

9:30 A.M. WORSHIP

SHEPHERD OF THE GLADES LUTHERAN CHURCH

A Lutheran Community of Christian Believers - ELCA

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...the **free**
gift of God
is **eternal life**
in *Christ Jesus*
our **LORD.**

Romans 6:23

JUNE 28, 2020
FOURTH SUNDAY OF
PENTECOST

All Are Welcome!

Welcome to Shepherd of the Glades!

All who have come to worship are heartily welcomed. Let us joyfully open our hearts to God and to one another.

You are encouraged to participate in all that Shepherd of the Glades has to offer and to make Shepherd of the Glades your spiritual home.

If Shepherd of the Glades can be of service to you, please let us know. In Pastor Jeff's absence, Rev. Tara McGraw will be leading worship. If you have a pastoral need, please call the office at 239-775-0696.

Ministries for Today

Lector: Lori Bernabei

Greeter: Charlotte Wahlig

Special Music: Mary Stegner and John Sherman

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Fourth Sunday of Pentecost

June 28, 2020, 9:30 A.M. Worship - Setting I

+ Indicates Please Stand

Bold Indicates Congregation Joins In

PRELUDE

Megan Cianflone, Director of Music

INTRODUCTIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

+ **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

C **Amen.**

P Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

C **Reconciling God, we confess that we do not trust your abundance, and we deny your presence in our lives. We place our hope in ourselves and rely on our own efforts. We fail to believe that you provide enough for all. We abuse your good creation for our own benefit. We fear difference and do not welcome others as you have welcomed us. We sin in thought, word, and deed. By your grace, forgive us; through your love, renew us; and in your Spirit, lead us; so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.**

P Beloved of God, by the radical abundance of divine mercy we have peace with God through + Christ Jesus, through whom we have obtained grace upon grace. Our sins are forgiven. Let us live now in hope. For hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit. Amen.

+ **OPENING HYMN** Special Music - "Amazing Grace" *by John Sherman*

GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

+ **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P Let us pray.

C **O God, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 28:5-9

⁵The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the Lord; ⁶and the prophet Jeremiah said, “Amen! May the Lord do so; may the Lord fulfill the words that you have prophesied, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the Lord, and all the exiles. ⁷But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. ⁸The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. ⁹As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the Lord has truly sent the prophet.”

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18 (Read responsively)

¹Your love, O LORD, forever will I sing;

from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.

²**For I am persuaded that your steadfast love is established forever;
you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.**

³“I have made a covenant with my chosen one;

I have sworn an oath to David my servant:

⁴**I will establish your line forever,
and preserve your throne for all generations.’ ”**

¹⁵Happy are the people who know the festal shout!

They walk, O LORD, in the light of your presence.

¹⁶**They rejoice daily in your name;
they are jubilant in your righteousness.**

¹⁷For you are the glory of their strength,
and by your favor our might is exalted.

¹⁸**Truly, our shield belongs to the LORD;
our king to the Holy One of Israel.**

SECOND READING: Romans 6:12-23

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

¹²Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. ¹³No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. ¹⁴For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. ¹⁵What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, ¹⁸and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. ¹⁹I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.

²⁰When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. ²²But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. ²³For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

+ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Repeat alleluia

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

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The Holy Gospel according to: Matthew 10:40-42

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to the twelve: ⁴⁰“Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; ⁴²and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Rev. Tara McGraw

Text: Lessons for the day

+ **HYMN OF THE DAY** “*SHALL WE GATHER AT THE RIVER*” **ELW 423**

A Let us proclaim our trust in the presence and power of God in our lives with the words of the Apostles' Creed.

+ **APOSTLES' CREED**

ELW 105

**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 life everlasting. Amen.**

+ **THE PRAYERS**

A Called into unity with one another and the whole creation, let us pray for our shared world.

A brief silence.

A God of companionship, encourage our relationships with our siblings in Christ. Bless our conversations. Shape our shared future and give us hearts eager to join in a festal shout of praise. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A God of abundance, you make your creation thrive and grow to provide all that we need. Inspire us to care for our environment and be attuned to where the earth is crying out. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A God of mercy, your grace is poured out for all. Inspire authorities, judges, and politicians to act with compassion. Teach us to overcome fear with hope, meet hate with love, and welcome one another as we would welcome you. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A God of care, accompany all who are in deepest need. Comfort those who are sick, lonely, or abandoned, especially, Anita, Ken, Pat, Paul, Dave, Tim, Jack, Carol, Karen, Ron, Sue and Micah. Strengthen those who are in prison or awaiting trial. Renew the spirits of all who call upon you. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A God of community, we give thanks for this congregation. Give us passion to embrace your mission and the vision to recognize where you are leading us. Teach us how to live more faithfully with each other. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A God of mercy, you are our resurrection. We give you thanks, oh God, for the celebration of birthdays and anniversaries within our faith community. Today we pray for Richard Lofthouse, Tom Dunlop and Stanley Leimer as they celebrate their birthdays. We also pray for Marilyn & Leo Malinowski, Karen & Michael Cox, and Barbara and Ray Keith as they celebrate their anniversaries. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A God of love, you gather in your embrace all who have died. Keep us steadfast in our faith and renew our trust in your promise. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A Receive these prayers, O God, and those too deep for words; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

+ **SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

P The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

+ **OFFERTORY**

+ **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

ELW 107

A Let us pray.

C **God of goodness and growth, all creation is yours, and your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens. Water and word, wine and bread: these are signs of your abundant grace. Nourish us through these gifts, that we might proclaim your steadfast love in our communities and in the world, through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song. Amen.**

+ **THE LORD'S PRAYER** *(Spoken)*

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

C **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.**

+ **COMMUNION BLESSING**

P God's love is poured out in Christ for you. Open yourselves to receive it.

+ **THE BLESSING**

P Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. God, the creator, + Jesus, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit, the comforter, bless you and keep you in eternal love.

C **Amen.**

+ **SENDING HYMN**

"Give to Our God Immortal Praise"

ELW 848

+ **DISMISSAL**

A Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C **Thanks be to God.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOSPITALIZATIONS

We have been informed that the local hospitals are no longer calling church offices to advise of the hospitalizations of parishioners. If you are hospitalized, please let the church office know so that we may keep you in our prayers and provide pastoral support.

OPPORTUNITIES TO GIVE

A member recently suggested, and Council approved, the establishment of a fund for the support of ELCA seminary students from SOTG. The fund is not a budget item but was established to receive contributions that individuals might like to make in support of students from SOTG who attend ELCA seminaries and colleges. There has been an initial contribution to this fund by a member and further contributions are welcomed. They should be designated for the Lutheran Higher Education Support Fund.

If you are a member of Thrivent Financial, Choice Dollars charitable grant funds can make a world of difference to Shepherd of the Glades. By directing Choice Dollars, eligible Thrivent members recommend where they feel Thrivent should distribute a portion of its charitable grant funds. Directing Choice Dollars is easy. Simply go to Thrivent.com/thriventchoice to learn more and fund program terms and conditions. Or call 800-847-4836 and say “Thrivent Choice” after the prompt. To reach our local office, please call David Contessa at 239-300-5139.

THIS WEEK AT SHEPHERD OF THE GLADES:

The office is open from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday thru Friday. We request that you wear a mask when entering the Church.

Pastor Jeff will be on vacation until Sunday, July 5, 2020. He can be reached in an emergency at 641-529-2479.

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