

Worship Guide for Christ the Good Shepherd

May 16, 2021 - 7th Sunday of Easter

Welcome Pastor Joel Schmitz – Special Guest Preacher

For worship today, you will need: bowl of water to remember baptism bread and wine or juice.

WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

SONG: Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3P8W6gRl68o>

Praise the one who breaks the darkness with a liberating light. Praise the one who frees the prisoners, turning blindness into sight. Praise the one who preached the gospel, healing every dread disease. Calming storms and feeding thousands with the very bread of peace.	Praise the one who blessed the children with a strong yet gentle word, Praise the one who drove out demons with a piercing two-edged sword. Praise the one who brings cool water to the desert's burning sand, from this well come living water, quenching thirst in every land.
Praise the one true love incarnate: Christ, who suffered in our place. Jesus died and rose for many That we may know God by grace. Let us sing for joy and gladness, Seeing what our God has done. Praise the one redeeming glory, praise the One who makes us one.	

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EASTER PROCLAMATION

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

All may make the sign of the cross, the mark of our baptism

Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ, let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We thank you, risen Christ, for these waters where you make us new, leading us from death to life, from tears to joy.

We thank you, risen Christ, for these waters where you make us new, leading us from death to life, from tears to joy.

We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us in the grace-filled waters of rebirth, like rains to our thirsting earth, like streams that revive our souls, like cups of cool water shared with strangers.

Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear. Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness.

Send us companions on our journey as we share your life. Make us one, risen Christ. Cleanse our hearts.

Shower us with life. To you be given all praise, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God, now and forever.

Amen.

GREETING AND KYRIE

Apostolic Greeting

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

And also with you.

Kyrie Elison (Def: "Lord, have mercy." A plea for mercy)

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray: (A brief silence)

Gracious and glorious God, you have chosen us as your own, and by the powerful name of Christ you protect us from evil. By your Spirit transform us and your beloved world, that we may find our joy in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

1st READING: A reading from Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

In the days between Jesus' ascension and Pentecost, Peter oversees the process whereby one of the members of the community of believers is chosen to be the twelfth apostle, in order to fill the vacancy created by Judas's treachery and death.

15 In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, 16 "Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus—17 for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry." 21 So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, 22 beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection." 23 So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. 24 Then they prayed and said, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen 25 to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." 26 And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

Word of God, word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 1

The Lord knows the way of the righteous. (Ps. 1:6)

One: Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

All: Their delight is in the law of the Lord, and they meditate on God's teaching day and night.

One: They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.

All: It is not so with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

One: Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

All: For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.

2nd READING: A reading from 1 John 5:9-13

God has borne witness to the gift of eternal life in Jesus Christ. Whoever believes in the Son of God believes in the witness of God and has the promise of eternal life.

9 If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. 10 Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. 11 And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. 12 Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. 13 I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

We all say together

Alleluia. I will not leave you orphaned, says the Lord. I am coming to you. Alleluia (John 14:23)

✠✠✠ THE HOLY GOSPEL According to John John 17:6-19 **Praise to you, O Lord.**

In this reading the church hears Jesus' words on the night before his death—his prayer for his disciples and for all who would believe in him through their words.

[Jesus prayed:] 6 “I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. 7 Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; 8 for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. 9 I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. 10 All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. 11 And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. 12 While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. 13 But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. 14 I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. 15 I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. 16 They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. 17 Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. 18 As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. 19 And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

MESSAGE – Pastor Curtis Zieske

SONG: One Thing Remains- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=234MrMdWo8E>

Higher than the mountains that I face Stronger than the power of the grave Constant in the trial and the change One thing remains One thing remains	Interlude Your love Your love Your love will never change Chorus Your love never fails It never gives up Never runs out on me (REPEAT) Your love
Verse 2 On and on and on and on it goes It overwhelms and satisfies my soul And I never ever have to be afraid One thing remains One thing remains	Bridge In death in life I'm confident and Cover'd by the power of Your great love My debt is paid there's nothing that Can separate my heart from Your great love (REPEAT) Ending Your love
Ending And up ahead eternity We'll weep no more we'll sing for joy Abide with me	

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NICENE CREED

**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 truly
human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he
rose again in accordance with the scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of
the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who
with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge on baptism for the forgiveness of
sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, And the life of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to
hear us and answer in steadfast love.

A brief silence.

Holy God, in Christ Jesus the joy of the church is made complete. Root the church in your Word and unify us
as Christ's body. Send us into the world as your loving people, ready to testify to your Spirit at work. Hear us,
O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Mighty God, the world is your handiwork, displaying your creative impulse. Seas teem with life, forests reach
up to praise you, and the mystery of life lies deep in the soil. Guard and keep this world for the well-being of
all your creatures. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Gracious Sovereign, those who follow your ways are like trees planted near streams of water. Establish the
leaders of nations and all in authority in your grace and truth. Strengthen them, so that the people they
serve will have abundant life. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Generous Savior, you befriend those who are sick, suffering, poor, lonely, outcast, rejected, or sick. Grant
healing and love to all in need (*especially*). Give them tangible signs of your steadfast love. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

Creator God, here in this community we share the gift of praying, learning, and supporting one another. Give
us thankful hearts as we claim the gifts that are unique to us and keep us from being envious of others with
different gifts. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Here other intercessions may be offered

Jack Johnson, prayers of healing

Lois, Mary's Michener's friend, with broken hip.

Linda, Diane Hawkins' sister, diagnosed with cancer

Sharon Reynolds.

Pastor Shelley, undergoing chemo, prayers for healing

Miles and Stephanie's daughter Lucy, with medical diagnosis

Kathy Moredock for health

Nancy Ostrem recovering from shoulder replacement surgery

Josie, Mary's friend, injured from a fall

Rev. Elwin Bergstraesser, with lung cancer, wife and family for peace
Mary, continued eye healing and increasing sight
Julie, Mary's daughter, healing from surgery
Baby Olivia recovering from heart surgery, doing well
Margaret and family grieving the passing of Jim, Joel Mathias' brother-in-law
Eleanor Norman for healing after a fall
Anna Christie for healing and strength during recovery
Tom, Kim Hester's parishioner, critical with COVID
Molli, peace in her new job
Cora Lee recovering from kidney surgery
Jamie Sauer recovering from surgery
Aleysia recovering from surgery
Paul, knee surgery on May 3
Sami and Juliana Abu Ghazaleh protection during violence in Jerusalem
Small business owners during COVID.
Communities affected by fire, flood, earthquake, tornado.
All diagnosed with COVID-19 and families that support them.
Victims of hate crimes and gun violence
Sena Norton as she prepares for pastoral leadership in September
Students and staff as they transition from distance to in-person teaching
Shut-ins experiencing loneliness

Saving God, your wonderful promise is the gift of eternal life in Jesus. Through the witness of those who have died in you, strengthen us now in this gift of life. We cherish the memory of your saints (especially). Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of our risen lord Jesus Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**
Worshippers share a sign of peace with one another.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Heavenly Father, we welcome this day of Resurrection with its opportunity to bring gifts to a living God. Receive these offerings as our joyful celebration of your new life and reign in Jesus, your Son. And through the bread and wine we have presented, share your new life with us. Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth

and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, and the whole company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn of praise, saying:

SANCTUS (Holy, Holy, Holy)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. ✠ Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

CANON FOR EASTER

You are indeed holy, almighty and most merciful God. You give life and bring new life in your risen Son, Christ Jesus our Lord.

We praise you as the God of promise, delivering your chosen people from their captivity in slavery and giving them new life in the land promised to faithful Abraham; and though they experienced the death of exile, you remained faithful to your promise, sending the prophets and giving your children renewed life.

We praise you for Jesus, born of Mary by the power of your Holy Spirit, the first-born from the dead; who, through the exile of his suffering on the cross, served us as both victim and priest, and through him you have delivered us from our exile and captivity to sin and death, giving us the joys of eternal life, fulfilling all covenants and promises.

Send your Holy Spirit to breathe new life into ✠ us and to bless these gifts of ✠ bread and wine, that they may be for us the body and blood of our living host, Jesus Christ our Savior.

This same Lord Jesus, on the night of his betrayal, took bread; when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, and said: Take and eat, for this is my body, which is given for you. Do this for my remembrance. *(All bow)*

When the supper had ended, he took the cup; when he had given thanks, he gave it to them and said: All of you, drink of this, for this cup is my blood of the new covenant, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sins. Do this for my remembrance. *(All bow)*

Therefore, Father, before you we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We offer to you, most holy God, our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, remembering this Easter day all you have done through the Passion and Resurrection of your Son.

In this Holy Communion you unite us in the sacrifice of our eternal High Priest. Through his promise he made to his disciples we await his final coming to fulfill all of life and to make new the heavens and the earth.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

As we now gather to receive this Holy Sacrament of Christ's body and blood, strengthen us in your mercy and grant us the fullness of your salvation and peace.

Through him, with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now, as our Savior has taught us, we pray boldly: **Our Father...**

FRACTION *(Breaking of the bread)*

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

AGNUS DEI *(Lamb of God)*

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

ALL ARE INVITED TO RECEIVE THE BREAD/BODY AND WINE/BLOOD OF CHRIST

AFTER ALL HAVE RECEIVED:

The body and blood of Christ our risen Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

Let us pray: Lord, Jesus Christ, by this holy sacrament you proclaim your death for all people. May the whole world come to know and believe in your resurrection by our being raised to new lives of love through this holy communion. We bless you now and forevermore. **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus. The God of life, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG: How Great is Our God <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cKLQ1td3MbE>

The splendor of the King Clothed in majesty Let all the earth rejoice All the earth rejoice He wraps Himself in light And darkness tries to hide And trembles at His voice And trembles at His voice	Chorus How great is our God Sing with me How great is our God And all will see how great How great is our God
And age to age He stands And time is in His hands Beginning and the End Beginning and the End The Godhead three in one Father Spirit Son The Lion and the Lamb The Lion and the Lamb	Bridge Name above all names Worthy of all praise My heart will sing How great is our God

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Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!** Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia! **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

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Pastoral Care Needs

Please contact our U-Matters Team through Twila Anderson at (503) 871-5253. In addition, Pastor Curtis Zieske, our bridge pastor, is available for critical needs: **507-351-9580**. Because of Covid restrictions he is unable to make hospital or care center visits at this time except for end-of-life circumstances. Twila will coordinate with him.

Announcements

Office Hours: Office hours are 9-3:30, Monday-Thursday

Rose will be working in the church office on Wednesdays, unless otherwise communicated.

Please send prayers, praise, and announcements to office@christthegoodshelp.org or share with Heidi Dupuis.

Rose will be out of the office and the office will be closed 5/17/2021.

To join the Church Council in a Pastor facilitated 9 week study and discussion of a book called "Becoming the Hybrid Church" on Sundays after service starting in June (date will depend on how quickly we can get the books). It is written by two Lutheran pastors who are challenging churches who are planning on how to move forward out of the Covid era and to creating a "new normal" using both in- person and online ministries.

"Written in crisp form, each chapter is concise and helps leaders begin to reframe their thinking on a particular aspect of congregational ministry. There are Bible readings, discussion questions and prayers at the end of each chapter making it perfect for leadership teams and small groups. Becoming a hybrid church is one path forward to both strengthen the church and reach new people with the gospel in bold, creative new ways."

If you would like to be included on the book order, please contact Rose and let her know by Thursday, the 20th. If we have enough orders we are able to get a discount on the cost. **There will be no charge to you.**

Backpack Buddies is BACK!

Come help us pack lunch and feed kids!

May 18 - Tuesday 9:30 AM – Gathering Ro...

We will be packing every 2 weeks going forward.



Deadline for the annual report is: June 11, 2021.

The annual meeting will be held June 27, 2021 after service. More details to come!

Reflection for Easter 7 B – 16 May 2021

Oneness: Saint John 17:6-19

"Holy Father, protect them in your name so that they may be one as we are one." (John 17:11)

The unity Jesus speaks of here is all too rare it seems to me. I'm tempted to say that's a rather recent phenomenon, but I know better. Whether it's in the church or in the world, unity can be short-lived and hard to come by.

A few years back, I had a visitor on an otherwise ordinary Tuesday afternoon. This guest was not known to me. He came without appointment, wondering if we could visit awhile. As we sat and talked he began to weep... speaking to me of the congregation he called home which was by then so divided, he didn't want to raise his children there. "I grew up with that," he said. I want something different for them."

This individual was willing to risk it one more time --- looking for yet one more church home where he might glimpse some of what Jesus intends for us in his prayer today. Too many will make the decision to go it alone --- never engaging with the Church again. And while I imagine it is possible to sustain one's belief alone, it surely can't be easy. For the Church at its best is support to us in times of struggle and loss and hurt. The Church at its unified best enables us to see where God is calling us to live differently in the world --- both together and alone. The Church as 'one' --- the Church Jesus calls us to be today recognizes the differences between us, but calls us still to move forward in what binds us to each other: A common love of Jesus and the world God made.

Now I know there are examples of 'unity' all over every congregation I've served. I celebrate those, to be sure. Only I grieve still more the energy and hope that is lost when this is not so. I grieve still more God's children who are sometimes driven away when that which divides us is greater than that which makes us one.

And so I believe and so I have learned that it is only as we emphasize what we have in common that we are able to bridge that which would divide us. This does not mean we ignore our differences, for that only leads to a false and fragile unity. This does mean that we address those differences standing firm in those truths which we hold together. In recognizing our mutual 'createdness', for one. In the acknowledgement that God is God and we are not and the humility that engenders among us and between us. In a celebration of the gifts that are present in each of us: again, God's own handi-work. In our mutual love of Jesus. In our willingness to work together to discern what our faith is calling us to in the world. And in the daily acceptance of the certainty that we will not always succeed, but we will always be forgiven and given what we need to begin again.

- Adapted from the writings of Pr. Janet Hunt

Outreach Meeting
June 12 (Special Date!)
10 AM
Meeting ID: 823 2680 4809 Passcode: 164756

