

# Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church

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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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**Covid 19 Mandates** As we worship outside, please gather your family *at least* 6 feet away from others, and please wear a mask *at least* whenever you may be within that distance (when proceeding to and from Communion and also during fellowship, for example). Thank you for your cooperation!

**To Our Guests:** Welcome to Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church! We are so glad to have you with us this morning, celebrating His great love and dedicating ourselves anew to Him! We hope you'll be blessed and that you'll return and worship among us again. Please take a moment to complete the welcome card in the packet you received and give it to the Greeter or Pastor after the service. Thank you!

**The Sacrament of Holy Communion** is celebrated every Sunday. We recommend that you speak with the pastor beforehand if you have never participated in Communion at Shepherd of the Valley and that children participate in classes and have parental authorization before participating. There are glasses of white grape juice in the center of the tray for those who should avoid wine. Please

practice social distancing when approaching, waiting for and departing from the Sacrament. Questions? Please speak with the pastor.

**Sunday Study Time!** 8:30 online at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86292069694>. We'll finish by 9:30 so that you can get to worship. We are currently studying prayer in general and the Lord's Prayer specifically. Please join us!

**We Need Sunday Helpers!** Sign-ups continue today for readers and ushers. Questions? Speak with the pastor. THANK YOU!

**Property Improvement Event!** It's this coming Saturday, 10:00-Noon or so. Cleaning, gardening, repairs, improvements, etc. Something for all ages and abilities. Questions? Contact Bruce at [bruce\\_woodward@hotmail.com](mailto:bruce_woodward@hotmail.com) or 760.277.1091

**This Week**

# + The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost +

## Before the Service

**The Welcome**

**The Announcements** *See page 1*

## The Service of the Word

**The Prelude and Personal Prayer and Preparation for Worship**

**The Opening Song** *"Lord of all Hopefulness"*



1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,  
 2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,  
 3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,  
 4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,



Whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy:  
 Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:  
 Your hands swift to wel - come, Your arms to em - brace:  
 Whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm:



Be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,  
 Be there at our la - bors, and give us, we pray,  
 Be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,  
 Be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,



Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.  
 Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.  
 Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.  
 Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

### **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: "Come, Thou Fount"**

Come, Thou Fount of ev'ry blessing,  
 Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;  
 Streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
 Call for songs of loudest praise.  
 While the hope of endless glory  
 Fills my heart with joy and love,  
 Teach me ever to adore Thee;  
 May I still Thy goodness prove.

### **The First Lesson:** *Isaiah 55:1-5 ESV*

“Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an

everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know, and a nation that did not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, and of the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.” *This is the Word of the Lord.* **Thanks be to God!**

### **The Psalmody:** From Psalm 136

*The Lord gives food to all his living creatures!*

**Give thanks to the Lord because he is good!**

*The Lord performs great miracles for us!*

**Give thanks to the Lord because he is good!**

*The Lord's love is eternal!*

**Give thanks to the Lord because he is good!**

### **The Second Lesson:** *Romans 9:1-12 ESV*

I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit—that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, my kinsmen according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the

adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises. To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ, who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen. But it is not as though the word of God has failed. For not all who are descended from Israel belong to Israel, and not all are

children of Abraham because they are his offspring, but “Through Isaac shall your offspring be named.” This means that it is not the children of the flesh who are the children of God, but the children of the promise are counted as offspring. For this is what the promise said: “About this time next year I will return, and Sarah shall have a son.” And not only so, but also when Rebekah had

conceived children by one man, our forefather Isaac, though they were not yet born and had done nothing either good or bad—in order that God's purpose of election might continue, not because of works but because of him who calls— she was told, “The older will serve the younger.” *This is the Word of the Lord.* **Thanks be to God!**

**The Gospel Lesson:** *St. Matthew 14:13-21 ESV* Please Stand

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a desolate place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick. Now when it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a desolate place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” But Jesus said, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” They said to him, “We have only five loaves here and

two fish.” And he said, “Bring them here to me.” Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass, and taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children. *Lord, have mercy on us.* **Thanks be to God!**

**The Affirmation of Faith:** *The Nicene Creed (AD 325)*

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things - visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, true God of true God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; and who for us and for our salvation, came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered, and was buried. And on the third day He rose according to the Scriptures and ascended into

heaven and sits on the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead; His Kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

And we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church, we acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins, we look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen!

**The Children's Message:**

**The Song of the Day:** *"Give Thanks"*

Give thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy One,  
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ His Son. *(repeat once)*

And now let the weak say "I am strong," Let the poor say "I am rich,"  
Because of what the Lord has done for us. *(repeat once)*

**The Message:**     *Text – Gospel reading on page 6*

All the people were a buzz with the news of the greatest miracle worker and prophet of God, \_\_\_\_\_. Now this very One was nearby, and a LOT of people went to \_\_\_\_\_ Him.

It evidently was a \_\_\_\_\_ sermon! It became dinner time and stomachs began to \_\_\_\_\_. Jewish hospitality meant this was very \_\_\_\_\_!

Unfortunately, the disciples were unprepared for this and suddenly found themselves with a \_\_\_\_\_ problem! They immediately call an emergency church council \_\_\_\_\_ and decide what Jesus should do. Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ their suggestion.

Jesus instead performs a \_\_\_\_\_ and feeds a whole \_\_\_\_\_ of people from very limited resources ('cuz \_\_\_\_\_ can).

We learn two important lessons from his event:

1. Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ about our physical needs.
2. When we are faced with a problem, don't forget \_\_\_\_\_! Listen to what He \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ it because \_\_\_\_\_ still happen.

**The Prayers:** Please stand

*Altar Prayer*

*Congregation Petitions*

*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 Service of Holy Communion**

**The Invitation:** Please stand

*Disciples of the Lord, come to receive our Savior.*

**We come to receive His true body and blood in this holy Sacrament.**

*We praise You, O Lord, for having had mercy on us and giving us Your only begotten Son, that whoever trusts in Him will not perish but has everlasting life.*

**Send Your Spirit into our hearts that He may strengthen our faith and prepare us to joyfully remember and receive our Savior who comes to us in His body and blood**

**The Institution:** Please stand

**The Peace:**

*The peace of the Lord be with you!*

**And also with you!**



### The Lamb of God: *Please stand*

**G** Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

### The Distribution: *See announcements on page one*

### The Thanksgiving:

*We praise You, O Lord, for having fed us with the Body and Blood of our Savior, Jesus Christ – forgiving us, assuring us and strengthening us.*

**By Your Holy Spirit, help us continue in the fellowship of faith and thank You by the good works that You desire.**

### 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: "Take My Hand and Lead Me"



1 Lord, take my hand and lead me Up - on life's way;  
 2 Lord, when the tem - pest ra - ges, I need not fear,  
 3 Lord, when the shad - ows length - en And night has come,  
 Di - rect, pro - tect, and feed me From day to day.  
 For You, the Rock of A - ges, Are al - ways near.  
 I know that You will strength - en My steps toward home.  
 With - out Your grace and fa - vor I go a - stray;  
 Close by Your side a - bid - ing, I fear no foe,  
 Then noth - ing can im - pede me, O bless - ed Friend;  
 So take my hand, O Sav - ior, And lead the way.  
 For when Your hand is guid - ing, In peace I go.  
 So take my hand and lead me Un - to the end.

### 738 Lord of All Hopefulness

- 1            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.
  
- 2            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.
  
- 3            Lord of all kindness, 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.
  
- 4            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.

### 722 Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me

- 1            Lord, take my hand and lead me  
      Upon life's way;  
Direct, protect, and feed me  
      From day to day.  
Without Your grace and favor  
      I go astray;  
So take my hand, O Savior,  
      And lead the way.
  
- 2            Lord, when the tempest rages,  
      I need not fear,  
For You, the Rock of Ages,  
      Are always near.  
Close by Your side abiding,  
      I fear no foe,  
For when Your hand is guiding,  
      In peace I go.
  
- 3            Lord, when the shadows lengthen  
      And night has come,

I know that You will strengthen  
My steps toward home.  
Then nothing can impede me,  
O blessed Friend;  
So take my hand and lead me  
Unto the end.

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## Guidelines for Congregational Prayer

Litany prayer is very ancient form of public, corporate prayer.

The worship leader leads general prayers and then invites individual worshippers to add these petition(s) in the form of a litany. They are ***SHORT*** (one ***brief*** sentence; a ***dozen*** words or so max), ***to-the-point***, requests or praise/thanksgivings which are ended with the petitioner saying: “Lord, in Your mercy.” To which the whole congregation replies: “Hear our prayer.” This continues for as long as the worship leader senses we’ve lifted up all desired petitions (*forgive him* if he cuts you off!).

*If you don’t want to do this publicly, **request the pastor to include your petition in his altar prayer**; just speak to him BEFORE the worship service and so request.*

**In offering such petitions, please keep the following in mind:**

- + Beware of revealing things about another which that person may feel is private (Sometimes, just leaving out the name helps a lot).
- + Please do not use last names.
- + Beware of information-giving; litany petitions are *not* information but requests or praise.
- + Beware of making them too long (they are short – one *brief* sentence, likely less than a dozen words).
- + You may offer more than one petition, but please keep them separate.
- + Speak up so all can hear.

**Good examples:**

- + “Strengthen and heal my neighbor; Lord, in Your mercy”
- + “Bless my search for employment; Lord, in Your mercy”
- + “Thank You for all Your blessings; Lord, in Your mercy”
- + “Give me focus and insight for my studies; Lord, in Your mercy”
- + “Grant healing to my foot; Lord, in Your mercy”
- + “Comfort my coworker in his grief; Lord, in Your mercy”
- + “Thank You, Lord, for healing; Lord in Your mercy”
- + “Strengthen my faith and commitment that I may do Your will; Lord, in Your mercy”
- + “Make my life more reflective of Your love and will; Lord, in Your mercy”
- + “Make me an effective teacher to a boy in my class; Lord, in Your mercy”

**NEED HELP?** Ask the pastor before the service; he’ll help you!

We’d love to include this prayer in our daily prayers, just email the pastor at [KolkmanAllen@gmail.com](mailto:KolkmanAllen@gmail.com) and we’ll include it.

**Praise Song: (NOTE: We'll use this throughout the Summer)**

1        Come, Thou Fount of ev'ry blessing,  
          Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
          Call for songs of loudest praise.  
While the hope of endless glory  
          Fills my heart with joy and love,  
Teach me ever to adore Thee;  
          May I still Thy goodness prov

