



**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 20, 2020
GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Please tune your radio to 98.1 FM.

PRELUDE

LORD OF ALL HOPEFULNESS

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 765

LORD OF ALL HOPEFULNESS

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| <p>1 Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
whose trust, ever child-like, no cares could
destroy:
be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of
the day.</p> <p>2 Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane
and the lathe:
be there at our labors, and give us, we pray,
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon
of the day.</p> | <p>3 Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
your hands swift to welcome, your arms to
embrace:
be there at our homing, and give us, we
pray,
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of
the day.</p> <p>4 Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
whose voice is contentment, whose presence
is balm:
be there at our sleeping, and give us, we
pray,
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of
the day.</p> |
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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

Almighty and eternal God, you show perpetual lovingkindness to us your servants. Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgment, and train us to embody the generosity of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

FIRST READING

JONAH 3:10 – 4:11

A reading from Jonah.

¹⁰When God saw what [the people of Ninevah] did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

⁴¹But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. ²He prayed to the LORD and said, “O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. ³And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.” ⁴And the LORD said, “Is it right for you to be angry?” ⁵Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city. ⁶The LORD God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. ⁷But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. ⁸When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, “It is better for me to die than to live.” ⁹But God said to Jonah, “Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?” And he said, “Yes, angry enough to die.” ¹⁰Then the LORD said, “You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. ¹¹And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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 20:1-16

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹“The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. ³When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; ⁴and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. ⁵When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. ⁶And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ ⁷They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ ⁸When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ ⁹When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. ¹⁰Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. ¹¹And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹²saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ ¹³But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ ¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S TIME

PASTOR ANDREW ISENHOWER

SERMON

PASTOR ANDREW ISENHOWER



HYMN OF THE DAY

GRACIOUS SPIRIT, HEED OUR PLEADING



Njo - o kwe - tu, Ro - ho mwe - ma, M - fa - ri - ji we - tu.

- 1 Gra - cious Spir - it, heed our plead - ing, fash - ion us all a - new.
- 2 Come to teach us, come to nour - ish those who be - lieve in Christ.
- 3 Guide our think - ing and our speak - ing done in your ho - ly name.



Tu - fu - ndi - she ya mbi - ngu - ni, tu - we wa - tu wa - pya.

It's your lead - ing that we're need - ing, help us to fol - low you.
Bless the faith - ful, may they flour - ish, strength - ened by grace un - priced.
Mo - ti - vate all in their seek - ing, free - ing from guilt and shame.

Refrain



Njo - o, njo - o, njo - o, Ro - ho mwe - ma.
Come, come, come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.



Njo - o, njo - o, njo - o, Ro - ho mwe - ma.
Come, come, come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.

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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 659

WILL YOU LET ME BE YOUR SERVANT



1 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as
2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney, we are trav - 'lers
3 I will hold the Christ - light for you in the night - time
4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you laugh I'll



Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to
on the road; we are here to help each oth - er
of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you,
laugh with you. I will share your joy and sor - row



let you be my ser - vant, too.
walk the mile and bear the load.
speak the peace you long to hear.
till we've seen this jour - ney through.
let you be my ser - vant, too.

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

LORD OF ALL HOPEFULNESS

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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 – Larry Evans, Curtis Easter

SEPTEMBER 13, 2020 ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS
 Drive-In Worship Service: 73

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

***Current Expenses & Benevolences Received: \$7,830**

OTHER MISCELLANEOUS OFFERINGS

Memorial Fund	\$75	Capital Improvements	\$100
Social Ministry Focus – Big Red Barn	\$335	Altar Flowers	\$60
Lutheran Disaster Relief – Hurricane Laura in LA	\$50		

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given by Rebecca Richardson to the Glory of God and in honor of Ethan Richardson and his grandmother, Naomi Foote, for their shared birthday.

CONGREGATIONAL SYMPATHY is extended to the family of Gigi Middlebrooks upon her death on Tuesday, September 15.

FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION THIS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 – We would encourage everyone to bring food on Food Pantry Sunday, September 20. **The food pantry is in immediate need of canned fruit such as peaches, pears, pineapple, mandarin oranges and fruit cocktail.** If you bring food for the Food Pantry Sunday, place all items in a plastic grocery bag and hand it out your window to an assistant (who will be gloved and masked) **on the way in the parking lot.** No loose items and no personal contact, please! Food can also be brought at any time and put in the bins located in the area in front of the Chapel.

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.

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.