



## Season of Pentecost

September 1, 2024

### *Daniel: End of Days*

It's okay if we don't understand all of the things we hear in a life of faith—the important thing is that we keep on listening.

Trusting God + Loving the World

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*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

We do not know when Jesus will return.

**But we know *why*.**

We know that Jesus loves us in the here and now.

**Jesus' ever-present love for us is the "why".**

Let us give thanks to God for God's eternal love in and through Jesus.

**Thanks be to 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 re-creation of the new day!**

# Prayer of Day

God of love,

**Free us from our obsessive need to know what is unknowable, to have power over that which is beyond our control. Remove our fear of the unknown future, and instill in us a peace so deep, a trust so profound, that we cannot help but live lives of simple gratitude for all that you have given us, and all that you have promised us. In Jesus' holy name we pray. Amen.**

*God speaks to us in scripture, preaching & song*

After hearing some of the grandest and most apocalyptic visions in all of the Hebrew Bible, Daniel abandons the temptation to ask, "When?" and focuses, instead, on asking "Why?"

## Scripture Reading

**Daniel 12:1-3, 5-13**

"At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. <sup>2</sup>Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. <sup>3</sup>Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.

<sup>5</sup>Then I, Daniel, looked, and two others appeared, one standing on this bank of the stream and one on the other. <sup>6</sup>One of them said to the man clothed in linen, who was upstream, "How long shall it be until the end of these wonders?" <sup>7</sup>The man clothed in linen, who was upstream, raised his right hand and his left hand toward heaven. And I heard him swear by the one who lives forever that it would be for a time, two times, and half a time, and that when the shattering of the power of the holy people comes to an end, all these things would be accomplished. <sup>8</sup>I heard but could not understand; so I said, "My lord, what shall be the outcome of these things?" <sup>9</sup>He said, "Go your way, Daniel, for the words are to remain secret and sealed until the time of the end. <sup>10</sup>Many shall be purified, cleansed, and refined, but the wicked shall continue to act wickedly. None of the wicked shall understand, but those who are wise shall understand. <sup>11</sup>From the time that the regular burnt offering is taken away and the abomination that desolates is set up, there shall be one thousand two hundred ninety days. <sup>12</sup>Happy are those who persevere and attain the thousand three hundred thirty-five days. <sup>13</sup>But you, go your way, and rest; you shall rise for your reward at the end of the days."

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 17:20-21

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

Once Jesus was asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God was coming, and he answered, “The kingdom of God is not coming with things that can be observed; <sup>21</sup>nor will they say, ‘Look, here it is!’ or ‘There it is!’ For, in fact, the kingdom of God is among you.”

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

## + Children's Time +



## Message

## Song

*The Church of Christ, in Every Age*

ELW 729 vs 1, 3, 5

The church of Christ, in ev'ry age  
beset by change, but Spirit-led,  
must claim and test its heritage  
and keep on rising from the dead.

Then let the servant church arise,  
a caring church that longs to be  
a partner in Christ's sacrifice,  
and clothed in Christ's humanity.

**We have no mission but to serve  
in full obedience to our Lord;  
to care for all, without reserve,  
and spread his liberating word.**

## **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.**

## **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**

Jesus who promises us our reward at the end of our days calls us in the here and now to this table of grace and mercy. As we receive these gifts, we send our blessing to those who are not with us today that they be nourished and strengthened through the hands and feet of those gathered here.

Come with your siblings in Christ and be nourished on his body and blood, that all might be strengthened for the journey.



## *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'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, keep us steadfast in your word;  
curb those who by deceit or sword  
would wrest the kingdom from your Son  
and bring to naught all he has done.

Lord Jesus Christ, your pow'r make known,  
for you are Lord of lords alone;  
defend your holy church, that we  
may sing your praise eternally.

O Comforter of priceless worth,  
send peace and unity on earth;  
support us in our final strife  
and lead us out of death to life.

## 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.**

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

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## 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**

### *Let Justice Flow like Streams*

ELW 717

Let justice flow like streams  
of sparkling water, pure,  
enabling growth, refreshing life,  
abundant, cleansing, sure.

Let righteousness roll on  
as others' cares we heed,  
an ever-flowing stream of faith  
translated into deed.

So may God's plumb line, straight,  
define our measure true,  
and justice, right, and peace pervade  
this world our whole life through.

## **Sending**

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

## **Postlude**



## Worship Leadership

- Pastor: Julie Brooks, Kim Gonia
- Pianist/Organist: Jordan Ortman
- Readers: Lee Ann Hufford
- Communion Assistants: Bonnie Yockstick, Pat Mohrbacher
- Greeter: Alice Briggs
- Ushers: Joe Thompson, Mel Yockstick
- Altar Guild: Susie DiPaolo
- Technology: Mike Madsen, Mark Lee
- Fellowship: Open

### **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*

### **Narrative Lectionary Worship Resources**

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## + WORSHIP SERVICE NOTES +

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- **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.

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## OFFERING

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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.*

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## KIDS ZONE

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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.



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