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- Cards are in the racks in front of you. These methods also 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 Brad Stoltenow

Liturgist:

8:00 Pastor Ben Oesch

Lector:

10:45 Travis Jarvi

Organist:

Gail Black



✠ IN THE NAME OF JESUS ✠

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

PRELUDE

P = Pastor C = Congregation L = Liturgist/Lector

Please stand.

INVOCATION

Service of Prayer and Preaching, p. 260 LSB; 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 OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION (FORGIVENESS)

p. 291, with Psalm 32:1, 3-5, 7

P: King David recognized: "Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered." Let us confess our sins to the Lord, imploring Him for the sake of His Son Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness:

C: O almighty God, merciful Father, when I keep silent, my bones feel as though they waste away through my groaning, for day and night Your hand is heavy upon me. I acknowledge my sin to You. I justly deserve Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P: God be merciful to you and strengthen your faith.

C: Amen.

P: Do you believe that the forgiveness I speak is not my forgiveness but God's?

C: Yes.

P: Let it be done for you as you believe. In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen!

ALL: You are a hiding place for me, LORD; You preserve me from trouble; You surround me with shouts of deliverance! Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Please be seated.

HYMN OF PRAISE # 904 "Blessed Jesus, at Your Word" *Please use the hymnal.*

GUESTS AND MEMBERS CONNECT

Please fill out the white Connect Card, either by hand or with the QR code.

You may also add prayer requests to your information. Thank you!



8 AM ONLY ~ CHILDREN'S CHAT *Sina Williams, DCE*

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

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

COLLECT (PRAYER) FOR THE WORD

P: Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Ezekiel 33:7-9 *The LORD speaks to His prophet, Ezekiel*

"So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from My mouth, you shall give them warning from Me. If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul."

The Time of the Church is also called **Ordinary Time**. While it is the non-festival (or ordinary) half of the Church Year, God's Words—and Jesus, The Word—are extraordinary!

Today we use the Service of Prayer and Preaching. This service order can be used when the Lord's Supper is not offered.

The intention of this order of service is to be a teaching tool of God's Word; note how many Scripture references are included—not just the appointed readings for the day but all throughout the service.



I believe every Christian has a choice between being humble and being humbled.

~Charles Spurgeon

Have this attitude among yourselves, which was also in Christ Jesus....being found in human form, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient...

~Philippians 2:5, 8

RESPONSE

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

EPISTLE READING Romans 13:1-10

Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, for he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer. Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience. For because of this you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed.

Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. For 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: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

RESPONSE

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

Please stand.

ACCLAMATION

L: The Holy Gospel, according to St. Matthew, the 18th chapter.

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

THE HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 18:1-20

At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" And calling to Him a child, Jesus put Him in the midst of them and said, "Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Whoever receives one such child in My name receives Me, but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.

"Woe to the world for temptations to sin! For it is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the one by whom the temptation comes! And if your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life crippled or lame than with two hands or two feet to be thrown into the eternal fire. And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into the hell of fire.

"See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of My Father who is in heaven. What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. So it is not the will of My Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.

"If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in My name, there am I among them."

RESPONSE

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

CATECHISM: THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

Luther's Small Catechism, LSB p. 321 ff

P: In today's Epistle reading, St. Paul quotes the second table of God's commandments, which are those regarding our relationship with our neighbor. How fully and carefully does God want us to keep His commandments?

C: God wants us to keep His commandments perfectly, in thoughts, words, and deeds.

Women/Girls: "You must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect." (Matthew 5:48)

Men/Boys: "Whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point is guilty of all of it." (James 2:10)

P: Can anyone, then, be saved by keeping God's commandments?

C: No. God's Holy Law condemns everyone, for we are all disobedient.

Women/Girls: "There is not a righteous man on earth who does good and never sins." (Ecclesiastes 7:20)

Men/Boys: All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. (Romans 3:23)

P: How, then, can we be saved from God's condemnation?

C: Because of God's merciful kindness, He sent His Son, Jesus, to rescue us from our sin and the condemnation we deserved. As our substitute, Jesus kept God's Holy Law perfectly. He suffered, died, and rose again for us.

P: Therefore, in our crucified and risen Lord Jesus, we are freed from the guilt, the punishment, and the power of sin, and we are saved eternally.

ALL: For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life! (John 3:16)

Please be seated.

HYMN "How Blest Are the People" *tune: "Away in a Manger"*

How blest are the people possessing true peace; In humble repentance sad hearts find release.

Christ's death has accomplished forgiveness within, His goodness a garment to cover their sin.

How blest are the people receiving God's grace; They know that the Lord is a safe hiding place,

His strength their protection when troubles are long, His pow'r in deliverance the theme of their song.

How blest are the people desiring to learn, Who pray God will guide them, His ways to discern.

He uses their trials His kindness to prove, Surrounding them daily with mercy and love.

How blest are the people believing God's word Who live by the Spirit of their risen Lord,

His indwelling presence their heaven begun, And joyful their praises to God Three in One!

MESSAGE "On Being Too Concerned about Who Is the Greatest" text: Matthew 18:1-14

Please stand. We encourage each other in our faith as we recite the Creed.

THE APOSTLES' CREED ~ STATEMENT OF FAITH

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!

Please be seated for the prayers.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

1 Timothy 2:1-4

After each petition, the Congregation responds: "Lord, have mercy."

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord: (**C:** Lord, have mercy.)

P: For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:

P: For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:

P: For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:

P: For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:

P: For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:

Take my
YOKE
upon you and
learn from me, for
I am **GENTLE** and
HUMBLE in heart;
and you will find
rest for your souls.

Matthew 11:29

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Just as peace must be
lacking if the glory is not
given to God, so,
conversely, there is
bound to be peace
where God's glory is
acknowledged. Why
should people quarrel if
they know that nothing
is their own, but that all
they are, have, and are
able to do comes from
God? The person who
knows that all he has is
nothing before God
does not think highly of
himself.

~Martin Luther

We confess our
Christian faith using the
words of this ancient
creed, dating in history
to the 2nd century. The
Apostles' Creed is
connected from ancient
times with Baptism and
with those receiving
instruction in the
Christian faith.

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. 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 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**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!

P: For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:

P: For... *[additional prayers may be inserted here]* ...let us pray to the Lord:

P: Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:

ALL: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

COLLECT (PRAYER) OF THE DAY

P: O God, from whom all good proceeds, grant to us, Your humble servants, Your holy inspiration, that we may set our minds on the things that are right and, by Your merciful guiding, accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen!

MORNING PRAYER

Small Catechism, LSB p. 327

ALL: I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen!

Please stand.

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!

BENEDICTION ~ GOD'S GOOD-CREATING WORD OF BLESSING

Psalms 103:1

P: The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ☩ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

C: Amen!

HYMN # 811:1, 2 & 5 "Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices"

Oh, that I had a thousand voices to praise my God with thousand tongues!

My heart, which in the Lord rejoices, would then proclaim in grateful songs

To all, wherever I might be, what great things God has done for me.

O all you pow'rs that He implanted, arise, keep silence now no more;

Put forth the strength that God has granted! Your noblest work is to adore.

O soul and body, join to raise with heartfelt joy our Maker's praise.

Creator, humbly I implore You to listen to my earthly song

Until that day when I adore You, together with the angel throng

And learn with choirs of heav'n to sing eternal anthems to my King!

Please be seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

☩ TO GOD ALONE ALL GLORY! ☩

TOGETHER, we are Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church
and Early Learning Center.

Called into faith, as baptized and beloved children of God, **TOGETHER** we:

- + worship one God: Father, Lord, Spirit
- + joyfully celebrate our unity
- + willingly submit to our Creator
- + lovingly care for one another
- + seek to serve our community
- + walk in hope toward heaven

AMEN!



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