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Know Christ...Make Him Known
Rev. Weston Wildauer, Pastor

WELCOME...to all who are joining us this morning as we receive God's gifts and respond with praise and thanksgiving. For prayer requests, please contact Pastor Wildauer in advance.

To All Who Are Communing: See the back page of today's bulletin for our belief and procedure.

ORDER OF SERVICE

WELCOME

A MOMENT OF SILENCE *to prepare our hearts for worship*

OPENING PRAYER

OPENING HYMN: "God Himself Is Present"

LSB 907

God Himself is present:
Let us now adore Him
And with awe appear before Him.
God is in His temple;
All within keep silence;
Humbly kneel in deepest rev'rence.
He alone
On His throne
Is our God and Savior;
Praise His name forever!

God Himself is present:
Hear the harps resounding;
See the hosts the throne surrounding.
"Holy, holy, holy!"
Hear the hymn ascending,
Songs of saints and angels blending.
Bow Your ear
To us here:
Hear, O Christ, the praises
That Your Church now raises.

**Fount of ev'ry blessing,
Purify my spirit,
Trusting only in Your merit.
Like the holy angels,
Worshiping before You,
May I ceaselessly adore You.
Let Your will
Ever still
Rule Your Church terrestrial
As the hosts celestial.**

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INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(silence for personal reflection and confession)

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE: “Before, You, Lord, We Bow”

LSB 966 v. 1-3

Before You, Lord, we bow,
Our God who reigns above
And rules the world below,
Boundless in pow’r and love.
Our thanks we bring
In joy and praise,
Our hearts we raise
To You, our King!

The nation You have blest
May well Your love declare,
From foes and fears at rest,
Protected by Your care.
For this bright day,
For this fair land—
Gifts of Your hand—
Our thanks we pay.

May ev’ry mountain height,
Each vale and forest green,
Shine in Your Word’s pure light,
And its rich fruits be seen!
May ev’ry tongue
Be tuned to praise
And join to raise
A grateful song.

+ WE HEAR GOD’S WORD +

FIRST LESSON: *When people who call themselves “God’s people” live unscrupulous lives, they are abhorrent. Not only God’s people of old, but we too are called to live lives of honesty and justice and fairness and care.*

Amos 8:4–7

Hear this, you who trample the needy and do away with the poor of the land, saying, “When will the New Moon be over that we may sell grain, and the Sabbath be ended that we may market wheat?”—skimping the measure, boosting the price and cheating with dishonest scales, buying the poor with silver and the needy for a

pair of sandals, selling even the sweepings with the wheat. The Lord has sworn by the Pride of Jacob: "I will never forget anything they have done."

SECOND LESSON: *Our prayers for our government and the governments of the world are directed toward achievement of peace and tranquility so that the Gospel message can be proclaimed.*

Paul's First Letter to Timothy 2:1–15

I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people—for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all people. This has now been witnessed to at the proper time.

And for this purpose I was appointed a herald and an apostle—I am telling the truth, I am not lying—and a true and faithful teacher of the Gentiles. Therefore I want the men everywhere to pray, lifting up holy hands without anger or disputing. I also want the women to dress modestly, with decency and propriety, adorning themselves, not with elaborate hairstyles or gold or pearls or expensive clothes, but with good deeds, appropriate for women who profess to worship God. A woman should learn in quietness and full submission. I do not permit a woman to teach or to assume authority over a man; she must be quiet. For Adam was formed first, then Eve. And Adam was not the one deceived; it was the woman who was deceived and became a sinner. But women will be saved through childbearing—if they continue in faith, love and holiness with propriety.

CHOIR ANTHEM: "Take the World, But Give me Jesus"

HOLY GOSPEL: *The manager in Jesus' very unusual story used all his resources to secure his future. To what extent do we as God's people and the Church today need to be "shrewd" as well in our dealings with our world?*

Luke 16:1–15

[Jesus] also said to the disciples,

"There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his possessions. And he called him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your management, for you can no longer be manager.'

"And the manager said to himself, 'What shall I do, since my master is taking the management away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am

ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do, so that when I am removed from management, people may receive me into their houses.’ So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he said to the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ He said, ‘A hundred measures of oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.’ Then he said to another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He said, ‘A hundred measures of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and write eighty.’

“The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings.

So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else’s property, who will give you property of your own? “No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.”

The Pharisees, who loved money, heard all this and were sneering at Jesus. He said to them, “You are the ones who justify yourselves in the eyes of others, but God knows your hearts. What people value highly is detestable in God’s sight.

NICENE CREED

C: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And he will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian* and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**Christian: the ancient text reads “catholic,” meaning the whole Church as it confesses the wholeness of Christian doctrine.*

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE—PRAYER:

**You are the way; through You alone
Can we the Father find;
In You, O Christ, has God revealed
His heart and will and mind.**

**You are the truth; Your Word alone
True wisdom can impart;
You only can inform the mind
And purify the heart.**

**You are the life; the empty tomb
Proclaims Your conqu’ring arm,
And those who put their trust in You
Not death nor hell shall harm.**

**You are the way, the truth, the life;
Grant us that way to know,
That truth to keep, that life to win
Whose joys eternal flow.**

MESSAGE: All People Served

OFFERING: *(As the offering is received, take this time to meditate on today’s message and how God would have you apply it to your life and respond to it.)*

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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.

+ The Lord’s Supper +

Here our Lord gives to us His own Body and Blood for the forgiveness of all our sins.

WORDS OF OUR LORD

P: The peace of the Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION: *As we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion, the congregation will sing the following hymns:*

“Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness”

LSB 563

**Jesus, Thy blood and righteousness
My beauty are, my glorious dress;
Midst flaming worlds, in these arrayed,
With joy shall I lift up my head.**

**Bold shall I stand in that great day,
Cleansed and redeemed, no debt to pay;
Fully absolved through these I am
From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.**

**Lord, I believe Thy precious blood,
Which at the mercy seat of God
Pleads for the captives' liberty,
Was also shed in love for me.**

**Lord, I believe, were sinners more
Than sands upon the ocean shore,
Thou hast for all a ransom paid,
For all a full atonement made.**

**When from the dust of death I rise
To claim my mansion in the skies,
This then shall be my only plea:
Jesus hath lived and died for me.**

**Jesus, be endless praise to Thee,
Whose boundless mercy hath for me,
For me, and all Thy hands have made,
An everlasting ransom paid.**

INSTRUMENTAL MEDITATION

“Praise and Thanksgiving”

LSB 789

**Praise and thanksgiving,
Father, we offer
For all things living,
Created good:
Harvest of sown fields,
Fruits of the orchard,
Hay from the mown fields,
Blossom and wood.**

**Bless, Lord, the labor
We bring to serve You
That with our neighbor
We may be fed.
Sowing or tilling,
We would work with You,
Harvesting, milling
For daily bread.**

**Father, providing
Food for Your children,
By Your wise guiding
Teach us to share
One with another,
So that, rejoicing
With us, all others
May know Your care.**

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POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with His favor and give you peace.

C: *(sing)* **Amen, Amen, Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but Thou art mighty,
Hold me with Thy pow’ful hand.
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven,
Feed me now and ever more,
Feed me now and ever more.

Open now the crystal fountain,
Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fiery, cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through.
Strong Deliv’rer, strong Deliv’rer,
Be Thou still my Strength and Shield; Be
Thou still my Strength and Shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death and hell’s Destruction,
Land me safe on Canaan’s side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to Thee;
I will ever give to Thee.

Serving In His Worship

08/17	8:00AM	10:30AM
Deacon	David Cameron	Patrick Kirchoff
Musicians	Diane Long	Diane Long
Greeters	Jeanie Boxdorfer	Joel & Susan Allison
Readers	Robin Coole	Michael Hasz
Communion Prep	Marilyn Fritzler	Karen Foster
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TO ALL WHO DESIRE TO RECEIVE COMMUNION



When Jesus said – “*This is My Body...this is My Blood*” – He really meant it. We believe in the real presence of Christ in the Sacrament, not merely in a figurative or symbolic sense. Jesus is present with His Body and Blood, given to us in the bread and wine for the forgiveness of our sins. It is an act of His love, which we don't deserve, we cannot explain, nor even understand. It is the request of our congregation that anyone who wishes to commune with us share our faith. As we participate, we follow Scripture's instruction to – “examine yourself,” using the questions below. We also believe Scripture's instruction to be in unity with our brother.

- Do I believe that I have come short of God's expectations, and am I sorry for my sins?
- Do I believe that Jesus, my Savior and Lord, forgives me?
- Will I, with a grateful heart, and in loving obedience, allow God's Holy Spirit to improve my attitudes, and empower me to live for Him?
- Do I share the confession and therefore unity with this congregation?

If you answer “No” to any question or if it is your first time at Good Shepherd or if you have any additional questions, please speak with the Pastor.

If you wish to commune, please check the box next to your name on the attendance card and place it in the offering plates.

When you are ushered to the front for communion, you are welcome to either kneel or stand. Gluten-free wafers and white grape juice are available to those that for health reasons cannot have wheat wafers and/or wine.