Worship Tenth Sunday of Pentecost

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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

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 "In Christ Called to Baptize""

In Christ called to baptize, we witness to grace and gather a people from each land and race. In deep, flowing waters, we share in Christ's death, then, rising to new life, give thanks with each breath.

In Christ called to banquet, one table we share, a haven of welcome, a circle of care. Although we are many, we share in one bread. One cup of thanksgiving proclaims Christ, our head.

Unite us, anoint us, O Spirit of love, for you are within us, around us, above. Equip us for service with gifts you bestow. In Christ is our calling. In Christ may we grow.

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, you have placed within the hearts of all your children a longing for your word and a hunger for your truth. Grant that we may know your Son to be the true bread of heaven and share this bread with all the world, 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 6:7-13

Jesus traveled through the surrounding villages teaching. He called for the Twelve and sent them out in pairs. He gave them authority over unclean spirits. He instructed them to take nothing for the journey except a walking stick—no bread, no bags, and no money in their belts. He told them to wear sandals but not to put on two shirts. He said, "Whatever house you enter, remain there until you leave that place. If a place doesn't welcome you or listen to you, as you leave, shake the dust off your feet as a witness against them." So they went out and proclaimed that people should change their hearts and lives. They cast out many demons, and they anointed many sick people with olive oil and healed them.

The Word of the Lord **C. Thanks be to God**

MESSAGE Pastor Leesa Soderlind

SONG *"We All Are One in Mission"*

We all are one in mission; we all are one in call, our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all. A single great commission compels us from above to plan and work together that all may know Christ's love.

We all are called for service, to witness in God's name. Our ministries are diff'rent; our purpose is the same: to touch the lives of others with God's surprising grace, so ev'ry folk and nation may feel God's warm embrace. Now let us be united, and let our song be heard. Now let us be a vessel for God's redeeming Word. We all are one in mission; we all are one in call, our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.

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. The Spirit intercedes for us with sighs too deep for words to express oh, oh, oh.

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. ve 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 *"Lord, You Give the Great Commission"* Lord, you give the great commission: "Heal the sick and preach the word." Lest the church neglect its mission, and the gospel go unheard, help us witness to your purpose with renewed integrity:

Refrain: With the Spirit's gifts empow'r us for the work of ministry.

Lord, you call us to your service: "In my name baptize and teach." That the world may trust your promise, life abundant meant for each, give us all new fervor, draw us closer in community: *Refrain*

Lord, you make the common holy: "This my body, this my blood." Let us all, for earth's true glory, daily lift life heavenward, asking that the world around us share your children's liberty: *Refrain*

Lord, you show us love's true measure: "Father, what they do, forgive." Yet we hoard as private treasure all that you so freely give. May your care and mercy lead us to a just society: *Refrain*

Lord, you bless with words assuring: "I am with you to the end." Faith and hope and love restoring, may we serve as you intend and, amid the cares that claim us, hold in mind eternity: *Refrain*

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.

SABBATICAL BLESSINGS

SONG "Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service"

Lord, whose love in humble service bore the weight of human need, who upon the cross, forsaken, worked your mercy's perfect deed: we, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart; consecrating to your purpose ev'ry gift which you impart.

Called by worship to your service, forth in your dear name we go, to the child, the youth, the aged, love in living deeds to show; hope and health, goodwill and comfort, counsel, aid, and peace we give, that your servants, Lord, in freedom may your mercy know and live.

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, long recovery Joyce Vogt, home therapy Jeri Palechek, cancer Becki Silk, transitional care, recovering from surgery Anne Kelly, cancer treatment, daughter of Chris and Lorrie Kelly Terry Pieper, recovering from heart attack

Friend and Family of Member:

Chris Jessesky, hospitalized, son-in-law of Jim & Fran Smeby Nancy Kopet, cancer, daughter-in-law of Ardis & Lyle Pieper Bob Pieper, cancer, son of Ardis & Lyle Pieper