

# 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 whenever you could be within 6 feet of others. Thanks!

**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.

**Fellowship Time** 11:00 after the worship service! Please stay for conversation and refreshments! Please remember the Covid-19 guidelines; thanks.

→ **All Member Meeting** It's NEXT SUNDAY right after worship. It's our only such meeting of the entire year and extremely important! Please come!

**Board of Directors** meets this Thursday, 7:00 PM, via Zoom. Let Rick know if you cannot participate.

**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.

## **+ Evangelism 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** *“God Loved the World”*

- 1        God loved the world so that He gave  
          His only Son the lost to save,  
          That all who would in Him believe  
          Should everlasting life receive.
- 2        Christ Jesus is the ground of faith,  
          Who was made flesh and suffered death;  
          All then who trust in Him alone  
          Are built on this chief cornerstone.
- 3        God would not have the sinner die;  
          His Son with saving grace is nigh;  
          His Spirit in the Word declares  
          How we in Christ are heaven's heirs.

## **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:** *Acts 16:25-34 ESV*

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them, and suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken. And immediately all the doors were opened, and everyone's bonds were unfastened. When the jailer woke and saw that the prison doors were open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, supposing that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul cried with a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." And the jailer called for lights and rushed in, and trembling with fear he fell down before Paul

and Silas. Then he brought them out and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" And they said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." And they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. And he took them the same hour of the night and washed their wounds; and he was baptized at once, he and all his family. Then he brought them up into his house and set food before them. And he rejoiced along with his entire household that he had believed in God. *This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!*

### **The Psalmody:** From Psalm 145

*The Lord is loving and merciful!*

**I will tell of your kindness every day!**

*The Lord is slow to anger and full of compassion!*

**I will tell of your kindness every day!**

*The Lord saves his own!*

**I will tell of your kindness every day!**

### **The Second Lesson:** *Romans 5:1-2, 6-11 ESV*

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for

us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation. *This is the Word of the Lord.* **Thanks be to God!**

### **The Gospel Lesson:** *St. John 1:35-46* *ESV* Please Stand

The next day, again John was standing with two of his disciples, and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God!” The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, “What are you seeking?” And they said to him, “Rabbi” (which means Teacher), “where are you staying?” He said to them, “Come and you will see.” So they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, “We

have found the Messiah” (which means Christ). He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, “You are Simon the son of John. You shall be called Cephas” (which means Peter). The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, “Follow me.” Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.” Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.” *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:** *"Freely, Freely"*

God forgave my sin in Jesus' name.  
I've been born again in Jesus' name  
And in Jesus' name I come to you  
To share His love as He told me to.  
He said 'Freely, freely you have received; freely, freely give.  
Go in My name, and because you believe others will know that I live.

All pow'r is giv'n in Jesus' name  
In earth and heav'n in Jesus name  
And in Jesus' name I come to you  
To share His pow'r as He told me to.

He said 'Freely, freely you have received; freely, freely give.  
Go in My name, and because you believe others will know that I live.

**The Message:** “The Message” *Text* – John 3:16

**For God**

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**So LOVED**

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**The world**

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**Believes**

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**In Him**

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**Has life!**



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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:** *"God Loved the World"*

- 4        Be of good cheer, for God's own Son  
           Forgives all sins which you have done;  
           And, justified by Jesus' blood,  
           Your Baptism grants the highest good.
- 5        If you are sick, if death is near,  
           This truth your troubled heart can cheer:  
           Christ Jesus saves your soul from death;  
           That is the firmest ground of faith.
- 6        Glory to God the Father, Son,  
           And Holy Spirit, Three in One!  
           To You, O blessed Trinity,  
           Be praise now and eternally!

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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 prove.



