



Season of Pentecost

August 18, 2024

Daniel: Lions' Pit

God comes alive in ambiguity, meeting us and affirming us when we're feeling uncertain.

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

Let us pray and sing praises to our God.

We celebrate the eternal love of God.

Let us trust in our God to deliver us.

We trust the boundless mercy of God.

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

Eternal and holy God,

The world calls us to worship money, celebrity, security, media, and so many things that are not you and do not come from you. Make us as steadfast in our faith as Daniel, willing to sacrifice our comforts in favor of your love—that which makes life truly meaningful. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

God speaks to us in scripture, preaching & song

Daniel's act of defiance in prayer gets him thrown into a pit of lions.
But God delivers him from peril, to the relief of King Darius.

Scripture Reading

Daniel 6:6-27

6So the presidents and satraps conspired and came to the king and said to him, “O King Darius, live forever! 7All the presidents of the kingdom, the prefects and the satraps, the counselors and the governors are agreed that the king should establish an ordinance and enforce an interdict, that whoever prays to anyone, divine or human, for thirty days, except to you, O king, shall be thrown into a den of lions. 8Now, O king, establish the interdict and sign the document, so that it cannot be changed, according to the law of the Medes and the Persians, which cannot be revoked.” 9Therefore King Darius signed the document and interdict. 10Although Daniel knew that the document had been signed, he continued to go to his house, which had windows in its upper room open toward Jerusalem, and to get down on his knees three times a day to pray to his God and praise him, just as he had done previously. 11The conspirators came and found Daniel praying and seeking mercy before his God. 12Then they approached the king and said concerning the interdict, “O king! Did you not sign an interdict, that anyone who prays to anyone, divine or human, within thirty days except to you, O king, shall be thrown into a den of lions?” The king answered, “The thing stands fast, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which cannot be revoked.” 13Then they responded to the king, “Daniel, one of the exiles from Judah, pays no attention to you, O king, or to the interdict you have signed, but he is saying his prayers three times a day.” 14When the king heard the charge, he was very much distressed. He was determined to save Daniel, and until the sun went down he made every effort to rescue him. 15Then the conspirators came to the king and said to him, “Know, O king, that it is a law of the Medes and Persians that no interdict or ordinance that the king establishes can be changed.” 16Then the king gave the command, and Daniel was brought and thrown into the den of lions. The king said to Daniel, “May your God, whom you faithfully serve, deliver you!” 17A stone was brought and laid on the mouth of the den, and the king sealed it with his own signet and with the signet of his lords, so that nothing might be changed concerning Daniel. 18Then the king went to his palace and spent the night fasting; no food was brought to him, and sleep fled from him. 19Then, at break of day, the king got up and hurried

to the den of lions. 20When he came near the den where Daniel was, he cried out anxiously to Daniel, “O Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God whom you faithfully serve been able to deliver you from the lions?” 21Daniel then said to the king, “O king, live forever! 22My God sent his angel and shut the lions’ mouths so that they would not hurt me, because I was found blameless before him; and also before you, O king, I have done no wrong.” 23Then the king was exceedingly glad and commanded that Daniel be taken up out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no kind of harm was found on him, because he had trusted in his God. 24The king gave a command, and those who had accused Daniel were brought and thrown into the den of lions—they, their children, and their wives. Before they reached the bottom of the den the lions overpowered them and broke all their bones in pieces. 25Then King Darius wrote to all peoples and nations of every language throughout the whole world: “May you have abundant prosperity! 26I make a decree, that in all my royal dominion people should tremble and fear before the God of Daniel: For he is the living God, enduring forever. His kingdom shall never be destroyed, and his dominion has no end. 27He delivers and rescues, he works signs and wonders in heaven and on earth; for he has saved Daniel from the power of the lions.”

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 23:1-5

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

Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. 2They began to accuse him, saying, “We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king.” 3Then Pilate asked him, “Are you the king of the Jews?” He answered, “You say so.” 4Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, “I find no basis for an accusation against this man.” 5But they were insistent and said, “He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place.”

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

+ Children's Time +



Message

Song

O Day Full of Grace

ELW 627 vs. 1 & alt. 2,3

O day full of grace that now we see
appearing on earth's horizon,
bring light from our God that we may be
abundant in joy this season.
God, shine for us now in this dark place;
your name on our hearts emblazon.

How blest was that gracious midnight hour,
when God in our flesh was given;
then brightened the dawn with light and pow'r
that spread o'er the darkened heaven;
then rose o'er the world that Sun divine,
which gloom from our hearts has driven.

Yea, were ev'ry tree endowed with speech,
and were ev'ry leaflet singing,
they never with praise God's worth could reach,
though earth with their praise were ringing.
Who fully could praise the Light of life
who light to our souls is bringing?

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

No matter where you are in your faith journey, no matter how confident in God's love and mercy, no matter if you're willing to be sent to the den of lions for your faith, Jesus invites you here and now into his holy presence, and nourishes you with his own body and blood. All are worthy. All are welcome. Come and be fed.





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

Jernigan

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 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*

For the bread which you have broken,
for the wine which you have poured,
for the words which you have spoken,
now we give you thanks, O Lord.

By this promise that you love us,
by your gift of peace restored,
by your call to heav'n above us,
hallow all our lives, O Lord.

With the saints who now adore you,
seated at the heav'nly board,
may the church still waiting for you
keep love's tie unbroken, Lord.

In your service, Lord, defend us;
in our hearts keep watch and ward;
in the world to which you send us
let your kingdom come, O Lord.

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.**

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;
hark, how the heav'nly anthem drowns
all music but its own.

Awake, my soul, and sing, of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless king
through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of love, behold his hands and side,
rich wounds, yet visible above,
in beauty glorified.

No angels in the sky, can fully bear that sight,
but downward bend their burning eyes
at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave
and rose victorious in the strife
for those he came to save.

His glories now we sing, who died and rose on high,
who died, eternal life to bring,
and lives that death may die.

Sending

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

Postlude



Worship Leadership

- Pastor: Julie Brooks, Kim Gonia
- Pianist/Organist: Jim Calm
- Readers: John Hufford, Julie Brooks, Bob Gordon, Kim Gonia
- Communion Assistants: Gaylene Szaltzer, Pat Szkrumelak
- Greeter: Barb Jacobson
- Ushers: Reid Clark, Don Threlkeld
- Altar Guild: Donna Madsen
- Technology: Jan Bybee, Mark Lee
- Fellowship: Book Club

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** are available during worship for candle-lighting and writing prayers. Blue paper is located at the prayer wall for you to write a prayer, roll in up and put it in the wall. Both are located in the back of the sanctuary on the west side.
- **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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