

Sunday, September 20, 2020

Prelude: ELW #525, #720, #677, #574, #513, #583

**Welcome-** If you are worshipping at home, please let us know how many are worshipping with you in the comment section, or by emailing Sandy at [adminsupport@luthgoodshep.org](mailto:adminsupport@luthgoodshep.org)

**Gathering Hymn:** ELW #733, Great Is Thy Faithfulness

### Great Is Thy Faithfulness



1 Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther; there is no  
2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest, sun, moon, and  
3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, thine own dear

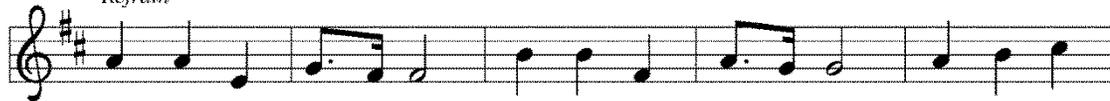


shad - ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang - est not, thy com -  
stars in their cours - es a - bove join with all na - ture in  
pres - ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to - day and bright



pas - sions they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for - ev - er wilt be.  
man - i - fold wit - ness to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.  
hope for to - mor - row, bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

*Refrain*



Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Morn - ing by



morn - ing new mer - cies I see; all I have need - ed thy



hand hath pro - vid - ed; great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me.

Text: Thomas O. Chisholm, 1866–1960

Music: FAITHFULNESS, William M. Runyan, 1870–1957

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*Please stand*

## **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:**

**Let us pray together:**

**Almighty and eternal God, you show perpetual lovingkindness to us your servants. Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgment, and train us to embody the generosity of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## **First Reading: Jonah 3:10--4:11**

<sup>10</sup>When God saw what [the people of Ninevah] did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

<sup>4:1</sup>But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. <sup>2</sup>He prayed to the LORD and said, "O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. <sup>3</sup>And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." <sup>4</sup>And the LORD said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" <sup>5</sup>Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

<sup>6</sup>The LORD God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. <sup>7</sup>But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. <sup>8</sup>When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live."

<sup>9</sup>But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." <sup>10</sup>Then the LORD said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. <sup>11</sup>And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?"

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

Please stand

**Gospel Acclamation:** ELW Page 205, setting 10



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

**Gospel:** Matthew 20:1-16

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

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>1</sup>"The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. <sup>2</sup>After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. <sup>3</sup>When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; <sup>4</sup>and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. <sup>5</sup>When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. <sup>6</sup>And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' <sup>7</sup>They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' <sup>8</sup>When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' <sup>9</sup>When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. <sup>10</sup>Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. <sup>11</sup>And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, <sup>12</sup>saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' <sup>13</sup>But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? <sup>14</sup>Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. <sup>15</sup>Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' <sup>16</sup>So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

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

Please be seated

**Sermon**

*Please stand*

## **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**

## **Prayers of Intercession:**

Drawn together in the compassion of God, we pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

Generous God, you make the last first, and the first last. Where this gospel challenges the church, equip it for its works of service. Strengthen those who suffer for Christ. Bless us in our mission to know, live and share your word. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Where we find envy and create enemies, you provide enough for all. Bring peace to places of conflict and violence. Inspire leaders with creativity and wisdom. Bless the work of negotiators, peacekeepers, and development workers. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Reveal yourself to all in need as you are gracious and merciful, slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love, ready to relent from punishing. Accompany judges and lawyers, victims of crime and those serving sentences. Give fruitful labor and a livelihood to those seeking work. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Even beyond our expectations, you choose to give generously. Grant life, health, and courage to all who are in need. Today we especially pray for Betty Williams, Ruth McMahon, Dee Kuryloski, Pastor Susan Lynch, Carrie Sorber, Maggie Weagley, Pastor Susan Ericson, Tatum Gill, Shawn Green, Dennis Collopy, Pam Scaretta, , Judy Boyd, Pastor Linda (Shanaman) Bonfiglio, Karen Moore, Kelly McGinn, Marlene Anghel, Pam Vorhees, Jacqueline Powell, Jenna Cheatham, Peter & Beverly Plein, Vera Rubert, Justin Roland, Millie Hoffa ...and those we name before you now...(brief pause)... Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We praise you for the generations that have declared your power to us. Give us faithfulness to follow them, living for Christ, until you call us to join them in the joyful song around his throne. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

All these things and whatever else you see that we need, we entrust to your mercy; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## 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**

## Sharing of the Peace

*Please be seated*

### Offering/Offering Prayer

*Let us pray together:*

**Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. You have set before us these gifts of your good creation. Prepare us for your heavenly banquet, nourish us with this rich food and drink, and send us forth to set tables in the midst of a suffering world, through the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## Announcements

**Confirmation** - If your child is in grade 7 or 8 this year, he/she is eligible to participate in Good Shepherd's Confirmation program. Over the course of two years, youth have the opportunity to dig deeper into their faith with Pastor Lynch. Youth who complete the program will have the opportunity to affirm their Baptism and faith in worship in the rite of Confirmation. If you would like your child to be part of this faith experience this fall, please email Pastor Lynch at [slynch@luthgoodshep.org](mailto:slynch@luthgoodshep.org). There will be a meeting for parents and students on Zoom on Tuesday, Sept. 22nd at 7 p.m. In order to receive the invitation to the Zoom meeting, please make sure that Pastor Lynch has your correct email address.

**L.I.F.T. (Living and Learning in Faith Together)** The LIFT team will continue to offer an online LIFT service biweekly this Fall. The service is pre-recorded and posted to YouTube so that you can tune at your leisure. During our LIFT services, we learn the stories of the Bible and connect those stories to our lives. These sessions are interactive and include activities to help draw conclusions about what these stories mean for us. If you are interested in being a part of our LIFT services, please email Erin Kauppila at [LIFT@luthgoodshep.org](mailto:LIFT@luthgoodshep.org) for more information.

**Holiday Meals** - Good Shepherd is again offering complete Thanksgiving and Christmas meals as well as Angel Tree gifts to members and friends of Good Shepherd. Anyone is entitled to receive these gifts but there is a deadline to make your request. The form will be an extra attachment in the weekly bulletin email, or you can contact Sandy in the church office, 610 384-2035, [adminsupport@luthgoodshep.org](mailto:adminsupport@luthgoodshep.org), and she will mail it to you. Please complete the form carefully and return it to church no later than October 11th. Extra time has been allowed for all we must accomplish before each holiday given the current circumstances in our world.

**Members:** We will have a list of all foods needed that will be circulated via email. A red and white cooler will be under the portico to accept food donations for the holidays. We will be collecting canned green beans, corn, peas, cranberry sauce, fruit cocktail, butter, rolls, large canned yams, Instant potatoes, stuffing. Please give consideration to donating these items.

**In Person Worship Service** – We are pleased to welcome everyone back to in person worship services on Sunday's at 9:00 am in Fellowship Hall. We will continue to provide a Live Stream worship service online at 10:30 a.m., please note you may only participate in the Live Stream service from the comfort of your own home. Due to social distancing requirements and capacity restrictions, there will be limited seating for the 9 a.m. "In Person" worship service. We will strive to make adjustments as we are able in the weeks to come. Please note there is a requirement that all persons over the age of 3 years will be required to wear a mask that covers both the mouth and the nose. The mask must remain in place during the entire worship service, until they exit the building. If you have any other questions or concerns, please contact the church office.

**Needed: A Good Shepherd Communicator!** The Outreach Committee (Evangelism & Social Ministry) is looking for an individual(s) to join our group and handle communications with local newspapers and information outlets in our community. This person would be willing to notice or be informed of newsworthy items at Good Shepherd, obtain details from committees, etc., and notify information outlets in a timely manner. Examples include: Pancake breakfasts, Quilting & Knitting groups, Holiday/Special church services, etc. Help us spread the word to our community about activities and events at Good Shepherd! Please contact Fran Ciccione or Pam Dean if interested.

**COVID-19 Testing Site** - Good Shepherd is a COVID testing site through the Chester County Health Department. Testing times will be Thursdays from 10am – 3pm in the upper lot only! This is a free testing site with no doctor recommendation required. If you feel you need to be tested due to not feeling well, travel, work, etc., you are eligible. If your insurance does not cover the test, there will be no charge. This is a drive thru testing site, walk ups are discouraged. You do not need an appointment, but they are recommended. Please see the Chester County Health Department's website at <https://www.chesco.org/4460/Coronavirus-COVID-19-Testing-Information>, or call 610-344-6225. Please be sure to let your friends and family know about this service.

**Weeders needed!** Our church grounds are in desperate need of weeding. If you have an hour or so to spare, please consider helping us out! Thank you!

**Blessings Food Box** now available for use! Grateful thanks to Good Shepherd member and Eagle Scout candidate Michael Popplewell, Boy Scout Troop 51, for the beautifully constructed Blessings Food Box located in our entry driveway! The box is being stocked with non-perishable, weather-tolerant food items & personal care items. Church and community members are now welcome to access the box to take items they need, or donate extra items for others. Thank you Michael for this important and timely gift to Good Shepherd's food ministries!

**Do you need food, or help purchasing food?** Good Shepherd has our food table and a supply of frozen meats (chicken and beef), as well as gift cards available to anyone who needs it. If your family needs food, please call Karen White at 610-662-4010. If you get Karen's voice mail LEAVE A MESSAGE with your name and phone number. You can make arrangements for you to meet her at church to get what you need. If you have food that you want to donate to our food table, please call Karen about that too so you can also meet at church. Thank you all, Karen, Heather, Roberta, Betsy, Pam

***The blue tub also has emergency food items that can be picked up. The tub is located at the main entrance of the church. If you need more than just a day or 2 of food please call Karen White at 610-662-4010 to make arrangements to meet her at church. Thank You!***

***Due to the COVID Testing on Thursdays 10am-3pm, we would ask you not pick up or drop off food donations during those times***

**Our Food Table:** Social Ministry has identified the items that we need for the families we provide food for. They are: peanut butter, jelly, pasta, spaghetti sauce, beans, rice, canned tuna and chicken, cereal, **soups, stews and canned vegetables**. These items can be used on an emergency need basis and to supplement the Giant gift cards we can share. We have a large blue tub under the portico for donations. Thank you for anything you can provide. One more idea... if you find a bogo on chickens or other meats please consider donating the free one.

**Giving** –Please remember to continue to give financially to Good Shepherd. We still have to pay the mortgage and other bills. Please continue to give and support our ministries during this time so that our ministries continue and are ready to bounce back once the concern is over. There are two easy ways to give electronically. Go to our website [www.luthgoodshep.org](http://www.luthgoodshep.org), and sign up for electronic giving under the “Giving” tab.

Also, by opening the camera on your smartphone and point it at the QR code below, it will prompt you to open a website and enter a secure payment.



**Facebook Live Attendance: 79      In Person: 13**

<b>Offering</b>	<b>Plate</b>	<b>Online</b>
<b>Weekly Envelopes</b>	\$	\$
<b>Mortgage</b>	\$	\$
<b>Other</b>	\$	
<b>Designated Giving</b>	\$	

*Please stand*  
**Benediction**

Mothering God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you and lead you into the way of truth and life. **Amen.**

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**Sending Hymn:** ELW #537, On Our Way Rejoicing

## On Our Way Rejoicing



1 On our way re - joic - ing glad - ly let us go.  
2 Un - to God the Fa - ther joy - ful songs we sing;



Christ our Lord has con - quered; van - quished is the foe.  
un - to God the Sav - ior thank - ful hearts we bring;



Christ with - out, our safe - ty; Christ with - in, our joy;  
un - to God the Spir - it bow we and a - dore,



who, if we be faith - ful, can our hope de - stroy?  
on our way re - joic - ing now and ev - er - more.

*Refrain*



On our way re - joic - ing; as we for - ward move,



hear - ken to our prais - es, O blest God of love!

Text: John S. B. Monsell, 1811–1875, alt.  
Music: HERMAS, Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879

## Dismissal

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