

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Digital Worship



June 7, 2020

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Rev. Joe Schultz

*As we enter this time of virtual worship, we do so alongside the Body of Christ in a spiritual space while we abstain from doing so in a physical space. Please participate by reading aloud along with the leader the parts of the service which are **bolded** and standing where you find the + symbol.*

We will also be sharing virtually in Holy Communion. We would invite those who desire to partake to prepare by setting up a space with elements suitable for eating and drinking. Suggestions for these elements include bread, crackers, wine, juice or water.

THE GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

+ THE 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.



+ THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

THE FIRST READING FOR HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY

Lector: Carol Miller

First Reading: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

[Paul writes:] ¹¹Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. ¹²Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

¹³The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.



+ THE GOSPEL READING FOR HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY

Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20

¹⁶Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."



Here ends the Holy Gospel.

THE SERMON: "‘To Be’ a Disciple!"

Rev. Joe Schultz

THE HYMN: "HOLY, HOLY, HOLY"

Vocalist: Emie Choquette Pianist: Donna Choquette

Text: Reginald Heber, 1783-1826, alt.

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinfulness thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in pow'r, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

+ THE 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 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.**

+ THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Called into unity with one another and the whole creation, let us pray for our shared world.

A brief silence.

God of community, you form us as your church. Guide our bishops, pastors, deacons, and all the baptized in sharing your life-giving good news with all the world. Strengthen us to be bold in our proclamation. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of creation, you called everything into being. Sustain this world with your renewing care. Inspire us to see waterways, plant life, birds, fish, insects, and mammals and call them good. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of counsel, all authority belongs to you. Encourage the leaders of this and every land to seek peace, equality and unity. Instill wisdom in advocates who work toward justice that is often ignored. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of care, you created us in your image. Help us see your likeness in one another. Open our eyes to see and attend to all who face oppression, suffering or injustice. Console, heal and nourish all in need (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of companionship, you accompany this body of faith. As the rhythms of summer begin, protect all who travel, renew all who will enjoy a time of Sabbath, and shelter all who will not be protected from the sun's heat. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Receive these prayers, O God, and those too deep for words; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

THE EXCHANGE OF PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.



THE OFFERING

We invite you to continue in your faithful support of God's work by contributing electronically during our season of meeting in a virtual world. Please see our website homepage for further instructions on how to participate in electronic giving.

+ THE OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

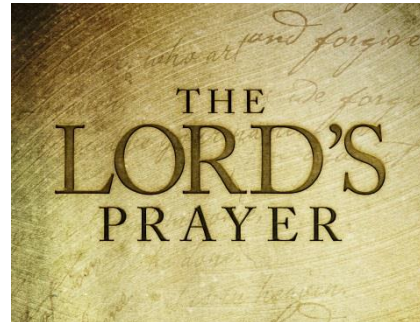
God of goodness and growth, all creation is yours, and your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens. Water and word, wine and bread: these are signs of your abundant grace. Nourish us through these gifts, that we might proclaim your steadfast love in our communities and in the world, through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song.

Amen.

+ THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

+ THE 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

Friends of Jesus, come to the table.
Receive nourishment for your journey.

The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.
Amen.

+ PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

God of the welcome table, in this meal we have feasted on your goodness and have been united by your presence among us. Empower us to go forth sustained by these gifts so that we may share your neighborly love with all, through Jesus Christ, the giver of abundant life.

Amen.

+ THE BLESSING AND SENDING

The Lord bless us and keep us.
The Lord's face shine upon us with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon us with favor and ✠ give us peace.
Amen.



Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God

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Service Notes:

Today's chancel flowers were given by the Choquette family in loving memory of Donna's parents on the occasion of their wedding anniversary and by Carol Miller in loving memory of Chuck. The flowers were also given by Tracy Heilman in memory of George Floyd; may he rest in peace and may his death not be in vain.

the bereaved: The Duesing and Postweiler families upon the death of Joyce Duesing

Good Shepherd responds to the needs presented by COVID

At their recent meeting, members of the Missions Committee expressed great concern about how best to provide for people near and dear to Good Shepherd who have experienced financial hardship due to the challenges of COVID-19. In that spirit, funding was set aside to assist people who are struggling financially due to loss of their expected income. If you are in need, please call the church office and we will make arrangements to discuss the situation and how we can help.

As a community of faith, we strive to stay connected as we together journey through life. Good Shepherd has the following virtual experiences scheduled outside of Sunday Worship Services and Sunday School to help us come together as one Body of Christ. These offerings are based on the feedback received from the survey sent out last week. Thank you to all those who responded and we look forward to these efforts helping us all to "Be the Church."

Mon. at 3:00 pm Reflecting on the Sermon with Pastor Chris

Pastor Chris will be live on the Good Shepherd Facebook Page to dialogue with people about the sermon. Pastor will provide some insights from the scripture lesson and people can type questions in the comments of the video. You may also email pastorchris@good-shepherd-church.com questions in advance if you would like to have them addressed but cannot join at 3:00

Tues. at 10:30 am Bible Study

Did you know that the lectionary we use (the three-year cycle of readings that are shared during worship) are not limited to only readings for Sunday? Join us as we begin a journey of sharing in the daily lectionary and reflecting on God' s Word together on the Good Shepherd Facebook Page.

Wed morning Hymn of the Week

Michelle Podewell will be on the page playing a hymn and sharing the gift of music. Check in the late morning to enjoy celebrating the gift of music God has granted us.

Thur. at 7:00 pm Where is God? A time of processing, prayer and conversation

A time to gather and be. The Good Shepherd Facebook Page will again be the platform for people gathering to reflect. This will be a time of conversation where you are invited to participate by typing questions or thoughts as we together explore God' s presence during this unique time.

Also know that Pastor Chris is happy to set up a zoom meeting or phone call with anyone who wants or needs to chat during this time. You are not alone! May you see God at work in and around you this week ahead.