

# ***Good Shepherd Lutheran Church***

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August 25th, 2024 9:30am

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost



*Evangelical Lutheran Worship - Setting 10, page 203*  
*Please leave your offering in the plate at the door*  
*You may stand at times marked with an asterisk (\*)*

## **GATHERING**

**Prelude**

Tena Rackow

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

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**P:** In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**P:** God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**P:** Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence for reflection*

**P:** Most merciful God,

**C: Father eternal, giver of light and grace, we have sinned against you and against our neighbor, in what we have thought, in what we have said and done, through ignorance, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are sorry and ashamed and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past and lead us out from darkness to walk as children of light. Amen.**

**P:** Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord ☩ Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **C: Amen.**

\* **Hymn**                     *When Morning Gilds the Skies*                     **ELW # 853**

\* **Greeting**   *ELW page 203*

**P:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C:** And also with you.

\* **Kyrie**                     *Have Mercy On Us, Lord*                     *ELW page 203*

**C:** Have mercy on us, Lord, and hear our solemn prayer.

**We come to hear your living word;  
it saves us from despair.**

**Have mercy on us, Christ, and wash away our sin.**

**Pour out your grace and make us whole  
that new life may begin.**

**Have mercy on us, Lord; make sin and shame depart.**

**Renew us with your saving power, create in us new hearts!**

\* **Canticle**                     *Glory Be to God in Heaven*                     *ELW page 204*

**C:** Glory be to God in heaven;  
peace, goodwill to all the earth.

**Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth:  
we exalt you, we adore you,  
we lift high our thanks and praise.**

**Saints and angels bow before you;  
here on earth our songs we raise.**

**Glory be to Christ forever, Lamb of God and Lord of love.**

**Son of God and gracious Savior,  
you have come from heaven above;  
on the cross you died to save us;  
now you reign at God's right hand.**

**Hear our prayer; restore, forgive us;  
in your promise firm we stand.**

**Holy One we now acclaim you; Lord alone, to you we call;  
Holy One in faith we name you,  
God most high, yet near to all:  
Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit,  
in the Father's splendor bright.  
For the peace that we inherit, glory be to God on high!**

### **\* Prayer of the Day**

**P:** Holy God, your word feeds your people with life that is eternal. Direct our choices and preserve us in your truth, that, renouncing what is false and evil, we may live in you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## **WORD**

### **First Reading: *Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18***

**L:** A reading from Joshua.

**24** Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel. And they presented themselves before God. <sup>2</sup> And Joshua said to all the people: <sup>14</sup> "Fear the LORD and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness. Put away the gods that your fathers served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. <sup>15</sup> And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD."

<sup>16</sup> Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods, <sup>17</sup> for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our fathers up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight and preserved us in all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed. <sup>18</sup> And the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God.” [ESV]

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm: 34:15-22**

L: Let us read responsively from Psalm 34.

<sup>15</sup> The eyes of the LORD are toward the righteous  
and his ears toward their cry.

<sup>16</sup> **The face of the LORD is against those who do evil,  
to cut off the memory of them from the earth.**

<sup>17</sup> When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears  
and delivers them out of all their troubles.

<sup>18</sup> **The LORD is near to the brokenhearted  
and saves the crushed in spirit.**

<sup>19</sup> Many are the afflictions of the righteous,  
but the LORD delivers him out of them all.

<sup>20</sup> **He keeps all his bones;  
not one of them is broken.**

<sup>21</sup> Affliction will slay the wicked,  
and those who hate the righteous will be condemned.

<sup>22</sup> **The LORD redeems the life of his servants;  
none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.**

[ESV]

## **Second Reading: *Ephesians 6:10-20***

**L:** A reading from Paul's letter to the Ephesians.

<sup>10</sup> Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. <sup>11</sup> Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. <sup>12</sup> For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. <sup>13</sup> Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. <sup>14</sup> Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, <sup>15</sup> and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. <sup>16</sup> In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; <sup>17</sup> and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, <sup>18</sup> praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, <sup>19</sup> and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, <sup>20</sup> for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

[ESV]

**L:** The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **\* Gospel Acclamation**

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**C: Alleluia! Lord and Savior: open now your saving word.**

**Let it burn like fire within us,**

**speak until our hearts are stirred.**

**Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.**

**\* Gospel: *John 6:56-69***

**P:** The holy Gospel according to John.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>51</sup> [Jesus said,] <sup>56</sup> Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him. <sup>57</sup> As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever feeds on me, he also will live because of me. <sup>58</sup> This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like the bread the fathers ate, and died. Whoever feeds on this bread will live forever.” <sup>59</sup> Jesus said these things in the synagogue, as he taught at Capernaum.

<sup>60</sup> When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?” <sup>61</sup> But Jesus, knowing in himself that his disciples were grumbling about this, said to them, “Do you take offense at this? <sup>62</sup> Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? <sup>63</sup> It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is no help at all. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. <sup>64</sup> But there are some of you who do not believe.” (For Jesus knew from the beginning who those were who did not believe, and who it was who would betray him.) <sup>65</sup> And he said, “This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by the Father.”

<sup>66</sup> After this many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked with him. <sup>67</sup> So Jesus said to the twelve, “Do you want to go away as well?” <sup>68</sup> Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, <sup>69</sup> and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God.” [ESV]

**P:** The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

Pastor Thomas Mosbo

**\* Hymn**

*Blessed Assurance*

**ELW # 638**

## \* Nicene Creed

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**P:** With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**C:** We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God, begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father,  
through whom all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.



## Prayers of Intercession

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*Please respond to each petition with the following:*

**L:** ... Merciful God,

**C:** receive our prayer.

**P:** We lift up these prayers to you, gracious God. Receive them into your loving arms, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C:** Amen.

### *We lift our prayers for*

Lynn Lyvers, Jerry, Fern Harnish, Taylor B., Denny Bergmann, Rene', Paul Fahr, Gary Hudik, Brady Meier, Virgil Martin, Tena Rackow, Marilyn Fulfs, Richard Freitag, Todd Schlachter, Cyndy Schumacher, Connor Stadermann, Brooke, Jon Forsythe, Diane, Randy, Brian, Paul Heller, Janet, Ryse Stone, Nicole, Meghan and her baby, John, Chuck, Joyce, Terri, Tina, Julie, Jamie, Crystal, Katie, Christian, Anna, Abby, Karla, Jacob and his family, Richard Gordon, Kay, Shanna, Kathy, Charlie, Brad, Jack, Tina, Joe, Sue, Emma, Cindy, Lamar Hail, Connie, Rachel Collins, Hanna, Mr. & Mrs. Ron Heckman, Jeri, Allie, Al, Bruce Stewart, Pam, Caroline, Tina D., Howard D., Christine, Madilyn Yeager, Jim DeMontigny Jr., Anita, Eric, Roger, Larry, Linda Kruger-Kleckler, Libby Wuethrich, Norman, Vivian, Tina Cheeney, Dennis Bokemeier and Susan Anderson.

## Lord's Prayer

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**P:** Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**C:** Our Father, who art in heaven  
hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;

And forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;

And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil,

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.

## SENDING

### Blessing

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**P:** The Lord bless you and keep you,  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you,  
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace,  
In the name of the Father, ☩ and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit..

**C:** Amen.

### \* Hymn

*Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer*

**ELW # 618**

### \* Dismissal

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**P:** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C:** Thanks be to God.

### Postlude

Tena Rackow

**TODAY**  
**Bible Study of Ephesians,**  
**will be held during Fellowship**

Good Shepherd  
will be at the Le-Win Food Pantry,  
Saturday August 24<sup>th</sup> from 8:20-11:30am

**Men's Group**  
will meet  
Saturday August 24<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm

Lena Lions Fall Festival  
September 6-7<sup>th</sup>

Good Shepherd will have a Hospitality Tent, Sign-up sheet available by Fellowship Hall for Hospitality Tent.

Donations for Candy to be tossed from the float would be greatly appreciated, sign-up sheet by fellowship hall.

Blessing of the Quilts  
Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>,  
During Worship Service

*Chime and Choir Practice*  
Begins on September 8<sup>th</sup> after Worship Service.

Scholarship Committee Meeting  
Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, 10:30am

**Save the Date**  
Rally Day, September 22<sup>nd</sup>

Youth and Learning Committee Meeting  
Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>  
10:30am

*Attendance August 11<sup>th</sup>*  
*In-person 37, Online 133*