

Worship  
Fourteenth Sunday in Pentecost

September 3, 2023  
9:00am



**Good Shepherd**  
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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**

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### GREETING

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism.*

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

C. **Amen.**

#### SONG *"Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling"*

**Holy Spirit, ever dwelling in the holiest realms of light; Holy Spirit, ever brooding  
o'er a world of gloom and night; Holy Spirit, ever raising those of earth to thrones on  
high; living, life-imparting Spirit, you we praise and magnify.**

**Holy Spirit, ever living as the church's very life; Holy Spirit, ever striving through us  
in a ceaseless strife; Holy Spirit, ever forming in the church the mind of Christ: you  
we praise with endless worship for your gifts and fruits unpriced.**

**Holy Spirit, ever working through the church's ministry; quick'ning, strength'ning,  
and absolving, setting captive sinners free; Holy Spirit, ever binding age to age and  
soul to soul in communion never ending, you we worship and extol.**

### CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P. 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.**

P. When we were laid low by sin and guilt,  
God made us alive together in Christ,  
forgiving us all our sin.  
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 in 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 all.

C. **And also with you.**

L. Let us pray together,

C. **O God, we thank you for the gift of your love. May your grace empower us to love one another as you first loved us. Help us to be people of peace and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

(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     Romans 12:9-21

Love should be shown without pretending. Hate evil, and hold on to what is good. Love each other like the members of your family. Be the best at showing honor to each other. Don't hesitate to be enthusiastic—be on fire in the Spirit as you serve the Lord! Be happy in your hope, stand your ground when you're in trouble, and devote yourselves to prayer. Contribute to the needs of God's people, and welcome strangers into your home. Bless people who harass you—bless and don't curse them. Be happy with those who are happy, and cry with those who are crying. Consider everyone as equal, and don't think that you're better than anyone else. Instead, associate with people who have no status. Don't think that you're so smart. Don't pay back anyone for their evil actions with evil actions, but show respect for what everyone else believes is good. If possible, to the best of your ability, live at peace with all people. Don't try to get revenge for yourselves, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath. It is written, *Revenge belongs to me; I will pay it back, says the Lord.* Instead, *If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him a drink. By doing this, you will pile burning coals of fire upon his head.* Don't be defeated by evil, but defeat evil with good.

The Word of the Lord

C. **Thanks be to God**

MESSAGE             Pastor Courtney Steitz

SONG                 *“Bind Us Together”*

*Refrain:*     **Bind us together, Lord, bind us together with cords that cannot be broken. Bind us together, Lord, bind us together, Lord, bind us together in love.**

**There is only one God. There is only one King. There is only one Body; that is why we can sing:** *Refrain*

**You are the family of God. You are the promise divine. You are God's chosen desire; you are the glorious new wine.** *Refrain*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*You are invited to sing the prayer song before and after the prayers.*

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

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SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING RECEIVED

*(Those who are able, please stand)*

OFFERTORY SONG

**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.**

OFFERING PRAYER

**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.**

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 DISTRIBUTION      *"Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"*

**Make me a channel of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me bring your love; where there is injury, your pardon, Lord; and where there's doubt, true faith in you.**

**Make me a channel of your peace. Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope; where there is darkness, only light; and where there's sadness, ever joy.**

**O Master, grant that I may never seek so much to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love with all my soul.**

**Make me a channel of your peace. It is in pardoning that we are pardoned, in giving of ourselves that we receive, and in dying that we're born to eternal life.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

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 Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C. Amen.

SONG      *"God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"*

**God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store: nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door, gifted by you, we turn to you, offering up ourselves in praise; thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.**

**Skills and time are ours for pressing toward the goals of Christ, your Son: all at peace in health and freedom, races joined, the church made one. Now direct our daily labor, lest we strive for self alone; born with talents, make us servants fit to answer at your throne.**

DISMISSAL

L. Go in peace. The Spirit sends you forth to serve.

C. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

This Week Please Pray for:

Janet Holst, Transitioning to a new home

Lois Rice, (Cancer) Waiting for test results

Bruce Bentson, Cancer treatment

Diane Bratvold, Recovering from surgery at home

Michael Crace, Severe backpain/waiting for surgery

Wendy Kromschroeder, Recovering from recent stroke (Daughter of Pat Reppe)

Sue Butte, Recovering from fall

Kerry Bieze, Hospitalized

Joyce Stedt, Healing

Jim Dorothy, Recovering from fall

Family and friends grieving the death of Sharon Coyer

Family and friends grieving the death of Cindy Wood (Mother of Adam Gackstetter)

Family and friends grieving the death of Renee Olson (Sister of Barb Isaacson/Daughter of Adriane Olson)