

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 seek to protect the health of others and ourselves, please seat yourself and your family *at least* 6 feet away from others, and please wear a mask *at least* when you are speaking and singing, during fellowship, and also when you could be within 6 feet of others. 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. For maximum sanitation, we are temporarily using sealed sets. Questions? Please speak with the pastor.

Sunday Study Time! **NEW TIME:** 9:00 in person in the Community Building and also streamed online at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86292069694> for those practicing in-home

isolation or away. 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. We have openings for Altar Flowers, as well. Questions? Speak with the pastor. THANK YOU!

Painting Class originally scheduled for today has been cancelled. Next one: Sunday October 4, 12:00 Noon. See www.pamscolorpallet.com

Men's Study – Breakfast is this Saturday, 9:00 AM on the Garden Patio. Questions? Contact Bruce at bruce_woodward@hotmail.com

Property Improvement Event is this Saturday, 10:00 – 11:00. Gardening, cleaning, repairs, upgrades and more – something for all ages and abilities! Your help is appreciated! Questions? Contact Bruce at bruce_woodward@hotmail.com

+ The Fourteenth 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 *“How Great Thou Art”*

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works Thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
Thy pow’r throughout the universe displayed;
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

But when I think that God, His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in—
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin;
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

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: *Genesis 50:15-21 ESV*

When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died: 'Say to Joseph, "Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.'" And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. His

brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them. *This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!*

The Psalmody: From Psalm 131 and 133

Lord, I have given up my pride!

How good it is when brothers live in peace!

Lord, I have set aside my arrogance!

How good it is when brothers live in harmony!

Lord, I am content with peace!

How good it is when brothers live in unity!

The Second Lesson: *Romans 14: 1-12 ESV*

As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the

one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him. Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master^[a] that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is

able to make him stand. One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God. For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or

whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living. Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; for it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God." So then each of us will give an account of himself to God. *This is the Word of the Lord.*
Thanks be to God!

The Gospel Lesson: *St. Matthew 18:15-17, 21-22 ESV* Please Stand

(Jesus said) "If your brother sins against you, you go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and

whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them." Then Peter came up and said to him, "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times." *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: *"Chief of Sinners"*

Chief of sinners though I be, Jesus shed His blood for me,
Died that I might live on high, Lives that I might never die.
As the branch is to the vine, I am His, and He is mine.

Oh, the height of Jesus' love, Higher than the heav'ns above,
Deeper than the depths of sea, Lasting as eternity!
Love that found me—wondrous thought! Found me when I sought Him not.

O my Savior, help afford By Your Spirit and Your Word!
When my wayward heart would stray, Keep me in the narrow way;
Grace in time of need supply While I live and when I die.

The Message: “Extending Forgiveness” *Text – Gospel reading on page 6*

Jesus suggests 3 things we must do in conflict resolution:

1. Check your _____
2. Check your _____
3. Check your _____

In this last, He has 4 steps....

1. _____ go to him _____, just the ___ of you, and tell him the _____ . (AFTER you’ve checked your attitude and facts!)
2. If that fails, involved _____ (if available)
3. If that fails, involve an _____
4. If that fails, the move _____

Reflections:

1. *Why is our attitude SO critical? How have you seen this “missing” – from you or another? When did you really do this?*
2. *Why is checking the facts SO critical? How have you witnessed conflict, division and hurt founded on a misunderstanding? What does this say to rumors?*
3. *The first step calls for the OFFENDED to take the initiative. Why?*
4. *If witnesses are available, how can they be helpful to both parties?*
5. *Jesus puts this in the context of a church, but who might be the arbiter for a family dispute or a work dispute?*
6. *Think of situations in your life WELL RESOLVED... and those, well, not so much. What can you learn from this?*
7. *In step four, what is Jesus acknowledging?*

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*

C 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: *“Sent Forth”*

Sent forth by God’s blessing, Our true faith confessing,
The people of God from His dwelling take leave.
The Supper is ended. O now be extended
The fruits of this service in all who believe.
The seed of His teaching, Receptive souls reaching,
Shall blossom in action for God and for all.
His grace did invite us, His love shall unite us
To work for God’s kingdom and answer His call.

With praise and thanksgiving To God ever-living,
The tasks of our ev’ryday life we will face.
Our faith ever sharing, In love ever caring,
Embracing His children of each tribe and race.
With Your feast You feed us, With Your light now lead us;
Unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living With praise and thanksgiving
Give honor to Christ and His name that we bear.

