

13 Pentecost August 24 and 27 in the year of our LORD 2023

WHOAMI?



GOOD SHEPHERD Evangelical Lutheran Church & School

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WELCOME!

We love that you are here today! Each person has the opportunity to worship God in a way that he or she understands. Today's service is designed to emphasize the Bible readings theme for the day. There is nothing quite like the joyful confidence expressed when God's people are brought together and give thanks to Jesus. More people than ever have opportunities to experience that same joyful confidence that we Christians have been given.

The **Order of Service** is printed for you in this worship folder. Or you can follow the projections on the screen.

Restrooms are located to the left as you exit the worship space, as well as around the corner from the church office.

Quiet room Parents may use the room in the back of this worship space which still enables you to hear/see the worship service.

A **Welcome Card** and pencil are found in the pocket of the pew in front of you. Time will be provided to fill it out during the service. You may drop it in when the offering basket is passed or hand it to an usher after the service.

TODAY'S FOCUS— In His mercy, God asks some really great questions. His gracious Word supplies the answer and leads us to appreciate God's gifts as we come into His presence to offer true and faithful service.

ORDER OF WORSHIP—pages 3-8 in our worship folder

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Presider and Preacher

Ushers

Technology Coordinator

Pastor Paul A. Tullberg

Chris Rhein and Bruce Mohns

Kathy Lee

THE SERVICE BEGINS

You see the candles are lit to remind us that Jesus is always with us.
You hear the bell to remind us that this is the time that:
we listen to God's Word,
sing to Him, and
pray to Him together.



WELCOMING SONG

TUNE: PATMOS

**Take my life and let it be Consecrated, Lord, to Thee.
Take my moments and my days, Let them flow in endless praise.**

**Take my hands and let them move At the impulse of Thy love.
Take my feet and let them be Swift and beautiful for Thee.**

**Take my voice and let me sing, Always, only for my King.
Take my lips and let them be Filled with messages from Thee.**

**Take my silver and my gold, Not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect and use Every pow'r as Thou shalt choose.**

**Take my will and make it Thine, It shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is Thine own, It shall be Thy royal throne.**

**Take my love, my Lord, I pour At Thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself and I will be Ever, only, all for Thee.**

INVOCATION

We worship God. He is the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

WE CONFESS OUR SINS AND RECEIVE FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
God gathered us today to hear the Good News of Jesus Christ.
We thank, honor and praise God our Savior. Amen!

Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart, confess our sins, and ask Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin. I have done evil; I have failed to do good. You have every right to turn Your back on me for ever. But You sent Jesus Christ to rescue me. O heavenly Father, I am sorry for my sins. Please, forgive me, for Jesus' sake.

Listen and trust God's good news: Christ has died for you; Christ is risen for you; Christ will come again for you! Be at peace in Jesus Christ, crucified and risen for you! Go and sin no more.

WE SING OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S FORGIVENESS TUNE: VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

Dear Jesus, bless Your people You gathered here today.
Oh, send Your Holy Spirit, and bless our time we pray.
Let us proclaim Your Gospel abroad through every land!
Dear Lord, will You please move us to follow Your command?



**Lord, bless our time and talents And bless the gifts we share;
Teach generations coming Your Word and gracious care.
Bless all of those who carry the Message of Your love,
Your wonderful salvation You gave us from above.**

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Prayer of the Day

As forgiven children of God we pray to You, dear heavenly Father. We thank You for sending Jesus. He died on the cross for us and rose from the dead for us. Now we know that we have forgiveness for all our sins. Now we know that we are Your people. Now we know that we will live with You in heaven someday. For all of this we say: amen.

Amen.

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

EXODUS 34:5-10

⁵The LORD came down in the cloud. He took His stand there with Moses and proclaimed the name of the LORD. ⁶The LORD passed by in front of him and proclaimed: “The LORD, the LORD, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, and overflowing with mercy and truth, ⁷maintaining mercy for thousands, forgiving guilt and rebellion and sin. He will by no means clear the guilty. He calls their children and their children’s children to account for the guilt of the fathers, even to the third and the fourth generation.”

⁸Moses quickly bowed to the ground and worshipped. ⁹He said, “If I have now found favor in Your sight, LORD, please let the LORD go along with us. Although this is a stiff-necked people, pardon our guilt and our sin, and accept us as Your possession.”
¹⁰The LORD said, “See, I am making a covenant. In the presence of all your people I will do marvelous things such as have never been created anywhere on earth or in

any nation. So, all the people who are around you will see the work of the LORD. For it is an awe-inspiring thing that I will do for you.”

SCRIPTURE READING

MATTHEW 16:13-20

¹³ When Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, “Who do people say the Son of Man is?” ¹⁴ They said, “Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” ¹⁵ He said to them, “**But you, who do you say that I am?**”

¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”

¹⁷ Jesus replied, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for flesh and blood did not reveal this to you, but My Father who is in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of hell will not overpower it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” ²⁰ Then He commanded the disciples not to tell anyone that He was the Christ.

WE REFLECT GOD’S WORD using the words of the APOSTLES’ CREED

I believe in God, the Father, Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus, Christ, His 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 into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church—the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

VICTORY SONG OF THE DAY

TUNE: DIX



**1. God, Your blessings overflow! What can I begin to say?
How can I begin to show all my gratitude today?
Father, God, I worship You, giving thanks for all You do.**

**2. Thank You, Jesus, for my life, for my friends and family,
for Your great redeeming work, for Your death that set me free!
You have brought me to this place for Your Word of truth and grace!**

**3. Struggles come from everywhere, joy is mixed with sadness, pain.
LORD of life, oh hear my prayer: when will I feel whole again?
With Your Word, when grief is long Holy Spirit, keep me strong.**

**4. Savior, from Your cross supply life for souls condemned to die.
Calm my sorrow, lift my eyes, Righteousness-of-God, arise!
Mercies undeserved bestowed; You supplied all that I owed!**

INSTRUCTION IN THE WORD:

Matthew 16:13-20 *What kind of a question is that?!*

A "Savior" question / A "saved" answer

OFFERINGS GATHERED

TUNE: DIX

God gives us all we have and all we need. We show that we are thankful by giving our offerings to God.



**Let me offer thanks this day for Your gifts so freely shared,
Let me follow Christ the Way, Let me serve You everywhere,
Spirit, as Your Word expressed, Let me live in thankfulness.**

♪ As Your prosp'ring hand has blest, we now give You of our best
and by deeds of kindly love for Your mercies grateful prove,
singing thus through all our days: "Praise to God, immortal praise!"

Let us pray. *Requested Prayers and LORD'S PRAYER*

THE HOLY COMMUNION - CONSECRATION AND DISTRIBUTION

SONGS FROM THE BLUE HYMNALS TO USE DURING THE DISTRIBUTION:

♪ *BUILT ON THE ROCK* #856
MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING LESS #564
HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION #800

THE BLESSING AND PARTING SONG

Tune: In Christ Alone

♪ **1** In Christ alone my hope is found. He is my Light, my Strength, my Song; This
Cornerstone, this solid ground, Firm through the fiercest drought and
storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace, When fears are
stilled, when strivings cease! My Comforter, my all in all, Here
in the love of Christ I stand.

4 No guilt in life, no fear in death, This is the pow'r of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny. No
pow'r of hell, no scheme of man Can ever pluck me from His hand; Till
He returns or calls me home, Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.



GOOD SHEPHERD NEWS and NOTES

August 27 - Sept 3, 2023

OUR WEEK WITH JESUS

Thursday 24	7:00 pm	Worship
Sunday 27	9:00 am	Worship & Communion
	10:15 am	Bible Class – Evolution
Monday 28	11:00 am	Coffee with Christ at Grace's
Thursday 31	7:00 pm	Worship with Holy Communion
Sunday 3	9:00 am	Worship with Holy Communion
	10:15 am	Bible Class—Evolution

September 10th Open Forum

September 17th Sunday School Begins & Special Congregational Meeting

September 18th FREE MEAL at Grace's Restaurant—**11 am**

In our prayers:

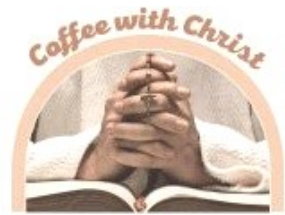
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SCHOOL ADVISORY COMMITTEE is preparing to share some ideas how to proceed with our school when our Educator/Principal Donna Tullberg retires next year. Thank you for sharing your ideas these past weeks!

AN OPEN FORUM FOR ALL MEMBERS WILL BE HELD ON *SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH.*

A heartfelt thank you goes to eight ladies from our Good Shepherd Ladies Group who did a thorough cleaning of our church kitchen recently. Now if we could all just remember to kindly please put back what we take out and *use that would be WONDERFUL!* :-)

You are invited to join us on Monday, September 18th at Grace's Restaurant for a **FREE meal** as we start our 5th year enjoying coffee, food, fellowship and a discussion on God's Word. A sign-up sheet is in the narthex. *Please register for the meal by Sunday, September 10th.*



New Email Addresses Please update the following—

Pastor John Melke: pastorjohn@1goodshepherd.org and our church office coordinator, Julie Bunt: office@1goodshepherd.org. If you have an email or mailing address update, let us know. Thank you!

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