

Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd

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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

Holy God, your word feeds your people with life that is eternal. Direct our choices and preserve us in your truth, that, renouncing what is false and evil, we may live in you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Canticle of Praise: ELW (red) #857, Lord I Lift Your Name on High

Please be seated

First Reading: 1 Kings 8:[1, 6, 10-11] 22-30, 41-43

[1Solomon assembled the elders of Israel and all the heads of the tribes, the leaders of the ancestral houses of the Israelites, before King Solomon in Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the covenant of the LORD out of the city of David, which is Zion. ⁶Then the priests brought the ark of the covenant of the LORD to its place, in the inner sanctuary of the house, in the most holy place, underneath the wings of the cherubim. ¹⁰And when the priests came out of the holy place, a cloud filled the house of the LORD, ¹¹so that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud; for the glory of the LORD filled the house of the LORD.]

²²Then Solomon stood before the altar of the LORD in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands to heaven.²³He said, "O LORD, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and steadfast love for your servants who walk before you with all their heart, ²⁴the covenant that you kept for your servant my father David as you declared to him; you promised with your mouth and have this day fulfilled with your hand. ²⁵Therefore, O LORD, God of Israel, keep for your servant my father David that which you promised him, saying, 'There shall never fail you a successor before me to sit on the throne of Israel, if only your children look to their way, to walk before me as you have walked before me.' ²⁶Therefore, O God of Israel, let your word be confirmed, which you promised to your servant my father David.

²⁷“But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Even heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you, much less this house that I have built! ²⁸Regard your servant's prayer and his plea, O LORD my God, heeding the cry and the prayer that your servant prays to you today; ²⁹that your eyes may be open night and day toward this house, the place of which you said, ‘My name shall be there,’ that you may heed the prayer that your servant prays toward this place. ³⁰Hear the plea of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray toward this place; O hear in heaven your dwelling place; heed and forgive.

⁴¹“Likewise when a foreigner, who is not of your people Israel, comes from a distant land because of your name ⁴²—for they shall hear of your great name, your mighty hand, and your outstretched arm—when a foreigner comes and prays toward this house, ⁴³then hear in heaven your dwelling place, and do according to all that the foreigner calls to you, so that all the peoples of the earth may know your name and fear you, as do your people Israel, and so that they may know that your name has been invoked on this house that I have built.”

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

Second Reading: Ephesians 6:10-20

¹⁰Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. ¹¹Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ¹²For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. ¹⁴Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. ¹⁵As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. ¹⁶With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

¹⁸Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. ¹⁹Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

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

Please stand

Gospel: John 6:56-69

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

[Jesus said,] ⁵⁶“Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸This 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.” ⁵⁹He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

⁶⁰When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?” ⁶¹But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, “Does this offend you? ⁶²Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? ⁶³It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. ⁶⁴But among you there are some who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. ⁶⁵And he said, “For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.”

⁶⁶Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. ⁶⁷So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" ⁶⁸Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

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.

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

Holy Baptism

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Sponsors: I present Jaxon/Hunter/Mason for baptism.

The minister addresses the parents: Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Jaxon, Hunter and Mason baptized into Christ?

Parents: I do

The minister continues:

As you bring these children to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with them among God's faithful people, bring them to the word of God and the holy supper, teach them the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in their hands the holy scriptures, and nurture them in faith and prayer, so that Jaxon, Hunter and Mason may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

The Minister addresses the parents:

Do you promise to help Jaxon, Hunter and Mason grow in the Christian faith and life?

Parents: I do.

The minister addresses sponsors: Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Jaxon, Hunter and Mason in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Sponsors: I do.

Congregation, please stand.

The minister addresses the assembly: People of God, do you promise to support Jaxon, Hunter and Mason and pray for him in his new life in Christ? **We do.**

Profession Of Faith

The minister addresses the parents and sponsors

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

Parents & Sponsors: I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

Parents & Sponsors: I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Parents & Sponsors: I renounce them.

The minister addresses the candidates and the assembly.

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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.

Thanksgiving at the Font:

At the font, the presiding minister begins the thanksgiving:

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

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

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you. Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

Congregation please be seated

Baptism

The minister baptizes the candidate.

Jaxon/Hunter/Mason I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

You belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized. Alleluia!

Clothed with Christ in baptism, the newly baptized may receive a baptismal garment.

The presiding minister continues:

Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

Please stand

Baptismal Hymn: ELW (red) #732, Borning Cry

Please kneel as you are able

Prayers of Intercession:

Your Response today is: **Have mercy, O God.**

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.

That God bless the church universal in every place, inspiring strength and courage to boldly proclaim the mystery of the gospel, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

That God the creator bless wild animals and family pets, prairies and kitchen gardens, beaches and sandboxes, mountains and hearths, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

That God spread the gospel throughout the nations of the world, announcing the words of eternal life to peoples in every land and country, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

That God remember the poor and the brokenhearted and rescue all those in trouble. Today we especially pray for Onie Ames, Lynn Hornberger, Bunchie Crusoe, Hedy Tranchitella, Susan Scheivert, Nicky Raytik, Joyce Helvig, Sam Horton, Dick & Mary Barringer, Ryan Musser, Dick Whiteman, Justin Roland, Judy Rose, Jennifer Jimenez, Kasen Colbach, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

That God protect members of this congregation along all our ways and empower us to serve Christ in sincerity and faithfulness. Bless us in our mission to know, live and share your word, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

That God redeem the lives of those who have served in the faith and raise them up, according to the promises of Jesus Christ, the bread that nourishes eternal life, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

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).....let us pray, **Have mercy, O God.**

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:

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. Communion will be by intinction, prayer stations will be available at each rail.

Distribution

Communion Music: W&P (purple hymnal) #124, Shout to the Lord
W&P (purple hymnal) #123, Shine, Jesus, Shine

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: W&P (purple hymnal) #135, The Church Song

Dismissal

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