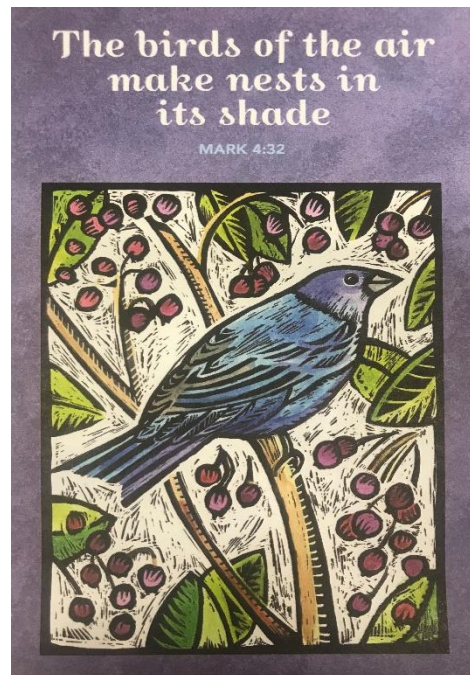


# THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

# Digital Worship



**June 13, 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.

O God, you are the tree of life, offering shelter to all the world. Graft us into yourself and nurture our growth, that we may sow seeds of love and grace for your kingdom, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## THE READINGS FOR THE 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Lector: Victoria Puttkammer

### **Ezekiel 17:22-24**

Thus says the Lord God:

I myself will take a sprig  
from the lofty top of a cedar;  
I will set it out.

I will break off a tender one  
from the topmost of its young twigs;

I myself will plant it  
on a high and lofty mountain.

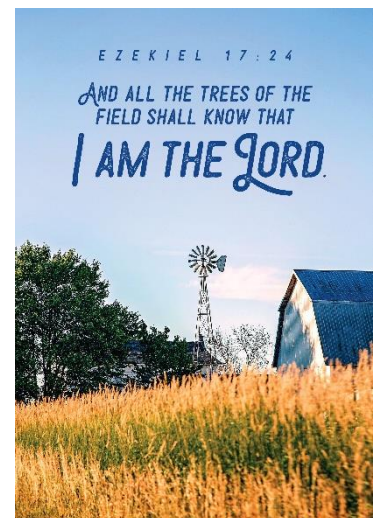
<sup>23</sup>On the mountain height of Israel  
I will plant it,

in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit,  
and become a noble cedar.

Under it every kind of bird will live;  
in the shade of its branches will nest  
winged creatures of every kind.

<sup>24</sup>All the trees of the field shall know  
that I am the LORD.

I bring low the high tree, I make high the low tree;  
I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish.  
I the LORD have spoken; I will accomplish it.



## **Gospel: Mark 4:26-34**

<sup>26</sup>[Jesus] said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground,<sup>27</sup> and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how.<sup>28</sup> The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head.<sup>29</sup> But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

<sup>30</sup>He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? <sup>31</sup>It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; <sup>32</sup>yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

<sup>33</sup>With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; <sup>34</sup>he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

Here ends the Holy Gospel.

## **THE SERMON: "The Constant Sower"**

### **THE ANTHEM: "Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil"**

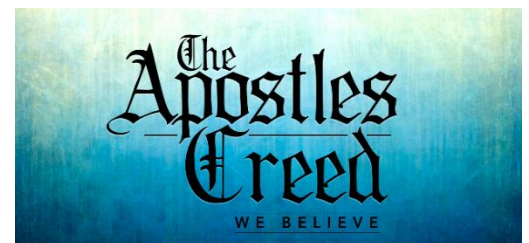
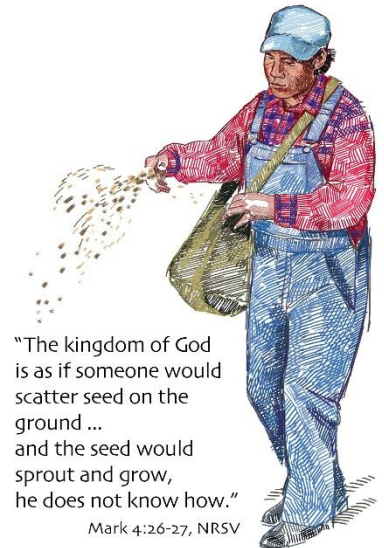
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## **+THE APOSTLES' CREED**

**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

Let us come before the triune God in prayer.

*A brief silence.*

Holy God, you plant the seeds of faith in every nation. Enliven your church, especially in Coronationville, so that the good news may root and grow throughout the world. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Creator, even the trees and flowers delight in your goodness. From the depths of the soil to the highest mountain, bring forth new life and restore growth to places suffering drought. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Judge of nations, we pray for our leaders. Grant them the ability to regard those under their charge with humility, dedicating their lives in service to others. Be with those who serve our communities and our nation as they work for your justice. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Divine comforter, you show compassion to those in need and provide relief to those who call on you. Bless all who suffer, (especially) Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Eternal God, we give thanks for our ancestors in the faith who are now at home with you. We look forward to that day when we are reunited in your new creation. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

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.**

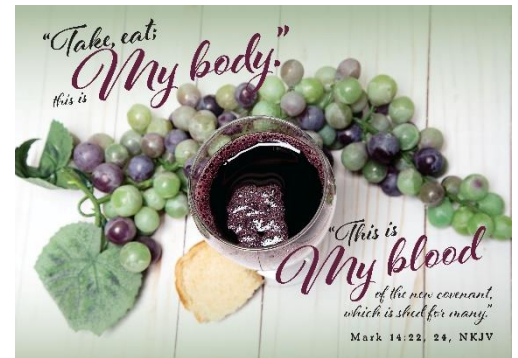




## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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.**



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## ***Service Notes:***

*Today's chancel flowers are given by Nancy Harrington in loving memory of Harold on the occasion of their 62<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary and by the Meneou family in celebration of Jamie's 16<sup>th</sup> birthday. The flowers are also given by Joe and Edith Schmitt in celebration of their 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.*



**Our intercessions include:**

**the bereaved:** the Krout family upon the death of Chuck; Doug Leonard upon the death of his mother, Darvaia



***Summer hours will continue through Sunday, September 5, Labor Day weekend. Enjoy your summer!***

***Can you help with worship?*** As we get back into the swing of in-person worship, we're happy for whatever help we can get in being an usher, reading the lessons or preparing communion. Contact the church office or email [donna@good-shepherd-church.com](mailto:donna@good-shepherd-church.com) if you would like to be part of these important and meaningful efforts.

***In-Person SUMMER Sunday school takes place during the 10:00 service.*** Please let Mrs. Lori know if you like to teach one or more of these sessions. It is a more informal class and does not involve too much time. Thank you!

***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.



**VBS students will need to Pre-Register**, which ***began on June 1*** and will 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.

You can find the NEW 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.

**ATTENTION VBS VOLUNTEERS!! Please take note and mark your calendar for the ALL STAFF MEETING on Monday, 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](mailto: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
	8:30 am	Sunday School on YouTube
	9 – 10:00 am	VBS Registration
	10:00 am	In-Person Worship & Sunday School
	11:00 am	Beds+ Meal Assembly & Delivery
MON	4:00 pm	“Just a Quick Word” – YouTube and Facebook
TUE	10:30 am	Bible Study on Facebook
	7:00 pm	Church Council
	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		Happy Father's Day
	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.*