

4th Sunday of Pentecost

June 13, 2021 8:00am & 9:15am



Ephesians

We are equipped to do what God calls us to do.

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

Prelude

"Song Without Words Op. 19 No. 1"

- Mendelssohn

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 who calls us, we are sometimes reluctant to do your work out of fear that we are ill-equipped to do it. But you will send the teachers we need so that we will succeed.

Amen.

Musical Offering

“O Rest in the Lord”

- Mendelssohn

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

God often calls us to a mission or ministry and then equips us with what we need to do it.

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 4:1-16

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ²with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, ⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. ⁷But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. ⁸Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people." ⁹(When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? ¹⁰He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) ¹¹The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, ¹²to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity,

to the measure of the full stature of Christ. ¹⁴We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. ¹⁵But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

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

Message

Responsive Reading

From "The Hill We Climb," by Amanda Gorman.

East side (organ) NON Bold West Side (Ambo) Bold

And so we lift our gaze not to what stands between us,
but what stands before us.

**We close the divide because we know, to put our future first,
we must first put our differences aside.**

We lay down our arms so we can reach out our arms to one another.

We seek harm to none and harmony for all.

Let the globe, if nothing else, say this is true,

**that even as we grieved, we grew,
that even as we hurt, we hoped,**

that even as we tired, we tried,

that we'll forever be tied together, victorious.

Not because we will never again know defeat,

but because we will never again sow division.

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

Farewell & Godspeed (9:15am)

✝ Ron & Verona Skabo ✝

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

"A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing (Lasst Uns Erfreuen)" - arr.by Paul Manz



Worship Leadership

- Pastors: Courtney Steitz, Michael TeKrony
- Organist: Jordan Ortman
- Special Music: Ron Skabo; Jordan Ortman, Piano
- Altar Guild: Donna Madsen, Susie DiPaolo
- Sound Tech: Mike Madsen, 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.