

Worship
Seventh Sunday of Pentecost

July 7, 2024
9:00am



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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. Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,
the God of manna,
the God of miracles,
the God of mercy.
- C. **Amen.**

OPENING SONG

"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.

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

- P. Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

Silence for Reflection

- P. God, our provider,
C. **help us.**
It is hard to believe there is enough to share.
We question your ways when they differ from the ways
of the world in which we live.
We turn to our own understanding
rather than trusting you.
We take offense at your teachings and your ways.
Turn us again to you.
Where else can we turn?
Share with us the words of eternal life
and feed us for life in the world.
Amen.
- P. Beloved people of God:
in Jesus, the manna from heaven,
you are fed and nourished.
By Jesus, the worker of miracles,
there is always more than enough.

Through Jesus, the bread of life,
you are shown God's mercy:
you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

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. God of the covenant, in our baptism you call us to proclaim the coming of your kingdom. Give us the courage you gave the apostles, that we may faithfully witness to your love and peace in every circumstance of life, in the name of 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 John 6:24-35

When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into the boats and came to Capernaum looking for Jesus. When they found him on the other side of the lake, they asked him, "Rabbi, when did you get here?"

Jesus replied, "I assure you that you are looking for me not because you saw miraculous signs but because you ate all the food you wanted. Don't work for the food that doesn't last but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. God the Father has confirmed him as his agent to give life." They asked, "What must we do in order to accomplish what God requires?" Jesus replied, "This is what God requires, that you believe in him whom God sent."

They asked, "What miraculous sign will you do, that we can see and believe you? What will you do? Our ancestors ate manna in the wilderness, just as it is written, *He gave them bread from heaven to eat.*" Jesus told them, "I assure you, it wasn't Moses who gave the bread from heaven to you, but my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. The bread of God is the one who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." They said, "Sir,^[c] give us this bread all the time!"

Jesus replied, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

The Word of the Lord

C. Thanks be to God

SONG

"Speak, O Lord"

Speak, O Lord, as we come to you to receive the food of your holy word. Take your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fashion us in your likeness, that the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all your purposes, for your glory.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; help us grasp the heights of your plans for us. Truths unchanged from the dawn of time, that will echo down through eternity. And by grace we'll stand on your promises; and by faith we'll walk as you walk with us. Speak, O Lord, till your church is built and the earth is filled with your glory. Speak, O Lord, till your church is built and the earth is filled with your glory.

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 of life,
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 God's Spirit to us.**

**We live by that Holy Spirit,
and entrust ourselves to its abundance 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 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

Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. 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

SPECIAL MUSIC

SONG *"What a Beautiful Name"*

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.

You didn't want heaven without us. So, Jesus, you brought heaven down. My sin was great, your love was greater. What could separate us now?

What a wonderful name it is. What a wonderful name it is. The name of Jesus Christ my King. What a wonderful name it is. Nothing compares to this. What a wonderful name it is. The name of Jesus. What a wonderful name it is. The name of Jesus.

Death could not hold you, the veil tore before you. You silenced the boast of sin and grave. The heavens are roaring the praise of your glory. For you are raised to life again.

You have no rival, you have no equal. Now and forever, God, you reign. Yours is the kingdom, yours is the glory. Yours is the name above all names.

What a powerful name it is. What a powerful name it is. The name of Jesus Christ my King. What a powerful name it is. Nothing can stand against. What a powerful name it is. The name of Jesus.

COMMUNION BLESSING

COMMUNION PRAYER

Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world. In your name we pray. Amen.

BLESSING

L. The blessing of God,
who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,
be upon you now and forever.

C. **Amen.**

SONG *“God of Grace and God of Glory”*

God of grace and God of glory, on your people pour your pow’r; crown your ancient church’s story; bring its bud to glorious flow’r. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.

Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore; let the gift of your salvation be our glory evermore. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving you whom we adore, serving you whom we adore.

DISMISSAL

L. Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

C. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

This Week Please Pray for:

Members:

Don Burgess, transitional care
Joyce Vogt, recovering from surgery
Jeri Palechek, cancer treatment
Becki Silk, transitional care recovering from surgery

Friends and Family of Members:

Nancy Kopet, cancer treatment
Bob Pieper, cancer treatment