



**FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**SEPTEMBER 13, 2020**  
**GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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*Please tune your radio to 98.1 FM.*

**PRELUDE**

***PRAISE THE LORD, RISE UP REJOICING***

**CHERWIEN**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.

**Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Faithful God,

**have mercy on us. We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We turn from your loving embrace and go our own ways. We pass judgment on one another before examining ourselves. We place our own needs before those of our neighbors. We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves. Make us humble, cast away our transgressions, and turn us again to life in you through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God hears the cries of all who call out in need,  
and through his death and resurrection,  
Christ has made us his own.

Hear the truth that God proclaims:

Your sins are forgiven in the name of † Jesus Christ.

Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness  
to do God's work in the world.

**Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN 544**

***PRAISE THE LORD, RISE UP REJOICING***

1 Praise the Lord, rise up rejoicing,  
worship, thanks, devotion voicing:  
glory be to God on high!  
Christ, your cross and passion sharing,  
by this eucharist declaring  
yours the final victory.

2 Scattered flock, one shepherd sharing,  
lost and lonely, one voice hearing,  
ears attentive to your word;  
by your blood new life receiving,  
in your body, firm believing,  
we are yours, and you the Lord.

**GREETING**

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

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

O Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## FIRST READING

GENESIS 50:15-21

A reading from Genesis.

<sup>15</sup>Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" <sup>16</sup>So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, <sup>17</sup>'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. <sup>18</sup>Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." <sup>19</sup>But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? <sup>20</sup>Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. <sup>21</sup>So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*The Congregation joins the Cantor in singing the Gospel Acclamation.*

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia!

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

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## GOSPEL

MATTHEW 18:21-35

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>21</sup>Peter came and said to [Jesus], "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" <sup>22</sup>Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. <sup>23</sup><sup>24</sup>For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. <sup>24</sup>When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; <sup>25</sup>and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. <sup>26</sup>So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' <sup>27</sup>And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. <sup>28</sup>But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' <sup>29</sup>Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' <sup>30</sup>But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. <sup>31</sup>When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. <sup>32</sup>Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. <sup>33</sup>Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' <sup>34</sup>And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. <sup>35</sup>So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S TIME

PASTOR ANDREW ISENHOWER

SERMON

PASTOR ANDREW ISENHOWER

HYMN OF THE DAY 639

WHEN WE ARE LIVING

1. When we are liv - ing, \_\_\_\_\_ it is in Christ Je - sus,  
 2. 'Mid times of sor - row \_\_\_\_\_ and in times of pain, \_\_\_\_\_  
 3. A - cross this wide world, \_\_\_\_\_ we shall al - ways find \_\_\_\_\_

and when we're dy - ing, \_\_\_\_\_ it is in the Lord.  
 when sens - ing beau - ty \_\_\_\_\_ or in love's em - brace,  
 those who are cry - ing \_\_\_\_\_ with no peace of mind;

Both in our liv - ing \_\_\_\_\_ and in our dy - ing,  
 wheth - er we suf - fer, \_\_\_\_\_ or sing re - joic - ing,  
 and when we help them, \_\_\_\_\_ or when we feed them,

we be-long to God, \_\_\_\_\_ we be-long to God.  
 we be-long to God, \_\_\_\_\_ we be-long to God.  
 we be-long to God, \_\_\_\_\_ we be-long to God.

Text: Roberto Escamilla, sts. 2-3; Text: tr. George Lockwood, sts. 2-3; tr. Elise S. Eslinger, st. 1, Music: Spanish traditional

**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 power of 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**

Drawn together in the compassion of God, we pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

*The congregation responds to each petition with "hear our prayer."*

All these things and whatever else you see that we need, we entrust to your mercy; through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**SHARING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*The congregation is invited to share the peace either by waving to your car neighbors or by taking this time to quickly send a text message offering God's peace.*

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

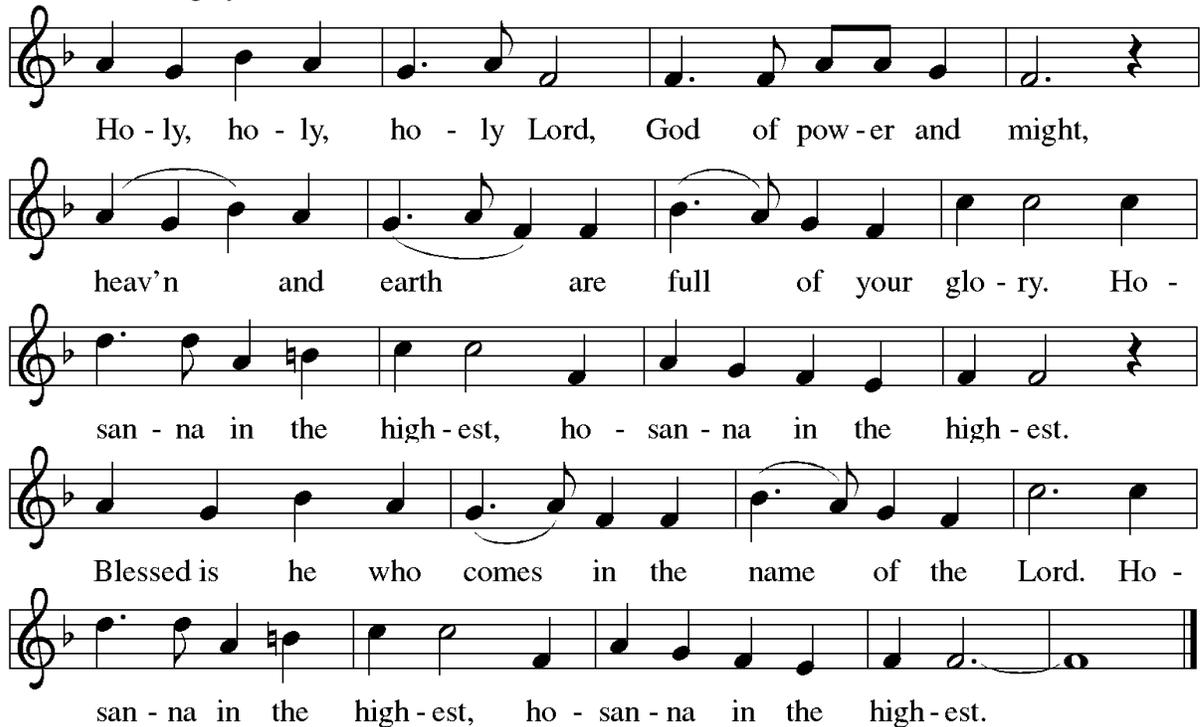
Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

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:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

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

**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.**

## DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

*The Pastor will provide an invitation for those communing to eat the bread, with these words:*

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

**Amen.**

*Afterwards, the Pastor will also provide the invitation to drink the juice.*

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

**Amen.**

## BLESSING OF THE COMMUNICANTS

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

**Amen.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## BENEDICTION

Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN 854

## *BLESSING AND HONOR*

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| 1 Blessing and honor and glory and pow'r,<br>wisdom and riches and strength evermore,<br>be to the Lamb who our battle has won,<br>whose are the kingdom, the crown, and the<br>throne;<br>whose are the kingdom, the crown, and the<br>throne! | 2 Let all the heavens sound forth Jesus' name;<br>let all the earth sing his glory and fame.<br>Ocean and mountain, stream, forest, and<br>flow'r<br>echo his praises and tell of his pow'r;<br>echo his praises and tell of his pow'r. |
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## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

## *BLESSING AND HONOR*

## SEDIO

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**LET US REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS**

**Brookdale Assisted Living** – Wilhelmina Edwards  
**Colonial Gardens Nursing Home** – Irene S. Poole  
**Lowman Home** – Rosemarie Brown, Marianne De Werdt, Martha Haigler  
**NHC Parklane** – Mary Allen, Becky Silvia  
**The Palmettos** – Sara Loyd  
**Rice Estate** – Grace Boozer  
**Wellmore of Lexington** – Dot Correll, Bev Weymouth  
**Wildewood Downs** – Joanna Carpenter, Dot Gibert  
**At their homes** – Gigi Middlebrooks, Larry Evans, Curtis Easter

**SEPTEMBER 6, 2020 ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS**

Drive-In Worship Service: **87**

**\*Budgeted Weekly Benevolence Collections needed: \$8,825**

**\*Current Expenses & Benevolences Received: \$6,924**

**OTHER MISCELLANEOUS OFFERINGS**

Food Pantry	\$100	Capital Improvements	\$60
Altar Flowers	\$180	From Day School (for utilities)	\$150
Social Ministry Focus – Big Red Barn	\$70	Youth Mission Fund - Contributions	\$25
Social Ministry Focus – Happy Wheels	\$195	Processing Fee	\$1

**THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by Raymond and Julie Hendrix to the Glory of God and in memory of Mrs. Virginia Kinney.

**CONGREGATIONAL SYMPATHY** is extended to the family of James Rader, a long-time former member of Good Shepherd, upon his death on August 24, 2020. A memorial service was held Friday, September 4 at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral. James was the son of the late Don and Madeline Rader.

**CRAFT BAGS FOR CHILDREN IN KINDERGARDEN THROUGH FIFTH GRADE** are available for pick up in the area in front of the Chapel. If you would feel more comfortable having a "porch drop-off," please email Katie Bostic at [katiebrettbostic@gmail.com](mailto:katiebrettbostic@gmail.com).

**ZOOM BIBLE STUDY** will be led by Pastor Andrew each Wednesday at 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. A reminder with a meeting link will be sent by email each week.

**SOCIAL MINISTRY SEPTEMBER EMPHASIS** - The Big Red Barn Retreat in Blythewood, which provides a variety of therapeutic services for military veterans, active duty personnel and first responders, is Good Shepherd's Social Ministry emphasis for September. Financial contributions may be made all during the month. Make checks to Good Shepherd and designate for Big Red Barn Retreat. More information is available on the Big Red Barn website.