



GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH
Ministers: All The People of The Congregation
Called by God to: Grow; Serve; Love; Care and Worship

Pentecost 15..... Contemporary Worship
September 21, 2014..... 9:00 a.m.

ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

Prelude “Wonderful, Merciful Savior”

Welcome and Announcements

Gathering Song: PW # 30 “Great is the Lord”

Call to Worship: From Psalm 145

L: I will proclaim your greatness, my God and King!

C: I will thank you forever and ever. Every day I will thank you!

L: The Lord is great and is to be highly praised!

C: His greatness is beyond understanding!

L: What you have done will be praised from one generation to the next. They will proclaim your mighty acts!

C: They will speak of your glory and majesty, and I will meditate on your wonderful deeds.

L: People will speak of your mighty deeds, and I will proclaim your greatness!

C: They will tell about all your goodness and sing about your kindness.

L: The Lord is loving and merciful, slow to anger and full of constant love.

C: He is good to everyone and has compassion on all he made.

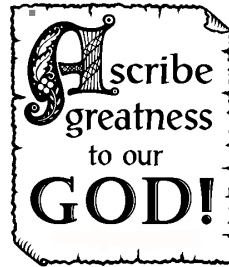
L: All your works praise you, O Lord, and your faithful servants bless you.

C: They make known the glory of your kingdom and speak of your power.

L: The Lord is faithful in all his words, and gracious in all his deeds.

All: MY VOICE WILL SING THE PRAISE OF THE LORD! LET ALL THE PEOPLE PRAISE HIS HOLY NAME FOREVER!

Song: PW # 52 “I Will Sing of the Mercies.”



Prayer of the Day

C: Almighty and eternal God, you show perpetual loving kindness to us your servants. Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgment, and give us wisdom to embody the gracious generosity of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Prayer of Confession: *(sit or kneel)*

C: Most merciful God, slow to anger, and full of compassion, with you there is forgiveness. Deliver us from our transgressions and cleanse us from our secret faults. Give us grace and power to put away hurtful things, that being delivered from bondage to sin we may follow the footsteps of our blessed Lord, and bring forth fruits worthy of repentance.

We hear God’s forgiving promises:

P: As we seek God’s mercy we receive the blessings of his kingdom. God knows our sin, yet chooses to love us with an everlasting love. God knows our daily wandering and our turning away, yet chooses to call us back. Our sins are forgiven and overcome by the life giving presence of Jesus Christ, who died so that we might have a new and abundant life in him.

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HEARING THE WORD OF THE LORD

Lesson . . . Philippians 1:21-30

²¹For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. ²²If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. ²³I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; ²⁴but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. ²⁵Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, ²⁶so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again. ²⁷Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God’s doing. ²⁹For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well ³⁰since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Announcement of Gospel

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 20th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel . . . Matthew 20:1-16

For 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.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children’s Message

The Sermon “God’s Abundant Gift of Grace”

Song of the Day: “Bring Forth the Kingdom”. Printed on Insert

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Statement of Faith

C: We believe in one true God, creator of infinite wisdom and power, ruler of all things, whose love points the direction of the universe, and whose concern is for all of us. We believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God, and the Savior of the World. Jesus is the gift of the Creator’s love, the reason for our hope, and the promise of forgiveness of sin and eternal life. We believe in the Holy Spirit, God present with us, holding us to the truth of Scripture and the example of Jesus, our Lord. We believe that our relationship to God is born out of grace, and we can experience the true love of God in prayer, the Sacraments, the Word, and the fellowship of all believers. We desire that the kingdom of God would come to all people, and the joy of Christ would be ours forever. Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

Offering/Loose Change Offering: “Forever” (worship team)

Prayers of the Church

Words of Institution/The Lord’s Prayer

Holy Communion

Songs during distribution

“Taste and See” (congregation) Printed on Insert

PW # 182 “Seek Ye First” v1, v2, v1

Blessing

Benediction

Sending Song: “Build Us Up, Lord” (song of the month). ELW 670

Dismissal:

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: THANKS BE TO GOD!

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Preaching & Presiding: Rev. Roger Haug

Birthdays -Sept 21-27 (If your birthday is not listed please contact the church office with mm/dd/yy.)

- 21-Melissa Niebuhr 22-Ken Stensrud 24-Ben Groskreutz, 26-Arlyn Fuchs
- 22-Nancy Christensen Dan Treptow 25-Amy Anderson 27-Charlene Harris
- Diane Lutteke

There will be a Special Congregational Meeting on Sunday, September 21, 2014 following the 9:00 a.m. worship service in the Sanctuary for the purpose to approve the following recommendation to the congregation:

- 1. To approve the recommendation from the Call Committee to extend a letter of call
- A 2/3 vote of members present is required to approve the recommendation.

Women of the ELCA General Meeting - Sun., Sept. 21, 2014 , at 10:15 a.m. in the Parlor.

Caring Ministry - There will be a Caring Ministry meeting Wed., Sept. 24th at 4:00 p.m. in the Kitchenette.

LSS Auxiliary Meeting - The Lutheran Social Service Man-Fair Region Auxiliary Fall Rally will be held at East Chain Lutheran Church on Tues., Sept. 23rd at 1:30 p.m. The speaker is Mary Brown, the Director of Congregational Relations at LSS. Ingathering is quilts, Treasure Boxes, cleaning and paper supplies.

Buffalo Roast at Medo Lutheran Church - Sun., Sept. 21st from 4:00-6:00 p.m. Menu includes buffalo, ham, mashed potatoes, cole slaw, rolls, beverage and dessert. Cost is \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children ages 5-12, under 5 are free.

Daily Scripture Readings

Sept 22 -Psalm 106:1-12 Genesis 27:1-29
Romans 16:1-16

Sept 23 -Psalm 106:1-12 Genesis 28:10-17
Romans 16:17-20

Sept 24 -Psalm 106:1-12 Isaiah 41:1-13
Matthew 18:1-5

Sept 25 -Psalm 25:1-9 Ezekiel 12:17-28
James 4:11-16

Sept 26 -Psalm 25:1-9 Ezekiel 18:5-18
Acts 13:32-41

Sept 27 -Psalm 25:1-9 Ezekiel 18:19-24
Mark 11:27-33