

# 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! 8:00** online  
(NOTE NEW TIME) at  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86292069694>.  
We'll finish by 9:00 so that you can get to worship. By popular request, we are studying the Augsburg Confession from the perspective of Scripture. Please join us!

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

**Painting Class** originally scheduled for September 6 has been cancelled. Next one: Sunday October 4, 12:00 Noon. See [www.pamscolorpallet.com](http://www.pamscolorpallet.com)

# + The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost +

## Before the Service

### The Welcome

### The Announcements *See page 1*

## The Service of the Word

### The Prelude and Personal Prayer

### The Opening Song *"O Bless the Lord, My Soul"*

O bless the Lord, my soul! Let all within me join  
And aid my tongue to bless His name Whose favors are divine.

O bless the Lord, my soul, Nor let His mercies lie  
Forgotten in unthankfulness And without praises die!

'Tis He forgives thy sins 'Tis He relieves thy pain;  
'Tis He that heals thy sicknesses And makes thee young again.

He crowns thy life with love When ransomed from the grave;  
He that redeemed my soul from hell Hath sov'reign pow'r to save.

### 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:** *Jeremiah 15:15-21 ESV*

O LORD, you know; remember me and visit me, and take vengeance for me on my persecutors. In your

forbearance take me not away; know that for your sake I bear reproach. Your words were found,

and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart, for I am called by your name, O LORD, God of hosts. I did not sit in the company of revelers, nor did I rejoice; I sat alone, because your hand was upon me, for you had filled me with indignation. Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Will you be to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail? Therefore thus says the LORD: "If you return, I will restore you, and you shall stand

before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall be as my mouth. They shall turn to you, but you shall not turn to them. And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, declares the LORD. I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless." *This is the Word of the Lord.* **Thanks be to God!**

### **The Psalmody:** From Psalm 26

*O Lord, forgive my sins, for they are many!*

**Remember me in your constant love and mercy!**

*O Lord, teach me your ways!*

**Remember me in your constant love and mercy!**

*O Lord, save me!*

**Remember me in your constant love and mercy!**

### **The Second Lesson:** *Romans 12 9-21 ESV*

Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality. Bless

those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight. Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. If possible, so far as it depends

on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it<sup>[c]</sup> to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if

he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good. *This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!*

### **The Gospel Lesson:** *St. Matthew 16:21-26 ESV Please Stand*

From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "Far be it from you, Lord This shall never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of

God, but on the things of man." Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul? *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:** *"God of Grace"*

God of grace and God of glory, On Your people pour Your pow'r;  
Crown Your ancient Church's story; Bring its bud to glorious flow'r.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage  
For the facing of this hour, For the facing of this hour.

Lo, the hosts of evil round us Scorn the Christ, assail His ways!  
From the fears that long have bound us Free our hearts to faith and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage  
For the living of these days, For the living of these days.

Cure Your children's warring madness; Bend our pride to Your control;  
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness, Rich in things and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage  
Lest we miss Your kingdom's goal, Lest we miss Your kingdom's goal.

Save us from weak resignation To the evils we deplore;  
Let the gift of Your salvation Be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
Serving You whom we adore, Serving You whom we adore.

### **The Message:** "Following Jesus" *Text – Gospel reading on page 6*

*Notes:*

**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:** *“Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name”*

Savior, again to Thy dear name we raise  
With one accord our parting hymn of praise;  
Once more we bless Thee ere our worship cease,  
Then, lowly bending, wait Thy word of peace.

Grant us Thy peace upon our homeward way;  
With Thee began, with Thee shall end, the day.  
Guard Thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,  
That in this house have called upon Thy name.

Grant us Thy peace, Lord, through the coming night;  
Turn Thou for us its darkness into light.  
From harm and danger keep Thy children free;  
For dark and light are both alike to Thee.

Grant us Thy peace throughout our earthly life,  
Our balm in sorrow and our stay in strife;  
Then, when Thy voice shall bid our conflict cease,  
Call us, O Lord, to Thine eternal peace.





