

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:2-4

ALL: 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!

GOD'S WORD OF BLESSING

Numbers 6:24-26

In this Divine Service, by the gift of faith, the Holy Spirit has opened our hearts and minds to receive His graces. We now leave this house of worship to share His story!

E: The Lord bless us and keep us. The Lord make His face shine upon us and be gracious unto us. The Lord lift up His countenance upon us and ✠ give us peace.

C: Amen!

Please be seated for the Announcements.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING SONG The Blessing

✠ TO GOD ALONE ALL GLORY! ✠



**Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything
by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving
let your requests be made known to God.
And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding,
will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.**
~Philippians 4:6-7

**LORD, LAY SOME SOUL UPON MY HEART AND LOVE THAT SOUL THROUGH ME:
AND MAY I GLADLY DO MY PART TO WIN THAT SOUL FOR THEE. AMEN!**

CONNECT CARDS Guests and members, please:

- ♦ fill out a Connect card, or
- ♦ scan the QR code to connect with us online

Cards are on clipboards at the end of a row. These methods include a space to share prayer requests with our pastors.

We look forward to praying for and connecting personally with YOU!



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✠ IN THE NAME OF JESUS ✠

SONG SET *Michael Amidei, Infinite Grace Team*

Please refer to the screens for the song lyrics.

My Worth Is Not in What I Own
The Solid Rock

INVOCATION *David Renner, elder of Shepherd of the Hills* *Matthew 28:19b*

Elder (E): We call on the name of the Triune God—the name into which we have been baptized: In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation (C): Amen!

CONFESSION AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF FORGIVENESS

E: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination)

E: We confess our sins to God our Father:

C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

E: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: Amen!

SONG You Alone Can Rescue

OLD TESTAMENT READING Deuteronomy 7:6-9 *Dave Hudson, Lector*

For you are a people holy to the LORD¹ your God. The LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for His treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the LORD set His love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, but it is because the LORD loves you and is

¹**LORD:** When in all capital letters, this means the personal name of God—Yahweh. God's people were to use this name to call on Him in worship (prayer and praise) and in teaching; this is how they would keep God's name holy. See Exodus 3:13-15 *~from the Lutheran Study Bible © 2009, Concordia Publishing House*

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keeping the oath that He swore to your fathers, that the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love Him and keep His commandments, to a thousand generations.

EPISTLE READING Romans 8:28-39

And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to His purpose. For those whom He foreknew He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, in order that He might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those whom He predestined He also called, and those whom He called He also justified, and those whom He justified He also glorified.

What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?² He who did not spare His own Son but gave Him up for us all, how will He not also with Him graciously give us all things? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered."³

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Epistle:

²These are rhetorical questions. The answer is emphatically: Nothing! no one!

³Psalms 44:22

HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 13:44-52

[Jesus taught His disciples:]

"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad. So it will be at the close of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

"Have you understood all these things?" They said to Jesus, "Yes." And He said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

GUESTS AND MEMBERS CONNECT

Let's get to know each other better! Please fill out the Connect Card, either by hand or with the QR code. You may also add prayer requests to your information. Thank you!



CHILDREN'S CHAT Sam Scheck

Children's Bulletins are available on the entrance table as you enter the Gym.

OFFERING¹ AND PRAYER for giving options: ShepherdHillsChurch.org/Give

¹Mites Sunday (4th Sundays): A mite was a small coin of little value. Tiny amounts of money gathered together and given in faith and trust back to the Lord do "mite-y" acts in His kingdom! For a history and explanation of mite boxes, and to deposit your change for this vital mission, look for the Mite Box in the sanctuary Welcome Center. You may add your coins to this mission box at any time of the month!

SONG Cornerstone

MESSAGE "Elder Renner Teaches...or How Not to Interpret Parables"

text: Matthew 13:45-46



Please stand as we recite the Creed and encourage one another.

STATEMENT OF FAITH ~ THE APOSTLES' CREED

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

And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence 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!

You may be seated for the prayers.

PRAYERS

In our July prayers, we Pray with an Open Heart for those persecuted for their Christian faith.

Please stand for the Lord's Prayer and Blessing.