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# Welcome to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Building up God's people through His word for His world

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Conflict is a part of relationships and life in community. Jesus' words in today's gospel are often used in situations having to do with church discipline. The prophet Ezekiel tells of warning the wicked to turn from their ways, and Paul reminds us that love is the fulfilling of the law. We gather in the name of Christ, assured that he is present among us with gifts of peace and reconciliation.

**Flowers and plants in our sanctuary** are supported by financial donations to the Flower Fund. These floral offerings beautify the chancel (area around the altar) during our virtual services, uplift the service participants, and remind us all of God's good creation. This week, the floral offerings are given to the glory of God by Ray and Joan Micsan in celebration of their 64th wedding anniversary.

**ORGAN PRELUDE** "Built on the Rock" arr. David Lasky WELCOME & INVOCATION Pastor Johann "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven" **OPENING HYMN** Hymn No. 793 King of 1 Praise, my soul, the heav To His feet your en; 2 Praise Him for His peo - ple His grace and fa To vor 3 Fa ther - like He tends and spares Well our fee - ble us; 4 An gels, help us to a - dore Him; You be - hold Him trib - ute bring; Ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, Praise Him dis - tress: still the same as ev - er, in gent - ly frame He knows: In His hand He bears us, face to face; Sun and moon, bow down be - fore Him, Ev - er - more His sing: Al - le - lu - ia, prais - es Slow to chide and swift to bless: A1 - le lu - ia, Al - le lu - ia, Res - cues us from all our foes. All who dwell time Al - le lu - ia, in and space. al - le lu - ia! Praise the er last - ing King. ev al - le \_ lu - ia! Glo - rious His faith - ful - ness. in al - le lu - ia! Wide - ly His mer - cy yet flows. al - le - lu - ia! Praise with God us the grace. of

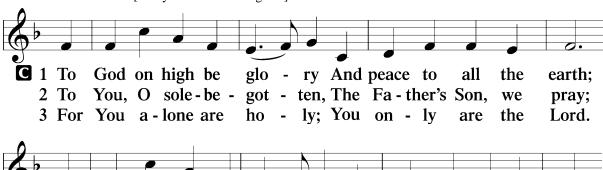
#### **CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS**

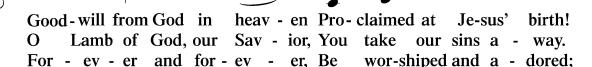
Blessed be the holy Trinity, \(\frac{1}{2}\) one God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation. **Amen.** 

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. We reflect in quiet.

Faithful God, have mercy on us. We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We turn from your loving embrace and go our own ways. We pass judgment on one another before examining ourselves. We place our own needs before those of our neighbors. We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves. Make us humble, cast away our transgressions, and turn us again to life in you through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

#### GLORIA IN EXCELSIS [Glory to God in the highest]







We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry, You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King. Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—In God the Fa-ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

#### Service of the Word

FIRST READING Ezekiel 33:7–11

God appointed Ezekiel as a sentinel for the house of Israel. Ezekiel must faithfully convey God's warnings to the people.

Remarkably, God—who is about to attack Jerusalem—gives a warning with the hope that repentance will make the attack unnecessary.

<sup>7</sup>So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. <sup>8</sup>If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. <sup>9</sup>But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

<sup>10</sup>Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: "Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?" <sup>11</sup>Say to them, As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

SECOND READING Romans 13:8–14

The obligation of Christians is to love one another and so fulfill the heart and goal of the law.

Clothes make the person as we "put on the Lord Jesus Christ" and
live today in light of the future God has in store for us.

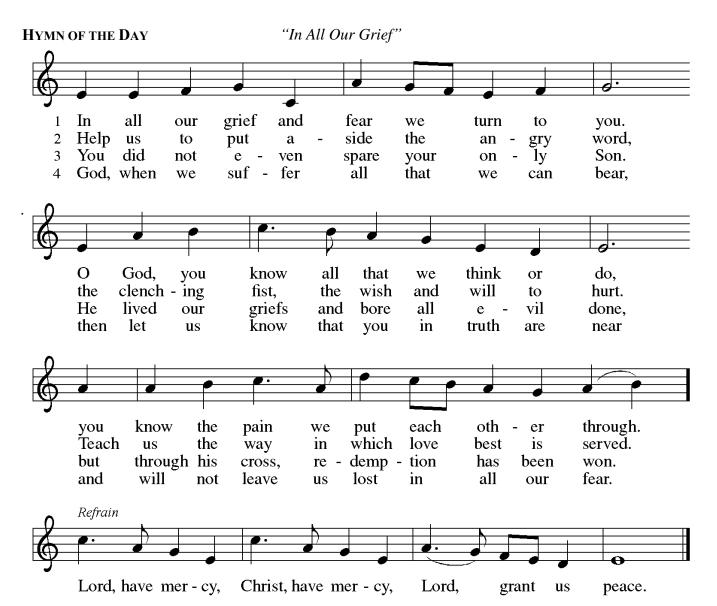
<sup>8</sup>Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. <sup>9</sup>The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." <sup>10</sup>Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

<sup>11</sup>Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; <sup>12</sup>the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; <sup>13</sup>let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup>Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 18:15–20

Jesus offers practical advice to his disciples on how individuals—and the church as a whole—should go about restoring relationships when one member has sinned against another.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>15</sup>"If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. <sup>16</sup>But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. <sup>17</sup>If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. <sup>18</sup>Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. <sup>19</sup>Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. <sup>20</sup>For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."



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**MESSAGE** 

"Immanuel in the Conflict"

Pastor Johann

#### REFLECTIVE RESPONSE

#### **APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

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

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OFFERING

CHORAL ANTHEM "Ave Verum Corpus" W. A. Mozart

Ave, ave verum Corpus,
natum de Maria Virgine.
Vere passum immolatum
in cruce pro homine.
Cujus latus perforatum
Unda fluxit et sanguine.
Esto nobis praegustatum
in mortis examine, in mortis examine

Jesu, Word of God Incarnate
Of the Blessed Virgin Mary born;
On the cross thy sacred body
For us men with nails was torn
Cleanse us by the blood and water
Streaming forth from thy pierced side.
Feed us with thy body broken
in death's final agony, in death's final agony

#### OFFERING PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. You have set before us these gifts of your good creation. Prepare us for your heavenly banquet, nourish us with your daily bread and Word, and send us forth to set tables in the midst of a suffering world, through the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.** 

#### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

The people respond after "Lord, hear our prayer" by singing:

Leader: You hear us calling, You hear us calling, Abba Father

You hear us calling, You hear us calling, Abba Father

All: Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy

Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy

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#### LORD'S PRAYER

**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.

#### **BLESSING**

Nothing separates us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. God, our Abba Father, + Jesus, our Lord and Savior, and the Holy Spirit, our Counselor and Comforter, bless you and keep you in eternal love. **Amen.** 

#### **CLOSING SONG**

### "Lord, I Need You"

Lord, I come, I confess Bowing here, I find my rest And without You, I fall apart You're the one that guides my heart

Lord, I need You, oh, I need You Ev'ry hour I need You My one defense, my righteousness Oh, God, how I need You

Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more Where grace is found, is where You are And where You are, Lord, I am free Holiness is Christ in me Where You are, Lord, I am free Holiness is Christ in me

#### **Chorus**

So teach my song to rise to You When temptation comes my way And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You Jesus, You're my hope and stay And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You Jesus, You're my hope and stay

# Chorus (2x)

My one defense, my righteousness Oh, God, how I need You

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"Lord, I Need You"

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Staff Liaison: Pastor Johann

music, seasonal celebrations, arts, worship schedule, Sanctuary Choir, Children's Choir (Laura Owens), traditional, contemporary, physical space, support personnel (e.g., ushers, greeters, acolytes)

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adult education, Sunday school, Vacation Bible School, family ministry, children's ministry, youth ministry

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**Administration** Team Leader: Pastor Johann

property (Roger Thorstenson), financing the mission (Mike DeWan), stewardship (Don Kidwell), human resources/personnel (Matt Franker), communications, contracts, church office, calendar/program management, technology

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world missions, synod, outreach, social ministry, community service, evangelism, publicity, media, social media

Congregational Care Team Leader: Marilyn Voigt; Staff Liaison: Pastor Johann member care visits, emergency transportation, maintain roster of the willing, guest follow-up

Good Shepherd is a member congregation of the Southeastern District of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

# **About Good Shepherd...**

# Our vision

We will be a congregation known for building up God's people through His Word for His world.

# Worship

During worship, God comes to us through his gifts of Word and Sacrament. What a joy to respond with prayer and songs of praise. Our worship services give us opportunity to listen to God's word and meditate upon it, thus feeding our faith; and express our concerns for our friends, families, community, and the world through prayer.

# Serve

We are called to actively share the Good News of Jesus Christ through word and deed. One way we share is by serving one another and our neighbors in our community and throughout the world. Look at our Community Service Opportunities listing to find a way to serve.

# Grow

We are committed to spiritual growth through the weekly gathering for prayer, praise, and thanksgiving, and through lifelong learning. In addition to growing in knowledge, we want to grow in love and service to others within and beyond our church community.

# Connect

As we grow in our love for Jesus and our neighbors, as we serve our neighbors near and far, we help and encourage one another, challenge one another, and share one another's joys and sorrows. We build strong ties when we gather for worship as well as for events throughout the week. Look inside for many opportunities for connection.



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