
GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

July 24, 2022 - 7th Sunday after Pentecost

“Lord, teach us to pray.”

[Luke 11:1]



WELCOME

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

9:30 A.M. Evangelical Lutheran Worship

THOUGHT FOR MEDITATION

“Hospitality and fellowship are related, but also distinct from each other. Fellowship is the experience of community, of care, and of life together among believers within the Christian community; hospitality is the welcoming of the stranger, providing care and support and welcome to those who are not already part of the community or congregation. And it may well mean providing welcome to those who are “not like us.”

Anthony B. Robinson, “Called to be Church”

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

Persistence in prayer is encouraged by Jesus and wins the attention of God when Abraham intercedes for Sodom. The life of the baptized—to be rooted and built up in Christ Jesus—is to be nurtured with prayer. God hears and answers prayer and so strengthens God’s own. “When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me.”

PRELUDE

Piece 8

Hugo Distler

BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

We come to worship in the safe place where we can lay aside our arrogance and conceit to simply say we don't know. We come before you in the posture of worship: vulnerable to our complicity in the very things in the world that we seek to change. We come to stand open and honest before the creator of all things and say - God create again, make again, forgive us one more time and be a lamp unto my feet.

We run to the mercy seat and confess our doubts, fears and nightmares of inadequacy of not only ourselves and our world, but indeed even God’s ability to offer saving grace. May your spirit move in us in the deepest part of our being.

Let faith arise in the experience of worship and stir up love and life in us.

Come those who believe, those who want to believe, and those who truly doubt and enter into the presence of a believing community that seeks to be inhabited by a real, loving and powerful God. Come and experience a communal faith, a personal encounter and an incredible God !

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION, WHOLENESS AND HEALING

We come to you with our struggles and burdens and we want to quit. Help us, through your grace, to get back up again. Help us when we stare into our deepest midnight that the circle of events in our lives will turn and reveal your presence of forgiving light and love that continues to shine. Forgive us when we fall short again and again. In your name we pray, **Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, kindness, lowliness, meekness and patience, forgiving one another as God has forgiven you.

And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts and be thankful. Friends, through the love of Christ, we are forgiven and renewed. Live in the promise of this love. Amen.

Colossians 3: 12-15, paraphrased

Stand facing the cross.

GATHERING HYMN

Come, Now is the Time to Worship

Come now is the time to worship

Come now is the time to give your heart

Come just as you are to worship

Come just as you are before your God. Come!

One day every tongue will confess You are God

One day every knee will bow

Still the greatest treasure remains

For those who gladly choose You now (chorus)

Willingly we choose to surrender our lives

Willingly our knees will bow

With all our heart soul mind and strength

We gladly choose You now (chorus)

GREETING

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

SONG OF PRAISE

Shout to the Lord

ELW 821

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and ever-living God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us your abundant mercy. Forgive us those things that weigh on our conscience, and give us those good things that come only through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

READING

Genesis 18:20-32

²⁰Then the Lord said, “How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! ²¹I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know.”

²²So the men turned from there, and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. ²³Then Abraham came near and said, “Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? ²⁴Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? ²⁵Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?” ²⁶And the Lord said, “If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake.”

²⁷Abraham answered, “Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. ²⁸Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?” And he said, “I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there.” ²⁹Again he spoke to him, “Suppose forty are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of forty I will not do it.” ³⁰Then he said, “Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there.” He answered, “I will not do it, if I find thirty there.” ³¹He said, “Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it.” ³²Then he said, “Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of ten I will not destroy it.”

READING

Psalms 138

¹I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart;
before the gods I sing your praise;

²I bow down toward your holy temple
and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and

your faithfulness;

for you have exalted your name and your word
above everything.

³On the day I called, you answered me,
you increased my strength of soul.

⁴All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O LORD,
for they have heard the words of your mouth.

⁵They shall sing of the ways of the LORD,
for great is the glory of the LORD.

⁶For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly;
but the haughty he perceives from far away.

⁷Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies;
you stretch out your hand,
and your right hand delivers me.

⁸The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me;
your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever.
Do not forsake the work of your hands.

ALLELUIA VERSE



GOSPEL READING

Luke 11:1-13

¹[Jesus] was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.”²He said to them, “When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come.

³Give us each day our daily bread.

⁴And forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial.”

⁵And he said to them, “Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; ⁶for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.’ ⁷And he answers from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.’ ⁸I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

⁹“So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you.

¹⁰For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. ¹¹Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? ¹²Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? ¹³If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

Sit

SERMON

Pathway to God's Heart

Stand

HYMN OF THE DAY

Thine is the Glory

ELW 376



- 1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring Son; end - less is the
- 2 Lo, Je - sus meets thee, ris - en from the tomb! Lov - ing - ly he
- 3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life; life is naught with-



vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won! An - gels in bright rai - ment
greet thee, scat - ters fear and gloom; let his church with glad - ness
out thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than con-qu'rors,



rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave-clothes
hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;
through thy death - less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan

Refrain



where thy bod - y lay.
death hath lost its sting! Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring
to thy home a - bove.



Son; end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won!

OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

SUNG CREED

We Believe

We believe in God the Father,
Maker of the universe,
And in Christ His Son, our Savior,
Come to us by virgin birth.
We believe He died to save us,
Bore our sins, was crucified,
Then, from death, He rose victorious,
Ascended to the Father's side.

Chorus: Jesus, Lord of all, Lord of all. (Sing 4 times)

We believe He sends His Spirit
On His church with gifts of power.
God, His word of truth affirming,
Sends us to the nations now.
He will come again in glory,
Judge the living and the dead.
Every knee shall bow before Him,
Then must every tongue confess:

Chorus: Jesus, Lord of all, Lord of all. (Sing 4 times)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Rooted and built up in Christ, we pray for the church.
Embolden church leaders to take risks for the sake of the
gospel, and equip the baptized to proclaim your extravagant
love for the whole world. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Rejoicing in the works of your hands, we pray for the natural
world. Make rivers and lakes, oceans and all waterways,
sparkle with your radiance. Protect water sources and
strengthen those who defend them. Merciful God, **receive
our prayer.**

Interceding on behalf of the vulnerable, we pray for the peoples of the world. Inspire all rulers and governing authorities with your justice. Guide the work of legislators and public officials, that they advocate for the well-being of those they serve. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Persistent in prayer, we pray for our neighbors in need. To all who have hunger, give daily bread. To all who have bread, give hunger for justice. Open us to the cries of those who suffer. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Abounding in thanksgiving, we pray for this congregation. Bless the prayer and fellowship ministries in this place. Call us together in times of praise and blessing, trouble and sorrow, in your holy name. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Buried with Christ in baptism and raised with him to new life, we give thanks for your saints who rest in your eternal presence. Join our voices with theirs as we sing of your great glory. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ, our holy Wisdom. **Amen.**

PEACE

Sit

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

God 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 our thanks and praise.

O God before time, O God at the end,
 we delight in the splendor of your universe.
Daily we praise your continuing creation,
 and we give thanks for your people.
We glorify you, now and forever.

O God of the covenant, O God of the church,
 we come as your children to this table,
 and we give thanks for your presence
in congregations around the world.
We praise you, now and forever.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

DISTRIBUTION

Stand as you are able

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.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of
salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with
all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your

Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN

Forever

**Give thanks to the Lord
Our God and King
His love endures forever
For He is good
He is above all things
His love endures forever
Sing praise sing praise
With a mighty hand
And an outstretched arm
His love endures forever
For the life that's been reborn
His love endures forever
Sing praise sing praise
Sing praise sing praise**

Chorus

**Forever God is faithful
Forever God is strong
Forever God is with us
Forever forever**

**From the rising to the setting sun
His love endures forever
And by the grace of God
We will carry on
His love endures forever
Sing praise sing praise**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Prelude in G Major

J.S. Bach



Would you like to sponsor altar flowers? We have many dates to choose from...

You can give flowers for many reasons: in memory of loved ones who have died, in honor of the birth of a child, or any other important event in your life or theirs – or in thanks to God for a blessing or simply to give glory to God. When you give the flowers, your commemoration is shared with the congregation in the worship bulletin.

After worship, the flowers are yours to take home or you may share them with family and friends.

Sign up for a Sunday on the Flower Chart on the window of the church office, giving your preferred date(s), your name and your commemoration. Make checks payable to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. The cost for flowers on a Sunday is \$30 – please write 'flowers' on the memo line of your check and offering envelope.

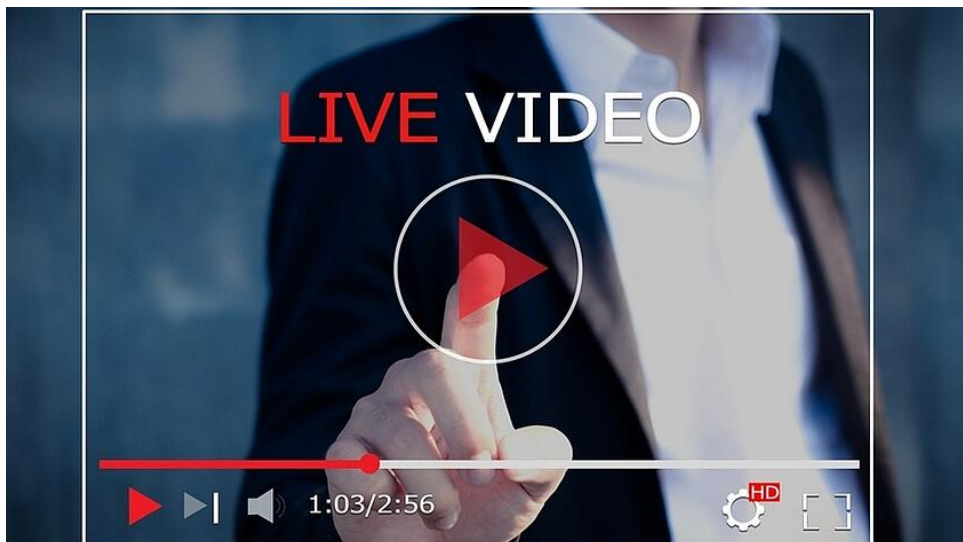


SUNDAY LECTORS, ACOLYTES & GREETERS NEEDED!

We are looking for people of all ages to volunteer at Sunday Worship.

Please contact Falon in the church office at 415-897-2123 or church.office@gslcnovato.org to volunteer.

*****Reading at Sunday Worship counts towards 1 volunteer hour*****



Starting in July we will begin live streaming our church services!

~ Volunteers wanted ~

Get 3 hours of community service for 1 hour of Sunday volunteering. You would be responsible for completing the set-up (just attaching the camera and connecting to the laptop), videoing the service and then putting the camera and computer back in the church office.

This is a very important role so you would need to commit to being there the Sunday you sign up for.

If you are interested in giving this a try please let me know. It should be a fun experience.

Thanks and hope to hear from you soon.

Susan Nissim
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MARK YOUR CALENDAR...

- PASTOR DAN ON VACATION JULY 27 - AUGUST 10
- RALLY DAY - SEPTEMBER 11

MEMORIAL FOR RAKEL OSTERLUND



A Memorial for Raket Osterlund will be held
at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church on
August 27, 2022 at 10am

Reception to follow

CHURCH OFFICE INFORMATION

Regular Office Hours: Monday - Friday - 10 AM to 3 PM
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OUR MISSION

As a community formed by God's grace, guided by His Holy Word, the Bible,
and powered by the Holy Spirit, our mission is to:

Grow in faith and discipleship,
Share the good news of Jesus through word and deed,
Love others as Christ loves us, and
Celebrate life in Christ through worship, sacrament and service.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

The Members of Good Shepherd	Servants of Christ
The Rev. Daniel Christian	Pastor
Falon Barmaki	Congregational Life Coordinator/Admin.
Jean Campbell	Musician
Michael O'Connor	Lector

Many thanks to those who serve as Ushers, Greeters, Singers,
Instrumentalists, and the Altar Guild.

The flowers this week are sponsored by Good Shepherd Lutheran
Church.

- *If you would like to sponsor the weekly flowers or be a reader please sign up
on the sheet in the narthex -*