



Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
August 8, 2021

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

All praise, honor, and trust is due to God, The source and ground of our being,
The + pioneer of our salvation, The sustainer of all that is and will be. **Amen.**

God is present in contrite hearts.

Longing for forgiveness is a sign of the Spirit's work. *Silence for reflection.*

God, our God, your mercy and love are beyond our understanding.

Like a prairie thirsting for rain, We are open to you, O Lord.

Nothing is hidden from you. Revealed by your Love, we acknowledge

Our mistakes and our omissions,

Pain we have caused and callings we have failed to heed.

We confess all of this to you

And we admit that it is already known to you,

Along with those things we have forgotten.

Renew us by your grace that we may live in harmony among ourselves

And with your whole creation.

Beloved of God, it is the will of the Divine

That all may know the nearness of love and abundant forgiveness.

Like the rain and the snow, God's word of grace pours forth and does not return
without accomplishing its task of healing and restoration.

You, beloved, are forgiven all your sins.

Go in the world, led by the Spirit, to be met by Christ in all you do. **Amen.**

PRELUDE

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

GATHERING SONG *God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind* (ELW 400)

God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind

1 God of tem - pest, God of whirl-wind, as on Pen - te -
2 God of blaz - ing, God of burn - ing, all that blocks your
3 God of earth - quake, God of thun - der, shake us loose from
4 God of pas - sion, God un - sleep - ing, stir in us love's

cost de - scend! Drive us out from shel - tered com - fort;
pur - pose, purge! Through your church, Christ's liv - ing Bod - y,
leth - ar - gy! Break the chains of sin a - sun - der,
rest - less - ness! Where the peo - ple cry in an - guish,

past these walls your peo - ple send! Sweep us in - to cost - ly ser - vice,
let your flam - ing Spir - it surge! Where de - ceit con - ceals in - jus - tice,
for earth's heal - ing set us free! Crum - ble walls that still di - vide us;
may we share your heart's dis - tress. Rouse us from con - tent with e - vil;

there with Christ to bear the cross, there with Christ to bear the cross!
kin - dle us to speak your truth, kin - dle us to speak your truth!
make us one in Christ our Lord, make us one in Christ our Lord!
claim us for your king - dom's work, claim us for your king - dom's work!

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Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873-1932
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GREETING (ELW p. 184)

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

And also with you.

KYRIE (ELW p. 184)


Refrain




Ky-ri-e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.




Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.



1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the
3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the



u - ni - ty of all; for
hun - gry and the poor; that
friends and fam - i - ly; for
wa - ter and the word; that you



this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
we may live out truth and jus - tice and grace,
life and for love, for our work and our play,
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,

Refrain



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE (ELW p. 185)

Refrain
Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and
peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

1 Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,
we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you
for your glo - ry. *Refrain*
Glo - ry to God in the high -
est, the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the
right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

Refrain
Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and
peace to God's peo - ple on earth. 3 For you a -
lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the
Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.
A - men. A - men. A - men.

Final refrain
Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and peace to God's
peo - ple on earth. Glo - ry to God in the high -
est, the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY (ELW p. 188)

Let us pray.

God of our salvation, every part of creation is known to you- from the smallest feathers and scales to the tallest buttes and mountains. No part of what you have made escapes your care. Teach us to set aside our worries and to embrace the fullness of life in Christ, caring for others and the world that you have made. With the rivers and streams, we pour forth praise for you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

SPECIAL MUSIC: Solo by Brian Sawyer

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

Isaiah 55:10-13

A reading from Isaiah:

Even the rain and the snow carry promises from God- promises of a nourished earth, as well as a dependable water table and water cycles.

God's promises are always for healing, wholeness, and hope.

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 65

¹You are to be praised, O God, in Zion; to you shall vows be fulfilled.

²**To you, the one who answers prayer, to you all flesh shall come.**

³Our sins are stronger than we are, but you blot out our transgressions.

⁴**Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your courts to dwell there!**

They will be satisfied by the beauty of your house, by the holiness of your temple.

⁵Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God of our salvation, O hope of all the ends of the earth and of the oceans far away.

⁶**You make firm the mountains by your power; you are girded about with might.**

⁷You still the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, and the clamor of the peoples.

⁸**Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your marvelous signs; you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.**

⁹You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous; the river of God is full of water. You prepare the grain, for so you provide for the earth.

¹⁰**You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.**

¹¹You crown the year with your goodness, and your paths overflow with plenty.

¹²**May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, and the hills be clothed with joy.**

¹³May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; let them shout for joy and sing.

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 5:11-21

A reading from 2 Corinthians.

The apostle Paul wrote to the Corinthian Christians about their status as newly created people in Christ. God's delight, poured out in the Incarnation, means that we see all of creation, including ourselves, in the dawning light of this fresh reconciliation.

Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences.

We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 188)



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel: Matthew 6:24-33

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Divine provision for the natural world reminds us that nothing escapes God's notice. This provision is evidence of love, the eternal love that is the bedrock, source, and ultimate resting place of all things. Jesus tells those who listen of this love, encouraging them to let go of their worries and their illusions of control.

“No one can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.

“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life?

And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON (ELW p. 189)


*Trust
in
God!*

HYMN OF THE DAY *Let All Things Now Living* (ELW 881)


Let All Things Now Living




1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing to
2 God rules all the forc - es: the stars in their cours - es and




God the cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise,
sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine;



who fash - ioned and made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us, who
the hills and the moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains, the




still guides us on to the end of our days.
deeps of the o - cean pro - claim God di - vine.



God's ban - ners are o'er us, God's light goes be -
We too should be voic - ing our love and re -



fore us, a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night,
joic - ing; with glad ad - o - ra - tion a song let us raise



till shad - ows have van - ished and dark - ness is ban - ished, as
till all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks - giv - ing: "To



for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.
God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!"

Text: Katherine K. Davis, 1892–1980, alt.
Music: THE ASH GROVE, Welsh folk tune
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APOSTLES CREED

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 INTERCESSION

Rooted in Christ and sustained by the Spirit, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

For the church of Christ in all its diverse forms. For mission developers, new mission starts, and all communities of faith exploring new models of ministry for the sake of the gospel. For congregations facing difficult decisions about their future.

God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For the health and well-being of creation. For shade trees that provide refuge from the hot summer sun. For lakes, rivers, and oceans contaminated by pollution and all who lack clean water. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For those called to positions of authority in our legal system, we pray. For judges, lawyers, law clerks, and court employees who ensure the fair administration of justice.

For corrections officers and prison chaplains, that they would deal mercifully with those who are incarcerated. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For all who cry out to you in their affliction. For exiles, refugees, and others who face long and difficult journeys, uncertain about the future. For all who mourn the death of a loved one. For all who are sick. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For this assembly gathered around your table, we pray. For those among us who bake bread and prepare the vessels for our communion celebration. For those who bring the food from this table to those who are homebound or hospitalized.

God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For those who have been raised to eternal life, we give thanks. With all the saints we praise you for the bread of life that keeps us in your love forever.

God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We lift these and all our prayers to you, O God, confident in the promise of your saving love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING *We Are an Offering* (ELW 692)

We Are an Offering

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The musical score is written on six staves of music. The lyrics are: We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering. Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our lives, they are yours: we are an offering. All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you. We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering, we are an offering.

Text: Dwight Liles, b. 1957
Music: Dwight Liles
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OFFERING PRAYER (ELW p. 190)

Let us pray.

All that we have, O God, comes from you. Our time, our possessions, our skills, and our knowledge are gifts from your generous spirit. We offer to you what is your own that it may be used to your glory and for the good of your creation in this community and throughout the world. **Amen.**

Blessing

From the breath of the plains,
To the heights of the mountains,
There is nothing that can separate you from the love of God,
In whom you live, move, and have your being.

God- Creator, + Redeemer, and Sustainer of all creation- bless you now and forever.
Amen.

Go in peace to care for God's creation.

Thanks be to God.

SENDING SONG *Be Thou My Vision* (ELW 793)

Be Thou My Vision



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,
4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.
thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought both by day and by night,
Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,
thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Text: Irish, 8th cent.; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1860–1935, alt.; tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1880–1931
Music: SLANE, Irish traditional

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

THANK YOU Brian Sawyer for sharing your beautiful singing!



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

Your Congregational Care Committee invites you to a pancake breakfast on **Sunday, August 22, following our 9:00 AM service.**

We encourage you to invite family, friends and neighbors.

We are in need of two members of the congregation to assist in setup and preparations on Saturday, August 21st at 9:00 AM. We will need two to three assisting following the breakfast.

**A signup sheet will be available on August 8th and 15th in the Narthex.

The AV Media group is looking for additional people to help video the live stream feed on Sunday mornings. Training will be provided. Please contact Ron at 529-5404 or the office.

Thank you!

AUGUST 09th, 2021—AUGUST 15th, 2021

TUESDAY: Country Store - OPEN

**SUNDAY: In Church Worship Service & Facebook: 9:00 a.m.
Fellowship Hour: 10:00 a.m.**

IN OUR PRAYERS

This Week's Health:

Ongoing Health: Carol Blakely, Jennifer Ellington (*Mary Jamison's friend*), Mike Knutson, Anna Raymond (*Tony Peterson's friend*), Debbie Lindquist, Jan Wicklund, Jeannae Bowen (*Norma Knutson's niece*), Katie Windebank (*Lois & Dave Abell's Granddaughter*), Marge Hanson, David Swayne, Rissa Kroll, Dewey Peters (*Ron Martin-Dent's Cousin*), Lula Rice (*Ferol Bjur's friend*), Ben Moody (*Barb Grinde's brother*), Ken & Jill Heaton (*Joyce Erickson's friends*), Jody Nielson (*Tony Peterson's friend*), Marjorie Burkitt, Karen Vergeront, David Ramey (*Barb & Jim Anderson's friend*), Scott Jamison, Tiffany Scaramuzzino (*Candy Baszler-Gohl*), Kari Jo Comstock (*Rick & Mary Jo Johnson's daughter*), Bill Knutson, Jerome Hanson, Dale and Patty Sonsteli (*Arlene Erickson's cousins*), Patricia Smout (*Tony Peterson's mom*), Hal Butts (*Mary Jo & Rick Johnson's friend*), Charles Clausen (*Barb & Tim's friend*), Scott Trospen, Craig Erickson, Rob Knutson (*Al & Norma's nephew*), Jeff & Shirley Jacobson, Al & Norma Knutson.

**Eula Mae Turnage's graveside Memorial Service will be
at the Lakeview Cemetery
on Tue., August 10th at 10:00am**

