



Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd

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September 19, 2021 10:30a.m. - Holy Communion / The Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

Welcome! We are pleased to have you with us this morning.
Please sign our visitors' register in the entryway.

Upon entering the narthex and sanctuary, please keep your conversations to a minimum.
Many use this quiet time to reflect and meditate in church before the worship service begins.
Conversation is encouraged where it will not disturb others.

COMMUNION CONSIDERATION FOR GUESTS

Here at Good Shepherd we celebrate *Jesus' Holy Communion*. All are welcome to eat and drink the True Body and Blood of Jesus Christ through this blessed sacrament providing they believe and accept the merits of Jesus Christ and His atonement and our need to repent of our sins, and desire to receive the forgiveness of such sins through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ on our behalf.

(ELW = Evangelical Lutheran Worship Hymnal)

PRE-SERVICE PRAISE (Please be seated)

THERE IS A REDEEMER

There is a redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One
Jesus, my redeemer, name above all names
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
oh, for sinners slain

When I stand in Glory, I will see His face
And there, I'll serve my King forever,
in that Holy Place

REFRAIN

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**Thank you, oh my Father,
for giving us Your Son
And sending Your Spirit 'til,
the work on Earth is done**

There is a redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy one

REFRAIN

THE THREE BELLS

There's a village, hidden deep in a valley,
among the pine trees half forlorn
And there, on a sunny morning,
Little Jimmy Brown was born

(Bum, bum, bum, bum)

All the chapel bells were ringing,
In the little village town
And the song that they were singing,
was for baby Jimmy Brown
And the little congregation,
Prayed for guidance from above

**"Lead us not into temptation,
Bless this hour of meditation"
"Guide him with eternal love"**

There's a village, hidden deep in a valley,
Beneath the mountains, high above
And there, twenty years thereafter,
Jimmy was to meet his love

(Bum, bum, bum, bum)

All the chapel bells were ringing,
'twas a great day in his life

'Cause the song that they were singing,
was for Jimmy and his wife
And the little congregation,
Prayed for guidance from above

**"Lead us not into temptation,
Bless, oh, Lord this celebration"
"May their lives be filled with love"**

From the village, hidden deep in a valley,
One rainy morning dark and gray
A soul, winged its way to heaven,
Jimmy Brown had passed away

(Bum, bum, bum, bum)

Just one lonely bell was ringing,
In the little village town
'Twas farewell that it was singing,
To our buddy, Jimmy Brown
And the little congregation,
Prayed for guidance from above

**"Lead us not into temptation,
May his soul find the salvation"
"Of thy great eternal love"**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please remain seated)

GOD SIGHTINGS

(Please remain seated)

INVOCATION

(Please stand)

P: In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen**

P: Peace be with you

C: **and also with you**

CONFESSION AND PRAYERS

(Please remain standing)

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

P: Most merciful God,

C: **We confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and**

eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

KYRIE
(Please remain standing)

C: **Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way. Kyrie eleison, every day.**

P: For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all; for this holy house, for all who worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way. Kyrie eleison, every day.**

P: That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor; that we may live out truth and justice and grace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way. Kyrie eleison, every day.**

P: For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family; for life and for love, for our work and our play, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way. Kyrie eleison, every day.**

P: For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the water and the Word; that you nourish our souls with your body and blood, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way. Kyrie eleison, every day.**

PSALM 54
(Please remain standing)

L: Save me, O God, by your name; in your might, defend my cause.

C: **Hear my prayer, O God; give ear to the words of my mouth.**

L: For strangers have risen up against me, and the ruthless have sought my life, those who have no regard for God.

C: **Behold, God is my helper; it is the Lord who sustains my life.**

L: Render evil to those who spy on me; in your faithfulness, destroy them.

C: **I will offer you a free will sacrifice and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.**

L: For you have rescued me from every trouble, and my eye looks down on my enemies.

HYMN
(Please be seated)

MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING LESS -- ELW #596

APOSTLES' CREED
(Please stand)

C: 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 into hell. 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 Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PETITION & INTERCESSORY PRAYERS
(Please be seated)

L: Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

HYMN
(Please remain seated)

MORNING HAS BROKEN -- ELW #556

HOLY SCRIPTURE READING
(Please remain seated)

L: The First Reading from Jeremiah 11:18-20, pew bible page 622

L: The Second Reading from James 3:13--4:3, 7-8a, pew bible page 982

L: The word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

(Please stand)

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark 9:30-37, pew bible page 821

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: The gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ

MESSAGE
(Please be seated)
by Pastor John Babbitts
Sermon Text: Jeremiah 11:18-20

HYMN
(Please remain seated)

LORD OF GLORY, YOU HAVE BOUGHT US -- ELW #707

THE LORD'S PRAYER
(Please stand)

C: 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.

JESUS' WORDS OF INSTITUTION
(Please remain standing)

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me."

After the same manner also He took the cup when He had supped, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of it; this cup is the New Testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the remission of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

RECEPTION OF ELEMENTS
(Please be seated)

POST COMMUNION PRAYER
(Please remain seated)

P: Let us pray,
P: O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
C: Amen.

BLESSING
(Please stand)

**P: May the Lord bless you and keep you.
May the Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
May the Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.**
C: Amen.

PEOPLE'S BLESSING (sung)

May the Lord, mighty God, bless and keep you forever. Grant you peace, perfect peace, courage in every endeavor. Lift up your eyes and see His face, feel His grace surround you. May the Lord, mighty God, bless and keep you forever. Amen.

This Week

Mo: 6:30p--Council Meeting
Tu: 3:30p--Bolshoi Singers
Th: 6:00p--Men's Fellowship

Sa: 12:30p--Confirmation Class
Su: 10:30a--Worship/Communion Service

Last Week

Attendance: 22 Operating: \$1,127

Serving in Worship This Week

Presider	D Meagher
Preacher	J Babbitts
Assisting Minister	D Meagher
Lector/Prayers:	L Morrow
Usher	D Grefe
Music	Praise Band
Altar Guild	MJ Gagliardi
Offering Counter	P Gagliardi
Coffee Hour	TBD

Next Week

D Meagher
R Izzard
D Meagher
G Wolfrum
S Meagher
Organ
M Konecnik
J Coniglio
Laracuate

Please Pray For: Cancer: Jim Rabis, Meagan McKee, Roman Oscado, Jeff Bittiger, Rick Meagher. **Various Health Concerns:** Larry Lindstrom, Eliose Adams, Richard Adams, Twyla Lanterman, Susan Meagher, John Bucek, Eileen Izzard, Joyce Mahon, Anthony Battaglia, Mike Brody, The Bollard Family, Susan Koeppen, Red Cantone, Luzy Lang, Karen Salzbach, Bill O'Neill, Sandra Dorrell, Maureen Konecnik, Pat Klemm, Pastor Bob Klemm, Pastor John Welge, Susan Welge. **Missionaries:** Walter and Diane Kennedy, missionaries to Papua, Indonesia; Carol Hawthorne and Dayspring Ministries. **Mission of the Month:** Good Shepherd Preschool

Please Pray for our Military: Daniel Palmer, former North Warren Graduate, Marines; Dominique Voitek, former North Warren Graduate, Marines; Brian Wilbur, former North Warren Graduate, Marines; Courtney Dayton, niece of Scott and Caryn Dayton, US Air National Guard; Gabby Gagliardi, daughter of Pete and Mary Jane Gagliardi, Air Force; Caulen Sopko, son of Steve and Lesley Sopko, Navy; Corey Burke, nephew of Mike and Diane Laracuate, National Guard; Zach Belton, nephew of Kathy and Steve Belton, Air Force; John Clark, Army National Guard; Chris Walker, nephew of Laura Morrow, Navy; Wesley Busch, nephew of Gretchen and Scott Wolfrum, Navy.

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God.

Mission of the Month: Good Shepherd Preschool -- Established in 1988, the Good Shepherd Preschool provides a nurturing atmosphere to enhance the self-esteem and developmental growth of children ages three to five.

The Elders are available for congregants with special needs. Please talk to any Elder that you are comfortable with. The Elders are Pete Gagliardi and Maureen Konecnik.

Worship Assistance - We are in need of people to help with the worship service. We are looking for people to be ushers and offering counters. If you would like to help or would like more information, please see Mary Jane Gagliardi.

Men's Fellowship meets weekly at Mel Kent's home. Please see Mel Kent or Pete Gagliardi if you are interested in attending.

Food Pantry Collection - Many of us have a desire to help those in our community but are not sure how. We have decided to start a collection for the area food pantries. We will be collecting non-perishable food as well as cleaning supplies. We have placed a large box in the narthex for your donated items. Please consider bringing/taking items. Thank you.

Council Vacancies - The following positions are available on council: Elder, Social Ministries, Christian Education, and Youth. If you are interested in any of these positions, please see Debbie Grefe or another member of council.

Coffee Hour -- There is a sign up sheet for Coffee Hour now on the bulletin board. If you have any questions, please see Mary Jane Gagliardi.

Blessing of the Animals -- Join us along with Pastor Babbitts on Saturday, October 2nd from 11:00-2:00 for our Blessing of the Animals. All animals are welcome. We will have treats for your cats and dogs.

Shepherd's Fold Deadline -- **Today** is the last day for submitting your items to the newsletter. If you have something that you would like to have included in our newsletter, please get it to Gretchen today.

We have added Wi-Fi to the church sound system. We can now live-stream the audio part of the service so you can use your smart phone and earphones to hear the service. You can download the free app at the sites listed on the card on the bulletin board. If you have an old smartphone that you are no longer using, please consider donating it to the church to be used for this purpose. All phones should be set back to the factory settings.

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