

Worship
Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

February 11, 2024
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 that is marked at baptism.

- L. Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,
who gives us grace and love and
who empowers us to serve.
- C. **Amen.**

SONG *"Because of Your Love"*

Yeah, yeah. Yeah, yeah. As we come into your presence we remember ev'ry blessing that you've poured out so freely from above. Lifting gratitude and praises for compassion so amazing. Lord, we've come to give you thanks for all you've done.

Chorus: **Because of your love, we're forgiven. Because of your love, our hearts are clean. We lift you up with songs of freedom. Forever we're changed because of your love.**

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Chorus x2

Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah.

CALL TO WORSHIP *(from Psalm 146)*

- L. Praise the Lord!
- C. **Let my whole being praise the Lord!**
- L. I will praise the Lord with all my life;
I will sing praises to my God as long as I live.
- C. **The person whose help is the God of Jacob –
the person whose hope rests on the Lord their God –
is truly happy!**
- L. God: the maker of heaven and earth,
the sea, and all that is in them.
God: who is faithful forever,
- C. **who gives justice to people who are oppressed,
who gives bread to people who are starving!**
- L. The Lord: who frees prisoners.
The Lord: who makes the blind see.
- C. **The Lord: who straightens up those who are bent low.
The Lord: who loves the righteous.**

- L. The Lord: who protects immigrants,
who helps orphans and widows,
but who makes the way of the wicked twist and turn!
- C. **The Lord will rule forever!**
Zion, your God will rule from one generation to the next!
Praise the Lord!

SONG OF PRAISE *“Here I Am to Worship”*

Light of the world, you stepped down into darkness, opened my eyes, let me see. Beauty that made this heart adore you, hope of a life spent with you. Here I am to worship, here I am to bow down, here I am to say that you’re my God. You’re altogether lovely, altogether worthy, altogether wonderful to me.

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. **Holy One, you stretch wide your tent that all may be welcomed in, and in Jesus you stretched out your hands in expansive love for a weary and wounded world. Help us to reach out with your love, that through us your life may be known in the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glo---ria in excelsis Deo; glo---ria in excelsis Deo.

BIBLE READINGS & REFLECTIONS

See Reading/Reflections Sheet

SONG *“Goodness of God”*

I love you, Lord, oh your mercy never fails me. All my days I’ve been held in your hands. From the moment that I wake up until I lay my head, I will sing of the goodness of God.

Chorus: **All my life you have been faithful. All my life you have been so, so good. With every breath that I am able I will sing of the goodness of God.**

I love your voice. You have led me through the fire. In darkest night you are close like no other. I’ve known you as a father. I’ve known you as a friend. I have lived in the goodness of God. *Chorus*

Your goodness is running after, it’s running after me. Your goodness is running after, it’s running after me. With my life laid down I’m surrendered. Now I give you everything. Your goodness is running after, it’s running after me. Your goodness is running after, it’s running after me. Your goodness is running after, it’s running after me. With my life laid down I’m surrendered. Now I give you everything. Your goodness is running after, it’s running after me. *Chorus x2*

I will sing of the goodness of God.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe in one God, who is Creator,
maker of all we see and all we don't see.
Who is Ruler of the universe: Source of all creation!**
(Children) Source of all creation!

**We believe in one God, who is Jesus Christ,
God from God, Light from Light, true God and true human.
He is one with the Creator; the Word made flesh, our Messiah:
Savior of all creation!**
(Children) Savior of all creation!

**We believe in one God, who is Holy Spirit,
Breath of God moving among us;
who is one with the Creator; one with the Christ;
our Comforter and our Guide: Mentor of all Creation!**
(Children) Mentor of all creation! Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The following is sung before and after the prayers.

**Star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright;
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light!**

OFFERING RECEIVED

(Those who are able, please stand)

OFFERTORY SONG

**This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine;
this little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine;
this little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

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 and HAND BLESSING

Words for hand blessing:

L. God bless your hands and your work,
that through you God's love may be known.
C. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC *"Send Me"*

SONG *"Take My Life"*

Refrain: **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 hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love; take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee. Refrain

Take my voice and let me sing always, only for my King; take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee. Refrain

Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine; take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne. Refrain

COMMUNION BLESSING

Turn to your neighbor and say, "Remember Jesus loves you!"

BLESSING

L. We are called to proclaim the good news:

C. God is at work!

L. This good news is not left in some history long ago or a place far away:

C. God is at work in the world still today.

L. In us and through us, God is glorified in our work.

When we offer a helping hand, God is praised.

When we share of our abundance, God is known in the world.

C. God is at work in us!

L. In our service, and in our daily lives,

may God bless us as we live out who God has called us to be.

C. Amen.

SONG *"Awesome is the Lord Most High"*

Great are You, Lord, mighty in strength. You are faithful and you will ever be. We will praise You all of our days. It's for your glory we offer everything.

Raise your hands all you nations, shout to God all creation. How awesome is the Lord most high.

Where You send us, God we will go. You're the answer we want the world to know. We will trust You when You call our name. Where You lead us we'll follow all the way.

Chorus: **Raise your hands all you nations, shout to God all creation.
How awesome is the Lord most high.
We will praise You together for now and forever.
How awesome is the Lord most high.**

**Hallelujah, hallelujah. How awesome is the Lord most high. Hallelujah, hallelujah.
How awesome is the Lord most high. Chorus x2**

Lord most high.

DISMISSAL

L. Go forth, rejoicing in the light of God's love.

C. Thanks be to God

POSTLUDE

This Week Please Pray For:

Travis Rieck, long recovery after major fall injury/surgery

Melanie Benter, chemotherapy (half-way through!)

Hunter Swanke, 18-year-old, cancer (friend of Wayne and Paula Gorr)

Bob Pieper, cancer, son of Ardis & Lyle Pieper

Nancy Kopet, cancer, daughter of Ardis & Lyle Pieper

Glenda Kryzer, last hours, friend of Robin Rank

Jennifer Becker, continued healing

Lois Rice, cancer/hospice

Tony Kula, glioblastoma (cancer of brain), brother of Kathy Malecek

Mike Walkowiak, hospital, father of Matt Walkowiak

Joanne Banach, hospice

Angela Hinz and Family grieving the death of her father Neil Evjen

Friends and Family grieving the death of Andre Kurtz (friend of Pastor Courtney)