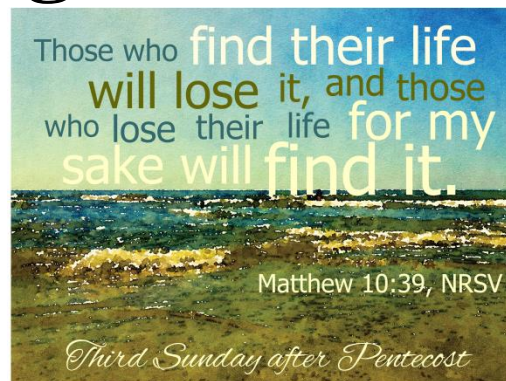


THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Digital Worship



June 21, 2020

Rev. Christopher Buresh

*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.

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.

Teach us, good Lord God, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

THE FIRST READING FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Lector: Emie Choquette

Romans 6:1b-11

^{1b}Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? ²By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? ³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?

⁴Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin.

⁷For whoever has died is freed from sin. ⁸But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.



Gospel: Matthew 10:24-39

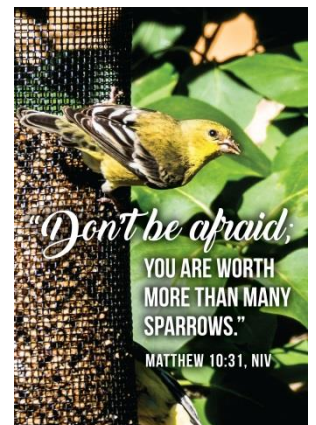
[Jesus said to the twelve:] ²⁴“A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; ²⁵it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

²⁶“So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. ²⁷What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. ²⁸Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. ³⁰And even the hairs of your head are all counted. ³¹So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

³²“Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; ³³but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

³⁴“Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

³⁵For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother,



and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;

³⁶and one's foes will be members of one's own household.

³⁷Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; ³⁸and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it."

Here ends the Holy Gospel.

THE SERMON: "Built on a Miracle"

THE HYMN: "Just As I Am, without One Plea"

Vocalist: Aaron Basch Pianist: Adam Basch

Just as I am, without one plea,
but that thy blood was shed for me,
and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, thou wilt receive,
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
because thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come,

Just as I am; thy love unknown
has broken ev'ry barrier down;
now to be thine, yea, thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Text: Charlotte Elliott, 1789-1871

+ 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,**

The
Apostles'
+ Creed +

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.

Expansive God, you bring diverse voices together to form your church. Open our hearts and unstop our ears to learn from one another, that differences might not overshadow our baptismal unity. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Providing God, your creation shows us that life comes from death. Renew the places where our land, air, and waterways have been ill for too long. Direct the work of all who care for birds and their habitats. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Protecting God, sustain and keep safe all who work to defend others across the world. Revive and strengthen organizations dedicated to caring for refugees and migrants while their homelands struggle for peace. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Loving God, you promise to be with all who are persecuted for your sake. Guide all who speak your word of justice and console any who are tormented or targeted for being who they are. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Compassionate God, you are with us and we are never alone. Bless all fathers and father figures who strive to love and nurture as you do. Comfort all who long to be fathers and all for whom this day is difficult. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.



Reigning God, you bless us with guides and caretakers in the faith. Uplift, support and nourish those who have faced illness, grief, challenge or difficulty (*especially*). Increase our care for one another until we enter the day to which you have called us, a day of eternal life. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

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.

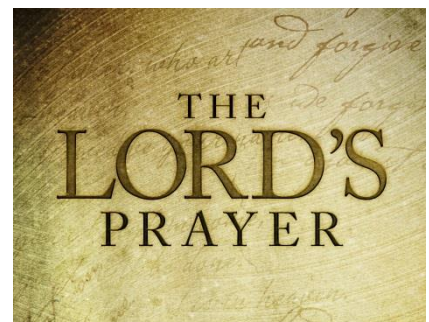
God of goodness and growth, all creation is yours, and your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens. Water and word, wine and bread: these are signs of your abundant grace. Nourish us through these gifts, that we might proclaim your steadfast love in our communities and in the world, through Jesus Christ, 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 are given by Betty Holke in loving memory of Ed and by Lucia and Al Bofinger in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary. The flowers are also given by Joyce and Glenn Pedersen in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary and by Carol and Warren Meneou in loving memory of Carol's parents.

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.