

Worship  
Seventeenth Sunday in Pentecost

September 15, 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**

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism.*

- L. Let us worship the name of the Creator, the Savior, and the Holy Spirit.
- C. **Amen.**

#### CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

- L. Bowing before God in humility, let us confess our sin.

*Silence for Reflection*

- L. Steadfast and faithful God,
- C. **you have revealed the ways of justice,  
yet we fail to follow you.  
We are overwhelmed  
by the world's violence and suffering.  
We are afraid to risk what we have  
for the sake of others.  
  
For the harm we have caused,  
known and unknown, forgive us.  
For the unjust demands we place on others  
and your creation, forgive us.  
For the ways we turn away  
from you and our neighbor, forgive us.  
  
Lead us back to you  
and set us on the right path;  
in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior.  
Amen.**
- L. Beloved in Christ,  
God's justice stretches beyond all understanding.  
God's compassion is beyond compare.  
In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us.  
In Christ, you are already and always forgiven.
- C. **Amen.**

#### SONG

*"Come However You Are"*

**To anyone walking down a hard road, worn out with blisters on your feet. To anyone with a heart that's shattered doing your best to hold it together, with no prayer to pray and no song left to sing. Whatever pain you're dealing with, let me offer this:**

*Chorus:*       **Come however you are. Come with all your heartbreaks. Come with all the mistakes you've made. Lay them down at the cross. Give them to the God who loves you. Hurt, scarred, falling apart, come however you are.**

**To the girl who never had a father, to the guy who thinks he'll never amount to much of anything. To those of us who feel unwanted, unneeded, unloved and desperately incomplete:** *Chorus*

**Come with your regrets, come with the things you can't change, come with all your fears and all your shame with everything, come with the pieces of your bruised and broken heart. Don't wait; don't wait. Whatever pain you're dealing with let me offer this:** *Chorus*

**Come however you, come however you are. Come however you, come however you are. Come however you, come however you are. Come however you are.**

BLESSING OF ELCA WORLD HUNGER DRIVE

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, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

(Those who are able, please stand)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Lord your words give us life. Lord your words give us life.**

**Alleluia nowhere else can we find, words of eternal life.**

BIBLE READING     Mark 8:27-38

Jesus and his disciples went into the villages near Caesarea Philippi. On the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" They told him, "Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, and still others one of the prophets." He asked them, "And what about you? Who do you say that I am?" Peter answered, "You are the Christ." <sup>30</sup> Jesus ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then Jesus began to teach his disciples: "The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, chief priests, and the legal experts, and be killed, and then, after three days, rise from the dead." He said this plainly. But Peter took hold of Jesus and, scolding him, began to correct him. Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, then sternly corrected Peter: "Get behind me, Satan. You are not thinking God's thoughts but human thoughts."

After calling the crowd together with his disciples, Jesus said to them, "All who want to come after me must say no to themselves, take up their cross, and follow me. All who want to save their lives will lose them.

But all who lose their lives because of me and because of the good news will save them. Why would people gain the whole world but lose their lives? What will people give in exchange for their lives? Whoever is ashamed of me and my words in this unfaithful and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of that person when he comes in the Father's glory with the holy angels."

The Word of the Lord

**C. Thanks be to God**

MESSAGE

Pastor Karri Anderson

SONG

*"Everlasting God"*

**Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord. We will wait upon the Lord, we will wait upon the Lord. Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord. We will wait upon the Lord, we will wait upon the Lord.**

**Our God, You reign forever, our hope our strong deliver. You are the everlasting God, the everlasting God. You do not faint, You won't grow weary.**

**Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord. We will wait upon the Lord, we will wait upon the Lord. Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord. We will wait upon the Lord, we will wait upon the Lord.**

**Our God, You reign forever, our hope our strong deliver. You are the everlasting God, the everlasting God. You do not faint, You won't grow weary. You're the defender of the weak. You comfort those in need. You lift us up on wings like eagles.**

*Instrumental*

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*The following is said after each prayer petition*

L. Lord in your mercy

**C. Hear our prayer**

OFFERING RECEIVED

*"Come as You Are"*

OFFERING PRAYER

**God of power, God of plenty, all things belong to you. We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed. Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

(Those who are able, please stand)

## 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

SONG *"I Will Carry You"*

**I know you're tired, I see it in your eyes. All that anxiety that rules your mind. I'll be your shield when you don't feel like you've got strength enough to fit. I'll stand by your side.**

*Chorus:* **I will carry you through your darkest night when you're terrified. I will carry you when the waters rise, and your hope runs dry. I will carry you. I will carry you.**

**You are not the sum of your mistakes. You don't have to hide the parts of you that ache. I choose you as you are a million times. 'Cause I am not ashamed of you, I won't walk away from you. *Chorus***

**Up and over the mountain, valley deep as the ocean. When you can't keep going, I will shoulder your burdens. *Repeat. Chorus x2***

SONG *"Good, Good Father"*

**I've heard a thousand stories of what they think You're like, but I've heard the tender whisper of love in the dead of night. You tell me that You're pleased and that I'm never alone.**

*Chorus:* **You're a good, good Father. It's who You are, it's who You are, it's who You are. And I'm loved by You. It's who I am, it's who I am, it's who I am.**

**I've seen many searching for answer far and wide, but I know we're all searching for answers only You provide. Because You know just what we need before we say a word. *Chorus***

**You are perfect in all of Your ways. You are perfect in all of Your ways. You are perfect in all of Your ways to us. *Repeat.***

*Instrumental*

**Love so undeniable, I can hardly speak. Peace so unexplainable, I can hardly think. As You call me deeper still, as You call me deeper still, as You call me deeper still into love, love, love. *Chorus x2***

### COMMUNION BLESSING

#### BENEDICTION

*Turn to your neighbor saying,*

**C. May the Father, Son and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever. Amen.**

SONG

*"I Believe"*

**I believe there is one salvation, one doorway that leads to life, one redemption, one confession. I believe in the name of Jesus Christ.**

**I believe in the crucifixion. By his blood, I have been set free. I believe in the resurrection. Hallelujah, his life is death's defeat.**

**All praise to God, the Father, all praise to Christ, the Son. All praise to the Holy Spirit, our God has overcome. The King who was and is and evermore will be. I Jesus' mighty name, I believe.**

*Turnaround*

**I believe in the hope of heaven. He's preparing a place for me far beyond what hearts imagine, ears have heard, or eyes have seen.**

**I believe that day is coming, He's returning to claim His bride. Light the altar, keep it burning, see the Lamb who rose a roaring Lion.**

**All praise to God, the Father, all praise to Christ, the Son. All praise to the Holy Spirit, our God has overcome. The King who was and is and evermore will be. In Jesus' mighty name, I believe.**

*Instrumental*

**No, I'll never be ashamed of the gospel of Jesus Christ. How could I ever walk away from the one who saved my life. Repeat x2**

**All praise to God, the Father, all praise to Christ, the Son. All praise to the Holy Spirit, our God has overcome. The King who was and is and evermore will be. In Jesus' mighty name, I believe.**

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DISMISSAL

L. Let us go forth, Together on the Journey

**C. Sharing God's Love!**

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

Kerry Bieze, hospitalized

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

Loree, cancer

