

5th Sunday of Pentecost

June 20, 2021 8:00am & 9:15am



Ephesians

Our greatest enemy may be that which we cannot see or fight.

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

Prelude

"Improvisation"

- Gabriel Fauré

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 of spirit, you have asked us to clothe ourselves in armor that protects our spirits from things that threaten to harm them. Teach us your ways so that we are prepared for anything this world might bring. **Amen.**

Musical Offering

“Siciliano”

-Faure

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

*We are invited to put on clothing of truth, righteousness,
faith, salvation, prayer, and proclamation.*

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 6:10-20

¹⁰Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. ¹¹Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ¹²For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. ¹⁴Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. ¹⁵As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. ¹⁶With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the

word of God. ¹⁸Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints.

¹⁹Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

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

Message

Responsive Reading

East side (organ) NON Bold

West Side (Ambo) Bold

We put on the whole armor of God,

Belt of truth, Breastplate of righteousness,

Peace at our feet, Shield of faith,

Helmet of salvation, Sword of the Spirit, Daily rhythm of prayer.

We strengthen ourselves - not to kill

But to bring life! To set free! To wage peace!

Because we know that our enemies don't wear human flesh,

But are found in systems, power structures, age-old traditions,

Powers of darkness,

Forces of evil;

And our best arms and ammunition

Are the love and light of Christ.

For freeing prisoners and making the dead rise,

God give us strength.

For breaking down injustice and resisting despair and apathy,

God, give us strength.

For undoing broken paradigms and rebuilding healthy ones,

God give us strength.

We ask for help, that we may be strong in times of trouble,

Steadfast under pressure,

Kind in the face of evil,

Peaceful in the wake of chaos. Amen

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

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

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

Thanksgiving at the Conclusion of a Call

People of God, members of Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church,
do you release Pastor Courtney from service as one of your co-pastors.

We do, and we give thanks to God for our ministry together.

Blessing & Sending

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

Amen.

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

"Alleluia No. 1, Fanfare and Allegro"

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Worship Leadership

- Pastors: Courtney Steitz, Michael Tekrony
- Organist: Jordan Ortman
- Special Music: Chris Stuber, Cello; Jordan Ortman, Piano
- Altar Guild: Donna Madsen, Susie DiPaolo
- Sound Tech: Tanja Warnick, Karen Novess

Narrative Lectionary Worship Resources

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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.