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The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

486 South J Street, Livermore, California 94550

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Welcome to Good Shepherd!

Good Shepherd's mission statement is to grow in faith through the Word and Sacraments and proclaim God's forgiveness to all. The name of our congregation is in reference to a title of Jesus, who cares and provides for us as a shepherd to his beloved flock. We pray that here you will see God's glory as it shines throughout his message of love and forgiveness. We also pray that here you will find a family of Christians who will support and encourage you in your faith life. Our hope is that in worship today your faith will be strengthened by the good news about God's love given to us in our Savior, Jesus Christ.

The following facilities are available to you during the service:

- **Restrooms** are located in the back of the church by the entrance.
- **A cry room** for young children is available near the restrooms.
- **Fellowship and Coffee** take place immediately after the service in the back of church. Please join us after worship for some treats and time to visit with and encourage one another, and then Bible Class soon after.

Participating in Worship

Lutheran worship is specifically designed to include the participation of the assembly. We are not here to be an audience, we are here to speak and sing the Word of God to each other.

Text marked m is spoken or sung by the minister, and text marked C is spoken or sung by the congregation. Congregational text is also printed in bold. It looks like this:

m Spoken by the minister.

C **Spoken by the congregation.**

For hymns and other music, you may be directed to make use of the red hymnal and the smaller blue-gray hymnal supplement at your seat.

To help explain the flow and pattern of historic Christian worship, we've provided several side notes throughout the service folder. Read the notes to discover why we say and sing what we do. In this way we pray you will find a deeper appreciation for the rich symbolism and spiritual meaning behind our worship.

Our Place in the Church Year: The Sundays after Pentecost

After reliving the great events of the life of Christ, the worshipping Church spends half a year focusing on the teachings of Christ during the Sundays after Pentecost. The Church wears green during this season as the Spirit uses those teachings of Jesus to grow the faith of believers. The appointed lessons teach us the characteristics of the Holy Ministry, the Christian, the Church, our God, and the Christian life.

Focus of Today's Worship

The Lord provides; we give back to the Lord in thanks.

Serving in Today's Worship

Presiding Minister and Preacher Pastor Matthew Natsis
Music Ron Kerst
Usher Joel Rusch (Next week: Gary Maass)
Fellowship Treat..... Mary Hall (Next week: church treats)
Altar Guild Sharon Kerst and Daune Belongia

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Divine Service II

Opening Hymn

486 | Red Hymnal

Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us

Divine Service II is a setting of the historic Christian Liturgy intended for use when the Lord's Supper is celebrated.

Invocation

Please stand.

- m In the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.
- C **Amen.**

Confession of Sins

- m Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.
- C **Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.
For faithless worrying and selfish pride,
For sins of habit and sins of choice,
For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,
You should cast me away from your presence forever.
O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.**

Absolution

- m Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant:
- I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.
- C **Amen!**

We hear of our forgiveness as certainly as if God himself were speaking. Jesus said, "If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven" (John 21:23).

Lord, Have Mercy Kyrie

m In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

m For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.

C **Christ, have mercy.**

m For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

m Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.

C **Amen.**

Kyrie is the Greek word for "Lord." The expression "Lord, have mercy" is one of the oldest worship responses in the Christian church

Worship continues with "Glory be to God" on the next page.

Christians praise God by proclaiming the great things he has done to accomplish our rescue from sin. "Glory to God in the Highest" has been a Christian song of worship since the fourth century. For this order of worship, the tune is changed to fit the time of the church year.

Glory be to God ☩

Tune: Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest, Hymn 177



1 All glo - ry be to God on high!
 2 Our grate - ful thanks to you we bring,
 3 O Lamb of God, to you we pray.
 4 You, Christ, are ho - ly— Lord a - lone;



Your name, O Lord, we glo - ri - fy;
 For your great glo - ry, heav'n - ly King,
 You take all hu - man sin a - way.
 The Fath - er's glo - ry you made known.



We praise you for your peace and grace,
 For all, O Fath - er, you have done
 Have mer - cy, Lord; re - ceive our prayer;
 We by your Spir - it sing a - gain:



Your fav - or toward our fal - len race.
 Through Je - sus Christ, your on - ly Son.
 From God's right hand, your mer - cy share.
 "All glo - ry be to God!" A - men.

This greeting has deep roots in Christian worship and marks the beginning of the Word section and the Sacrament section of the service.

Prayer of the Day

m The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

m Let us pray.

Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your Word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy and to bring forth fruits in faith and hope and love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

The Word

First Lesson

Exodus 16:1-15 | NIV84

The whole Israelite community set out from Elim and came to the Desert of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after they had come out of Egypt. ² In the desert the whole community grumbled against Moses and Aaron. ³ The Israelites said to them, “If only we had died by the LORD’s hand in Egypt! There we sat around pots of meat and ate all the food we wanted, but you have brought us out into this desert to starve this entire assembly to death.”

⁴ Then the LORD said to Moses, “I will rain down bread from heaven for you. The people are to go out each day and gather enough for that day. In this way I will test them and see whether they will follow my instructions. ⁵ On the sixth day they are to prepare what they bring in, and that is to be twice as much as they gather on the other days.”

⁶ So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, “In the evening you will know that it was the LORD who brought you out of Egypt, ⁷ and in the morning you will see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your grumbling against him. Who are we, that you should grumble against us?” ⁸ Moses also said, “You will know that it was the LORD when he gives you meat to eat in the evening and all the bread you want in the morning, because he has heard your grumbling against him. Who are we? You are not grumbling against us, but against the LORD.”

⁹ Then Moses told Aaron, “Say to the entire Israelite community, ‘Come before the LORD, for he has heard your grumbling.’”

¹⁰ While Aaron was speaking to the whole Israelite community, they looked toward the desert, and there was the glory of the LORD appearing in the cloud.

¹¹ The LORD said to Moses, ¹² “I have heard the grumbling of the Israelites. Tell them, ‘At twilight you will eat meat, and in the morning you will be filled with bread. Then you will know that I am the LORD your God.’”



Believers have rejoiced for millennia to hear the words of God, promises of forgiveness, love, and eternal life. We pause to hear God’s Word, spoken directly to us.

¹³ That evening quail came and covered the camp, and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. ¹⁴ When the dew was gone, thin flakes like frost on the ground appeared on the desert floor. ¹⁵ When the Israelites saw it, they said to each other, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was.

Moses said to them, “It is the bread the LORD has given you to eat.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 145 | page 119, Red Hymnal

Refrain



Lord, let your mer-cy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Psalm tone



m Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise;*

C **his greatness no one can fathom.**

m One generation will commend your works to another;

C **they will tell of your mighty acts.**

m The LORD upholds all those who fall*

C **and lifts up all who are bowed down.**

Refrain

m The eyes of all look to you,

and you give them their food at the proper time.*

C **You open your hand**

and satisfy the desires of every living thing.

m The LORD is near to all who call on him,*

C **to all who call on him in truth.**

m He fulfills the desires of those who fear him;*

C **he hears their cry and saves them.**

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

“Many of the Fathers have loved and praised the book of Psalms above all other books of the Bible...For every man on every occasion can find in it Psalms which fit his needs... Place the Book of Psalms in front of you; you will see your own self in it, for here is the true “know thyself,” by which you can know yourself as well as the God who created all things.”

—Martin Luther

—1528 Preface to the
Psalms

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

Refrain

Second Lesson

2 Corinthians 9:8-11 | NIV84

⁸ And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. ⁹ As it is written:

“He has scattered abroad his gifts to the poor;
his righteousness endures forever.”

¹⁰ Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹ You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

Verse of the Day

Romans 10:17



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



Faith comes from hear - ing the mes - sage, and the



mes - sage is heard through the Word of Christ. Al - le -



lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

In preparation for the Gospel, the congregation together stands and speaks words of acclamation. This is done out of respect for the words of Christ, our King.

Please stand.

m The Gospel according to Luke, chapter 24.

C **Glory be to you, O Lord!**

³⁵ By this time it was late in the day, so his disciples came to him. “This is a remote place,” they said, “and it’s already very late. ³⁶ Send the people away so they can go to the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat.”

³⁷ But he answered, “You give them something to eat.”

They said to him, “That would take eight months of a man’s wages! Are we to go and spend that much on bread and give it to them to eat?”

³⁸ “How many loaves do you have?” he asked. “Go and see.”

When they found out, they said, “Five—and two fish.”

³⁹ Then Jesus directed them to have all the people sit down in groups on the green grass. ⁴⁰ So they sat down in groups of hundreds and fifties. ⁴¹ Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to his disciples to set before the people. He also divided the two fish among them all. ⁴² They all ate and were satisfied, ⁴³ and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces of bread and fish. ⁴⁴ The number of the men who had eaten was five thousand.

m This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise be to you, O Christ!**

The Lord Supplies

I. He supplies grace through his Son

II. He supplies all we need to abound in every good work

After the sermon, at the direction of the minister, please stand.

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**

Public confession is faith's response to God's saving Word. The Nicene Creed is a corporate confession of the church in defense of the pure teachings of the Scriptures on the Triune God. The congregation jointly confesses, "We believe..."

**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.**

Be seated.

Offering

*The members of Good Shepherd give their offerings out of thanks to God for his unending love. These offerings are used to support our work locally and around the world. **Visitors may feel free to give, but should not feel obligated.** Please also sign the friendship registers found in the side of the rows.*

Prayer of the Church for the Sundays after Pentecost

Please stand. The Prayer of the Church is spoken responsively with the congregation.

- m O Lord, our God, you are wise and powerful, good and gracious. Your mercies are new every morning. Each day you open your hand and provide for the needs of your children on earth.
- C **We praise you for every grace and blessing.**
- m Strengthen your Church in all the world. Let your comforting message of salvation in Christ Jesus be proclaimed to troubled souls everywhere.
- C **Use our ministries and offerings to extend your healing and your hope.**
- m We bring you our requests for the various structures of our society. Bless our national, state, and local governments.
- C **Grant us civil servants who are worthy of honor and respect.**

m Grant prosperity to our businesses and industries. Give employers a sense of fairness toward their workers, and employees a feeling of joy and pride in their workmanship.

C Help us find satisfaction in all work well done.

m Invigorate the schools of our land. Give success to every effort that helps students read, think, and communicate in ways that will promote an informed and responsible citizenry. Arouse curious minds to discover the wonders of your created order.

C Give us teachers and students who pursue excellence.

m Strengthen the families of our country. Give fathers and mothers a renewed commitment to be good parents. Give children and young people the wisdom to regard their parents as your representatives.

C Lead us to love one another as you have loved us.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow

m Hear us, Lord, as we bring your our private petitions.

Silent prayer

m Gracious Father, we pray boldly as Jesus taught, with the confidence that you will hear and with the faith that you will respond for our welfare.

C Amen.



The words of the Preface mark the beginning of the Sacrament section of the service and lift the worshipers' hearts in praise. The opening sentences are among the oldest in the Christian liturgy.

The Sacrament

Preface

m The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

m Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them up to the Lord.**

m Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is good and right so to do.**

m It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who has called us to be his own so that we may live under him in his kingdom and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness. Therefore with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy ☩ Sanctus | Tune: The Day of Resurrection, Hymn 166

1 O ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of pow'r and
2 Ho - san - na in the high - est! How tru - ly blest is

might, Your glo - ry, earth and heav - en In
he Who in God's name is com - ing To

count - less ways re - cite. Ho - san - na! Come and
set his peo - ple free! He comes to bring sal -

save us, Lord God of hosts on high, And in your
va - tion And with his blood out - poured, De - liv - er

grace and mer - cy Re - ceive our fer - vent cry.
us from bond - age— Ho - san - na, might - y Lord!

Sanctus is a Latin word which means "holy." Used possibly as early as the second century, this canticle was in wide use among Christians in worship by the fourteenth century

Prayer of Thanksgiving

m Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power.

- By his incarnation, he became one with us.
- By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will.
- By his innocent death, he overcame hell.
- By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven.

Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through

Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.

C **Amen.**

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.**

Words of Institution

m Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take and eat. This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

Lamb of God  Agnus Dei



Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sin of the world;
grant us your peace. A - men.

Jesus is God's Lamb (Latin: Agnus Dei), who was offered as a sacrifice for sin of the world, once for all. Every person's sins are forgiven in the his sacrifice.

Distribution

*Because God requires us to only commune with people with whom we are in complete agreement with on all the teachings of the Bible (1 Corinthians 10:17; Romans 16:17), and because he warns that improper reception of the Lord's Supper may cause spiritual harm to the person receiving the sacrament (1 Corinthians 11:27-30), **we ask that only confirmed members of Good Shepherd or our sister congregations in the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) or the Evangelical Lutheran***

Synod (ELS) commune with us today. If you are a visitor and would like to commune with us in the future or have any questions, please speak with the pastor after the service.

Song of Simeon ☞ *Nunc Dimittis* |Tune: O Savior, Precious Savior, Hymn 368

Please stand.

Through God's Word and sacraments, we have seen Jesus Christ as he is, the Savior of all people. Like Simeon we find divine peace and comfort through faith in the Savior.

1 O Lord, now let your serv - ant De - part in peace,
 2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All glo - ry to

as - sured: For I have seen your prom - ised In -
 the Son, All glo - ry to the Spir - it, For -

car - nate, sav - ing Word— A Light that will en -
 ev - er three in one; For as in the be -

light - en All gloom where Gen - tiles dwell; The bril - liant,
 gin - ning, Is now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une

crown - ing glo - ry Of those in Is - ra - el!
 name re - sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Prayer

m We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet that you have given us to eat and to drink in this sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Blessing

m 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.**

Be seated.

Closing Hymn

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Brothers, Sisters, Let Us Gladly

The blessing of Aaron has been spoken over God's people for over 3,500 years. The Lord said, "So they will put my name on [them], and I will bless them" (Numbers 6:27).

Calendar and Announcements

Today 7/30

Sunday Worship (with WELS Connection)9:00 am
Bible Class (The Word Endures: Lessons from Luther).....10:15 am

Wednesday 8/2

Bible Class7:00 pm

Sunday 8/6

Sunday Worship with Holy Communion..... 9:00 am
Bible Class (The Word Endures: Lessons from Luther)..... 10:15 am

Next Church Council Meeting

The next meeting of the church council is scheduled for **Monday, August 7, at 7:00pm.**

Outdoor Service and Church Picnic

The annual outdoor service and church picnic is scheduled for **Sunday, August 20.** There will be regular service at the regular time of 9:00am at the church, and then a second service at **May Nissen Park at 10:30.** Afterward, we'll enjoy a picnic at the park. More details will come in the following weeks.

Luther Movie Theater Showings

Our sister congregation, Good Shepherd in Vallejo, is hosting a theater screening of the new Luther movie on August 8th at 7:30pm at Century Theatres, 109 Plaza Dr., Vallejo, CA 94591. If interested, let Pastor Natsis know! We also will be having a showing of the movie on DVD at church sometime this fall.

There will also be theatrical showings on September 19 at 7:30pm at the Cinemark Redwood Downtown 20, Redwood City, and September 21 at 1:30pm at the Century 20 Oakridge, San Jose, courtesy of our sister congregations across the Bay. More information, including links to purchase tickets online, can be found at <http://www.gdluth.org/blog/2017/7/28/martin-luther-film-in-bay-area-theaters>

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