

*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:** Congregation chooses their favorite hymns

## 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

Ever-loving God, your Son gives himself as living bread for the life of the world. Fill us with such a knowledge of his presence that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life to serve you continually, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## Canticle of Praise: ELW (red) #632, O God, Our Help

*Please be seated*

### First Reading: 1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14

<sup>10</sup>David slept with his ancestors, and was buried in the city of David. <sup>11</sup>The time that David reigned over Israel was forty years; he reigned seven years in Hebron, and thirty-three years in Jerusalem. <sup>12</sup>So Solomon sat on the throne of his father David; and his kingdom was firmly established.

<sup>3:3</sup>Solomon loved the LORD, walking in the statutes of his father David; only, he sacrificed and offered incense at the high places. <sup>4</sup>The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the principal high place; Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. <sup>5</sup>At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." <sup>6</sup>And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. <sup>7</sup>And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. <sup>8</sup>And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. <sup>9</sup>Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?"

<sup>10</sup>It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. <sup>11</sup>God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, <sup>12</sup>I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you. <sup>13</sup>I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor all your life; no other king shall compare with you. <sup>14</sup>If you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your life."

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

## **Second Reading:** Ephesians 5:15-20

<sup>15</sup>Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, <sup>16</sup>making the most of the time, because the days are evil. <sup>17</sup>So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. <sup>18</sup>Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, <sup>19</sup>as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, <sup>20</sup>giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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

*Please stand*

## **Gospel:** John 6:51-58

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

[Jesus said,] <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."

<sup>52</sup>The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" <sup>53</sup>So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. <sup>54</sup>Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; <sup>55</sup>for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. <sup>56</sup>Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. <sup>57</sup>Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. <sup>58</sup>This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever."

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.

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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*

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## **Message – Part 1**

### **Interlude**

## **Message – Part 2**

*Please stand*

## **Hymn of the Day:** ELW (red) #779, Amazing Grace

## **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: **hear our prayer.**

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.*

O Lord, you build your church, the body of Christ, and sustain it with living bread. Let wisdom guide your church, and teach all its members the way of righteousness. Bless us in our mission to know, live and share your word. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, bless the work of musicians, composers, writers, and all artists. Move us to even greater praise through their gifts of creativity. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, we thank you for the diversity of the nations. Shower your wisdom and mercy upon all leaders and citizens. Give us all the courage to seek peace and pursue it. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, send calm and perseverance to those who are in trouble or who live daily with great stress. Fill them with your Spirit and satisfy them with your presence. Today we especially pray for Ruth Snell, Bill Snell, Onie Ames, Lynn Hornberger, Bunchie Crusoe, Hedy Tranchitella, Susan Scheivert, Nicky Raytik, Dave Graham, Joyce Helvig, Sam Horton, Dick & Mary Barringer, Ryan Musser, Dick Whiteman, Justin Roland, Judy Rose, Jennifer Jimenez, Kasen Colbach. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, we thank you for this congregation. Give us gratitude for the many blessings we enjoy, and inspire us to give thanks at all times. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, we bless you for family, friends, and sisters and brothers in Christ who have guided us in wisdom and insight. Lead us into peace with all people until the day of Christ. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*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, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

**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:** Blessed Assurance – arr. Hayes

*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) #129, Spirit Of The Living God  
W&P (purple) #141, This Is The Day

*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) #574, Here I Am, Lord

## **Dismissal**

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

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