

THOSE WHO HAVE CHRIST SHARE HIM

The Ninth Sunday after Trinity

Sunday, July 29, 2018

WELCOME TO GOOD SHEPHERD!

We are so happy you could join us today! If we can assist you in any way with questions about our confession of faith, spiritual struggles, understanding our liturgical service, or any other need, please let us know. It is our prayer that the Gospel of Jesus Christ will strengthen and comfort you.

For your convenience, **Listening Devices** are available for those who need assistance in hearing the service. Please speak with an usher if you need one. A **Large-Print Service Folder** is also available if you are in need of it. A **Nursery** is also available and is equipped with a speaker so that a minimal amount of the service is missed. The nursery is located in the hallway just off the entryway (first door on left).

SERVICE NOTES FOR TODAY

In the forefront of those sharing the Savior by sharing his Word are those that he has specifically called into that office. What should we expect of them? We should expect that they are ready for some to receive and some to reject that word. Notice that he sends them to share only what they have received; he does not give them permission to fudge the message when many or most reject it. For Jesus does not come through false doctrine to create or strengthen faith. It is in faithfulness to the message and reliance on his promise that repentance is worked which both confesses sin and rejoices in absolution. He will keep his promise when and how it pleases him without the "help" of our opinions, our compromises of the truth, our eagerness to be popular and always successful.

While we can take no credit for the success of the gospel, we can certainly throw obstacles in its path. There is a danger that we degenerate into a certain professionalism that ends up making the assumptions of Amaziah in the first lesson not all that wide of the mark. There is a danger that in a godless age we see ourselves even at our worst as better than the common herd. But God wants us to take his Word seriously before we tell others to do so. Have we become so cocky, so arrogant, so self righteous and self confident that we imagine that these words are dead letters to us and apply only to someone else. May it not be! So noble is our task, so holy our vocation! May we not cheapen it by contempt for its solemn and saving essence!

SERVING IN THE DIVINE SERVICE

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THE DIVINE SERVICE

The Common Service [w/out Communion] — Christian Worship, pg. 15



The Invocation,
which uses the words
spoken over us at our
baptisms, remind us
of who we are
(children of God)
and what we are
members of—the
Church of Christ.



The sign of the cross
✠ may be made
throughout the
service by
worshippers in
remembrance of their
baptism.

In the Large
Catechism, Martin
Luther writes, "To
appreciate and use
Baptism aright, we
must draw strength
and comfort from it
when our sins or
conscious oppress us,
and we must retort,
'But I am baptized!
And if am baptized, I
have the promise
that I shall be saved
and have eternal life,
both in soul and
body.'"

OPENING HYMN

Alleluia! Let Praises Ring | CW 241

INVOCATION

Matthew 28:19

Please stand.

L In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.



CONFESSION OF SINS

L Our help is in the name of the LORD.

Psalms 124:8

C Who made heaven and earth.

L I said, I will confess my transgressions to the LORD.

Psalms 32:5

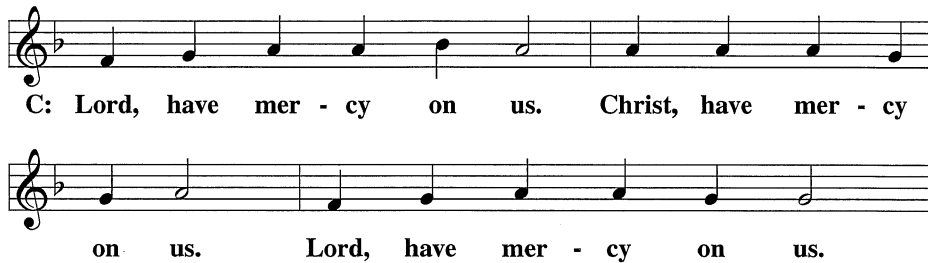
C And you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

L Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

LORD, HAVE MERCY — Kyrie

Matthew 20:30; Mark 10:47; Psalm 6:2



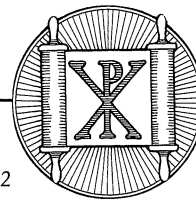
ABSOLUTION

- L** God, our gracious Father, has forgiven all your sins. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for your guilt by his death on the cross and freed you from death by his resurrection from the grave. You are at peace with God. Live in the comfort and joy of his forgiveness.



Having entered God's presence, the Kyrie (Latin for "Lord") serves as our earnest plea for his grace and peace. Notice how this tune and the tune of the Agnus Dei ("Lamb of God" p. 16) are very similar. Martin Luther composed this setting of the Kyrie based on the melody of the Agnus Dei to foreshadow the climax of the Divine Service in the Holy Supper.

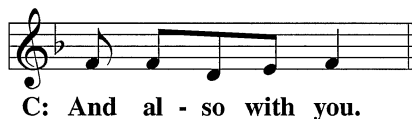
The Service of the Word



SALUTATION

Ruth 2:4; 2 Timothy 4:22

- L** The Lord be with you.



The Collect (also called the "Prayer of the Day") is a concise prayer which "collects" the thoughts of the day and presents them to God in his mercy. Most of these prayers have been in use in the Church for more than 1,500 years.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L Let us pray.

Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your Word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy and to bring forth fruits in faith and hope and love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Be seated.

FIRST LESSON

Amos 7:10-17

THEN AMAZIAH, THE PRIEST OF BETHEL, sent a message to Jeroboam king of Israel: Amos has conspired against you in the midst of the house of Israel. The land is not able to endure all of his words. ¹¹ This is what Amos says: "Jeroboam will die by the sword, and Israel will certainly go into exile away from its own soil."

¹² Then Amaziah said to Amos, "You seer, get out of here! Flee to the land of Judah. You may eat food and prophesy there. ¹³ But you must never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the sanctuary of the king and the national temple."

¹⁴ Then Amos responded to Amaziah: "I was not a prophet, nor was I a son of a prophet. Rather, I was a sheep breeder and I took care of sycamore fig trees. ¹⁵ But the LORD took me from tending flocks, and the LORD said to me, "Go, prophesy to my people Israel."

¹⁶ But now, hear the word of the LORD, you who are saying, "Do not prophesy against Israel" and "Do not preach against the house of Isaac."

¹⁷ This is what the LORD says: "Your wife will be a prostitute in the city, and your sons and your daughters will fall by the sword. Your land will be parceled out with a measuring line, and as for you, you will die upon unclean soil. And Israel will certainly go into exile far away from its own soil."

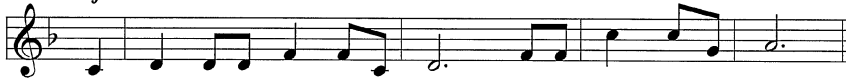
L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

PSALM OF THE DAY

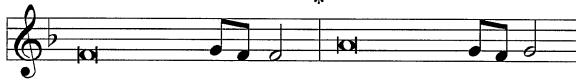
Psalm 78 | CW p. 95

Refrain



Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.

Psalm tone



Refrain

O my people, hear my | teaching;
listen to the words | of my mouth.

I will utter things | from of old,
what we have heard and what our fathers have | told us.

We will not hide them from our | children;
we will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds | of the LORD.

Refrain

The LORD decreed statutes for | Jacob
and established the law in | Israel,

so the next generation would | know them,
and they in turn would tell their | children.

Then they would put their | trust in God
and would not forget his deeds but would keep | his commands.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son
and to the Holy | Spirit,
as it was in the be- | ginning,
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Refrain

THIS SAYING IS TRUSTWORTHY: If anyone aspires to become an overseer, he desires a noble task. ² It is necessary, then, for the overseer to be above reproach, the husband of only one wife, temperate, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, ³ not a drunkard, not a violent man but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. ⁴ It is necessary that he manage his own household well, with all dignity making sure that his children obey him. ⁵ (If a man does not know how to manage his own household, how will he take care of God's church?) ⁶ He must not be a recent convert, or he might become conceited and fall into the same condemnation as the Devil. ⁷ In addition, he must have a good reputation with those outside the church, so that he may not fall into disgrace and the Devil's trap.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

VERSE OF THE DAY

Deuteronomy 30:14

Please stand.

L Alleluia. The Word is very near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart so you may obey it. Alleluia.



HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 6:7-13

L The Holy Gospel from the Gospel of St. Mark, chapter six.



JESUS CALLED THE TWELVE and began to send them out two by two. He gave them authority over the unclean spirits.⁸ He instructed them to take nothing for their journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in their money belts.⁹ They were to put on sandals but not to wear two coats.¹⁰ He said to them, “Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave that area.¹¹ Any place that will not receive you or listen to you, as you leave there, shake off the dust that is under your feet as a testimony against them.”

¹² They went out and preached that people should repent. ¹³ They also drove out many demons. They anointed many sick people with oil and healed them.

L This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

NICENE CREED

C We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation,
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and became fully human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

Dt. 6:4
2 Cor. 6:18
Is. 51:13
Col. 1:16
1 Cor. 8:6
Jn. 3:16
Heb. 1:2,5
Jn. 1
Jn. 10:30
Jn. 1:3
1 Th. 5:9
Jn. 6:38
Lk. 1:35
Gal. 4:4
Mk. 15:15

The Nicene Creed is the great Confession of the Christian faith professed by all Christian denominations. In the Lutheran Church, we hold the Nicene Creed as the second Confession or Symbol of our faith in the Book of Concord. The Creed originated at the First Council of Nicaea (c. A.D. 325) and was finalized at the First Council of Constantinople (c. A.D. 381), which are respectively known as the First and Second Ecumenical Councils of the Church. The Creed itself was crafted as

a confession of
Scripture in
opposition to the
Arian heresy, which
denied that the Lord
Jesus and the Holy
Spirit are God.

He suffered death and was buried.	1 Cor. 15:3-4a
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.	1 Cor. 15:4b
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.	Ac. 2:33-34 Heb. 1:13
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.	Mt. 25:31 2 Tim. 4:1 Lk. 1:33
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.	Job 33:4 Jn. 15:26 Jn. 4:24 2 Pet. 1:25
We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.	Mt. 16:18; Eph. 2:19-20
We believe in one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.	Eph. 4:5; Ac. 2:38
We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.	1 Cor. 15:21-22 Rev. 22

Be seated.

HYMN OF THE DAY

The Son of God, Our Christ | CW 525

SERMON

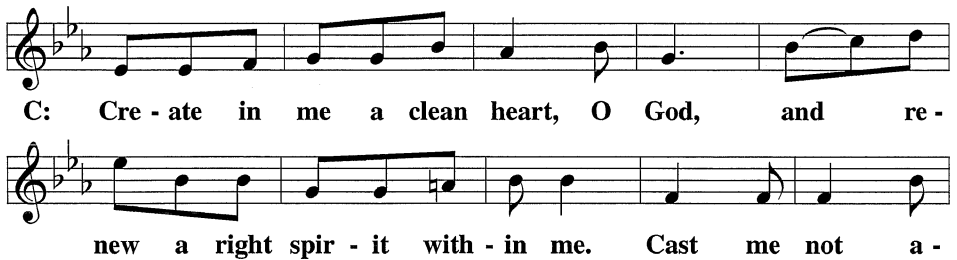
Mark 6:7-13 | What Does God Expect?

OFFERTORY

Psalm 51:10-12

Using the words of
the Psalmist (Psalm
51), we pray in the
Offertory that God
use the Word on
which we have just
listened and
mediated to "create a
pure heart" inside of
us. We pray that he
"does not cast us
away," but instead
show us his
salvation.

Please stand.



C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -



Be seated.

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Please stand.

- L** Eternal God and Father, we give you thanks for the blessings we share as members of your holy Church, for your gracious Word and sacraments, for opportunities to worship and to grow in faith and knowledge, for occasions to serve and be served, for fellowship with believers in our congregation and in our synod.
- C** **Help us to rejoice in these blessings, dear Lord, and to use them faithfully.**
- L** Jesus Christ, Lord of the Church, you give grace to your people by calling us to be your witnesses in the world. Open our eyes to see the great and noble mission that lies before us. In the hurting eyes of the lonely, in the pained eyes of the sick, and in the searching eyes of the lost, help us to see your face, O Jesus, and to serve others as we would serve you.
- C** **Awaken us to the opportunities you give to proclaim your message of love.**
- L** Holy Spirit, giver of life, through Word and sacrament bestow on us the

In response to God's generous love and forgiveness, we bring our generous offerings to him. The members of Good Shepherd Lutheran have joined together to proclaim the gospel in this community. These offerings support that work. While our guests are welcome to participate in the offering if they choose, they should not feel at all obligated to do so.

In the era of the Reformation, announcements about births, deaths, and marriages were made after the sermon. Then prayers were offered. This is why the Prayer of the Church is often placed in this position in the Divine Service.

wisdom and power we need to witness clearly and to act boldly. Help us to speak the truth in love, to give the reason for the hope we have, and to conduct ourselves with gentleness and respect.

C Set our hearts on fire as we work and witness for Christ.

L Hear us, Lord, as we pray for a family member, an acquaintance, a neighbor, or a friend who does not believe in you, or whose faith is weak or troubled.

Silent prayer.

L Bless the Church with men and women who are willing to proclaim your Word in places where we cannot go. Keep them and their loved ones in your care, and let nothing hinder their work. By the power of the gospel, restore their spirits each day, so that they do not lose heart as they serve us and others.

C Move us to support them with our sincere prayers and generous offerings.

L Wherever your Word is proclaimed, O Lord, grant it success. Let your kingdom come to us and others, so that we and many more might join the assembly of saints and angels to sing your praise forever.

C Savior of all, hear our prayer and help us in our mission. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER — Pater Noster

Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:2-4

L Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation,

but deliver ✠ us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.

Be seated.

HYMN

Not Unto Us | CW 392

PRAYER FOR GRACE

Please stand.

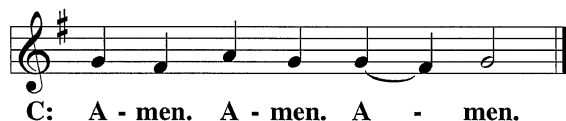
- [L]** Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning.
May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart, that being
strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the
blessed hope of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives
and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



BLESSING

Numbers 6:22-27

- [L]** The LORD bless you and keep you.
The LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The LORD look on you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



Be seated.

The blessing of Aaron has been spoken over God's people for over 3,500 years. The Lord said, "So they will put my name on [them], and I will bless them."

CLOSING HYMN

God's Word is Our Great Heritage | CW 293



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