



Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." John 20: 21-23

TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN PENTECOST

OCTOBER 17, 2021

10:30 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

PASTOR DENISE KELTZ

MAKING CHRIST KNOWN

MISSION STATEMENT

In response to receiving God's profound love through Christ and being called to be His people, the people of ***Good Shepherd Evangelical Lutheran Church*** are to be a family of faith, at work in the midst of a community, which through worship, learning, witness and outreach, touches both members and non-members with a continuing challenge to commitment, that brings God into the center of daily life.

Thank you for being with us today in worship. Remember that **masks** must be **worn at all times in the building.**

Please turn off your cell phone or place it on Airplane Mode. We are streaming the worship service. We ask that your phone not interfere with the signal we are sending out to the members.

Please put your used Communion sets into the trash container in the Narthex as you leave. Thanks.

Today's Readers / Voice of the Congregation are Linda and Grant

Please remember the following in your prayers:

Bell Ringing – Calling all to worship

Announcements

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

P: Children, your God is calling!

C: **Are you calling us, Lord?**

P: Children, your God is calling!

C: **Here we are, Lord!**

P: Children, your God is calling!

C: **Speak, for your servants are listening.**

CONFESSION

P: We confess our sins before God and one another.

Time for Silence

P: Longsuffering God,

C: **forgive us for continually missing the mark. We look for you in beauty, grandeur, and bluster, but miss the humble, quiet ways you choose to make yourself known. We strive for status and success, and fail to see how you might use us in our failure and weakness. We wish to be popular, forgetting that you have called us to love the unlovable and make our home as you have—with the forgotten, the despised, the voiceless. Forgive us and restore us again to your grace. Amen.**

FORGIVENESS

P: The Lord is quick to forgive and eager to grant second chances. Take comfort that God is merciful, and never failing in compassion. You are forgiven. Proclaim it, rejoice in it, and live it, for the sake of Jesus our Savior.

C: **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise



1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small;
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light;



in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
 in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;
 thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;



most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
 we blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,
 all laud we would ren - der; oh, help us to see



al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise!
 thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 and with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth thee.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

Text: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1824–1908, alt.
 Music: ST. DENIO, Welsh traditional

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: God who calls us,

C: **your call comes often when we do not expect it. Incline our ears to hear what you are saying, and grant us courage to do what you ask. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

The Scripture Reading is 1 Samuel 3: 1-21

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. ²At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; ³the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was.

⁴Then the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" ⁵and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. ⁶The Lord called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again."

⁷Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. ⁸The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. ⁹Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'"

So Samuel went and lay down in his place. ¹⁰Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening." ¹¹Then the Lord said to Samuel, "See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. ¹²On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. ¹³For I have told him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. ¹⁴Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever."

¹⁵Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the Lord. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. ¹⁶But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." He said, "Here I am." ¹⁷Eli said, "What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you." ¹⁸So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, "It is the Lord; let him do what seems good to him."

¹⁹As Samuel grew up, the Lord was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. ²⁰And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the Lord. ²¹The Lord continued to appear at Shiloh, for the Lord revealed himself to Samuel at Shiloh by the word of the Lord.

R: Word of God, word of life

C: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY Lord, Speak to Us That We May Speak



1 Lord, speak to us, that we may speak in
 2 Oh, lead us, Lord, that we may lead the
 3 Oh, teach us, Lord, that we may teach the
 4 Oh, fill us with your full - ness, Lord, un -



liv - ing ech - oes of your tone; as you have sought, so
 wan-d'ring and the wa - v'ring feet; oh, feed us, Lord, that
 pre - cious truths which you im - part; and wing our words, that
 til our ver - y hearts o'er - flow in kin - dling thought and



let us seek your stray - ing chil - dren, lost and lone.
 we may feed your hun - g'ring ones with man - na sweet.
 they may reach the hid - den depths of man - y a heart.
 glow - ing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879, alt.
 Music: CANONBURY, Robert Schumann, 1810–1856

APOSTLES' CREED

P: Let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

P: We pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence

P: We do not always recognize your call, O Lord. Speak to us in ways we can comprehend, and show us what new adventure you have in store for us, your servants. Guiding God,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: The world is slow to hear your message, even one of salvation. Use us in ways which reach the far corners of the earth with the good news of redemption and eternal life in you. Guiding God,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: Make us good mentors for the youth in our care. Help us to raise them in your community and support their growing faith that they may find the ways in which you are calling them to give their lives in service. Guiding God,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: You are ever sensitive to our fears, weaknesses, and crises of health and wellness. Extend your healing hand to us all, especially to those we name aloud or in our hearts . . . Guiding God,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: Join us with all who have heard your call in every age and followed you. Make of us one family of faith, undivided by time or space. Guide us in serving your world as you ask us to do. Bestow your blessing on the community service of the churches of the West Berks Mission District as we pray for Trinity Lutheran Church in Womelsdorf and Pastor . . . Guiding God,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: We thank you for bringing us so close that we can speak to you, and for loving us so much that you hear us when we pray. Gather up these petitions for the sake of Jesus our Lord.

C: Amen.

OFFERTORY Solo, Amazing Grace Soloist Harry

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: O God of creation

C: We are blessed to be your servants. Take all that we offer—these gifts, our time, and our dedication—and use them toward your greatest purpose. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

THE LORD'S SUPPER

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread,
and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

P: Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for
all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for
you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Let us pray together the prayer that our Savior taught us.

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**

P: God calls, and we follow. But first, receive the Holy Spirit. Be fed with this bread and cup, and gain strength for the journey ahead. Join in the feast of the forgiven, and come exactly as you are, for God has need of one like you.

P: For these are the gifts of God for the people of God.

C: Thanks be to God.

P: This is the body of Christ given for you. Take and eat.

C: Amen.

P: This is the blood of Christ shed for you. Take and drink.

C: Amen.

TABLE BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen

POST COMMUNION

P: Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace:

C: your word has been fulfilled.

P: My own eyes have seen the salvation

C: which you have prepared in the sight of every people.

P: A light to reveal you to the nations

C: and the glory of your people Israel.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Let us pray.

C: **O God, in this holy communion you have welcomed us into your presence, nourished us with words of mercy, and fed us at your table. Amid the cares of this life, strengthen us to love you with all our heart, serve our neighbors with a willing spirit, and honor the earth you have made; through Christ our Lord. Amen**

SENDING BLESSING

May the grace of God attend you,
the love of Christ surround you,
and the Holy Spirit keep you,
this day and forever more. **Amen.**



SENDING HYMN

O Jesus, I Have Promised



1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;
 2 Oh, let me feel you near me; the world is ev - er near.
 3 Oh, let me hear you speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still
 4 O Je - sus, you have prom - ised to all who fol - low you



re - main for - ev - er near me, my mas - ter and my friend.
 I see the sights that daz - zle, the tempt - ing sounds I hear.
 a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will.
 that where you are in glo - ry your ser - vant shall be too.



I shall not fear the bat - tle if you are by my side,
 My foes are ev - er near me, a - round me and with - in;
 Now speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;
 And Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;



nor wan - der from the path - way if you will be my guide.
 but, Je - sus, then draw near - er to shield my soul from sin.
 now speak and make me lis - ten, O Guard - ian of my soul.
 oh, give me grace to fol - low, my mas - ter and my friend.

Text: John E. Bode, 1816–1874, alt.
 Music: MUNICH, *Neuermehrtes Gesangbuch*, Meiningen, 1693

DISMISSAL

Go in peace.
 Share the good news.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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News of the Church

Fall Activities

Adults / Youth / Young Adult. **Sunday School** at 9 AM
Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall studying the book of Hebrews.

NOTE – **Children** Age 3 to Grade 6
Sunday School at **9:30 AM**
Bible stories, games, and songs outside or in case of rain,
inside in the Kids Korner room. Please dress casually.

Food Pantry

Thursday October 21st

The Muhlenberg Churches collaborative food distribution ministry is held here at Good Shepherd Lutheran on the 3rd Thursday of the month. In addition to the food that is received from Helping Harvest are the dry goods and canned food that are collected at the local churches and civic organizations. If you would like to support this collaborative ministry, bring in your donations and place them on the white stand in the Gathering Area. Thank you for responding to God's call to "feed my sheep."

Affirmation of Baptism - October 31st

We will celebrate the Confirmation of four Confirmands
on Sunday, October
31st, - Reformation Sunday.

Confirmation Classes begin Nov 1.

We will be holding Confirmation Classes for 7th and 8th graders on every other Sunday morning after worship beginning Nov 1. If you know of any 7th or 8th graders who may want to join us, please share their names with Pastor Denise.

All Saints Sunday - November 7th

A time of remembrance for those who died in 2021

We will honor them during our morning service.

Thankoffering Boxes

If you have been filling your boxes during the year, please bring them into the church by Sunday November 14th. Sandra will be collecting the WELCA boxes.

Coordinators Needed

We are looking for a volunteer to take over the scheduling of readers for the Sunday services. Thanks to Kathy for her service in this role.

If you are interested in helping or reading, please contact Betty or the church office.

ALTAR GUILD – See Christine

They are looking for someone to help one Sunday a month to assist in getting things ready for the service. This is not a time consuming task.

Saint Francis Home

an end of life home located in Shillington, is in need of caregiving volunteers. The home, established in 2017, provides end of life care to hospice patients and their families, regardless of their ability to pay. It is run 24/7 by volunteers under hospice guidance. A medical background is not required, we will train you. All that is needed is a caring, compassionate heart and willingness to embark on this sacred journey. Please call, text or email Terry Leatherman @ 484-646-3016, or Tleatherman1951@gmail.com. for more information.

Do you shop at Redner's ?

tapes are still accepted. Please see that Harry gets your tapes.

We Are Hiring - Children's Programs

Looking for “subs” that can fill in for a time as needed. If you or someone you know is interested please contact Rebecca at 610-926-4201 ext. 212 or beckywatson1997@gmail.com.

TABS – helping those with Cancer

Don't forget to save your **aluminum tabs**. They are greatly appreciated. We have the container on the Gathering Table for your donations.

Life Line Screening will be at Good Shepherd

If you are interested in the testing, there are “coupons” on the table in the Gathering for a discount of \$149 that can be used on **November 30th**. Please help yourself to one of the discount sheets. All screening is done by appointment. Call their 800 number to arrange for your time.



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