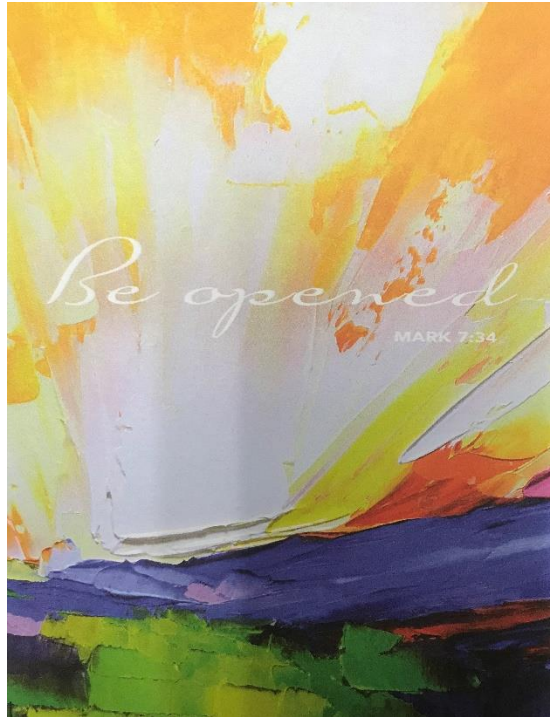


THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

# Digital Worship



September 5, 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.

**Gracious God, you transform sickness into health and death into life. Open us to the power of your presence, and make us ready to hear all those who proclaim your promises, through Jesus Christ, our healer. Amen.**

THE READINGS FOR THE 15<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Lector: Matt Brett

### The First Reading: Isaiah 35:4-7a

<sup>4</sup>Say to those who are of a fearful heart,

"Be strong, do not fear!

Here is your God.

He will come with vengeance,  
with terrible recompense.

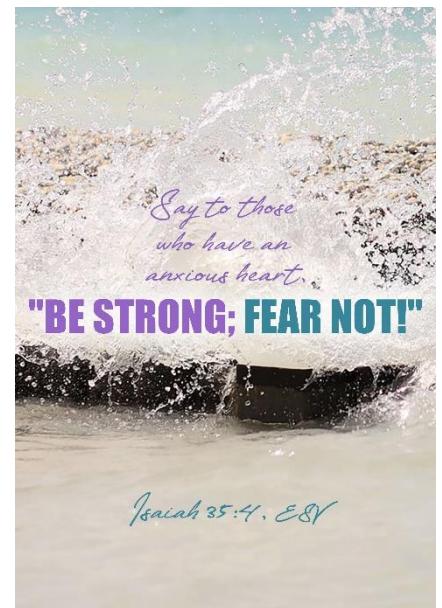
He will come and save you."

<sup>5</sup>Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,  
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

<sup>6</sup>then the lame shall leap like a deer,  
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,  
and streams in the desert;

<sup>7a</sup>the burning sand shall become a pool,  
and the thirsty ground springs of water.



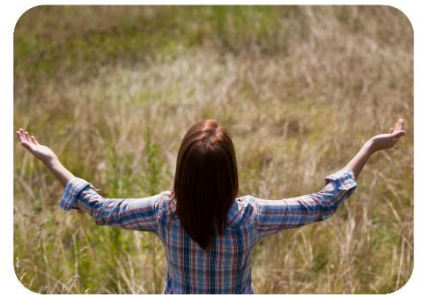
### The Holy Gospel: Mark 7:24-37

<sup>24</sup>[Jesus] set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice,<sup>25</sup> but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. <sup>26</sup>Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophoenician origin. She begged him to cast the

demon out of her daughter. <sup>27</sup>He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." <sup>28</sup>But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." <sup>29</sup>Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." <sup>30</sup>So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

<sup>31</sup>Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. <sup>32</sup>They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. <sup>33</sup>He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. <sup>34</sup>Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." <sup>35</sup>And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. <sup>36</sup>Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. <sup>37</sup>They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

They were astounded beyond measure, saying,



"He has done **EVERYTHING** well;  
he even makes the deaf to **HEAR**  
and the mute to **SPEAK**."

Mark 7:37, NRSV

Here ends the Holy Gospel.

## THE SERMON: **"Who Will We Listen To?"**

## THE ANTHEM: ***"It Is Well With My Soul"***

Vocalist: Aaron Basch    Pianist: Donna Choquette

Lyrics: Horatio Spafford; Music: Philip Bliss; Arranged by: McKay Crockett; © 2017 BYU Music Publishing Groups (ASCAP).

## + 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,**

[illegible]

## + THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*A brief silence.*



Increase justice in all the world. Guide and protect those who serve our nation and communities. Unite us in seeking the health, safety, and dignity of all.

Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

You accompany all in need. Shelter people fleeing violence or persecution, including refugees from the Afghan war, and sustain them through uncertain times. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

You support your disciples as they care for others. Bless all medical workers in hospitals, clinics and nursing homes, and those who care for family members at home. Comfort all the sick, including . . . Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you;  
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.

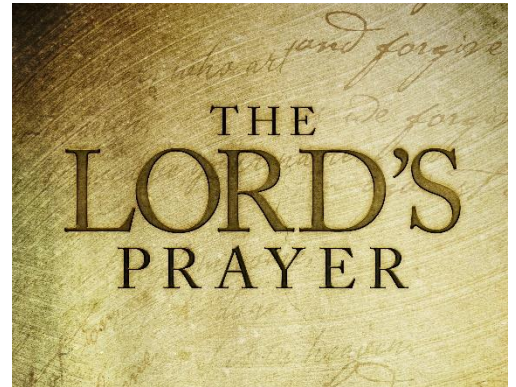
God of abundance, you cause streams to break forth in the desert and manna to rain from the heavens. Accept the gifts you have first given us. Unite them with the offering of our lives to nourish the world you love so dearly; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

### + THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION



### + THE LORD'S PRAYER

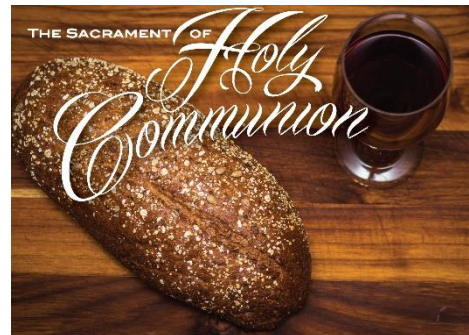
**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from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



### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All who hunger and thirst, come.  
The table is ready.

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



### + PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Lord of life, in the gift of your body and blood you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation. Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy, bearing witness to the abundance of your love in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**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.**

Benediction+

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## Service Notes:

*Today's chancel flowers are given by Nancy Cross in loving memory of her parents, Lois and Les Wiles and her brother, Leslie.*



***Mission offerings for this week and next will be used to help with recovery for those affected by Hurricane Ida.***

***Save the Date: The Big Build is coming September 24 and 25!*** You may sign up between services beginning today.

***Next Sunday, we return to our regular worship hours*** of 9:00 and 11:00. We hope you had a blessed summer and wish you a restful Labor Day weekend!

***We look forward to the start of the program year.*** Rally Day will be on September 12 with a few modifications. Read all about it in the September newsletter. Please remember to either call the office or respond online if you are planning to attend so that we can properly prepare. Thank you!

***The Weekly Online Bible Studies take a break this week.*** See the calendar on the website or included with the newsletter for when classes begin again.

***Ice Cream and Prayer will start Sept. 15 at 7pm.*** We invite all our youth to come to a new type of gathering for prayer, conversation, and then free ice cream at Oberweiss. All are welcome.

***Sunday School is taking a break today*** but will be eager to go next Sunday, Rally Day as we look forward to starting the new program year. No reservations necessary. Come and share God's word while having some fun!

***Confirmation instruction begins the week of September 13.*** If you know of any 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grader eligible for this adventure, please see Pastor Chris, Pastor Bell or Mrs. Lori.

***The Good Shepherd blood drive planned for Sunday, September 19 has been canceled*** due to staffing shortages at Versiti and will be rescheduled to a later date.

***Most 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter giving statements are available.*** If you would like yours, please contact the church office.

*As people are returning to in-person worship, please utilize the parking lot. For safety reasons, please do not park in the fire lane. Thank you!*

*Can you help with worship?* Our chancel guild and ushers are a huge part of making our worship happen. They are in need of help from more people. If you can give just a few minutes once or twice a month in helping our worship run smoothly, please contact the office.

***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
	10:00 am	In-Person Worship
		No Sunday School
MON		<b>Happy Labor Day!</b> The church office is closed.
TUE	7:00 pm	Deacons' Meeting
	9:00 pm	Prayer Walk
SUN		<b>RALLY DAY!</b>
	9:00 am	In-Person and Online Worship
	9:00 am	Online Sunday School
	11:00 am	In-Person Worship
	11:00 am	In-Person Sunday School
	12:15 – 2:00 pm	Rally Day—Picnic and Festivities

*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.*

