

**Sunday, September 27, 2020**

**Prelude:** ELW #532, #629, #638, #592, #789, #597/596

**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 #801, Change My Heart, O God

## Change My Heart, O God



Change my heart, O God; make it ev - er true.



Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.



You are the pot - ter; I am the clay.



Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.

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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:

God of love, giver of life, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

*Please be seated*

### First Reading: Psalm 25:1-9

<sup>1</sup>To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

<sup>2</sup>My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

<sup>3</sup>Let none who look to you be put to shame; rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

<sup>4</sup>Show me your ways, O LORD, and teach me your paths.

<sup>5</sup>Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

<sup>6</sup>Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.

<sup>7</sup>Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

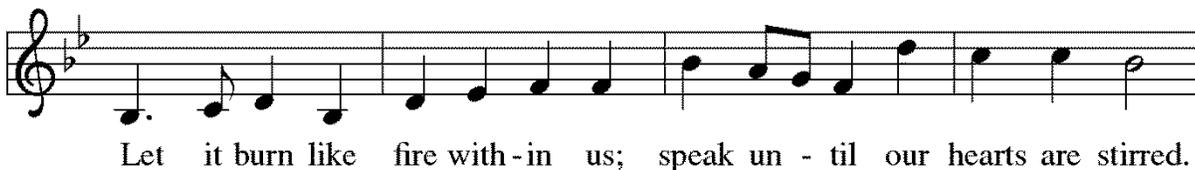
<sup>8</sup>You are gracious and upright, O LORD; therefore you teach sinners in your way.

<sup>9</sup>You lead the lowly in justice and teach the lowly your way.

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

*Please stand*

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



## **Gospel: Matthew 21:23-32**

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

<sup>23</sup>When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" <sup>24</sup>Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. <sup>25</sup>Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' <sup>26</sup>But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." <sup>27</sup>So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

<sup>28</sup>"What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' <sup>29</sup>He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. <sup>30</sup>The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. <sup>31</sup>Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. <sup>32</sup>For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him."

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.

In all the world, give your church unity. Inspire all the baptized with the mind of Christ. Where the church is powerful and where it struggles, shape us with humility and obedience so that your love may be at work in us. Bless us in our mission to know, live and share your word. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Your Son took on all of bodily life in our world, even to death. Preserve and keep your creation, O God. Mend and redeem places that are polluted and damaged, so that all of creation confesses you as Lord. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Turn the nations toward life. Where our ways are unfair, give us new hearts and new spirits. Where sin permeates our cultures and institutions, change our minds and teach us to trust your authority. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Our lives are yours, O God. Relieve the suffering of those who are ill in body, mind, or spirit. Defend the lives and welfare of children who are abused or neglected, hungry or exploited, bullied or lonely. Today we especially pray for The family of Deborah Panning on the death of her mother, Betty Williams, Ruth McMahan, 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.**

Turn this congregation away from our own interests toward the interests of others. Fill us with your compassion and sympathy. Bless ministries of care in our community; make us into signs of your mercy and justice for our neighbors. 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

**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: : In Person:**

<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 #856, How Great Thou Art

**How Great Thou Art**



1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won-der con-sid-er  
2 When through the woods and for-est glades I wan-der, I hear the  
3 But when I think that God, his Son not spar-ing, sent him to  
4 When Christ shall come, with shout of ac-cla-ma-tion, and take me



all the works thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the might-y  
birds sing sweet-ly in the trees; when I look down from loft-y moun-tain  
die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross my bur-den glad-ly  
home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum-ble ad-o-



thun-der, thy pow'r through-out the u-ni-verse dis-played;  
gran-deur and hear the brook and feel the gen-tle breeze;  
bear-ing he bled and died to take a-way my sin;  
ra-tion and there pro-claim, "My God, how great thou art!"

*Refrain*



Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to thee, how great thou



art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to



thee, how great thou art! How great thou art!

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**Dismissal**

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