

*Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd*

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*9:30 am*



**Our Mission—To Know, to Live and to Share God's Word**

*Welcome* to each and all gathered together for worship.  
We extend a heart-felt welcome to our guests and visitors.  
We trust that our worship will be a blessing for those long and short in faith and for those who are seeking spiritual encounter with Christ.

*We ask that guests please sign our guestbook.*

**Communion:** We believe that Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is the Savior of the world; that He died on the cross for the forgiveness of all humanity; that according to His promise, He is truly and really present in the sacramental meal. We believe that partaking of the Body and Blood of Christ occasions the confession of our sin and the desire to amend our lives.

If you are Baptized and share our faith,  
please feel free to share our altar.

**Prelude:** W&P (purple) #52, Good Soil  
W&P (purple) #84, Lead Me, Guide Me  
W&P (purple) #90, Lord, I Lift Your Name On High

## Welcome

*Please fill out the friendship pad in your pew, (please be sure to date the top of the page.)*

*Please stand*

## Dialogue:

- L: Jesus call us to feed those who are hungry.  
C: **“How, Lord?” we cry. “They are so many and we have so little.”**  
L: Jesus says feed them. It is enough.  
C: **And there was plenty, with 12 baskets left over.**  
L: Jesus said: “I am the bread of life”.  
C: **Whoever comes to me will never be hungry,**  
L: And whoever believes in me,  
C: **Will never be thirsty.**

## Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

## Prayer of the Day

Gracious God, your blessed Son came down from heaven to be the true bread that gives life to the world. Give us this bread always, that he may live in us and we in him, and that, strengthened by this food, we may live as his body in the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

## Canticle of Praise: ELW (red) #525, You Are Holy

*Please be seated*

### First Reading: 2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33

<sup>5</sup>[King David] ordered Joab and Abishai and Ittai, saying, “Deal gently for my sake with the young man Absalom.” And all the people heard when the king gave orders to all the commanders concerning Absalom.

<sup>6</sup>So the army went out into the field against Israel; and the battle was fought in the forest of Ephraim. <sup>7</sup>The men of Israel were defeated there by the servants of David, and the slaughter there was great on that day, twenty thousand men. <sup>8</sup>The battle spread over the face of all the country; and the forest claimed more victims that day than the sword.

<sup>9</sup>Absalom happened to meet the servants of David. Absalom was riding on his mule, and the mule went under the thick branches of a great oak. His head caught fast in the oak, and he was left hanging between heaven and earth, while the mule that was under him went on. <sup>15</sup>And ten young men, Joab's armor-bearers, surrounded Absalom and struck him, and killed him.

<sup>31</sup>Then the Cushite came; and the Cushite said, "Good tidings for my lord the king! For the LORD has vindicated you this day, delivering you from the power of all who rose up against you." <sup>32</sup>The king said to the Cushite, "Is it well with the young man Absalom?" The Cushite answered, "May the enemies of my lord the king, and all who rise up to do you harm, be like that young man."

<sup>33</sup>The king was deeply moved, and went up to the chamber over the gate, and wept; and as he went, he said, "O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! Would I had died instead of you, O Absalom, my son, my son!"

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## **Second Reading:** Ephesians 4:25--5:2

<sup>25</sup>So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. <sup>26</sup>Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, <sup>27</sup>and do not make room for the devil. <sup>28</sup>Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. <sup>29</sup>Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. <sup>30</sup>And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. <sup>31</sup>Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, <sup>32</sup>and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. <sup>5:1</sup>Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, <sup>2</sup>and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand*

## **Gospel:** John 6:35, 41-51

The holy Gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>35</sup>Jesus said to [the crowd,] "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. <sup>41</sup>Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." <sup>42</sup>They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" <sup>43</sup>Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. <sup>44</sup>No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. <sup>45</sup>It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. <sup>46</sup>Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. <sup>47</sup>Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. <sup>48</sup>I am the bread of life. <sup>49</sup>Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. <sup>50</sup>This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. <sup>51</sup>I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated*

## **Children's Sermon**

*Please remain seated*

## **Song of Reflection & Preparation:** W&P (purple) #144, Thy Word

*Refrain*

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way, still you're there right beside me,  
and nothing will I fear as long as you are near. Please be near me to the end. *Refrain*

I will not forget your love for me, and yet my heart forever is wandering.

Jesus, be my guide and hold me to your side, and I will love you to the end. *Refrain*

Text: Psalm 119:105, refrain: Michael W. Smith, stanzas

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## **Message – Part 1**

### **Interlude**

## **Message – Part 2**

*Please stand*

**Hymn of the Day:** ELW (red) #485, I Am The Bread of Life

### **Apostles' Creed**

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

*Please kneel as you are able*

### **Prayers of Intercession:**

Your Response today is: **your mercy is great.**

Trusting in our loving and almighty God who abundantly provides the bread of life to all who hunger, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

Lord God, we pray for the whole church. Sustain all who have tasted the bread of heaven and found solace in the promise of eternal life. Teach us to forgive one another in love and build each other up. Bless us in our mission to know, live and share your word. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Lord God, save and protect your creation. Feed, nourish, and encourage all living creatures, and teach us to practice faithful stewardship. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Lord God, you rule the nations. Lead all people to speak truth and kindness to one another, walking in the paths of justice and peace. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Lord God, we pray for those in need. Comfort those who mourn, encourage the fearful, and tend the sick. Today we especially pray for Ruth Snell, Bill Snell, Onie Ames, Lynn Hornberger, Bunchie Crusoe, Susan Scheivert, Nicky Raytik, The family of Earl Pavelik, Dave Graham, Kerry Whiteman, Joyce Helvig, Sam Horton, Dick & Mary Barringer, Ryan Musser, Dick Whiteman, Justin Roland, Judy Rose, Jennifer Jimenez, Kasen Colbach. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Lord God, we pray for those gathered here today. Feed us well so that the difficult journey of life may not be too much, and sustain us through times of trial. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Lord God, we bless you for the lives of those faithful ones who have gone before us. Raise all at the last day, that we may exalt your name together. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

**Pastor:** God of wonder, hear the prayers of your servants as we express our needs in the silence of the moment and the privacy of our hearts.....(long silence).....Lord, hear us, O God, **your mercy is great.**

**Pastor:** Almighty and loving God, we look to you in hope and trust, knowing that you will do far more than we can ask or imagine, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

*Please stand*

## **Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

*Please be seated*

## **Offering**

**Offertory:** Jesus Loves Me, William B. Bradbury, arr. Bryce Inman

*Please stand*

**Offertory Response:** W&P #35, Create in Me A Clean Heart

Create in me a clean heart, O God, that I might serve you;  
create in me a clean heart, O God, that I might be renewed.  
So fill me and heal me, and bring me back to you.  
Create in me a clean heart, O God, that I might serve you.

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## **Presentation of Gifts - Offering Prayer**

Merciful God, you open wide your hand and satisfy the need of every living thing. You have set this feast before us. Open our hands to receive it. Open our hearts to embrace it. Open our lives to live it. We pray this through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And Also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### Song: W&P (purple) #60, Holy Holy

Holy, holy, holy, holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty;  
and we lift our hearts before you as a token of our love,  
holy, holy, holy, holy.

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah;  
and we lift our hearts before you as a token of our love,  
hallelujah, hallelujah.

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## Words of Institution

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

## Lord's Prayer

**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.**

## Invitation To Communion

Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread. **Thanks be to God!**

### Communion Song: W&P #130, Spirit Song

Oh, let the Son of God enfold you with his Spirit and his love,  
let him fill your heart and satisfy your soul.

Oh let him have the things that hold you,  
and his Spirit like a dove will descend upon your life and make you whole.

Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.  
Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.

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*Please be seated, ushers will direct you to the communion rail*

## **Distribution**

**Communion Music:** W&P (purple) #113, Open Our Eyes, Lord  
W&P (purple) #136, The King of Glory

*Please stand*

## **Post Communion Blessing**

The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. **Amen.**

## **Post Communion Prayer**

Jesus Christ, host of this meal, you have given us not only this bread and cup, but your very self, that we may feast on your great love. Filled again by these signs of your grace, may we hunger for your reign of justice, may we thirst for your way of peace, for you are Lord forevermore. **Amen.**

## **Benediction**

May God, whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine, grant you the gifts of faith and hope. Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

## **We Bless One Another**

Blessed by God, Let us bless one another.

**Sending Hymn:** ELW (red) #543, Go, My Children, With My Blessing

## **Dismissal**

Now go in peace, to Know, to Live, and to Share God's Word. **Thanks be to God.**