

# **Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church**

**A congregation of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod (LCMS)**

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*Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church is a Christ-centered family dedicated to reaching out to our community, teaching God's Word, caring for one another and sharing God's genuine love.*

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## **Thank you for worshipping with us**

While we embrace the need to keep each other safe in these times, we even more embrace the need of God, of faith and of each other! Especially in these times! Even more in these times! We are NOT abandoning God or His promises! We are NOT forsaking faith or worship! The only thing we are cancelling is godless fear and faithless panic. What we are doing is simply embracing a way to worship together – safely, via the internet.

Where possible, gather with your family, gather around the computer monitor or TV or whatever works for you. You are at worship!

Please join in as the congregation in all the congregation sections! SING! Maybe you don't have the most glorious voice on earth, but hey, Who gave you that voice? He'll love to hear it.

If you are visiting with us today via the internet, we'd LOVE to hear from you! And to include you in our prayers during these times. If you'd like to be added to our email mailing list or our daily prayer and devotion mailing, please email the pastor at [kolkmanallen@gmail.com](mailto:kolkmanallen@gmail.com)

## **Holy Communion**

We aren't abandoning this either! It will be offered at the church by appointment at the following times:

- Sunday, 11:30 – 1:00
- Wednesday, 4:00 – 6:00
- Other times by arrangement.

For those of you practicing home isolation, I am glad to bring it to your home.

## **Offering**

We welcome and encourage faithful stewardship during this time, too. It's often free and easy to do this through your financial institution through "Bill Pay" or other similar programs. Checks may be sent to us at PO Box 406, San Luis Rey, CA 92068. Note that our mailing address is different than our street address. Questions? Email or call.

## Got Email?

We need to keep in touch! PLEASE be sure we have **your** correct and current email address! Email it to KolkmanAllen@gmail.com

## Family Celebrations

Tuesday: Liesl Galleisky – Birthday  
Saturday: Lori Dowe - Birthday

## Family Prayer List

Monday: Wayne & Diane Finley  
Tuesday: Darryl Finley  
Wednesday: Gordon and Lois Friske  
Thursday: Christian Galleisky  
Friday: Gunti & Barbara Galleisky  
Saturday: Ziggy and Janet Galleisky

## + Fourth Sunday in Lent +

## The Announcements

### The Opening Song *“Lord of the Dance”*

I danced in the morning When the world was begun,  
And I danced in the moon And the stars and the sun,  
And I came down from heaven And I danced on the earth,  
At Bethlehem I had my birth.  
Dance, then, wherever you may be,  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said He,  
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,  
And I'll lead you all in the Dance, said He

I danced for the Scribe And the Pharisee,  
But they would not dance And they wouldn't follow Me.  
I danced for the fishermen, For James and John  
They came with me And the Dance went on.  
Dance, then, wherever you may be,  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said He,  
And I'll lead you on, wherever you may be  
And I'll lead you all in the Dance, said He

I danced on the Sabbath And I cured the lame;  
 The holy people Said it was a shame.  
 They whipped and they stripped And they hung Me on high,  
 And they left Me there On a Cross to die.  
 Dance, then, wherever you may be,  
 I am the Lord of the Dance, said He,  
 And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,  
 And I'll lead you all in the Dance, said He

I danced on a Friday When the sky turned black  
 It's hard to dance With the devil on your back.  
 They buried My body And they thought I'd gone,  
 But I am the Dance, And I still go on.  
 Dance, then, wherever you may be,  
 I am the Lord of the Dance, said He,  
 And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,  
 And I'll lead you all in the Dance, said He

They cut Me down And I leapt up high;  
 I am the life That'll never, never die;  
 I'll live in you And you'll live in Me -  
 I am the Lord Of the Dance, said He.  
 Dance, then, wherever you may be,  
 I am the Lord of the Dance, said He,  
 And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,  
 And I'll lead you all in the Dance, said He

## **The Opening Responses:**

*In the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit +*  
**Gathered as His sons and daughters, redeemed by Christ!**

*If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, our God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins in Christ and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

**We confess to You that we are sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You in thought, word and deed. We have not loved You with our whole heart and we have not loved others as You have loved us. We deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, 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 name.**

*Our heavenly Father has had mercy on us and has given us His only Son to die for us. In Christ, He forgives us all our sins.*

**Thanks be to God!**

*Let us speak of the glory of our God! Let us tell of His wonderful grace!*

**Let us rejoice in the victory of Christ, let us celebrate the victory of salvation!**

**The Praise Song:** *"This Is the Feast of Victory for Our God"*



**[A]** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



**[C]** Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,



whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.



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hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are His.



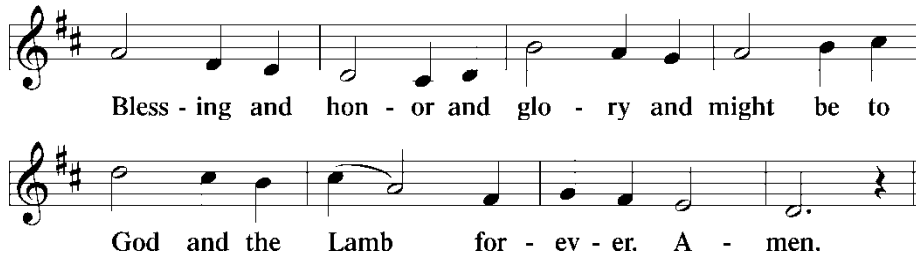
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lu - ia. Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



### **The First Lesson:** *Isaiah 40:1-2, 28-31 ESV*

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins.... Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength. Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint. *This is the Word of the Lord.* **Thanks be to God!**

### **The Psalmody:** From Psalm 23

*The Lord gives me new strength!*

**The Lord is my shepherd, he is all I need!**

*The Lord leads me in the way I should go!*

**The Lord is my shepherd, he is all I need!**

*The Lord is with me always!*

**The Lord is my shepherd, he is all I need!**

### **The Second Lesson:** *Romans 8:31-39 ES*

What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor

things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. *This is the Word of the Lord.*  
**Thanks be to God!**

### **The Gospel Lesson:** *St. Matthew 5:1-12 ESV*

Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven.” *Lord, have mercy on us. Thanks be to God!*

### **The Affirmation of Faith:** *The Apostle's Creed (c. 212 AD)*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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. The third day He rose from the dead, He ascended into Heaven and sits on the right hand of God the Father almighty, from there 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 Children's Message:**

## **The Song of the Day:** *"His Eye Is On the Sparrow"*

Why should I feel discouraged, why should the shadows come,  
 Why should my heart be lonely, and long for heaven and home,  
 When Jesus is my portion? My constant friend is He:  
 His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me;  
 His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.

I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free,  
 For His eye is on the sparrow, And I know He watches me.

"Let not your heart be troubled," His tender word I hear,  
 And resting on His goodness, I lose my doubts and fears;  
 Though by the path He leadeth, but one step I may see;  
 His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me;  
 His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.

I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free,  
 For His eye is on the sparrow, And I know He watches me.

Whenever I am tempted, whenever clouds arise,  
 When songs give place to sighing, when hope within me dies,  
 I draw the closer to Him, from care He sets me free;  
 His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me;  
 His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.

I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free,  
 For His eye is on the sparrow, And I know He watches me.

## **The Message:**

## **The Prayers:**

*Altar Prayer*

*Silent Prayer*

*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!**

## The Benediction:

*The Lord bless you and keep you.*

*The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.*

*The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace +*

**Amen!**

## The Closing Song: “Lord of All Hopefulness”

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,  
Whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy:  
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,  
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,  
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:  
Be there at our labors, and give us, we pray,  
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindliness, Lord of all grace,  
Your hands swift to welcome, Your arms to embrace:  
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,  
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,  
Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm:  
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,  
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

Keep calm! Keep the faith!