

The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Livermore, CA

August 30, 2020

Invocation

M The grace of our Lord + Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

Confession of Sins

M God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

C **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

Absolution

M God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen!

Lord, Have Mercy Kyrie

M For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

M For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.

C Christ, have mercy.

M For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

M Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:

C Amen.

Prayer of the Day

M Let us pray.

Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your gift of grace that we come into your presence and offer true and faithful service. Grant that our worship on earth may always be pleasing to you, and in the life to come give us the fulfillment of what you have promised; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

The Word

First Lesson

Isaiah 56:1,6-8 | EHV

This is what the LORD says:
Protect justice, and do righteousness,
for my salvation is coming very soon.
My righteousness is ready to be revealed.
⁶Then the foreigners, who join themselves to the LORD,
to minister to him and to love the name of the LORD
and to become his servants,
everyone who keeps the Sabbath and does not profane it,
those who take hold of my covenant—
⁷I will bring them to my holy mountain,
and I will make them glad in my house of prayer.
Their whole burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be
acceptable upon my altar.
For my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.
⁸This is the declaration of God the LORD,
who gathers Israel's dispersed ones:
"I will still gather others to it besides the ones already gathered."

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 133 & 134 | page 115, Red Hymnal

M How good and pleasant it is*

C when brothers live together in unity!

M For there the LORD bestows his blessing,*

C even life forevermore.

M Praise the LORD, all you servants of the LORD*

C who minister in the house of the LORD.

M Lift up your hands in the sanctuary*

C and praise the LORD.

M May the LORD, the maker of heaven and earth,*

C bless you from Zion.

C *Glory be to the Father and to the Son**

*and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,*
is now, and will be forever. Amen.*

Second Lesson

Romans 11:13-15, 28-32 | EHV

¹³I am speaking to you Gentiles. For as long as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I am going to speak highly of my ministry. ¹⁴Perhaps I may make my own people jealous, and so save some of them. ¹⁵For if their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, what does their acceptance mean other than the dead coming to life? ...

²⁸In regard to the gospel, they are enemies for your sake. But, in regard to election, they are especially dear for the sake of the patriarchs, ²⁹because God's gracious gifts and call are not regretted. ³⁰For just as you were once disobedient to God, but now have been shown mercy due to their disobedience, ³¹so also now they have become disobedient, so that by the mercy shown to you they may be shown mercy too. ³²For God imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may show mercy to all.

Verse of the Day

Hebrews 4:12 | RSV

Alleluia. The Word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. *Alleluia.*

Gospel

Matthew 15:21-28 | NIV84

²¹Jesus left that place and withdrew into the region of Tyre and Sidon. ²²There a Canaanite woman from that territory came and kept crying out, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David! A demon is severely tormenting my daughter!"

²³But he did not answer her a word.

His disciples came and pleaded, "Send her away, because she keeps crying out after us."

²⁴He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel."

²⁵But she came and knelt in front of him, saying, "Lord, help me."

²⁶He answered her, "It is not good to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs."

²⁷"Yes, Lord," she said, "yet the dogs also eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table."

²⁸Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, your faith is great! It will be done for you, just as you desire." And her daughter was healed at that very hour.

Following the lessons, the minister and the congregation respond:

M This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to you, O Christ.

We Are Foreigners No Longer!

I. God has gathered us.

II. God still gathers others.

Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and became fully human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayer of the Church for the Season of Pentecost

The pastor says the Prayer of the Church.

The Lord's Prayer *Traditional Version*

C 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.

Closing Prayer

M O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

Blessing

M Receive with believing hearts the benediction of our Lord:

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and ✝ give you peace.

C Amen



As We Resume Meeting In-Person, please keep the following in mind:

- The coronavirus did not go away. We are still in the midst of a pandemic. If you are not feeling well, or live with someone not feeling well, please stay home.
- Like with all public activities at this time in California and in Alameda County, facemasks will be required to be worn at all times.
- Social distancing is to be practiced. Seating will be spaced apart by households, and the building is only allowed 25% of capacity at this time.
- If gathering in the building is currently prohibited, we may be meeting outside. Please watch for announcements regarding this, and be aware that outdoor gatherings still have similar guidelines we are to follow.
- Wash your hands frequently. Hand sanitizer is provided in the church entryway.
- There will not be fellowship coffee hour or Bible Class after church for the time-being. Any socializing before or after the service is to be done outside, with proper social distancing.
- There will be some changes to how Communion is served. See the instructions in the bulletin on those Sundays.

If you are high risk or uncomfortable coming out at this time, be aware that we plan on continuing our online services as we have been. Please take advantage of this. Thank you.