

Worship
Eighth Sunday of Pentecost

July 14, 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

"How Firm a Foundation"

How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in Christ Jesus, the Word! What more can he say than to you he has said who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?

"Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dismayed, for I am your God and will still give you aid; I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand, upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand."

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. O God, from you come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments; and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness, 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 Mark 6:14-17a

Herod the king heard about these things, because the name of Jesus had become well-known. Some were saying, “John the Baptist has been raised from the dead, and this is why miraculous powers are at work through him.” Others were saying, “He is Elijah.” Still others were saying, “He is a prophet like one of the ancient prophets.” But when Herod heard these rumors, he said, “John, whom I beheaded, has been raised to life.” He said this because Herod himself had arranged to have John arrested and put in prison because of Herodias, the wife of Herod’s brother Philip. Herod had married her.

The Word of the Lord

C. Thanks be to God

MESSAGE Pastor Leesa Soderlind

SONG *“Faith of Our Fathers”*

Faith of our fathers, living still in spite of dungeon, fire, and sword. Oh, how our hearts beat high with joy whene’er we hear that glorious word. Faith of our fathers, holy faith, we will be true to you till death.

Faith of our mothers, daring faith, your work for Christ is love revealed, spreading God’s word from pole to pole, making love known and freedom real. Faith of our mothers, holy faith, we will be true to you till death.

Faith of our sisters, brothers too, who still must bear oppression’s might, raising on high, in prisons dark, the cross of Christ still burning bright. Faith for today, O living faith, we will be true to you till death.

Faith born of God, oh, call us yet, bind us with all who follow you, sharing the struggle of your cross until the world is made anew. Faith born of God, O living faith, we will be true to you till death.

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 *"Blessed Assurance/More Holiness Give Me"* violin duet
"We Fall Down" vocal duet

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 *"Here I Am, Lord"*

"I the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry. All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright. Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"

Refrain: **Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
 I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.**

"I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame. I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied. I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?" *Refrain*

DISMISSAL

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

C. Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

This Week Please Pray for:

Don Burgess, transitional care, long recovery

Joyce Vogt, home therapy

Jeri Palechek, cancer

Becki Silk, transitional care recovering from surgery

Nancy Kopet, cancer, daughter-in-law Ardis & Lyle Pieper

Bob Pieper, cancer, son Ardis & Lyle Pieper

Chris Jessesky, undergoing tests, son-in-law Jim & Fran Smeby

Family & Friends grieving the death of Jeanette "Till" Bruggemann