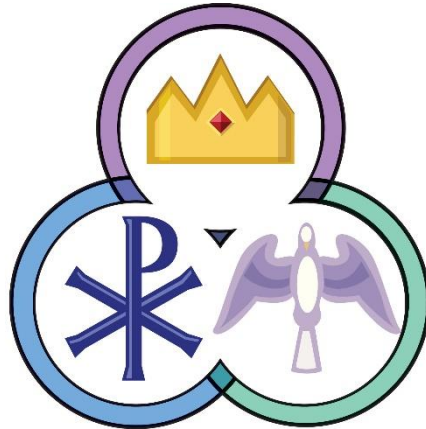


THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Digital Worship



THREE IN ONE

May 30, 2021

Rev. Christopher Buresh

Rev. Andrew Bell

*As we enter this time of digital 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.

Be sure to read the important notes following the service portion of the bulletin.

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.

God of heaven and earth, before the foundation of the universe and the beginning of time, you are the triune God: Author of creation, eternal Word of salvation, life-giving Spirit of wisdom. Guide us to all truth by your Spirit, that we may proclaim all that Christ has revealed and rejoice in the glory he shares with us. Glory and praise to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever.
Amen.

THE FIRST READING FOR THE HOLY TRINITY

Lector: Emie Choquette

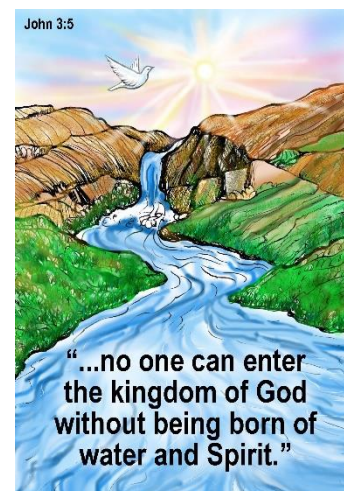
Romans 8:12-17

¹²Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—¹³for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" ¹⁶it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.



Gospel: John 3:1-17

¹Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ²He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." ³Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." ⁴Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" ⁵Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You

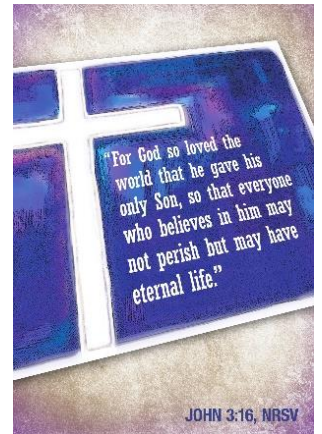


must be born from above.' ⁸The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." ⁹Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" ¹⁰Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

¹¹"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."



Here ends the Holy Gospel.

THE SERMON: "Godly Relationships"

THE ANTHEM: "Holy, Holy, Holy"

Vocalist: Emie Choquette Pianist: Donna Choquette

Music: Reginald Heber, 1783-1826, alt.; Music: John B. Dykes, 1823-1876; Public Domain.

+THE 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 truly 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 with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic 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.

+ THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

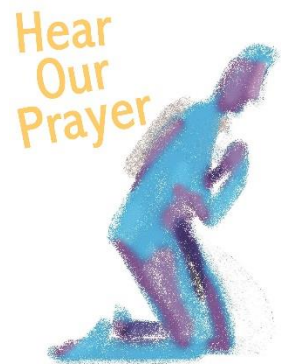
Let us come before the triune God in prayer.

A brief silence.

We pray, O God, for your holy church around the world. Revitalize and renew us, that we may be reborn once again through baptism and the blowing of your Spirit. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We give you thanks for your power revealed to us in creation; for towering trees, for rushing waters, for the echoes of thunder. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We pray for the nations and our leaders, that led by your Spirit, they work towards a world where all of your children enjoy peace. We pray especially for lasting peace in Israel. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.



We pray for all those who suffer, especially survivors of trauma and violence. Give respite to those living with PTSD or other mental health issues. Be with those who serve our country and communities and with those on our prayer list . . . Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We pray for the community of Good Shepherd and our partner congregation in Coronationville, South Africa, that the splendor of your majesty and the holiness of your mystery may be glorified through our worship and our relationships with one another. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your abiding grace.
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.

Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. **Amen**

+ THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

+ THE LORD'S PRAYER

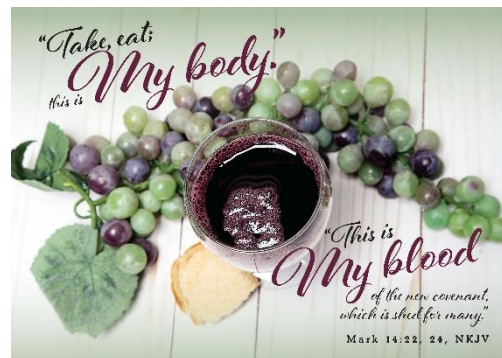
**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**



INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

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



+ PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. **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. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.



Service Notes:

Today's chancel flowers are given by the Zirbes' family in celebration of Steve's birthday.

Our intercessions include:

the hospitalized: Hank Paulsen (Loyola), Chuck Krout (Christ)

the bereaved: the Vinson family upon the death of Kathy's godmother, Carleen Sloan

new grandparents: Penny Siwinski, upon the birth of her grandson, Troy Bruno Siwinski.

† **The Newly Baptized:** Amberlie Skye Hoelzl, Born: October 24, 2008; Michelle Marie Milligan, Born: November 4, 2012; Rachel Arlene Milligan, Born: February 22, 2014; Ruby Lee Milligan, Born: June 28, 2018; daughters of Megan Milligan and David Hoelzl. Melanie Marie Milligan, Born: March 11, 2018. daughter of Madison Milligan

PLEASE NOTE: *Summer hours began today and will continue through Labor Day. Enjoy your summer!*

There is **no in-person Sunday School** today, May 30. We look forward to seeing you all again next Sunday, June 6.

Pastor Bell is collecting contact info for high school youth as we plan for the future. He's reached out to all families we have phone numbers for, but just in case, we're asking here as well. If you are interested in hearing about and attending future youth events, we'd love a cell phone number for the high school student or parent, whichever is best. Please contact the office with your info. Thanks!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS COMING . . . All aboard! Climb aboard the Rocky Railway Express Vacation Bible School July 12-16! This year's VBS is completely outdoors and will consist of two sessions: 10 am to Noon OR 1 pm – 3 pm, each having limited capacity. Children rotate through Worship Express, Bible Adventures, Craft Depot and Loco Motion Games. We plan to follow COVID Safety Guidelines given for those age 11 and under.

Students will need to Pre-Register, which will ***begin on June 1*** and continue through June 30. Pre-registration takes place at the church during normal office hours Monday through Friday OR on Sundays from 9 am – 10 am. Pre-Registration will open up to the greater community on June 7, so register early!

You can find the registration form on our website so you may print it at home (we will also have copies available at church) and bring it in filled out with a \$10 fee per student payable with cash/check.

Help! A few more VBS volunteers are needed including: Crew Leaders, Crew Assistants and Photographers. Please let Mrs. Lori know if you are able to help as soon as possible and if you are able to do one or both sessions. Thank you!

ATTENTION VBS VOLUNTEERS!! Please take note and mark your calendar for the ALL STAFF MEETING on June 28 at 7 pm. We will be meeting in the back parking lot, weather permitting. See you then!

The Flower Chart is located on the bulletin board next to the office door. If you're interested in signing up, you can either stop by the church, call the church office or email donna@good-shepherd-church.com with your date(s). Thank you!

Open dates for the year include:

October: 17, 24, 31

November: 28

Any date is available though, if you have a specific Sunday in mind.



Good Shepherd responds to the needs presented by COVID

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 arrange 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. Please see the weekly calendar below to see what is happening this week at Good Shepherd.

During This Week:

SUN	8:30 am	In-Person and Online Worship
	9:00 am	Sunday School on YouTube
	10:00 am	In-Person Worship
MON		<i>MEMORIAL DAY - Pause to Remember</i>
TUE	10:30 am	Bible Study on Facebook
	9:00 pm	Prayer Walk
WED		Hymn of the Week on Facebook
THU	7:00 pm	Where is God—reflection and prayer on Facebook
SUN	8:30 am	In-Person and Online Worship
	8:30 am	Sunday School on YouTube
	9 – 10:00 am	VBS Registration
	10:00 am	In-Person Worship & Sunday School

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.