

# 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* six feet away from others; also *please wear a mask at least whenever you are speaking and/or singing,* during fellowship, and also whenever you could be within 6 feet of others. Thank you!

**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.

**Painting Class** It's next Sunday at Noon. For more information and to register, visit [www.pamscolorpallet.com](http://www.pamscolorpallet.com)

**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

## **+ Reformation Sunday +**

### **Before the Service**

#### **The Welcome**

#### **The Announcements** *See page 1*

### **The Service of the Word**

#### **The Prelude and Silent Personal Prayer**

#### **The Opening Song** *"A Mighty Fortress is Our God"*

A mighty fortress is our God,  
 A sword and shield victorious;  
 He breaks the cruel oppressor's rod  
 And wins salvation glorious.  
 The old satanic foe  
 Has sworn to work us woe.  
 With craft and dreadful might  
 He arms himself to fight.  
 On earth he has no equal.

No strength of ours can match his might.  
 We would be lost, rejected.  
 But now a Champion comes to fight,  
 Whom God Himself elected.  
 You ask Who this may be?  
 The Lord of hosts is He,  
 Christ Jesus, mighty Lord,  
 God's only Son, adored.  
 He holds the field victorious.

God's Word forever shall abide,  
 No thanks to foes, who fear it;  
 For God Himself fights by our side  
 With weapons of the Spirit.  
 Were they to take our house,  
 Goods, honor, child, or spouse,  
 Though life be wrenched away,  
 They cannot win the day.  
 The Kingdom's ours forever!

## **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:** *Ezekiel 37:1-14 ESV*

The hand of the Lord was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. And he said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord God, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophesy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the Lord." So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a

sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live." So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army. Then he said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are indeed cut off.' Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: Behold, I will open your graves and

raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall

live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the Lord; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the Lord.” *This is the Word of the Lord.* **Thanks be to God!**

### **The Psalmody:** From Psalm 46

*The Lord wins salvation!*

**God is our mighty fortress!**

*The Lord has won the battle!*

**God is our mighty fortress!**

*The Lord is the reason for our confidence!*

**God is our mighty fortress!**

### **The Second Lesson:** *Romans 3:21-28, 4:1-5 ESV*

But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from works of the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it—the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This

was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus. Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law. What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our

forefather according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he had something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness." Now to the one who works, his wages are not

counted as a gift but as his due. And to the one who does not work but believes in him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness. *This is the Word of the Lord.* **Thanks be to God!**

**The Gospel Lesson:** *St. John 3:14-18 ESV* Please Stand

*(Jesus said)* "As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the

world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God." *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:** *"You Are My Hiding Place"*

You are my hiding place....  
 You always fill my heart with songs of deliverance  
 Whenever I am afraid, I will trust in You...  
 I will trust in You....  
 Let the weak say, "I am strong in the strength of the Lord!"

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## **The Message:** "Faith Alone"

*Text* – All 3 of our readings for today.

The REASON for God's gift of salvation is \_\_\_\_\_  
 The SAVIOR who attains salvation is \_\_\_\_\_  
 The MEANS that we apprehend this miracle and gift is \_\_\_\_\_

"Faith" means to trust or rely \_\_\_\_\_ something  
 Faith is not \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_.  
 Faith needs an \_\_\_\_\_; the SOMETHING that we trust \_\_\_\_\_ POINT.

God is granting you a MIRACLE! God is giving you a MASTERPIECE! Don't \_\_\_\_\_ it up, don't insult God with your pennies by which you think you buy it, just say THANK \_\_\_\_\_.

So..... here's the question: ***"If you were to die tonight and God were to say to you, 'Why should I let you into My heaven?' What would you say?"***

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## **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:** *"Glorious Things of You are Spoken"*

Glorious things of you are spoken, Zion, city of our God;  
 He whose word cannot be broken Formed you for His own abode.  
 On the Rock of Ages founded, What can shake your sure repose?  
 With salvation's walls surrounded, You may smile at all your foes.

See, the streams of living waters, Springing from eternal love,  
 Well supply your sons and daughters And all fear of want remove.  
 Who can faint while such a river Ever will their thirst assuage?  
 Grace, which like the Lord, the giver, Never fails from age to age.

Savior, since of Zion's city I through grace a member am,  
 Let the world deride or pity, I will glory in Your name.  
 Fading are the world's vain pleasures, All their boasted pomp and show;  
 Solid joys and lasting treasures None but Zion's children know.





