

Worship
Sixteenth Sunday in Pentecost

September 17, 2023
9:45am



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

CALL TO WORSHIP

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

- L. Let us worship the name of the Creator, the Savior, and the Holy Spirit.
- C. **Amen.**

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

- L. Bowing before God in humility, let us confess our sin.

Silence for Reflection

- L. Steadfast and faithful God,
 - C. **you have revealed the ways of justice,
yet we fail to follow you.
We are overwhelmed
by the world's violence and suffering.
We are afraid to risk what we have
for the sake of others.**
- For the harm we have caused,
known and unknown, forgive us.
For the unjust demands we place on others
and your creation, forgive us.
For the ways we turn away
from you and our neighbor, forgive us.**
- Lead us back to you
and set us on the right path;
in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen.**

- L. Beloved in Christ,
God's justice stretches beyond all understanding.
God's compassion is beyond compare.
In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us.
In Christ, you are already and always forgiven.
- C. **Amen.**

SONG *"Lord, I Need You"*

**Lord, I come, I confess. Bowing here I find my rest. Without you I fall apart.
You're the one that guides my heart.**

Refrain: **Lord, I need you, oh, I need you. Every hour I need you.
My one defense, my righteousness, oh God, how I need You.**

**Where sin runs deep, your grace is more. Where grace is found, I where you are.
Where you are, Lord, I am free. Holiness is Christ in me. Refrain**

**So teach my song to rise to you when temptation comes my way. When I cannot
stand, I'll fall on you. Jesus, you're my hope and stay. Refrain x2**

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. Merciful God, through the death and resurrection of your Son, Jesus, you have
reconciled the world and have graciously forgiven us all our sin, freeing us to live
fully in order to be sent to share your love. In gratitude, we are humbled you
would come down and live among us to provide us a resurrection life, even here
on earth. In the name of the One you sent, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.**

(Those who are able, please stand)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Lord your words give us life. Lord your words give us life.
Alleluia nowhere else can we find, words of eternal life.**

BIBLE READING I John 1:8-2:2

If we claim, "We don't have any sin," we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from everything we've done wrong. If we claim, "We have never sinned," we make him a liar and his word is not in us. My little children, I'm writing these things to you so that you don't sin. But if you do sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous one. He is God's way of dealing with our sins, not only ours but the sins of the whole world.

The Word of the Lord

C. Thanks be to God

MESSAGE Pastor Leesa Soderlind

SONG "You Are My King"

**I'm forgiven, because you were forsaken. I'm accepted, you were condemned.
I'm alive and well, your Spirit is within me, because you died and rose again.**

Chorus: **Amazing love, how can it be that that you, my King should die for me?
Amazing love, I know it's true and it's my joy to honor you. In all I do,
I honor you.**

**I'm forgiven, because you were forsaken. I'm accepted, you were condemned.
I'm alive and well, your Spirit is within me, because you died and rose again.**

Chorus

**You are my King, you are my King. Jesus, you are my King. You are my King. Chorus
In all I do, I honor you. In all I do let me honor you.**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

L. Do you believe in God the Father?

C. I believe.

L. Do you believe in Jesus Christ the Son of God?

C. I believe.

L. Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

C. I believe.

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 *"Take My Life, That I May Be"*

Take my life, that I may be consecrated, Lord, to thee; take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise. Take my voice and let me sing always, only for my King; take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee. Take my life, that I may be consecrated, Lord, to thee; take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.

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

"Come As You Are"

Come out of sadness from wherever you've been. Come broken-hearted, let rescue begin. Come find your mercy, oh sinner come kneel. Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal. Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal.

Lay down your burdens, lay down your shame. All who are broken, lift up your face. Oh wanderer come home, you're not too far. So lay down your hurt, lay down your heart. Come as you are.

There's hope for the hopeless and all those who've strayed. Come sit at the table, come taste the grace. There's rest for the weary, rest that endures. Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't cure.

So lay down your burdens, lay down your shame. All who are broken, lift up your face. Oh wanderer come home, you're not too far. So lay down your hurt, lay down your heart. Come as you are. Come as you are. Fall in his arms. Come as you are.

There's joy for the morning, oh sinner be still. Earth has no sorrow, that heaven can't heal. Earth has no sorrow, that heaven can't heal.

So lay down your burdens, lay down your shame. All who are broken, lift up your face. Oh wanderer come home, you're not too far. So lay down your hurt, lay down your heart. Come as you are. Come as you are. Come as you are. Come as you are.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION *"All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly"*

All who hunger, gather gladly; holy manna is our bread. Come from wilderness and wand'ring. Here in truth we will be fed. You that yearn for days of fullness, all around us is our food. Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

All who hunger, never strangers; seeker, be a welcome guest. Come from restlessness and roaming. Here in joy we keep the feast. We that once were lost and scattered in communion's love have stood. Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

All who hunger, sing together, Jesus Christ is living bread. Come from loneliness and longing. Here in peace we have been fed. Blest are those who from this table live their days in gratitude. Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

COMMUNION BLESSING

BLESSING SONG *"Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing"*

Lord, dismiss us with your blessing, fill our hearts with joy and peace; let us each, your love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace. Oh, refresh us; oh, refresh us, trav'ling through this wilderness.

BENEDICTION

Turn to your neighbor saying,

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

SONG *"Shine, Jesus, Shine"*

Refrain: **Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory; blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire. Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy; send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!**

Lord, the light of your love is shining, in the midst of the darkness, shining; Jesus, light of the world, shine upon us, set us free by the truth you now bring us. Shine on me, shine on me: *Refrain*

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, Recovering from Hernia Surgery

Kris Sage, Recovering from knee surgery

Jason Dickerson, grieving the death of his aunt Annett Dickerson

Friends and family grieving the death of Marlys Torgerson

Madison Swainey, grieving the death of her grandfather-in-law, Dave Bremner

For those grieving and recovering from the earthquake in Morocco

For the people of Libya recovering from catastrophic flooding