

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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Health Request: 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 when you are speaking and singing*, during fellowship, and whenever 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! 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.

GOODIES! Yup, refreshments return to our Fellowship time after worship! But the Covid-19 guidelines continue: Practice physical distancing with non-relatives and wear a mask except when eating/drinking. Thank you!

Thank You to all those who helped with our property improvement event yesterday! It really helps and is really appreciated! Next one: November 14 (Second Saturday).

All Member Meeting! Sunday, November 8, right after worship. It's our only such meeting of the entire year and

extremely important! Please put it on your calendar and plan to come!

Did You Know? We have a church library. It's at the back of the chapel. Lots of great books that are biblically and theologically sound, books that are informational, inspirational and helpful. It's on "the honor system." K Berni is the librarian Questions? Email her at kberni@aol.com

+ The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost +

Before the Service

The Welcome

The Announcements *See page 1*

The Service of the Word

The Prelude and Silent Personal Prayer

The Opening Song *"Where Charity and Love Prevail"*

Where charity and love prevail There God is ever found;
Brought here together by Christ's love By love are we thus bound.

With grateful joy and holy fear His charity we learn;
Let us with heart and mind and soul Now love Him in return.

Forgive we now each other's faults As we our faults confess,
And let us love each other well In Christian holiness.

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 6:5-8, 11-18 ESV*

The Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. And the Lord regretted that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him to his heart. So the Lord said, "I will blot out man whom I have created from the face of the land, man and animals and creeping things and birds of the heavens, for I am sorry that I have made them." But Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord.... Now the earth

was corrupt in God's sight, and the earth was filled with violence. And God saw the earth, and behold, it was corrupt, for all flesh had corrupted their way on the earth. And God said to Noah, "I have determined to make an end of all flesh, for the earth is filled with violence through them. Behold, I will destroy them with the earth. Make yourself an ark of gopher wood. Make rooms in the ark, and cover it inside and out with pitch. This is how you are to make it: the length of

the ark 300 cubits, its breadth 50 cubits, and its height 30 cubits. Make a roof for the ark, and finish it to a cubit above, and set the door of the ark in its side. Make it with lower, second, and third decks. For behold, I will bring a flood of waters upon the earth to destroy all flesh in which is the

breath of life under heaven. Everything that is on the earth shall die. But I will establish my covenant with you, and you shall come into the ark, you, your sons, your wife, and your sons' wives with you. *This is the Word of the Lord.* **Thanks be to God!**

The Psalmody: From Psalm 51

O Lord, I have sinned against you!

Be merciful to me!

O Lord, you are right to condemn me!

Be merciful to me!

O Lord, I have failed since the day I was born!

Be merciful to me!

The Second Lesson: *Ephesians 2:1-9 ESV*

You were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience—among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our

trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. *This is the Word*

of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

The Gospel Lesson: *St. Matthew 21:33-46 ESV Please Stand*

(Jesus said) In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light. The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to his own, and his own

people did not receive him. But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. (John bore witness about him, and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.'") For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. *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: *"Our God is an Awesome God"*

Our God is an awesome God
He reigns from heaven above
With wisdom, power, and love
Our God is an awesome God

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Our God is an awesome God!

The Message: *"Grace Alone"*

Text – See Second Reading on page 6

Luther called it “The Chief Article of the Christian Faith”, the one teaching on which all _____ stands or falls, the “keystone” of our entire faith. The BASICS. It’s the teaching of salvation. And because Satan FIGHTS to undermine it, we need to be reminded _____.

We desperately _____ grace! Without it, we are _____ (deader than a _____ nail kind of _____). Physically okay but spiritually dead (kind of like a _____, sort of like “The _____ Dead”). And what can a zombie do? Not _____!

God _____ grace. God saves the sinful/zombie/walking dead because He is merciful, loving and _____.

Some like the idea of grace but mess it up by _____ a bunch of junk, thus destroying it (and Christianity).

There’s wonderful _____ in this truth!

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

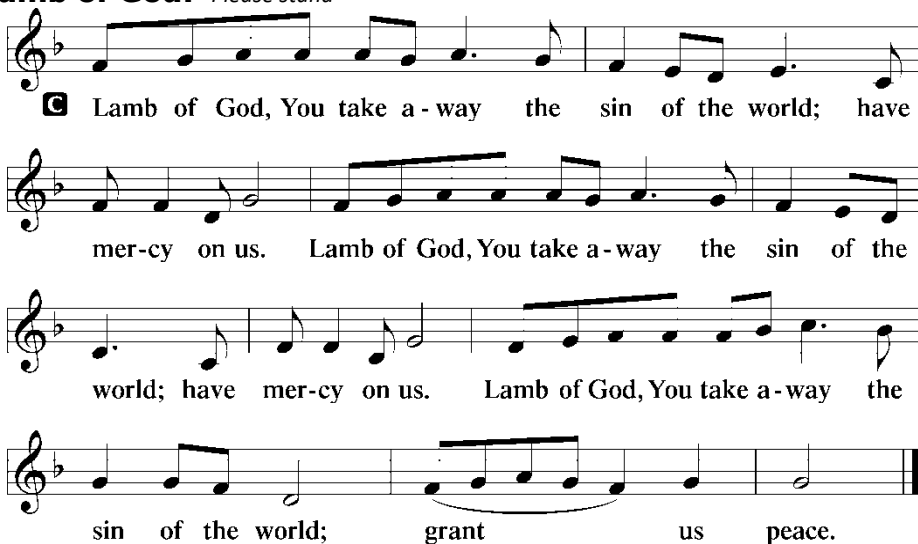
The Institution: Please stand

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 Reception: *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: *Please stand*

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: *“O Jesus, King”*

O Jesus, King most wonderful! O Conqueror renowned!
O Source of peace ineffable, In whom all joys are found:

When once You visit darkened hearts, Then truth begins to shine,
Then earthly vanity departs, Then kindles love divine.

O Jesus, light of all below, The fount of life and fire,
Surpassing all the joys we know, All that we can desire:

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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 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 prove.

