

Worship Guide for Christ the Good Shepherd August 8, 2021 – 11th Sunday after Pentecost

IMPORTANT NOTE: Church Council met to discuss the current status of the Covid Pandemic, the growing concerns about the Delta Variant and our ability as a church to keep ourselves and our families safe. While we have enjoyed being able to worship together after so many months apart, we believe the ongoing risk to ourselves, our families and our community is too great at this point in time. We simply are unable to insure mandatory mask wearing, social distancing and other health protocols.

After much deliberation, Council agreed that; effective immediately we will suspend in person worship and return to ZOOM worship for the immediate future. **The Zoom id is: 837-6115-9516. The dial-in number is: (253) 215-8782.**

We will continue to periodically reconsider our position based on public health information and our ability to provide alternatives. **Mailed worship guides will resume while we are meeting remotely.**

REMEMBER: To stay safe and keep everyone safe:

- We continue to encourage you to get your vaccinations.
 - Wear a mask in indoors spaces.
 - Wash your hands.
 - Follow CDC guidelines.
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OPENING SONG:

SONG: O Jesus , Joy of Loving hearts –ELW 658 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=30yonKgtTLY>

1 O Jesus, joy of loving hearts, thou fount of life, the light of all, from ev'ry bliss that earth imparts we turn unfilled to hear your call.	2 We taste you, ever living bread, and long to feast upon you still; we drink of you, the fountainhead, our thirsting souls from you we fill.
4 For you our restless spirits yearn, where'er our changing lot is cast, glad when your smile on us you turn, blest, when by faith we hold you fast,	5 O Jesus, ever with us stay, Oh, chase the night of sin away! shed o'er the world your holy light.

ELW 658

WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

INVOCATION

In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (Based on Exodus 20)

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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)

Almighty, Eternal God, your kindness is far more than we desire or deserve. Generously pour out your mercy to forgive where our conscience is afraid, and to provide what by ourselves we do not even presume to pray.
Amen.

1st READING: A reading from 1 Kings 19:4-8

First Kings chapter 18 describes the contest between Elijah and the prophets of Baal. The contest proves that the Lord is God, and afterward Elijah orders the killing of the Baal prophets. Angered by the deaths of her prophets, Queen Jezebel threatens to kill Elijah. This reading finds Elijah fleeing, fatigued, and in utter despair.

4 [Elijah] went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors." 5 Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat." 6 He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. 7 The angel of the Lord came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you." 8 He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

Word of life, word of truth. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 34:1-8

Taste and see that the LORD is good. (Ps. 34:8)

One: I will bless the Lord at all times; the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth.

All: I will glory in the Lord; let the lowly hear and rejoice.

One: Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord; let us exalt God's name together.

All: I sought the Lord, who answered me and delivered me from all my terrors.

One: Look upon the Lord and be radiant, and let not your faces be ashamed.

All: I called in my affliction, and the Lord heard me and saved me from all my troubles.

One: The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear the Lord and delivers them.

All: Taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are they who take refuge in God!

2nd READING: A reading from Ephesians 4:25--5:2

Christians are called to be imitators of God. This does not mean Christians are perfect. Rather, the Spirit is at work in our lives so that our actions and attitudes genuinely reflect the love and forgiveness we have received through Christ and his death.

25 So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. 26 Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, 27 and do not make room for the devil. 28 Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. 29 Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. 30 And do not

grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. 31 Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, 32 and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. 5:1 Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, 2 and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

We say together:

Alleluia. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever. Alleluia.

✠✠✠ THE HOLY GOSPEL According to John 6:35, 41-51 **Glory to You, O Lord.**

After feeding more than five thousand people in the wilderness, Jesus teaches them regarding the true significance of this remarkable sign.

35 Jesus said to [the crowd,] “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. 41 Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, “I am the bread that came down from heaven.” 42 They were saying, “Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, ‘I have come down from heaven?’” 43 Jesus answered them, “Do not complain among yourselves. 44 No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. 45 It is written in the prophets, ‘And they shall all be taught by God.’ Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. 46 Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. 47Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. 48 I am the bread of life. 49 Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. 50This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. 51 I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.” **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

MESSAGE – Pastor Curtis Zieske

SONG: All the People Said Amen - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T9ifzMD7zk>

<p>1 You are not alone if you are lonely When you feel afraid you're not the only We are all the same in need of mercy To be forgiven and be free It's all you got to lean on But thank God it's all you need</p>	<p>Chorus And all the people said amen whoa And all the people said amen Give thanks to the Lord for His love never ends And all the people said amen</p>
<p>2 If you're rich or poor well it don't matter Weak or strong you know love is what we're after We're all broken but we're all in this together God knows we stumble and fall And He so loved the world He sent His son to save us all</p>	<p>Bridge Blessed are the poor in spirit who are torn apart Blessed are the persecuted and the pure in heart Blessed are the people hungry for another start For theirs is the kingdom the kingdom of God</p>
<p>Bridge One day the trumpet will sound for His coming One day the skies with His glories will shine Wonderful day my beloved one bringing My Savior Jesus is mine</p>	<p>Ending O glorious day glorious day O glorious day</p>

APOSTLE'S CREED

This is what we believe and teach:

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 INTERCESSION

Rooted in Christ and sustained by the Spirit, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation

A brief silence.

For the church of Christ in all its diverse forms. For mission developers, new mission starts, and all communities of faith exploring new models of ministry for the sake of the gospel. For congregations facing difficult decisions about their future. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For the health and well-being of creation. For shade trees that provide refuge from the hot summer sun. For lakes, rivers, and oceans contaminated by pollution and all who lack clean water. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For those called to positions of authority in our legal system, we pray. For judges, lawyers, law clerks, and court employees who ensure the fair administration of justice. For corrections officers and prison chaplains, that they would deal mercifully with those who are incarcerated. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For all who cry out to you in their affliction. For exiles, refugees, and others who face long and difficult journeys, uncertain about the future. For all who mourn the death of a loved one. For all who are sick (*especially*). God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For this assembly gathered around your table, we pray. For those among us who bake bread and prepare the vessels for our communion celebration. For those who bring the food from this table to those who are homebound or hospitalized. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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, recovering from chemo. Prayers for good health.

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, recovering at home from fall, balance issues and increasing vision.

Julie, Mary's daughter, healing from surgery.

Eleanor Norman for healing after a fall.

Anna Christie for healing and strength during recovery.

Gary Drager, peace after the trauma of a fall.
Hunter Baker, student of Kelsey Hallin, for healing of fractured vertebrae.
Ian, recovering from surgery and dealing with mental health issues.
Sara and her unborn baby as she undergoes chemo.
Coleen Brown with serious health issues and recent hospitalization.
Cora Lee recovering from kidney surgery.
Jamie Sauer recovering from surgery and hoping to release to work.
Paul, recovering from knee surgery.
Ron Mohr's mother Vi, recovering for broken hip.
Karen Hafner recovering from surgery.
Willie Dolan and family at the passing of his twin sister.
Family of Zack Wilson who passed of cancer.
Family of Dorothy Fox, at her death.
Sami, Juliana and family Abu Ghazaleh protection during violence in Jerusalem.
Communities affected by fire, flood, earthquake, tornado and heat.
All diagnosed with COVID-19 and families that support them.
Continuing progress in the area of racism and reconciliation.
Shut-ins experiencing loneliness.
Vicar Sena Norton as she prepares for pastoral leadership in September and daughter Mae transitioning to new state, home, school, friends & family.

For those who have been raised to eternal life, we give thanks. With (*Dominic, name/s, and*) all the saints we praise you for the bread of life that keeps us in your love forever. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We lift these and all our prayers to you, O God, confident in the promise of your saving love; 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

Almighty God, with golden fields of grain you offer bread for all. We Claim A part through daily work and hope to stretch your hand to feed the world. Accept our gifts as prayers to find good ways to eat and share this bread that everyone may taste and trust your love. Through 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 and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts 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 THE FEAST OF PENTECOST

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy and great is the majesty of your glory. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in you may not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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, for this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. (*All bow*)

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 sins. Do this for the remembrance of me. (*All bow*)

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink of this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

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

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless † us, your servants, and these your own gifts of † bread and † wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sins, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, (*all bow*) Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever. **Amen. Amen. Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

FRACTION (*Breaking of the bread*)

God brings forth wine to gladden us (*Psalms 104.15*)

And bread to strengthen the human heart. (*Psalms 104.15*)

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 living Lord, strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

Let us pray: O Lord, we came hungry for righteousness, and you have satisfied us with the feast of forgiveness. Help us multiply your generous gift through mercy and hospitality to all. We bless you now and evermore. You are the Lord forevermore. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG: Be Thou My Vision <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hJ41EFfdEqk>

<p>1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart, be all else but naught to me, save that thou art; be thou my best thought in the day and the night, both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.</p>	<p>2. Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word, be thou ever with me, and I with thee Lord; be thou my great Father, and I thy true son; be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.</p>
<p>3. Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight; be thou my whole armor, be thou my true might; be thou my soul's shelter, be thou my strong tower: O raise thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.</p>	<p>4. Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise: be thou mine inheritance now and always; be thou and thou only the first in my heart; O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art.</p>
<p>5. High King of heaven, thou heaven's bright sun, O grant me its joys after victory is won; great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.</p>	

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BENEDICTION

The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, ☩ be upon you now and forever.
Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

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Announcements!

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**. Twila will coordinate with him.

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

Rose is now working in the office Monday-Wednesday and working from home on Thursdays. Please call the church number to reach her during these hours.

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

<p>Outreach Meeting Zoom September 4 10AM Meeting ID: 823 2680 4809 Passcode: 164756</p>	
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School Supplies are currently being collected for this year's Summer Backpack Giveaway. Financial donations are always welcome through Tithely or mail your check to the church with your offering designated: "School Supplies." Contact the office to drop off supplies: office@christthegoodshep.org

REFLECTION FOR SUNDAY AUGUST 8 2021

Gospel Reading: Saint John 6. 35, 41-51 Jesus, the Bread of Life ... from Heaven

Smoke Signals, an independent film released in 1998, received numerous awards and was notable because it was written, directed, acted, and produced entirely by native people. One of the main characters Victor, is a storyteller. In one scene he talks about his mother's famous fry bread, which was so good "they use it for communion back home." "Way back when, we were havin' a feast on our reservation. A good old feast. We didn't have a whole lot of feed, just a little bit of deer meat, a huge vat of mashed potatoes, some Coke, and fry bread. But the fry bread made all the difference in the world. You see, a good piece of fry bread ... turned any meal into a feast." The feast almost turned into a riot when they discovered "there was a hundred Indians at that feast, and only fifty pieces of fry bread." Victor's mom averts disaster by raising a piece of fry bread over her head and (in a scene that evokes the fraction – the breaking of the bread – at communion) dramatically tearing the bread in half. – *from*

Sundays and Seasons, a Lutheran worship resource

