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# GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

**July 5, 2020 - Time after Pentecost**

*"I will give you rest."*

[Matthew 11:28]

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## WELCOME

We're glad you chose to worship with us this morning.

**9:30 A.M. Evangelical Lutheran Worship**

*The mystery of God's ways is sometimes hidden from the wise and intelligent. Jesus associates with those often excluded from the religious community. Like Paul, we struggle with our own selfish desires and seek God's mercy and forgiveness. We gather to be refreshed by Christ's invitation "Come to me, all you who are weary." Gathered around word, water, and meal, we find rest for our souls.*

## **PRELUDE**

O Day of Peace

C. Hubert H. Parry

*O day of peace that dimly shines  
through all our hope and prayer and dreams,  
Guide us to justice, truth, and love,  
delivered from our selfish schemes.  
May swords of hate fall from our hands,  
our hearts from envy find release,  
Till by God's grace our warring world  
shall see Christ's promised reign of peace.*

*Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb,  
nor shall the fierce devour the small;  
As beasts and cattle calmly graze,  
a little child shall lead them all.  
Then enemies shall learn to love,  
all creatures find their true accord;  
The hope of peace shall be fulfilled,  
for all the earth shall know the Lord.*

## **BELL**

*Stand as you are able*

## **GATHERING PRAYER**

Sing praise to the Lord, all you faithful:  
**Give thanks in holy remembrance.**

**UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND WHOLENESS: Renew  
this nation** *based on Isaiah 2:4-5*

Eternal God, before you nations rise and fall.  
Help us to repent our country's wrong,  
and to choose your way of reunion and renewal.

**Great God, renew this nation.**

Give us a glimpse of the Kingdom you are bringing to earth,  
where death and violence and hunger will be no more,  
and where all nations gather in the light of your presence.

**Great God, renew this nation.**

Teach us peace,  
that we may plow up battlefields  
and pound weapons into building tools,  
and learn to talk across old boundaries  
as brothers and sisters in your love.

**Great God, renew this nation.**

Talk sense to us,  
so that we may wisely end all prejudices,  
and may put a stop to injustice and cruelty,  
which divides or wounds the human family.

**Great God, renew this nation.**

Draw us together as one people who do your will,  
so that we may be a light to our nation,  
leading the way to your promised kingdom.

**Great God, renew this nation.**

**Great God, Eternal God, show us there is no law or liberty  
apart from you; and let us serve you whole-heartedly, as  
your devoted followers, through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*From the Idlewild Presbyterian Church, Memphis, Tennessee.*

DECLARATION OF GRACE AND FORGIVENESS

The fruits of the spirit are love, joy, and peace given to you through God’s grace. By the power vested in me as a minister of church of Jesus Christ, I proclaim that you are forgiven. Live in the word of the Lord and be made new.

GATHERING SONG                      We Are Called                      ELW 720



1 Come! Live in the light!                      Shine with the joy and the love of the  
2 Come! O - pen your heart!                      Show your . . mer - cy to all those in  
3 Sing! Sing a new song!                      Sing of that great day when all will be



Lord! We are called to be light for the king - dom, to  
fear! We are called to be hope for the hope - less so  
one! God will reign, and we'll walk with each oth - er as



live in the free - dom of the cit - y of God.  
ha - tred and blind - ness . . . will be . . . no more.  
sis - ters and broth - ers . . . u - nit - ed in love.



We are called to act with jus - tice, we are called to



love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -



oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.

**GREETING**

The grace of our risen Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you**

**SONG OF PRAISE      Before You, Lord, We Bow      ELW 893**



1 Be - fore you, Lord, we bow, our God who reigns a - bove and  
2 May ev - 'ry moun-tain height, each vale and for - est green, shine  
3 Earth, hear your mak - er's voice; your great re - deem - er own; be -  
4 And when in pow'r he comes, oh, may then ev - 'ry land from



rules the world be - low with bound-less pow'r and love. Our thanks we  
forth in wis-dom's light, and its rich fruits be seen! May ev - 'ry  
lieve, o - bey, re - joice, and wor - ship God a - lone. Cast down your  
all its rend - ing tombs send forth a glo - rious band, a count - less



bring in joy and praise, our hearts we raise, to you we sing!  
tongue be tuned to praise and join to raise a grate - ful song.  
pride, your sin de - plore, and bow be - fore the Cru - ci - fied.  
throng, with joy to sing to heav'n's high king sal - va - tion's song!

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

## READING

Zechariah 9:9-12

<sup>9</sup>Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!

Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!

Lo, your king comes to you;  
triumphant and victorious is he,  
humble and riding on a donkey,  
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

<sup>10</sup>He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim

and the war-horse from Jerusalem;

and the battle bow shall be cut off,  
and he shall command peace to the nations;  
his dominion shall be from sea to sea,  
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

<sup>11</sup>As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,

I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

<sup>12</sup>Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;

today I declare that I will restore to you double.

## READING

Song of Solomon 2: 8-13

<sup>8</sup>The voice of my beloved!

Look, he comes,  
leaping upon the mountains,  
bounding over the hills.

<sup>9</sup>My beloved is like a gazelle  
or a young stag.

Look, there he stands  
behind our wall,  
gazing in at the windows,  
looking through the lattice.

<sup>10</sup>My beloved speaks and says to me:

"Arise, my love, my fair one,  
and come away;

<sup>11</sup>for now the winter is past,  
the rain is over and gone.

<sup>12</sup>The flowers appear on the earth;  
the time of singing has come,  
and the voice of the turtledove  
is heard in our land.

<sup>13</sup>The fig tree puts forth its figs,  
and the vines are in blossom;  
they give forth fragrance.

Arise, my love, my fair one,  
and come away.


Stand as you are able



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL

Matthew 11:28-30

<sup>28</sup>Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup>Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup>For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Sit

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

SERMON


Stand as you are able

HYMN OF THE DAY Christ Be Our Light

ELW 715



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for  
2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for  
3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for  
4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for  
5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,  
hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone  
wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,  
warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,  
hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.  
has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.  
bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.  
shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.  
to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

## SUNG CREED

*Tune: Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

**We believe in God the Father,  
God almighty, by whose plan  
Earth and heaven sprang to being,  
All created things began.**

**We believe in Christ the Savior,  
Son of God in human frame,  
Virgin-born, the child of Mary  
Upon whom the Spirit came.**

**Christ, who on the cross forsaken,  
Like a lamb to slaughter led,  
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
He descended to the dead.**

**We believe in Jesus risen,  
Heaven's king to rule and reign,  
To the Father's side ascended  
Till as judge he comes again.**



We believe in God the Spirit;  
In one Church, below, above:  
Saints of God in one communion,  
One in holiness and love.  
So by faith, our sins forgiven,  
Christ our Savior, Lord and friend,  
We shall rise with him in glory  
To the life that knows no end.

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## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Called into unity with one another and the whole creation, let us pray for our shared world.

*Brief silence*

We pray for the church. Sustain us as we share your word. Embrace us as we struggle to find our common ground. Lift up leaders with powerful and prophetic voices. Free us from stagnant faith. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We pray for the well-being of creation. Protect the air, water, and land from abuse and pollution. Free us from apathy in our care of creation and direct us toward sustainable living. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We pray for the nations (*especially the United States and Canada, celebrating their nationhood*). Guide leaders in developing just policies and guide difficult conversations. Free us from patriotism that hinders relationship-building. Lead us to expansive love for our neighbor. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We pray for all in need. For all who are tired, feeling despair, sick, or oppressed (*especially*). Take their yoke upon you and ease their burdens. Give your consolation and free us from all that keeps us bound. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We pray for this congregation. Bless pastors, deacons, and congregational leaders. Energize children's ministry volunteers, church administrators, and those who maintain our building. Shine in this place that we might notice the ways your love transforms our lives. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We give thanks for those who have died in faith (*especially*). Welcome them into your eternal rest and comfort us in our grief until we are joined with them in new life. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Receive these prayers, O God, and those too deep for words; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## PEACE

## INVITATION TO THE TABLE

*Stand as you are able*

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

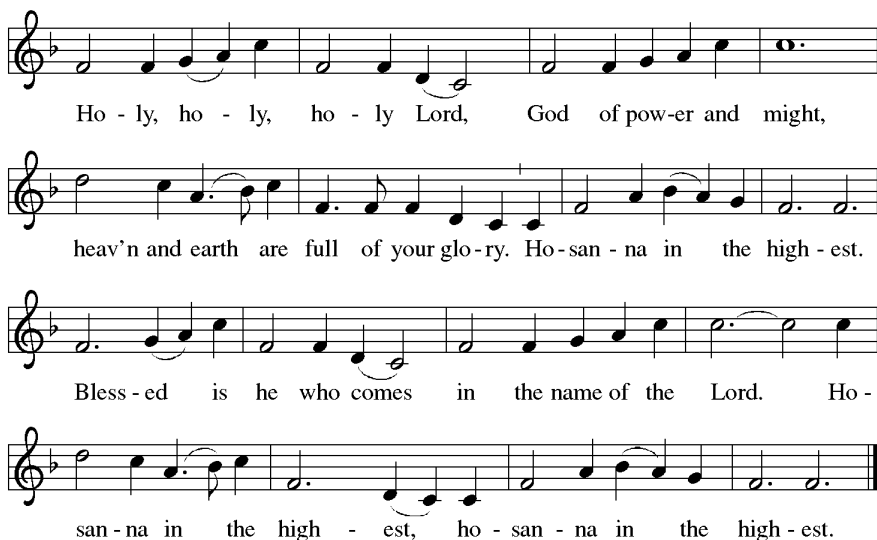
It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise,

O God. You made us in your image, and called us to be your people, to love and serve you and your creation.

When we turned from you, you did not turn from us.

You spoke to us through prophets, who looked for that day when justice shall triumph, and peace shall reign over all the earth.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with all the faithful of every time and place:



## THE PRAYER FOR THE SPIRIT

Remembering all your merciful acts,  
we take this bread and this cup, and celebrate with joy the  
redemption won for us in Jesus Christ.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us  
and upon these your gifts of bread and wine,  
that this bread and this cup  
may be the communion with Christ.

We pray in the name of Christ, who teaches us to pray,  
**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 and  
lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
forever. Amen.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### UNISON PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

**Gracious God, you have fed us with the bread of life, and renewed us for your service. Help us to be faithful disciples of Christ, so that our daily living may be part of the life of your kingdom, and our love be your love, reaching out into the life of the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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### SENDING PRAYERS

**O God, our beginning and our end, you kept Abraham and Sarah in safety throughout the days of their pilgrimage, you led the children of Israel through the midst of the sea, and by a star you led the magi to the infant Jesus. Protect and guide us who travel this summer. Make our ways safe and our homecomings joyful, and bring us at last to our heavenly home, where you dwell in glory with our Lord Jesus Christ and the life-giving Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**Let us pray in solidarity for our brothers and sisters here and around the world who are sick from the coronavirus. Let us pray for those who have lost loved ones to this virus. May God console them and grant them peace.**

**We pray also for doctors, nurses, and caregivers, for public health officials and all civic leaders. May God grant them courage and prudence as they seek to respond to this emergency with compassion and in service to the common good. Amen.**

### BLESSING

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## SENDING SONG

ELW 888

### O Beautiful for Spacious Skies



1 O beau-ti-ful for spa-cious skies, for am-ber waves of grain,  
2 O beau-ti-ful for he-roes proved in lib-er-at-ing strife,  
3 O beau-ti-ful for pa-triot dream that sees be-yond the years



for pur-ple moun-tain maj-es-ties a-bove the fruit-ed plain:  
who more than self their coun-try loved, and mer-cy more than life:  
thine al-a-bas-ter cit-ies gleam, un-dimmed by hu-man tears:



A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! God shed his grace on thee,  
A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! May God thy gold re-fine,  
A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! God mend thine ev-'ry flaw,



and crown thy good with broth-er-hood from sea to shin-ing sea.  
till all suc-cess be no-ble-ness, and ev-'ry gain di-vine.  
con-firm thy soul in self-con-trol, thy lib-er-ty in law.

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Proclaim the good news, heal the sick, share  
our bread with the hungry.

**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

# SHOT SCHEDULE

- **INTRODUCTIONS** (at altar)  
ZECHARIAH  
MATTHEW  
SONG OF SOLOMON -  
PRAYER OF THE DAY -
- **ALLELUIA** (at altar)
- **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE to SENDING HYMN** (at table)
- **DISMISSAL & POSTLUDE** (at font)
- **PRELUDE to SONG OF PRAISE** (at font)
- **HYMN OF THE DAY to PEACE** (at font)