

Worship
Sixteenth Sunday of Pentecost

September 8, 2024
9:00am



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

"Healer of Our Every Ill"

Refrain: **Healer of our ev'ry ill, light of each tomorrow, give us peace beyond our
fear, and hope beyond our sorrow.**

**You who know our fears and sadness, grace us with your peace and gladness; Spirit
of all comfort, fill our hearts. *Refrain***

**In the pain and joy beholding how your grace is still unfolding, give us all your vision,
God of love. *Refrain***

**Give us strength to love each other, ev'ry sister, ev'ry brother; Spirit of all kindness,
be our guide. *Refrain***

**You who know each thought and feeling, teach us all your way of healing; Spirit of
compassion, fill each heart. *Refrain***

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. **Gracious God, throughout the ages you transform sickness into health and death into life. Open us to the power of your presence, and make us a people ready to proclaim your promises to the whole world, through Jesus Christ, our healer 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 7:31-37

After leaving the region of Tyre, Jesus went through Sidon toward the Galilee Sea through the region of the Ten Cities. Some people brought to him a man who was deaf and could hardly speak, and they begged him to place his hand on the man for healing. Jesus took him away from the crowd by himself and put his fingers in the man's ears. Then he spit and touched the man's tongue. Looking into heaven, Jesus sighed deeply and said, "*Ephphatha*," which means, "Open up." At once, his ears opened, his twisted tongue was released, and he began to speak clearly.

Jesus gave the people strict orders not to tell anyone. But the more he tried to silence them, the more eagerly they shared the news. People were overcome with wonder, saying, "He does everything well! He even makes the deaf to hear and gives speech to those who can't speak."

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

MESSAGE

"Hearing the Word"

Pastor Orval Osmundson

SONG

"To God Be the Glory"

To God be the glory great things he hath done! So loved He the world that He gave us His son, who yielded his life an atonement for sin and opened the Life-gate that all may go in.

Refrain: **Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice! O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son, and give Him the glory great things He hath done!**

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood! To ev'ry believer the promise of God; the vilest offender who truly believes, that moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Refrain

Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done, and great our rejoicing thru Jesus the Son; but purer and higher and greater will be our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. *Refrain*

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

"Thy Holy Wings"

Thy holy wings, O Savior, spread gently over me, and let me rest securely through good and ill in thee. Oh, be my strength and portion, my rock and hiding place, and let my ev'ry moment be lived within thy grace.

Oh, let me nestle near thee, within thy downy breast where I will find sweet comfort and peace within thy nest. Oh, close thy wings around me and keep me safely there, for I am but a newborn and need thy tender care.

Oh, wash me in the waters of Noah's cleansing flood. Give me a willing spirit, a heart both clean and good. Oh, take into thy keeping thy children great and small, and while we sweetly slumber, enfold us one and all.

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

SONG

"How Great Thou Art"

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder consider all the works thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder, thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed.

Refrain: **Then sings my soul, my savior, God, to thee, how great thou art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my savior, God, to thee, how great thou art! How great thou art!**

But when I think that God, His Son not sparing, sent him to die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross my burden gladly bearing he bled and died to take away my sin.

Refrain

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation, and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in humble adoration and there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art!"

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

Becki Silk, recovering from surgery

Anne Kelly, cancer treatment, daughter of Chris and Lorrie Kelly

Dean Wiseth, stroke, recovering at home

Greg Rettinger and family grieving the death of his mother, Dianne

Jennifer Becker, grieving the loss of her friend, Anne Marie Holmgren

Friend and Family of Members:

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

Bob Pieper, cancer, son Ardis & Lyle Pieper

Jordan and baby Rya, niece of Kris Johnson