



Season of Pentecost

August 11, 2024

Daniel: Fiery Furnace

Our God is a God who uses conviction—and even stubbornness—for good.

Trusting God + Loving the World

Worshiping and Growing Together in Christ | Serving and Reaching Out Joyfully to All!



Welcome! We're glad you're here

*If you are a guest and are interested in knowing more about this community and the ministries that Holy Shepherd is engaged in, please fill out the **Welcome Card** located in the pew racks. Once filled out, please place the card either in the offering basket as you come forward to receive communion or at the information desk as you enter the narthex. *Thank you and we look forward to getting to know you!**

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

Come and hear the Word proclaimed!
We come with open hearts and minds.
God transforms us as we listen and learn.
We rejoice in God's liberating love!

Greeting

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.**

Opening Song

W&P 98

**Morning has broken like the first morning;
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!**

**Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning,
born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise ev'ry morning,
God's recreation of the new day!**

Prayer of Day

God of deliverance,

Make us strong in our faith, unafraid to hold fast to your word, inspired to act on behalf of those in need no matter what resistance we might face. Walk with us, protect us, and liberate us to speak your truth in word and deed. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

God speaks to us in scripture, preaching & song

Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego are thrown into a fiery furnace as punishment for declaring their belief in God. And just as God delivers them from the flames, God delivers the person who put them there.

Scripture Reading

Daniel 3:1 [2-7] 8-30

King Nebuchadnezzar made a golden statue whose height was sixty cubits and whose width was six cubits; he set it up on the plain of Dura in the province of Babylon. Then King Nebuchadnezzar sent for the satraps, the prefects, and the governors, the counselors, the treasurers, the justices, the magistrates, and all the officials of the provinces to assemble and come to the dedication of the statue that King Nebuchadnezzar had set up. So the satraps, the prefects, and the governors, the counselors, the treasurers, the justices, the magistrates, and all the officials of the provinces, assembled for the dedication of the statue that King Nebuchadnezzar had set up. When they were standing before the statue that Nebuchadnezzar had set up, the herald proclaimed aloud, "You are commanded, O peoples, nations, and languages, that when you hear the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, drum, and entire musical ensemble, you are to fall down and worship the golden statue that King Nebuchadnezzar has set up. Whoever does not fall down and worship shall immediately be thrown into a furnace of blazing fire." Therefore, as soon as all the peoples heard the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, drum, and entire musical ensemble, all the peoples, nations, and languages fell down and worshiped the golden statue that King Nebuchadnezzar had set up.

Accordingly, at this time certain Chaldeans came forward and denounced the Jews. They said to King Nebuchadnezzar, "O king, live forever! You, O king, have made a decree, that everyone who hears the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, drum, and entire musical ensemble, shall fall down and worship the golden statue, and whoever does not fall down and worship shall be thrown into a furnace of blazing fire. There are certain Jews whom you have appointed over the affairs of the province of Babylon: Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. These pay no heed to you, O King. They do not serve your gods and they do not worship the golden statue that you have set up."

Then Nebuchadnezzar in furious rage commanded that Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego be brought in; so they brought those men before the king. Nebuchadnezzar said to them, “Is it true, O Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, that you do not serve my gods and you do not worship the golden statue that I have set up? Now if you are ready when you hear the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, drum, and entire musical ensemble to fall down and worship the statue that I have made, well and good. But if you do not worship, you shall immediately be thrown into a furnace of blazing fire, and who is the god that will deliver you out of my hands?”

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego answered the king, “O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to present a defense to you in this matter. If our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the furnace of blazing fire and out of your hand, O king, let him deliver us. But if not, be it known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods and we will not worship the golden statue that you have set up.” Then Nebuchadnezzar was so filled with rage against Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego that his face was distorted. He ordered the furnace heated up seven times more than was customary, and ordered some of the strongest guards in his army to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego and to throw them into the furnace of blazing fire. So the men were bound, still wearing their tunics, their trousers, their hats, and their other garments, and they were thrown into the furnace of blazing fire.

Because the king’s command was urgent and the furnace was so overheated, the raging flames killed the men who lifted Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. But the three men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, fell down, bound, into the furnace of blazing fire. Then King Nebuchadnezzar was astonished and rose up quickly. He said to his counselors, “Was it not three men that we threw bound into the fire?” They answered the king, that this indeed was true and the king replied, “But I see four men unbound, walking in the middle of the fire, and they are not hurt; and the fourth has the appearance of a god”.

Nebuchadnezzar then approached the door of the furnace of blazing fire and said, “Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, servants of the Most High God, come out! Come here!” So Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego came out from the fire. And the satraps, the prefects, the governors, and the king’s counselors gathered together and saw that the fire had not had any power over the bodies of those men; the hair of their heads was not singed, their tunics were not harmed, and not even the smell of fire came from them. Nebuchadnezzar said, “Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who has sent his angel and delivered his servants who trusted in him. They disobeyed the king’s command and yielded up their bodies rather than serve and worship any god except their own God.” Therefore I make a decree: Any people, nation, or language that utters blasphemy against the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego shall be torn limb from limb, and their houses laid in ruins; for there is no other god who is able to deliver in this way.” Then the king promoted Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego in the province of Babylon.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Hallelujah to the King of kings
Hallelujah to the Lamb
Hallelujah to the Lord of lords
Who is the great I Am

Holy Gospel

Luke 6:22-23

The holy gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²²“Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.”

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

✠ Children's Time ✠



Message

Song

When Our World is Rent by Violence

ACS 1052 vs. 1,3,4

When our world is rent by violence
and our lives are marred by grief,
when our songs of calm assurance
turn to cries of unbelief:
God, we raise our lamentation
seeking refuge and relief.

When our lives are burnt to ashes
and our hopes fade like a dream,
when our stories lose their meaning
and despair becomes their theme,
God, we raise our lamentation:
Come, Lord Jesus, to redeem!

Raise up beauty from the ashes;
end our violence; tend our peace.
Give us visions of a future
where all captives find release,
where oppression is evicted
and all works of hatred cease.

Proclamation of Faith

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

We believe in God the creator, savior and sustainer of all life.
We believe that God's reign is created with a love
that knows no boundaries, not even death.

We believe that God leads us as God's hands, feet and voice
to journey as disciples of Jesus,
to go deeper in our pilgrimage with God,
and to proclaim and live God's love
that continues to renew all of creation.

Prayers of the People

Today we acknowledge above all that God leads this church, and we both pray and trust the Holy Spirit to renew us and all of creation. Trusting in God's power and mercy, we pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

Sung before and after the prayers

The spirit intercedes for us, with sighs too deep for words to express.

Prayer petitions response

God of mystery, **we lift our prayers to you.**

Confident in your life-giving love, we lift these prayers and all those in
our hearts into your loving care. 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.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ, who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of new life.

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

The God who saved Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego from the flames offers even more powerful salvation through the body and blood of God's son, Jesus Christ, who now invites you to this table to feast in his name. Come and eat!



Holy Communion - All Are Welcome

Come forward and starting at the center, fill in along the railings. After you have received communion please exit by the side aisles and those waiting will then fill in the empty space. Bread (gluten-free) and wine or grape juice (center of the tray) will be given to you with the words spoken:

“The body of Christ given for you. The blood of Christ shed for you.”

If you would like communion served in the pew, please signal to a pastor.

You are invited...

To bring an **offering** forward before or after worship or during Holy Communion.

The offering is gathered in front of the communion table where we are reminded of God's gifts given to us in Christ and our response to these gifts.

Communion Song

You Are My All in All

You are my strength when I am weak, you are my treasure that I seek
You are my all in all.

Seeking You as a precious jew'el Lord to give up I'd be a fool
You are my all in all

Refrain

Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name
Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name.

Taking my sin my cross my shame, rising again I bless Your name
You are my all in all.

When I fall down You pick me up, when I am dry You fill my cup
You are my all in all *Refrain*

**Lord Jesus, think on me,
and purge away my sin;
from selfish passions set me free
and make me pure within.**

**Lord Jesus, think on me,
by anxious thoughts oppressed;
let me your loving servant be
and taste your promised rest.**

**Lord Jesus, think on me,
that, when the flood is past,
I may the eternal brightness see
and share your joy at last.**

Prayer after Communion

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

Gracious God, you have knit us together and formed our very being. You continue to draw us to your heart, provide for us and nourish us with your very self. Now send us forth to be your nurturing people in the world, and to share your good holiness this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

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

Blessing

God the source of all life, Christ who loves us to the end, and the Holy Spirit who connects us always to life and love, be with you and hold you this day and always. **Amen.**

Sending Song

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

ELW 834 vs. 1-3

**Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise!**

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.

Sending

Go in peace, love the world. **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude



Worship Leadership

- Pastor: Julie Brooks, Kim Gonia
- Pianist/Organist: Jordan Ortman
- Readers: Sue Scott, Julie Brooks, Dan Brooks, Kim Gonia
- Communion Assistants: Betty Moody, Diane Watts
- Greeters: Wally & Linda Settgast
- Usher: Del Felton
- Altar Guild: Susie DiPaolo
- Technology: Michael Boehm, Mark Lee
- Fellowship: Men's Group

Song Resource Key

ELW: *Evangelical Lutheran Worship Hymnal (Pew)*

ACS: *All Creation Sings* | **HSSB:** *Holy Shepherd Songbook*

WOV: *With One Voice* | **W&P:** *Worship & Praise*

✝ WORSHIP SERVICE NOTES ✝

- **THANK YOU** for being considerate of disabled worshippers and their families. Please leave the pew cuts and several adjoining seats available for those with walkers, wheelchairs, or electric carts and their families.
- **HEARING ASSISTANCE DEVICES** are located at the sound booth located in the back of the sanctuary on the east side. You can also download the app WaveCast Receiver which is designed for hearing aids with Bluetooth capability. See Diane Klinkerfues or our sound engineer Mark, in our sound booth. (Back of the sanctuary, SE corner).
- **PRAYER WALL/CANDLE STATION** is available during worship for candle-lighting and writing prayers and placing them in the prayer wall. Blue paper for writing prayers is available at the prayer wall or in the pews where the offering envelopes are located.
- **FELLOWSHIP:** Once worship has finished, please feel free to stay and greet each other and go into the fellowship hall for coffee and snacks.

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 front of the sanctuary. Please make checks payable to:
Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church or use the **PayPal** link below. *Thank you.*

KIDS ZONE

The **Kids Zone** (un-staffed) will be available to use for your family, if you need to leave the service. It is located off the hallway west of the sanctuary. The library and Fellowship Hall are also available.



**Narrative Lectionary Worship
Resources**

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