



CONNECT CARDS

Guests and members, please:

- ♦ fill out a Connect card, or
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- 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:
8:00

Pastor Ben Oesch

10:45
Pastor Craig Patterson

Lector:
10:45
David Renner

Organist:
Gail Black

✠ IN THE NAME OF JESUS ✠

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

PRELUDE

P = Pastor C = Congregation L = Lector

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

Ps. 124:8; 130:3-4; Lk. 18:13; Jn. 20:19-23; Ps. 18:1-3a

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! I love You, O LORD, my strength.**

ALL: **The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. I call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised!**

HYMN OF PRAISE TO GOD: GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Luke 2:14; John 1:29



1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro- claimed at Je-sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shipped and a - dored;



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.

SALUTATION

P: The Lord be with you!

C: And also with you!

Rejoice, my heart,
be glad and sing, a
cheerful trust maintain;
for God, the source of
everything, your portion
shall remain.
He is your treasure,
He your joy, your life
and light and Lord,
your counselor when
doubts annoy, your
shield and
great reward.
Why spend the day
in blank despair,
in restless thought
the night?
On your Creator cast
your care; He makes
your burdens light.
He only will with
patience chide,
His rod falls gently
down; and all your sins
He casts aside in
ocean depths to drown.
His wisdom
never plans in vain
nor falters
nor mistakes.
All that His counsels
may ordain a
blessed ending makes.

~Paul Gerhardt,
LSB # 737



Epistle Reading:
St. Paul quotes the Old
Testament several
times in this short
Scripture reading:
Deuteronomy 30:14
Joel 2:32
Isaiah 52:7
Isaiah 53:1

COLLECT [PRAYER] OF THE DAY

P: We pray: Almighty and most merciful God, preserve us from all harm and danger that we, being ready in both body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish what You want done; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen!

Please be seated.

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8 AM ONLY ~ CHILDREN'S CHAT *Pastor Ben*

Children's Bulletins are available on the Usher Stands as you enter the Sanctuary.

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

OLD TESTAMENT READING Job 38:4-18

[Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind and said:]

"Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell Me, if you have understanding. Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone, when the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy? Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb, when I made clouds its garment and thick darkness its swaddling band, and prescribed limits for it and set bars and doors, and said, 'Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stayed'?"

"Have you commanded the morning since your days began, and caused the dawn to know its place, that it might take hold of the skirts of the earth, and the wicked be shaken out of it? It is changed like clay under the seal, and its features stand out like a garment. From the wicked their light is withheld, and their uplifted arm is broken.

"Have you entered into the springs of the sea, or walked in the recesses of the deep? Have the gates of death been revealed to you, or have you seen the gates of deep darkness? Have you comprehended the expanse of the earth? Declare, if you know all this."

RESPONSE

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

EPISTLE READING Romans 10:5-17

For Moses writes about the righteousness that is based on the law, that the person who does the commandments shall live by them. But the righteousness based on faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) or "'Who will descend into the abyss?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in Him will not be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing His riches on all who call on Him. For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

How then will they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in Him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!" But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?" So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

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 VERSE # 712:1 & 3 "Seek Ye First"

Matthew 6:33; 4:4

Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness.

And all these things shall be added unto you! Allelu, alleluia!

Man does not live by bread alone, but by ev'ry word

That proceeds from the mouth of the Lord, Allelu, alleluia!

ACCLAMATION

L: The Holy Gospel, according to St. Matthew, the 14th chapter.

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

THE HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 14:22-33 *This story comes directly after Jesus feeds more than 5,000*

Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He dismissed the crowds. And after He had dismissed the crowds, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray. When evening came, He was there alone, but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. And in the fourth watch of the night Jesus came to them, walking on the sea. But when the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, "It is a ghost!" and they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid."

And Peter answered Him, "Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water." Jesus said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." Jesus immediately reached out His hand and took hold of him, saying to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped Jesus, saying, "Truly You are the Son of God."

RESPONSE

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please be seated.

HYMN OF THE DAY # 729 "I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus"

I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus, trusting only Thee;

Trusting Thee for full salvation, great and free.

I am trusting Thee for pardon; at Thy feet I bow,

For Thy grace and tender mercy trusting now.

I am trusting Thee for cleansing in the crimson flood;

Trusting Thee to make me holy by Thy blood.

I am trusting Thee to guide me; Thou alone shalt lead,

Ev'ry day and hour supplying all my need.

I am trusting Thee for power; Thine can never fail.

Words which Thou Thyself shalt give me must prevail.

I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus; never let me fall.

I am trusting Thee forever and for all.

MESSAGE

8:00 AM "Stay in the Boat" Matthew 14:22-33

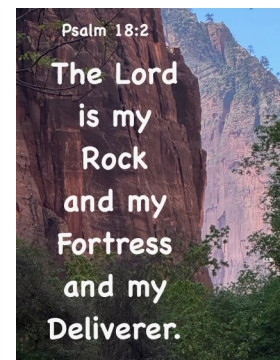
10:45 AM "Anyone Who Trusts In Him Will Never Be Put To Shame " Romans 10:8b-13

Please stand as together we confess our faith and encourage one another in this confession.

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.



You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on You, because he trusts in You. Trust in the LORD forever, for the LORD GOD is an everlasting rock.

~Isaiah 26:3-4



10:45 Message:

Rev. Craig Patterson is a native Coloradan from Broomfield and has served congregations throughout the state. Pastor Patterson also served as an LCMS Intentional Interim Pastor for a number of years, serving congregations in Texas, Washington, Hawaii, and Colorado.

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. This creed has been in use for over 1700 years!



Gracious Father,
You have blessed our
Early Learning Center
with the joy and care of
children. Give the staff
calm strength and
patient wisdom, that
they may teach the
children, above all other
knowledge, to know and
love their Savior and
friend, Jesus.
AMEN



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.

8:00 AM ONLY ~ DEDICATION OF EARLY LEARNING CENTER STAFF

The Early Learning Center staff is presented before the altar.

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

ALL: Amen!

The minister addresses the congregation:

P: Dear family in Christ, hear the Word of God concerning the vocation of teaching:

"Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If one's gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith. If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully." *Romans 12:4-8*

The minister addresses the teachers:

P: Dear teachers, as you have heard God's Word concerning your vocation, will you now rededicate yourselves to the will and work of God in your teaching? Then answer, I will!

Teachers: I will!

P: Will you, trusting in God's care, seek to grow in love for those you serve, strive for excellence in your skills, and adorn the Gospel of Jesus Christ with a Godly life as an example for your students and fellow workers? Then answer, I will, the Holy Spirit enabling me!

Teachers: I will, the Holy Spirit enabling me!

P: The almighty and most merciful God strengthen and assist you in all ways.

The minister addresses the congregation:

P: Brothers and sisters in Christ, I ask you now, in the presence of God: Will you receive these teachers, show them fitting love and honor, and support them by your gifts and fervent prayer? If so, then answer: We will, with the help of God.

C: We will, with the help of God!

P: The almighty and most merciful God strengthen and assist you always. As members of Shepherd of the Hills, we pray for these servants of the Lord in their teaching vocation:

Gracious Father, You direct each person to use the gifts he or she has received and to serve others with the strength that You provide. We give thanks to You for the faithful service of these, Your servants in the teaching vocation. Bless them with wisdom and patience and with love and faithfulness to Your Word, that with gladness they may continue to teach, comfort, counsel, and guide those entrusted to their care; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

ALL: Amen!

The minister addresses the teachers:

P: Go then in the peace and joy of the Lord! The almighty and most merciful God, the Father, the ☩ Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you and bless and strengthen you for faithful service in His name.

ALL: Amen!

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

1 Timothy 2:1-4



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 Pastor.



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



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

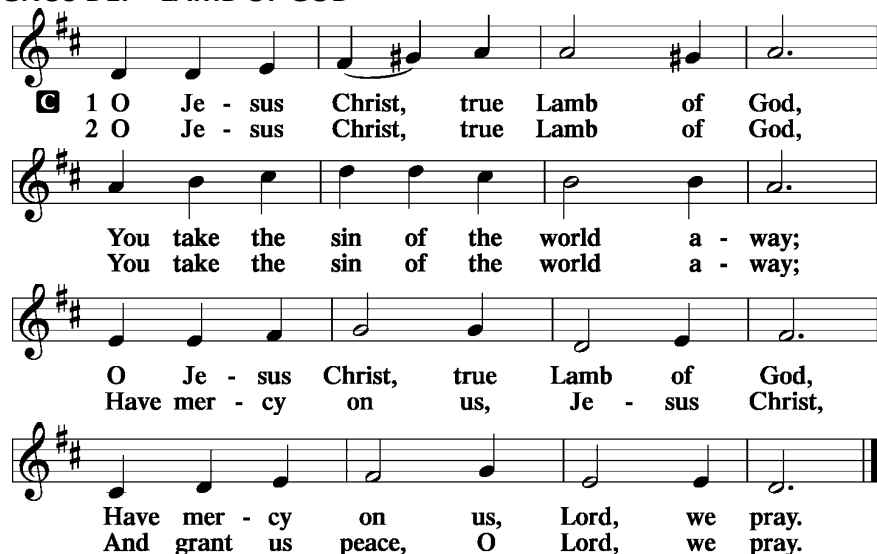
John 20:19

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

C: **And also with you!**

AGNUS DEI ~ LAMB OF GOD

John 1:29

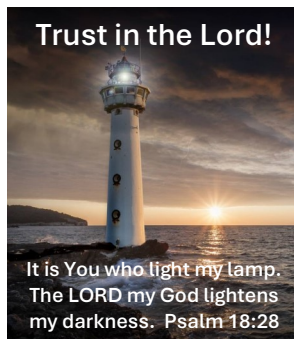


The **Sanctus** is a hymn of praise to the Trinity; very often we see words repeated three times to emphasize this. The Sanctus is one of the highest points and has some of the grandest music in the Divine Service, because we are joining our voices not only with our own church family but with all Christians 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.

Pax Domini: Latin for "Peace of the Lord"

Agnus Dei means "Lamb of God." 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. Truly, Jesus is Our All!

Come, Lord Jesus, be our Guest, and let these gifts of forgiveness, renewed life, and salvation to us be blessed. Amen!



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. Bless us, Lord, with courage and with Your Spirit's gift of joy, as we learn, grow, and tell!



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 **HIS**tory!

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!

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 request a gluten-free wafer.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

- # 606 "I Lay My Sins on Jesus"
- # 715 "Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me"

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.

ALL: 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. Amen!

BENEDICAMUS

Psalm 103:1

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

BENEDICTION ~ GOD'S GOOD-CREATING WORD OF BLESSING

Numbers 6:24-26

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 # 733:1-3, 6 "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home:

Under the shadow of Thy throne Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is Thine arm alone, and our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood or earth received her frame,
From everlasting Thou art God, to endless years the same.

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guard while troubles last and our eternal home!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

✠ **TO GOD ALONE ALL GLORY!** ✠



2026-2027 Theme for Shepherd of the Hills:

TOGETHER

There is one body and one Spirit—
just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call—
one Lord, one faith, one baptism,
one God and Father of all,
who is over all and through all and in all.

~Ephesians 4:4-6