



CONNECT CARDS

Guests and members, please:

- ♦ fill out a Connect card, or
 - ♦ scan the QR code to connect with us online
- Cards are in the pew racks in front of you. These methods include a space to share prayer requests with our pastors.

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

CRY ROOM is located off the Welcome Center

ACTIVITY BAGS for children to borrow are in the Welcome Center.

DEVOTIONS: *Portals of Prayer* booklets are on the credenza in the Welcome Center for you, and for sharing!

Serving Today...

Message:
Pastor Ben Oesch

Lector:
8 Don Matern
10:45 Travis Jarvi

Organist:
Gail Black



✠ IN THE NAME OF JESUS ✠

RINGING OF THE BELL ~ CALL TO WORSHIP *Please quiet voices and prepare to worship.*

PRELUDE

INVOCATION

Divine Service, Setting 4 ~ LSB p. 203; Matthew 28:19b

Pastor (P): 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 ABSOLUTION OF SINS

Psalms 124:8; 130:3-4; Luke 18:13; John 20:19-23

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: who made heaven and earth.

P: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

P: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen!

SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: The Lord be with you!

C: And also with you!

P: We pray: Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love, that, receiving what You have promised, we may love what You have commanded; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen!

HYMN OF PRAISE # 816 "From All That Dwell Below the Skies" *Please use the hymnal.*

Please be seated.

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CHILDREN'S CHAT *Sam Scheck*

Children's Bulletins are available on the Usher Stands.

OFFERING AND PRAYER *For giving options: ShepherdHillsChurch.org/Give*

OLD TESTAMENT READING Deuteronomy 7:6-9

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 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.

RESPONSE

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

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

Epistle:

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

³Psalms 44:22

From God can nothing move me; He will not step aside but gently will reprove me and be my constant guide. He stretches out His hand in evening and in morning, my life with grace adorning wherever I may stand.

When those whom I regarded as trustworthy and sure have long from me departed, God's grace shall still endure. He rescues me from sin and breaks the chains that bind me. I leave death's fear behind me; His peace I have within.

The Lord my life arranges; who can His work destroy? In His good time He changes all sorrow into joy. So let me then be still: my body, soul, and spirit His tender care inherit according to His will.

Each day at His good pleasure God's gracious will is done. He sent His greatest treasure in Jesus Christ, His Son. He every gift imparts. The bread of earth and heaven are by His kindness given. Praise Him with thankful hearts!

Praise God with acclamation and in His gifts rejoice! Each day finds its vocation responding to His voice. Soon years on earth are past; but time we spend expressing the love of God brings blessing that will forever last!

Yet even though I suffer the world's unpleasantness, and though the days grow rougher and bring me great distress, that day of bliss divine, which knows no end or measure, and Christ, who is my pleasure, forever shall be mine.

~L. Helmbold, LSB # 713

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.

RESPONSE

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

Please stand for the Alleluia and reading of the Gospel.

ALLELUIA AND PSALM VERSE

Psalms 125:1-2

L: Alleluia! Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but abides forever.

C: **As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the LORD surrounds His people, from this time forth and forevermore. Alleluia!**

ACCLAMATION

L: The Holy Gospel, according to St. Matthew, the 13th chapter.

C: **Glory to You, O Lord!**

THE 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."

RESPONSE

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ!**

Please be seated.

HYMN # 574 "Before the Throne of God Above" *Please use the hymnal for the tune and lyrics.*

MESSAGE "Never Disconnected" text: Romans 8:28-39

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

STATEMENT OF FAITH ~ THE NICENE CREED

ALL: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered, and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ☩ of the world to come. Amen!

You may be seated.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

1 Timothy 2:1-4

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

Preparation for Holy Communion

One should examine himself before he eats the bread and drinks the cup; one who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself. 1Corinthians 11:2-29 Since those who take Christ's body and blood without understanding His true presence do so to their harm, and since the sacrament of Holy Communion is a faith statement confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt or hold a confession differing from that of this church and the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod and wish to receive the sacrament are asked first to speak with a pastor.

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Please stand.

HOLY COMMUNION ~ PREFACE

2 Timothy 4:22; Colossians 3:1; Psalm 136

P: The Lord be with you!

C: And also with you!

P: Lift up your hearts!

C: We lift them to the Lord!

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise!

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS ~ HOLY [IS THE LORD]

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9; Revelation 4:8

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.
Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;
Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

The **Nicene Creed** is historically connected with the celebration of the Lord's Supper, because it stresses more fully the Biblical teaching that Jesus Christ is true God, which is intimately connected with Christ's true body and blood being present in Holy Communion. It dates back to the Council of Nicaea in 325 AD. This creed has been in use for over 1700 years!

The **Season of Pentecost** is a Season of growing, called the Time of the Church. We focus on the teachings of Jesus and how they apply in the life of the Church—in our lives. This growing is reflected in the color **green**, the color of life and growth.

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Sanctus is Latin and means "holy is." The Sanctus is one of the highest points and has some of the grandest music in the Divine Service, because we are joining our voices not only with our own church family but with all Christians all over the world, with the saints in heaven—the great cloud of witnesses who have died in Jesus and are now in heaven, and with all the angel hosts.



Agnus Dei: Ancient believers ate the sacrificial lamb at the Passover. We partake of Christ, who was sacrificed for us to make full atonement for all our sins. Christ is our Good Shepherd, the Lamb of God, and the Priest who offers the sacrifice for the forgiveness of sins.



Benedicamus: Latin for "let us bless" or "let us say a good word." One of the Hebrew ideas of blessing is "to praise a person's ability for success as from a lesser person to a greater." God blesses us with His gifts of forgiveness and new life through the saving work of Christ on the cross. We, in turn, praise Him for His goodness to us!
~Rev. G. Zillinger

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

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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!

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19,20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

PAX DOMINI ~ PEACE OF THE LORD

John 20:19

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always!

C: And also with you!

AGNUS DEI ~ LAMB OF GOD

John 1:29

Please be seated.

DISTRIBUTION

- * You will be ushered forward for Communion. When receiving the bread, please extend your hand palm up.
- * If you are not communing but wish to come up and receive a blessing, you may keep your hands folded.
- * Wine without alcohol is in the center of each tray; you may also request a gluten-free wafer.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

598 "Once in the Blest Baptismal Waters" # 818 "In Thee Is Gladness"

Please stand.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen!

BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION GOD'S GOOD WORD OF BLESSING

Ps. 103:1; Num. 6:24-26

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

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.

C: Amen!

HYMN # 754 "Entrust Your Days and Burdens" *alternate tune: "Stand Up...for Jesus"*

Please use the hymnal for the lyrics.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

✠ TO GOD ALONE ALL GLORY! ✠

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!