

**Good Shepherd/Our Savior's Lutheran Parish Worship Service
for Sunday, October 25, 2020 – Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost**

Romans 5 tells us that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, a character produces hope and hope does not disappoint us because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit... Our hope these past few months has not disappointed us. We are being reminded that our community is not based on the building, as important as it is to have place, but on Christ Jesus. We have been tested, and are being tested, but through Christ Jesus we have received "grace upon grace" Our outside worship services may not have ever happened and we would have missed out on the joy of those gatherings. Some of us have re-discovered the joy of writing and receiving cards and letters from loved ones. Thanks be to God!

Announcements:

Welcome to Good Shepherd/Our Savior's Lutheran Parish worship for October 25, 2020. Special thanks to everyone who make these worship services possible. We are continuing our educational ministry with our youth and we give great thanks for all those who make it possible. Thank You

Good Shepherd:

- † **TODAY:** 9:00am Worship; 10:00am Sunday School/Coffee Hour
- † **Wednesday, October 28th** – 5:45pm Confirmation
- † **Sunday, November 1st** – 9:00am Worship; 10:00am Sunday School/Coffee Hour

Our Savior's:

- † **TODAY:** 10:00am Sunday School; 11:00am Worship Service
- † **Sunday, November 1st** – 10:00am Sunday School; 11:00am Worship Service

We gather in the Name of God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. Amen.

While we were still sinners, Christ Jesus died for us, God promises to heal us and forgive us through the power of The Holy Spirit...And so it is to our Holy God, holy and mighty, that we confess our sins, our self-centered living, for failing to walk with humility and gentleness...

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us

We confess wanting things that do not belong to us...for greedy hearts that always want more

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us

We confess to being mean to each other...of not being nice to others

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us

We confess our reluctance to share things, to share our abilities, to share our time...

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us

We confess our laziness in witnessing to Christ Jesus...for wasting the gifts of love and grace

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us

All: We praise for you for the gift of water that sustains life. We praise you for the gifts of new life in Christ Jesus. Shower us with your Holy Spirit and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

Pastor: In the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, celling forth life in which you took delight. With your hands you shaped and molded the universe in which we live...

Cong: Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel by your hand from slavery into freedom. As the river Jordan, you used the hands of John to baptize your Son and with your hands you anointed Jesus with the Holy Spirit.

Pastor: Beloved people of God by water and the Holy Spirit God gives you new birth, and through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, God forgives you all your sins. Almighty and merciful God strengthen you in all goodness and keep you eternal life.

Prayer of the Day: **Almighty God, we have many tugs and pulls on our time, our minds and our hearts...when you call us, create in us clean hearts and right spirits within us so that we answer you before anything, or anyone else... We pray all these things in name of Jesus Christ Our Lord and Savior Amen.**

The First Reading for October 25th comes from Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18 The LORD spoke to Moses, saying: Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy. You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbor: I am the LORD. You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.
The Word of the Lord: **"Thanks be to God"**

Our Second Reading will come from the Psalms - Psalm 1 Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers; but their delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law they meditate day and night. They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper. The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away. Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous; for the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish. The Word of the Lord: **“Thanks be to God”**

The Gospel according to Matthew 22:34-46:

Congregation: Glory to you, O Lord

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” He said to him, “‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.” Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: “What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?” They said to him, “The son of David.” He said to them, “How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, ‘The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet”’? If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?” No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

The Gospel of the Lord

Congregation: **Praise to you O Christ.**

Children’s Sermon/Sermon

Apostle’s 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.

Please join in as we talk to our God in prayer for the church, the world, and for all those in need...

Good and Gracious God, help the church love you and love its neighbors and respond to your call to serve your people, witness to your love, and walk humbly with you

...Lord in your mercy...**hear our prayer**

Good and Gracious God, thank you for for all the progress made in the treatment of the Coronavirus ...and we ask that you continue to be with us as we go forward

...Lord in your mercy...**hear our prayer**

Good and Gracious God, lead us and guide us as we vote this year, and give us the patience to accept the election results no matter what they are

...Lord in your mercy...**hear our prayer**

Good and Gracious God, continue to watch over our children as they go back to school, learn new things, and make new friends

...Lord in your mercy...**hear our prayer**

Good and Gracious God, be with those facing long-term difficulties, enduring chronic discomfort, and living in difficult relationships

...Lord in your mercy...**hear our prayer**

Good and Gracious God, we thank you for all the blessings that we have received and ask that you lead us to thankfulness toward you and mercy towards our neighbor

...Lord in your mercy...**hear our prayer**

Good and Gracious God, thank you for being with us and we ask that you continue to be with us until by your call we reunited with those who have gone before us and now live with you in your heavenly glory

...Lord in your mercy...**hear our prayer**

Pastor: We pray all these prayers and those too deep for words in the hope that you will receive them through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ Amen.

Ushers will bring forward the collected offering

Offertory Prayer: **Merciful Father, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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 today 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.

Pastor

Go with love. Go with joy. Go in peace and serve the Lord. Amen.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

Good Shepherd

Organist: Sharon Johnson

Lector: Bonnie Borene **PowerPoint:** Krystal Kumpula

Ushers: James Kumpula & Steven Marsh

Coffee Hour: Judi Engebretson, Brad & Bonnie Borene

Offering: Youth

Our Savior's

Organist: Karen Johnson

Lector: Becky Colebank

Good Shepherd/Our Savior's - Thank You to all the people who have continued to support our ministry during this difficult time. Because of your gifts we are able to remain connected through online worship. Our staff and volunteers are able to connect with those in need or living alone and we can offer the encouragement of our faith to one another in this difficult time.

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10/18/20 Offering Received	Offering Needed Each Week To Meet Budget	Outstanding Obligations	General Fund Beg. Bal 09/01/20	\$15,036.79
		As of 09/30/20	Revenue/OS Rec	11,353.22
\$954.00	\$2,767.00	\$0.00	Expenses	- 13,289.75
			General Fund End Bal 09/30/20	\$13,100.26 **SBL Loan Received GS \$16,135.89 - put in General Account – only for Admin Exp

Services Used for Offering:
Direct Deposit – 1 Person
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