

2nd Sunday of Pentecost

May 30, 2021 8:00am & 9:15am



Ephesians

We have been adopted by a loving God and we are inheritors of God's kingdom.

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

Prelude

"I Bind Unto Myself Today"

- Schaffner

Announcements

Greeting

I greet you with the grace and peace poured into our lives by God our Father and our Master, Jesus Christ. Christ rules the church...The church is Christ's body, in which he speaks and acts, by which he fills everything with his presence.

Ephesians 1:2, 22-23

Confession and Forgiveness

We confess our sins before God and one another.

Pause for silence and reflection.

God of grace,

We gather in your house full of regret and remorse for the things that have kept us from fulfilling your calling. We have failed to act, and we have behaved in ways that disappoint. But we are your children, and you have promised to forgive. We ask for your forgiveness and the desire to do your work in the world.

God loves and forgives all of God's children. Receive God's forgiveness and move through the world unburdened by sin, for the sake of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

God our loving mother, You have nurtured us as your own and offered an inheritance of eternal life. Show us also how to honor and respect all that you have given us so that your legacy will continue for generations to come. **Amen.**

Musical Offering

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" - J. Bert Carlson

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

The letter to the Ephesians begins with a dramatic description of God's extravagant generosity. They may not have been born into the faith, but as adopted children they—and we—have been blessed beyond measure.

Invitation to the Word

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Al-lelu-ia, Al-lelu-ia, Al-lelu-ia, Amen (clap, clap)

**Open our eyes, Open our ears
Open our hearts to hear your word.**

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Scripture Reading

Ephesians 1:1-14

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, To the saints who are in Ephesus and are faithful in Christ Jesus: ²Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. ⁵He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of

his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace ⁸that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight ⁹he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹²so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

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

Message

Responsive Reading

East side (organ) NON Bold/Gold

West Side (Ambo) Bold/White

An excerpt from "A Prayer When We've Lost Our Way Again," by Enuma Okoro,
from *A Rhythm of Prayer* Edited by Sarah Bessey

Merciful God,
Help us find our way again.

Turn us back towards the road

Spotted with your other pilgrims, wayfarers and repentant servants

Remind us that your Way is the way of returning.

Guide us by your Spirit and by your Light

Make us remember the Power of the Spirit within us....

In your immeasurable love, grace, mercy, and wisdom do not abandon us

Regardless of how often we lose our way.

Place your wounded hand upon our broken hearts

And turn us toward you

Lord of Light, Lord of Life, Lord of Resurrection.

Apostles' Creed

With the whole church, let us confess our 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

Let us come before the triune God in prayer.

Prayer response:

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

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your abiding grace. **Amen.**

Sharing God's Peace

May the peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

Great Thanksgiving

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.**

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

Invitation

Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

✠ *We Are Church. Better Together* ✠

*On your way into worship this morning you should have picked up a cup with juice and a wafer.
If you did not receive one, they are located on a table at the entrance to the sanctuary.*

One side of the cup contains a gluten-free wafer and the other side contains juice. Please open the wafer side first.

- Please use the hand sanitizer, located in the pew, prior to removing your mask for communion.
- One of the pastors will invite you to eat the wafer with the words *"This is the Body of Christ, given for you."* After taking the wafer, please flip the cup over and open the side with the juice. One of the pastors will invite you to receive the juice with the words, *"This is the Blood of Christ, shed for you."*
- Please replace your mask once communion is finished.

There will be a trash can available to dispose of the cup on your way out of worship.

Post-Communion Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

God blesses us and sends us put in mission to the world

Blessing & Sending

Love mixed with faith be yours from God the Father and from the Master, Jesus Christ.
Pure grace and nothing but grace be with all who love our Master, Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 6:23-24

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Postlude

"Ellacombe Variations (O Day of Rest and Gladness)"

- Rohde



Worship Leadership

- Pastors: Courtney Steitz, Michael TeKrony
- Organist & Special Music: Jordan Ortman
- Altar Guild: Donna Madsen, Susie DiPaolo
- Sound Tech: Mike Madsen, Karen Novess

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✝ WORSHIP SERVICE GUIDELINES ✝

- Please wear a mask that fully covers your nose and mouth **both inside and outside** the building.
- Make sure to maintain social distancing when interacting with those outside your household.
- Once you are in your seat we ask that you not move around the sanctuary to greet each other, but remain in your spot for the duration of service.
- During the prelude/service/and postlude there **WILL NOT** be congregational singing for the time being. You will be invited to offer spoken responses in several instances, but we ask that even if you know the words to a song being played that you refrain from singing aloud
- You may remove your mask to take communion, but we ask that you put your mask back over your mouth and nose as soon as you have received communion. Communion will be received in your own pew—you will not come forward to receive communion.
- **At the end of service, please wait to leave your pew until you have been dismissed by an usher.**
- **Fellowship:** Once service has concluded, it is important that staff and volunteers have time to clean and disinfect the sanctuary space and the Narthex. If you would like to greet one another, we ask that you do so in the parking lot or in the columbarium.
- **Bathrooms are available**, but we ask that you knock to ensure there is only ever one person in the bathroom at a time. Please disinfect all surfaces in the bathroom with provided Clorox Wipes before and after service.

OFFERING

If you would like to make a donation to the mission of Holy Shepherd, which will be used to serve the community, neighborhood and the world, there is an offering plate located at the information station (check-in). Please make checks payable to: Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church.

Thank you.

DISPENSING OF COMMUNION CUPS AND BULLETINS

Following worship, when leaving the sanctuary, please take your bulletin and communion cup with you to be dispensed with at the entrance to the sanctuary. You are welcome to take your bulletin home with you, but if not, please put your bulletin in the recycle basket and your communion cup in the trash basket.

NURSERY

The nursery (un-staffed) will be available to use for your family, if you need to leave the service. The library and Fellowship Hall are also available.