” The LORD said, “I won’t do it, for the sake of twenty.” Abraham said, “Don’t be angry with me, my Lord, but let me speak just once more. What if there are ten?” And the LORD said, “I will not destroy it because of those ten.”

The Word of the Lord.

**C. Thanks be to God!**

(Please be seated)

MESSAGE

Pastor Leesa Soderlind

SONG OF THE DAY

*“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”*

**What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear! What a privilege to carry ev’rything to God in prayer! Oh, what peace we often forfeit; oh, what needless pain we bear – all because we do not carry ev’rything to God in prayer.**

**Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere? We should never be discouraged – take it to the Lord in prayer. Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share? Jesus knows our ev’ry weakness – take it the Lord in prayer.**

**Are we weak and heavy-laden, cumbered with a load of care? Precious Savior, still our refuge – take it to the Lord in prayer. Do your friends despise, forsake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer. In his arms he’ll take a shield you; you will find a solace there.**

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 to live,  
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 his spirit to us.**

**We live by that Holy Spirit,  
and entrust ourselves to the Spirit’s 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 Spirit Intercedes for Us” before and after prayers*

**The Spirit intercedes for us with sighs too deep for words to express oh, oh, oh.  
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INVITATION TO OFFERING *(Luke 24:47)*

L. Christ calls us to participate in a mission of reconciliation throughout the world – inviting us to participate in the building up of the body of Christ, where justice and peace prevail. Let us give generously of our time, talents, and treasure to foster this mission.

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.*

OFFERING PRAYER

**C. O God, we bring to you our offering, and ask you to bless it and use it to make your reign known in the world. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

OFFERTORY SONG                   *"The Doxology"*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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 DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION BLESSING

COMMUNION PRAYER

**God of love, as you have blessed this meal, bless now our work and our words, that we may extend your welcome to the world in what we do and by who we are. May the Spirit's power make it so. Amen.**

BLESSING

L. The blessing of God,  
    source of life,  
    power of life,  
    redeemer of life,  
    is with you now and always.

**C. Amen.**

SONG                   *"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"*

**Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heav'n to earth come down! Fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown. Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art; visit us with thy salvation, enter ev'ry trembling heart.**

**Come, Almighty, to deliver; let us all thy life receive; suddenly return, and never, never-more thy temples leave. Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above, pray, and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.**

DISMISSAL

P. Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve.

**C. Thanks be to God.**

**This Week Please Pray For:**

**Healing:**

Emily Glass, continuing to recover

Jean Buchholz, relatively pain free, off hospice, undergoing tests

Eric Duchene, colon cancer, undergoing infusion treatments

Millie Mlinarevich, recovering from surgery

Lloyd Pilot, hospice care

Arlene Pilot, moving to senior living

Auggie Michaels, hospitalized/newly dementia diagnosis (husband of Nancy Michaels)

Nancy Michaels tested positive for Covid

Janet Holst, transitional care

**Giving Thanks:**

Thanksgiving for the birth of Pastor Courtney's twin boys; Levi and Beckett