

# UNDEFEATED

OUR JOURNEY TO THE EMPTY TOMB



**Undeclared...By Disfunction**

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**Shepherd**  
*OF THE* **Valley**  
CONNECTING YOU TO JESUS  
AND ONE ANOTHER

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### Welcome!

We are so glad to have you with us. Everything you need to enjoy today's worship can be found both in this Service Folder as well as on our screen. If this is your first time here, we would certainly appreciate a record of your visit. The best way to do this is by filling out **the Connection Card you can find on your service folder**. **Restrooms** are located in the back of the chapel. Thank you and Welcome!

### Whole Family Worship

We encourage your whole family to worship together – today and every day. We understand that little ones can get antsy, so we have help! **Grab an activity board in the back!**

- **Tot Corner** – Ages 0-2. This area is downstairs. There are quiet toys for your child to use.
- **Quiet Corner** – Head downstairs for a quiet place to feed or change your child, or to give them a chance to settle down. There is ample space there.
- **Shepherd Kidz** – Ages 3-11 – Our kids ministry runs during the sermon except the last Sunday of the month. Kids are dismissed after the kids' devotion for a Bible story, song, and craft taught in the church basement. **This ministry launches May 10, 2020!**

### Worship Service Focus

**Undefeated...by Disfunction** Disfunction most often happens because of people's inability to put their own desires behind the needs of others. Why have people rid shelves of food and necessities, leaving many wondering how they can their hands on someone? Why are so many refusing to following protocols and guidelines with a cavalier attitude toward the health of others? It's nothing new, in fact it's the way of the human heart which is bent toward selfishness. Jesus shows us a different and better way to live by living that way for us. May we serve others rather than serving ourselves.

# Worship & Praise

Welcome – Pastor Jeremy Belter

## Responsive Psalm verses

P(astor) We begin in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
C(ongregation) Amen.

P Return to your rest, my soul, for the Lord has been good to you.

**C The Lord gives strength to his people; the Lord blesses his people with peace.**

P I will listen to what God the Lord says; he promises peace to his people.

**C He says, "Be still, and know that I am God! I will be honored by every nation. I will be honored throughout the world."**

P Yes, my soul, find rest in God; my hope comes from him.

**C Truly he is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I will not be shaken.**

P My salvation and my honor depend on God; he is my mighty rock, my refuge.

**C Trust in him at all times, you people; pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge.**

P Return to your rest, my soul, for the Lord has been good to you.

**C In peace I will lie down and sleep, for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety.**

P Let the morning bring me word of your unfailing love,

**C for I have put my trust in you.**

*(Psalms used were 29:11; 4:8; 116:7; 85:8; 46:10; 62:5-8, 143:6)*

P The Lord hears and answers his people. Every morning his mercy is new and unending throughout our life. He stands ready to heal and forgive. Let us together go to God, imploring him to wash away all the sins that trouble us, and restore our peace.

**C Lord God, our hearts are heavy. We have fear and anxiety about the future, our own lives, the health of loved ones, and so much more. That fear has caused our selfishness to grow. Forgive us for our lack of trust in your power, mercy, and control. Put my trust back in you so that my love for others may grow and abound in these unsettling times.**

P Be at peace, God has removed your sins as far as the east is from the west. Your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Be still, and know that God is still God and will be with you always. Walk in the light of his grace, confident of his unfailing love. Imitate him and share his love in this dark world that many lost in the darkness of unbelief may be brought to saving faith and salvation.

**C Show me the way I should go, for to you I entrust my life. Teach me to do your will, for you are my God; may your good Spirit lead me on level ground.**

P In the peace of God's grace and illuminated by his love, let's praise him together.

## Song of the Day: Christ Be My Leader



1 Christ be my lead - er by night as by day,  
2 Christ be my teach - er in age as in youth,  
3 Christ be my Sav - ior in calm as in strife;



Safe through the dark - ness, for he is the way.  
Drift - ing or doubt - ing, for he is the truth.  
Death can - not hold me, for he is the life. Nor



Glad - ly I fol - low, my fu - ture his care;  
Grant me to trust him, though shift - ing as sand.  
dark - ness nor doubt - ing nor sin and its stain Can



Dark - ness is day - light when Je - sus is there.  
Doubt can - not daunt me— in Je - sus I stand!  
touch my sal - va - tion— with Je - sus I reign!

This song focuses on Christ as our leader. The great leaders of history don't dictate to people they think are subordinate, rather they lead by example, inspiring those who follow to do the same. See how Christ served you and let that drive you to serve others.

## Prayer of the Day

- P** Almighty God, we ask you to graciously cleanse us from all our sin and comfort us with your salvation. Restore our relationships and heal the disfunction and division we see around us and sadly in our own lives, through Jesus Christ our Savior.
- C** Amen.

## Children's Lesson

Children ages 2-10 are welcome to come to the front for the children's lesson. Parents or siblings are welcome to accompany little ones if needed.

## God's Word

### Scripture Lesson: Genesis 37:2-11

Joseph flaunted his dream from God. He thought it validation for the kindness and special treatment he received from his father. However, the dream also shows the inbred selfishness in Joseph's brother. Instead of rejoicing in his dream and God-planned success, they hated him. They didn't want to serve him. Joseph didn't deserve that! May God keep us from a similar attitude that doesn't want to serve and always sees ourselves as better or more deserving of God's blessings than others.

<sup>2</sup>This is the account of Jacob's family line. Joseph, a young man of seventeen, was tending the flocks with his brothers, the sons of Bilhah and the sons of Zilpah, his father's wives, and he brought their father a bad report about them.

<sup>3</sup>Now Israel loved Joseph more than any of his other sons, because he had been born to him in his old age; and he made an ornate robe for him. <sup>4</sup>When his brothers saw that their father loved him more than any of them, they hated him and could not speak a kind word to him.

<sup>5</sup>Joseph had a dream, and when he told it to his brothers, they hated him all the more. <sup>6</sup>He said to them, "Listen to this dream I had: <sup>7</sup>We were binding sheaves of grain out in the field when suddenly my sheaf rose and stood upright, while your sheaves gathered around mine and bowed down to it."

<sup>8</sup>His brothers said to him, "Do you intend to reign over us? Will you actually rule us?" And they hated him all the more because of his dream and what he had said.

<sup>9</sup>Then he had another dream, and he told it to his brothers. "Listen," he said, "I had another dream, and this time the sun and moon and eleven stars were bowing down to me."

<sup>10</sup>When he told his father as well as his brothers, his father rebuked him and said, "What is this dream you had? Will your mother and I and your brothers actually come and bow down to the ground before you?" <sup>11</sup>His brothers were jealous of him, but his father kept the matter in mind.

## **Gospel: Matthew 20:17-28**

*Christ came to serve us in our greatest need, rescuing us from sin! We have been set free from self and sin to be like Christ in the world. What does the world need right now? More selfishness? More animosity toward others? Or selfless service? We have a unique opportunity to be Christ to the world in these times of fear, anxiety, and selfishness.*

<sup>17</sup>Now Jesus was going up to Jerusalem. On the way, he took the Twelve aside and said to them, <sup>18</sup>"We are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the teachers of the law. They will condemn him to death <sup>19</sup>and will hand him over to the Gentiles to be mocked and flogged and crucified. On the third day he will be raised to life!"

<sup>20</sup>Then the mother of Zebedee's sons came to Jesus with her sons and, kneeling down, asked a favor of him. <sup>21</sup>"What is it you want?" he asked. She said, "Grant that one of these two sons of mine may sit at your right and the other at your left in your kingdom."

<sup>22</sup>"You don't know what you are asking," Jesus said to them. "Can you drink the cup I am going to drink?" "We can," they answered. <sup>23</sup>Jesus said to them, "You will indeed drink from my cup, but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared by my Father."

<sup>24</sup>When the ten heard about this, they were indignant with the two brothers. <sup>25</sup>Jesus called them together and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. <sup>26</sup>Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, <sup>27</sup>and whoever wants to be first must be your slave— <sup>28</sup>just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise be to you, O Christ!**

## Sermon

Sermon is based on God's Word from Matthew 20:17-28

### Sermon Theme: Christ Be My Leader

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### *Personal Sermon Notes*



## Confession of Faith – The Apostles’ Creed

**ALL** I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father  
Almighty. From there 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.

## Giving Thanks & Support

**Offering:** The members of Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church have joined together to do the Lord's work in this community and around the world. Guests are welcome to participate in supporting our ministry, but certainly do not feel obligated. Many of our members give online. If you'd like to **donate online**, head to **svlcandelas.org**, then click on the "Give" tab. You can also mail your check to our sister church at 8997 W. 88<sup>th</sup> Ave. Westminster, CO.

**Connection Cards:** In your service folder you will find "Connection Cards." If you're a first-time guest, please give us record of your attendance. In addition, you may request prayers to be said on your behalf here today. Place the "Connection Cards" in the offering plate as it passes and the prayer requests you include will be used during the prayer of the Church. If you'd like your prayer request kept private, please indicate that on the card.

## Prayer of the Church & The Lord's Prayer

*Special prayers are said by Pastor here.*

**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.

## Parting Blessing

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

**C** Amen

## Closing Song: Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing



1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless - ing; Fill our hearts with  
2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion For the gos - pel's



joy and peace. Let us each, your love pos - sess - ing,  
joy - ful sound; May the fruits of your sal - va - tion



Tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace. Oh, re - fresh us,  
In our hearts and lives a - bound! Ev - er faith - ful,



oh, re - fresh us, Trav - 'ling through this wil - der - ness.  
ev - er faith - ful To your truth may we be found.

# Happening @ Shepherd Candelas

**Next Steps** - Thank you for joining us for worship. What's next? Here's some next steps!

- Join us for worship next Sunday! We worship at 9:00 am every Sunday, right here!
- Would you like to learn more about what the Bible and Lutherans teach? **Take Bible 101. Fill out a Connection card with your contact info to learn more!**
- Would you like to get involved with our **worship team** or join a **Hospitality team**? Check out the Worship & Serve sections to find contact info.
- Would you like to learn more about becoming a **member of Shepherd**? Talk to Pastor Jeremy. Schedule lunch or coffee with him! Bible 101 is the class to take with him.
- Learn more about **Baptism** for yourself, a friend, or your children by speaking with Pastor Jeremy. It's free!

**Thank You** - You could have chosen to be anywhere this morning and you chose to spend it here, so thank you. To our guests and visitors this morning we pray your time with us has been enjoyable. If you have any questions, feel free to speak with Pastor Jeremy after the service. You can also text/email him and schedule lunch or coffee. He'd love to get to know you better and let you know more about Shepherd. 720.441.3182. Let us know how we can serve you!

**Free Gift for Guests** - If you are joining us for the first time today, we have a special gift for you. It's in a small bag at each exit. Someone from our Greeting team will get you one. Please take one and enjoy the coffee on us and join us for worship again soon!

**Baptism Opportunities** - Christians have been baptizing infants and adults for 2000 years and we do as well. You do not need to be a member to be baptized. If you, or a little one you know, would like to be baptized or learn more about baptism please speak with Pastor Jeremy at any time. His contact info is above.



**WORSHIP**

**Wednesday evening worship opportunities** – These special services in Lent are suspended for the time being. Head to [svlchurch.com](http://svlchurch.com) for Lent devotional materials.

**Holy Communion** – We celebrate Holy Communion as a church family on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of every month. If you and your family desire Communion in between then or are sick and miss out, please speak with Pastor Jeremy to set up private Communion with him.



**GROW**

**Bible 101** – This is a 10 lesson Bible class designed for anyone interested in learning about what the Bible and Lutherans teach, as well as anyone interested in joining Shepherd of the Valley. Contact Pastor Jeremy (720-441-3182) to learn more or get signed up for the next class. He is planning to start a class March 29 at 3:00 pm. If you'd like to join, let him know!

**Shepherd Kidz** – Our teachers are eagerly planning to launch Shepherd Kidz! Check out page 2 of this worship folder for more information on Shepherd Kidz. **We'll officially start May 10 – God willing.**



**REACH**

**Mornings with Mommy** – Every 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday from 9:30-10:30 AM we host an educational playdate opportunity at the Parkview Fitness Center in Candelas. This is a great way for moms to get together and for kids to have an educational play experience. The best part is...you don't have to clean-up! There are information sheets on the back table. Take one to learn more. Contact Jen Scharf ([scharfnj@gmail.com](mailto:scharfnj@gmail.com)) to help!



**SERVE**

#### **Serving Today**

- **Hospitality Team** – Carl & Wilma Wagner, Rick & Sharon Wilking, Ellie Lucy, Cassie Green
- **Musicians** – Cassie Green - Piano

**Hospitality Team Help Needed** – A great way to step up and get involved at Shepherd Candelas is to sign up for a hospitality team. You serve for a month of Sundays and there are subs if you need one. Our hospitality team is responsible for setup and takedown, greeting, handing our worship folders and collecting the offering, and putting together the refreshment station. If you're interested in learning more or signing up for a hospitality team (there is training and it's easy to do!!) speak to our Hospitality Team Coordinator - Dan Schulz ([cheesehead.djs@gmail.com](mailto:cheesehead.djs@gmail.com))

Below you'll find the words of Psalm 91, a pertinent prayer considering all that is going on in the world and our country with the coronavirus. I pray these words to bring you comfort no matter what things are in your life right now causing you to fear.

When it comes to the concerns and warnings raised by health officials about the coronavirus, let's stay out of the ditches on either side. One ditch is to do nothing and just say, "God will take care of me. It's fine!" Remember that one of Satan's temptations of Jesus had to do with that very same thing. He used the verses of Psalm 91 to tempt Jesus to put himself in harm's way by jumping off the Temple because God says he will send his angels and nothing will harm you! Jesus told Satan to get lost with the words, "Don't put God to the test." Might we take the very same approach when it comes to this virus? Do the precautions. Listen to the warnings. Let's not put God to the test.

At the same time, we need to avoid the ditch of fear, anxiety, and hysteria. God provides his promises for a reason, to reassure and remind us he is always present with us and will preserve our lives now and forever! God will protect you and keep you safe. That might mean you never get the virus and never get sick (v.9-12); it might mean you get sick and you get better (v.3-4); it might even mean you get sick and the sickness is the gateway to heaven (v.15-16). No matter what God has you and God's got this!

My prayer is you find the comfort you need in these verses. Your God loves you and promises to be with you, protect you, and save you. Find your refuge in him in all times of fear and worry.

***Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.***

***2 I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."***

***3 Surely he will save you from the fowler's snare and from the deadly pestilence.***

***4 He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge;  
his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart.***

***5 You will not fear the terror of night, nor the arrow that flies by day,***

***6 nor the pestilence that stalks in the darkness, nor the plague that destroys at midday.***

***7 A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you.***

***8 You will only observe with your eyes and see the punishment of the wicked.***

***9 If you say, "The Lord is my refuge," and you make the Most High your dwelling,***

***10 no harm will overtake you, no disaster will come near your tent.***

***11 For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways;***

***12 they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.***

***13 You will tread on the lion and the cobra; you will trample the great lion and the serpent.***

***14 "Because he loves me," says the Lord, "I will rescue him;***

***I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name.***

***15 He will call on me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble,***

***I will deliver him and honor him.***

***16 With long life I will satisfy him and show him my salvation."***