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**Twentieth Sunday after
Pentecost
October 6th, 2024**

Good Morning and Welcome !

About our church

*We are a group of Christians who do our best to live our faith. Sometimes we falter and we often fall short of the glory of God. Because of this, we celebrate God's abundant grace poured out through the love of Jesus Christ. It is this same love that inspires us to carry out our mission statement - **reaching out to all proclaiming God's love in Jesus Christ** - so that everyone would know of the freeing, redeeming, calming, peaceful love of God.*

About our worship

Here at Good Shepherd, we marry the reverence of "high liturgy" with a relaxed, contemporary feel. What does that mean? First, the word - liturgy - means "the work of the people." So our worship is our collective effort to place God on the throne of our hearts. Second, the word - high - refers to the high degree of reverence given to God's presence in our midst. You may see people bow toward or before the altar and the cross or tracing the sign of the cross on their bodies at certain points in worship. You may also notice people clapping in celebration or responding to a question Pastor Troy asks in his sermon. Join in as you feel comfortable!

Navigating our bulletin

*Italicized text is there to help orient you to our worship. Plain text (like this) is meant for the leader to read. Plain, bold text (**like this**) indicates the congregational response. Join in as you feel comfortable!*

We do use a hymnal here at Good Shepherd. You will find a green and blue hymnal in the pew rack in front of you. Each hymn is numbered. Join in the singing as you are comfortable!

Music Prelude

Call to Worship

Rise in body or spirit

Hymn: Green No. 561 - "For the Beauty of the Earth!"

Confession and Forgiveness

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God (Romans 3:23). And so we are given instruction to confess our sin before one another and pray for one another so that we may be healed for the prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective (James 5:16). Therefore, we confess our sin together.

Holy One, you called us to deny ourselves and take up our cross to follow you. We have fallen short of your glory. We have not always loved you as we ought. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In this moment, we humbly pray for your forgiveness as we open our hearts to you.

Faithful siblings in Christ, we once were lost but now we have been found for our redemption is found in Jesus' sacrifice. Therefore, through what Christ has done and by God's grace, you are forgiven in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**

Please be seated

Word

FIRST READING: Genesis 2:18-24

¹⁸The LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." ¹⁹So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. ²⁰The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there

was not found a helper as his partner. ²¹So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. ²²And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. ²³Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken." ²⁴Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

PSALM: Psalm 8

¹O LORD our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!?

²**you whose glory is chanted above the heavens
out of the mouths of infants and children;
you have set up a fortress against your enemies,
to silence the foe¹ and avenger.**

³When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

⁴**what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them,
human beings that you should care for them?**

⁵Yet you have made them little less than divine;
with glory and honor you crown them.

⁶**You have made them rule over the works of your hands;
you have put all things under their feet:**

⁷all flocks and cattle, even the wild beasts of the field,

⁸**the birds of the air, the fish of the sea,
and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.**

⁹O LORD our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

SECOND READING: Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

¹Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, ²but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. ³He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. ^{2:5}Now God did not subject the coming

world, about which we are speaking, to angels. ⁶But someone has testified somewhere, "What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them?" ⁷You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honor, ⁸subjecting all things under their feet." Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, ⁹but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. ¹⁰It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. ¹¹For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, ¹²saying, "I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you."

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Raise in body or spirit

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

The Holy Gospel according Mark the 10th Chapter

Glory to you O Lord

GOSPEL: Mark 10:2-16

²Some Pharisees came, and to test him they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" ³He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" ⁴They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her." ⁵But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this

commandment for you. ⁶But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' ⁷For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, ⁸and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. ⁹Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate." ¹⁰Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. ¹¹He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; ¹²and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery." ¹³People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. ¹⁴But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. ¹⁵Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it. ¹⁶And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ
Please be seated

Sermon - Pastor Troy Spencer

Choir Anthem - "As the Little Child"

Rise in body or spirit

The Confession of Faith - The Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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.

The Prayers of the People

Creator God, you made us for relationship and community.
Thank you for our church family and our siblings in faith across

our community, the world, and throughout time. Guide us in our communities to show others your tremendous, sacrificial love.
Holy God,
hear our prayer.

Reconciling God, you made us in your image - a little lower than angels - and love us more than we can imagine. Even when we were separated from you, you loved us and provided a way back to you. We praise you and thank you for your love poured out for us in Jesus Christ.
Holy God,
hear our prayer.

Sustaining God, you have called us by name to follow you. In this moment, we lift the names of people to you, entrusting them to your love and provision, and we ask that you would surround them with your peace. Today we pray for all those on our prayer list and those we name silently or aloud now...
Holy God,
hear our prayer.

Oh God, you heard every prayer and provided for our every need. We lift these and all our prayers to you in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Sharing of the Peace

The Peace of the Lord be with you always
And also with you.

Oh God, we pray for your healing

Emma Shaffer, Mary Hoida, Elaine Englehardt, Kristian Keefer, David & Sandy Campbell, Bonnie Fausnaught, Donald Fausnaught, Sara Bower, Charlotte Wands, June Swida, Marvin & Joanne Brown, Rachel, Glenbrook Residents, Joe Serafin, Anne Poorbaug, Kim Nespoli, Bonnie Bandics, Brent Spencer, Wendy Shultz, Pray for Peace in our Country, All victims of violence, Kerri Shadle, Piper, Jim and Di Ferguson, Dan Roob, Bruce Gilbert, Tami Womer, Jimmy Ferguson, Michael Styer and Family, Brianna Young, Aslyn and Lisa, Family of Steve Romeo, Family of Mary Jane Laubach, Helen Lenowsky, Family of Gloria Troini, Tim Wentzel, Brodin, Kathy Zelonis, Alexa, Margaret & Joseph Sarafin

Meal

OFFERING PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

☩ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Holy, Holy, Holy

☩ The Lord be with you. ☩ And al - so 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 him thanks and praise.

The Words of Institution - from 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

On the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, 'This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me.' In the same way, after supper he took

the cup, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.

The 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

Please be Seated

Invitation to Communion

Hymn - Green No. 370 - "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

Post Communion Canticle



☞ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let ev-'ry-one who seeks the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-calls his prom-is-es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

Post Communion Prayer

Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Sending

Sending Blessing - from Romans 15:13

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Hymn - Green No. 527 - “ All Creatures of Our God and King“

Dismissal

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

The worship is over, now let the service begin!

**The Flowers are Sponsored by Jody Walp
in Honor of Bettyanne & Monte Kishbach’s
62nd Wedding Anniversary**

**The Sanctuary Candle for October is sponsored
by the Walp Family
In Honor of Bettyanne & Monte Kishbach’s Anniversary**

Worship Leaders for Sunday October 6th, 2024

Presiding Minister	Pastor Troy Spencer
Assisting Minister	Romona Ritter
Communion Assis	Marthan Wentzel
Lector	David DeHaven
Usher	Dr. John Widger, Marilee Ungemach
Acolyte	
Altar Guild	Romona Ritter, Marthan Wentzel
Counting	Sheri Slowick, Marilyn Ungemach
Depositor	Beck Dows
Lock/Unlock	Skip Gogle
Live Stream Tech	Brenda Sterner

Worship Leaders for Sunday October 13th, 2024

Presiding Minister	Pastor Troy Spencer
Assisting Minister	Amber Keefer
Communion Assis	Peggy Yeastedt
Lector	Skip Gogle
Usher	Skip Gogle, Kim Scherier
Acolyte	Addy Berlin
Altar Guild	Romona Ritter, Marthan Wentzel
Counting	Jan Hoida, Marilyn Ungemach
Depositor	Beck Dows
Lock/Unlock	Skip Gogle
Live Stream Tech	Brenda Sterner

Oh God, we thank you for our celebrations

Birthdays

Scott Rehrig	10/08
Lynn Bower	10/09
Erika Zwalkuski Semmel	10/09
Amber Keefer	10/11

Anniversaries

Monte & Bettyanne Kishbach	10/06/1962
Pastor Troy and Emily Spencer	10/07/2023
Loren & Cheryl Collins	10/12/1974

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**The Love Offering for October
will go to the Nescopeck Food Cupboard**

Weekly Announcements

- **October 6th** - 8:30am - Worship Service - **Blanket Sunday**
Children's fellowship hour after service featuring a Bible story
- **October 6th** - "The Chosen" in the Parlor following service
- **October 6th** - 2:00pm - Blessing of the Pets
- **October 8th** - 10:00am - Jesus and Java
- **October 8th** - 7:00pm - Brighter Lite Choir Rehearsal
- **October 8th** - 7:00pm - Community Choir Rehearsal
- **October 9th** - 10:00am- Guided Prayer at Christ Church
- **October 9th** - 7:00pm - Choir Rehearsal
- **October 9th** - 7:00pm - Bell Choir Rehearsal
- **October 10th** - 6:00pm - Committee Meetings
- **October 10th** - 6:00pm - Council Meeting
- **October 13th** - 8:30am - Worship Service
Children's fellowship hour after service featuring a Bible story
- **October 13th -12:00pm - Celebration Luncheon - Sign up
sheet on the table in the Narthex**

Announcements

Sunday, October 6th - 2:00pm - Blessing of the Pets

Sunday, October 13th - 12:00pm

Celebration Luncheon to honor all members of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in the Fellowship Hall.
Sign-up sheet is on the table in the Narthex

Saturday, October 19th - Yard Sale -

from 8 am to 12 pm. Donations of gently used home goods, children's toys, holiday and home decor, etc. are being accepted and then will be sold to the community on October 19th.
Please call Donna Lynn (570)204-1035 or the church office (570) 752-3737 for more information

Sunday, October 20th - 5:00pm - Sunday Funday

Tuesday, October 22nd - 6:00 pm Bible Study - in the Parlor
Discussion on **“Trinity’s Identity”** Follow the link <https://youtu.be/V2hAszREkZ4>. New Episodes will be streaming every few days. Here is the link to Spotify: <https://spotifyanchor-web.app.link/e/.zh6WOSMjEMb>.

Sunday, October 27th - 4:00pm - 6:00pm - TRUNK OR TREAT in the Church parking lot. Decorate your car, truck, camper, bicycle- whatever! Bring them to Good Shepherd and have a great time watching the kids go from vehicle to vehicle, having fun and collecting candy and goodies!!!
A prize will be given for the best vehicle!
A donation of candy would be appreciated if you cannot decorate a vehicle, or you cannot attend

Tuesday, October 29th - 6:00pm -Craft Painting Party Invitation Pepper Jack Crafts 17 Coopers Lane Drums, Pa. 18222
Come Join us for a fun evening of painting!
We will be painting a small Christmas tree.
Cost \$35 - Kit will include the tree, paint and light kit.
Drinks and Snacks will also be provided
Sign-up sheet is located on the table in the Narthex.
We can carpool from the church.
Please contact Donna Lynn with any questions 570-204-1035