

Season of Pentecost

September 5, 2021 8:00am & 9:15am



Mutual Consolation of Saints

Now is the time to embrace living in community with those we agree with, and with those we do not.

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

Prelude

"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" - arr. by David Schack

Announcements

Greeting

Sisters and brothers, family and friends, companions and competitors, we gather today to unite and to reunify, to reconcile and to forgive!

Confession and Forgiveness

We confess our sins before God and one another.

Pause for silence and reflection.

Loving God,

You have granted us every blessing on earth, but we do not mirror your generosity to the world. We turn inward and hold tightly to things that aren't even ours. We make others uncomfortable to be around us instead of welcoming as you would. And we regularly forget the grace that has been freely offered. Forgive us for not living each day as your beloved, chosen children, for the sake of Jesus. Amen.

We do not continue in sin in order that grace may abound, for God's mercy is not something which can be taken from us. Go forth in the sure knowledge that you are forgiven, made new, and strengthened to serve another day in God's kingdom. Amen.

Prayer of the Day

One God, as you remind us that you are one God for all people, remind us too, that we are one people—united and reconciled by your love. **Amen.**

Musical Offering

"My Faith Looks Up To Thee"

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

God promises God's presence where two or three are gathered. God invites us to forgive and to ask forgiveness so that we might live in harmony and community.

Invitation to the Word

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

Scripture Reading

Matthew 18:15-20

¹⁵"If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. ¹⁶But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

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

Message

Song

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris - tian love;
2 Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne we pour our ar - dent prayers;
3 We share our mu - tual woes, our mu - tual bur - dens bear,
4 From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;

the u - ni - ty of heart and mind is like to that a - bove.
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.
and of - ten for each oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
and per - fect love and friend - ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Blest Be the Tie That Binds". It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system. The first system contains the first four lines of the hymn, and the second system contains the final four lines. The piano accompaniment features chords and moving lines that support the vocal melody.

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

We pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

Prayer response:

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

Hear our prayers, holy God, as we uplift all who need your healing and comforting presence. For the sake of Jesus Christ, we pray. **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

God unites all people under God's law and love.

All are welcome to God's table.

All are invited to commune together as one humanity.

✝ *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.
- The pastor 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

The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, ✝ be upon you now and forever. **Amen.**

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

*You are invited to leave worship in a respectful, socially distanced manner.
We invite you to consider using the columbarium for continued fellowship.*

Postlude

"Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer" – arr. by J. Bert Carlson



Worship Leadership

- Pastor: Michael TeKrony
- Assisting Minister: Scott Ikenberry
- Organist: Jordan Ortman
- Special Music: Jordan Ortman
- Altar Guild: Donna Madsen, Susie DiPaolo
- Sound Techs: 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 **inside** the building.
- You are welcome to sit anywhere in the sanctuary. Please be respectful of the personal space when choosing a seat next to those who are already seated.

Additionally, we will have a “socially distanced” zone in the 4 back pews in the sanctuary. While anyone is welcome to sit there, this space is created for those with families who have unvaccinated children in mind and those who feel more safe in a designated socially distance area.

- 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.
- 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.
- **Prayer station** is available before and after worship for candle-lighting. Please be mindful of personal space around one another.
- **Fellowship:** Once service has concluded, if you would like to greet one another, we ask that you do so in the parking lot or in the columbarium.

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 entrance to the sanctuary. 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.