

Worship
Nineteenth Sunday in Pentecost

September 29, 2024
8:30am



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

CALL TO WORSHIP

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

P. Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
whose teaching is life,
whose presence is sure,
and whose love is endless.

C. **Amen.**

SONG

"Gather Us In"

Here in this place the new light is streaming, now is the darkness vanished away; see in this space our fears and our dreamings brought here to you in the light of this day. Gather us in, the lost and forsaken, gather us in, the blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall awaken, we shall arise at the sound of our name.

Here we will take the wine and the water, here we will take the bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daughters, call us anew to be salt for the earth. Give us to drink the wine of compassion, give us to eat the bread that is you; nourish us well, and teach us to fashion lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven, light years away - here in this place the new light is shining, now is the kingdom, and now is the day. Gather us in and hold us forever, gather us in and make us your own; gather us in, all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P. Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C. **Amen.**

P. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. Therefore, let us confess our sins, for God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for Reflection

L. Most merciful God,

C. **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole hearts; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P. Almighty God, in His mercy, forgives us all our sins, pointing us to new life in Christ.
Rejoice in this Good News!

C. Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE *“God, Your Blessings Overflow” -to the tune of For the Beauty of the Earth”*
God, your blessings overflow! What can we begin to say? How can we begin to show all our gratitude this day? God, we join to worship you, giving thanks for all you do.

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. Generous God, your Son gave his life that we might come to peace with you. Give us a share of your Spirit, and in all we do empower us to bear the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

(Those who are able, please stand)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

BIBLE READING Mark 9:38-50

“Teacher,” said John, “we saw someone driving out demons in your name and we told him to stop, because he was not one of us.” “Do not stop him,” Jesus said. “For no one who does a miracle in my name can in the next moment say anything bad about me, for whoever is not against us is for us. Truly I tell you, anyone who gives you a cup of water in my name because you belong to the Messiah will certainly not lose their reward.

“If anyone causes one of these little ones—those who believe in me—to stumble, it would be better for them if a large millstone were hung around their neck and they were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life maimed than with two hands to go into hell, where the fire never goes out. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life crippled than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, pluck it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell, where ‘the worms that eat them do not die, and the fire is not quenched.’ Everyone will be salted with fire.

“Salt is good, but if it loses its saltiness, how can you make it salty again? Have salt among yourselves, and be at peace with each other.”

The Word of the Lord

C. Thanks be to God

MESSAGE Pastor Karri Anderson

SONG *“In Christ There is No East or West”*

In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north, but one community of love throughout the whole wide earth.

In Christ shall true hearts ev'rywhere their high communion find; his service is the golden cord close binding humankind.

Join hands, disciples of the faith, whate'er your race may be. All children of the living God are surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north; all Christly souls are one in him throughout the whole wide earth.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The following is said after each prayer petition

L. Lord in your mercy

C. Hear our prayer

OFFERING RECEIVED

(Those who are able, please stand)

OFFERTORY SONG *"We Give Thee But Thine Own"*

**We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.**

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.

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 *"Let Us Break Bread Together"*

Let us break bread together on our knees; let us break bread together on our knees.

Refrain: **When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O Lord,
have mercy on me.**

Let us drink wine together on our knees; let us drink wine together on our knees.

Chorus

Let us praise God together on our knees; let us praise God together on our knees.

Chorus

SONG *"We Come to the Hungry Feast"*

**We come to the hungry feast hungry for a word of peace. To hungry hearts
unsatisfied the love of God is not denied. We come, we come to the hungry feast.**

**We come to the hungry feast hungry for a world released from hungry folk of ev'ry
kind, the poor in body, poor in mind. We come, we come to the hungry feast.**

**We come to the hungry feast hungry that the hunger cease, and knowing, though we
eat our fill, the hunger will stay with us; still we come, we come to the hungry feast.**

COMMUNION BLESSING

COMMUNION PRAYER

**Blessed be your name, O God, for we have feasted on your Word, Christ Jesus, the joy
and delight of our hearts. Strengthened by this food, send us to gather the world to
your banquet, where none are left out and all are satisfied. In Jesus' name we pray.
Amen.**

BLESSING

L. May the Father, Son and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever.

C. **Amen.**

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.**

**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.**

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

Dean Wiseth, stroke, recovering at home

Kerry Bieze, hospitalized

Friend and Family of Members:

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

Bob Pieper, cancer, son Ardis & Lyle Pieper

Loree, cancer, friend of Mark Jungclaus

Colleen, covid, friend of Karen Piphon