

Worship
Fifteenth Sunday in Pentecost

September 10, 2023
8:30am



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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

CALL TO WORSHIP

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

- P. Blessed by the holy Trinity, + one God,
whose teaching is life,
whose presence is sure,
and whose love is endless.
- C. **Amen.**

SONG *"Lift High the Cross"*

Refrain: **Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.**

Come, Christians, follow where our captain trod, our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. *Refrain*

All newborn servants of the Crucified bear on their brows the seal of him who died.
Refrain

So shall our song of triumph ever be: praise to the Crucified for victory! *Refrain*

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P. Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom 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 Jesus Christ our Lord.

C. **Amen.**

P. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. Therefore, let us confess our sins, for God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for Reflection

L. Most merciful God,

C. **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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 hearts; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P. Almighty God, in His mercy, forgives us all our sins, pointing us to new life in Christ. Rejoice in this Good News!

C. **Amen.**

SONG OF PRAISE *“God, Your Blessings Overflow” -to the tune of For the Beauty of the Earth”*
God, your blessings overflow! What can we begin to say? How can we begin to show all our gratitude this day? God, we join to worship you, giving thanks for all you do.

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. Loving God, we want to worship you, not just on Sundays but with all of our lives. Transform and renew us so that every action becomes an act of worship that creates a more loving, joyous, and peace-filled world. Amen.**

(Those who are able, please stand)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

BIBLE READING Romans 12:1-2

So, brothers and sisters, because of God’s mercies, I encourage you to present your bodies as a living sacrifice that is holy and pleasing to God. This is your appropriate priestly service. Don’t be conformed to the patterns of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds so that you can figure out what God’s will is—what is good and pleasing and mature.

The Word of the Lord

C. Thanks be to God

MESSAGE Pastor Courtney Steitz

SONG *“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”*

Joyful, joyful we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love! Hearts unfold like flow’rs before thee, praising thee, their sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the gloom of doubt away. Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heav’n reflect thy rays, stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise. Field and forest, vale and mountain, flow’ry meadow, flashing sea, chanting bird, and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest, wellspring of the joy of living; ocean-depth of happy rest! Thou our Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are thine; teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine!

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

The following is said after each prayer petition

L. Lord in your mercy

C. Hear our prayer

OFFERING RECEIVED

(Those who are able, please stand)

OFFERTORY SONG *"We Give Thee But Thine Own"*

**We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.**

OFFERING PRAYER

**God of power, God of plenty, all things belong to you. We bring your gifts to the table,
that all might be fed. Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior.
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 *"Blessed Assurance"*

**Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.**

Refrain: **This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.**

**Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love. *Refrain***

**Perfect submission, all is at rest; I in my Savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love. *Refrain***

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

Let us break bread together on our knees; let us break bread together on our knees.

Refrain: **When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.**

Let us drink wine together on our knees, let us drink wine together on our knees.

Refrain

Let us praise God together on our knees, let us praise God together on our knees.

Refrain

COMMUNION BLESSING

COMMUNION PRAYER

Blessed be your name, O God, for we have feasted on your Word, Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts. Strengthened by this food, send us to gather the world to your banquet, where none are left out and all are satisfied. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

BLESSING

L. May the Father, Son and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever.

C. **Amen.**

SONG *"Sent Forth by God's Blessing"*

Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing, the people of God from this dwelling take leave. The supper is ended. Oh, now be extended the fruits of this service in all who believe. The seed of Christ's teaching, receptive souls reaching, shall blossom in action for God and for all. Your grace shall incite us, your love shall unite us to work for your kingdom and answer your call.

With praise and thanksgiving to God ever-living, the tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face - our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring, embracing God's children, the whole human race. With your feast you feed us, with your light now lead us; unite us as one in this life that we share. Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving give honor to Christ and his name that we bear.

DISMISSAL

L. Let us go forth, Together on the Journey

C. **Sharing God's Love!**

POSTLUDE

This Week Please Pray for:

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

Jim Dorothy, Transitional Care, recovering from surgery after fall

Lyle Pieper, Upcoming Hernia Surgery (September 8)

Kris Sage, Upcoming Knee Surgery (September 13)

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

Jason Dickerson grieving the death of his aunt, Annett Dickerson

The people of Morocco