

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 14, 2024 9:30am

Gathering Music

Connie Stenzel

Welcome and Announcements

Please stand as you are able

Greeting of Peace

Centering Prayer

"Lord, Help Me"

Gerhard Frost

L: Forgive my absences, Lord,

C: and help me not to miss so much.

L: School me in the full stop

C: and the long look, lest I miss your kind approaches.

L: Tune me to echoes and undertones;

C: make me alive to foretastes and afterglows.

L: Awaken me to your heralds and harbingers,

C: wherever I am. Amen.

Gathering Hymn

"Lord of All Hopefulness"

Red 765

Greeting

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

Kyrie



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



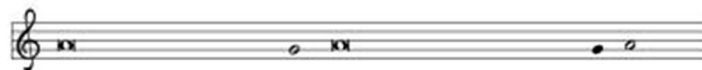
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

Prayer of the Day

L: Gracious God,

C: Sometimes we wait and wait for our prayers to be answered, and we're not sure we can wait anymore. Reassure us that you have not forgotten us. Help us to trust in your steadfast love. In Jesus' name. Amen.

You may be seated

Reading Psalm 13 (Today's English Version)

L: A reading from Psalm 13

How much longer will you forget me, Lord? Forever? How much longer will you hide yourself from me? How long must I endure trouble? How long will sorrow fill my heart day and night? How long will my enemies triumph over me? Look at me, O Lord my God, and answer me. Restore my strength; don't let me die. Don't let my enemies say, "We have defeated him." Don't let them gloat over my downfall. I rely on your constant love; I will be glad, because you will rescue me. I will sing to you, O LORD, because you have been good to me.

L: Holy wisdom, holy Word **C: Thanks be to God**

Children's Time

Please stand as you are able

Gospel Acclamation "Children of the Heavenly Father" Red 781 vv 1-2

- 1 Children of the heav'nly Father safely in his bosom gather;
nestling bird nor star in heaven such a refuge e'er was given.
- 2 God his own doth tend and nourish, in his holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things he spares them, in his mighty arms he bears them.

Gospel Mark 6:14-29

L: The Holy Gospel according to Mark **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹⁴ King Herod heard of [the disciples' preaching,] for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." ¹⁵ But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." ¹⁶ But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised." ¹⁷ For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. ¹⁸ For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." ¹⁹ And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, ²⁰ for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. ²¹ But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. ²² When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." ²³ And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." ²⁴ She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." ²⁵ Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." ²⁶ The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. ²⁷ Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, ²⁸ brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. ²⁹ When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

L: The Gospel of our Lord **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Gospel Acclamation "Children of the Heavenly Father" Red 781 vv 3-4

3 Neither life nor death shall ever from the Lord his children sever;
unto them his grace he showeth, and their sorrows all he knoweth.

4 Though he giveth or he taketh, God his children ne'er forsaketh;
his the loving purpose solely to preserve them pure and holy.

You may be seated

Sermon "When the Bottom Drops Out" Pastor Vern Christopherson

Please stand as you are able

Hymn of the Day "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" Red 773

You may be seated

Commissioning for the ELCA Youth Gathering

Offering Special music by Liam Schrader

Please stand as you are able

Offertory "Praise and Thanksgiving"

Praise and thanksgiving, God, we would offer
for all things living, you have made good:
harvest of sown fields, fruits of the orchard,
hay from the mown fields, blossom and wood.

Father, providing food for your children,
by Wisdom's guiding teach us to share
one with another, so that, rejoicing
with us, all others may know your care.

Prayers of the People

L: One in the communion of saints and in the power of the Holy Spirit, we join our voices in prayer.

After each petition comes the response:

L: In your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

L: Holy God, holy and merciful: into your outstretched arms we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in the one who is the way, the truth, and the life, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

Lord's Prayer

P: Lord, remember us when you come into your kingdom and teach us to pray

C: 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.

Blessing

L: The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,

✠ be upon you now and forever.

Sending Hymn "Day by Day" Red 790

Sending

P: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

C: Thanks be to God.

Sending Music



Kernel Days We would really like to have Good Shepherd represented in the Kernel Day's Parade on August 10th at 5:00 p.m. In order to do this, we need a vehicle and a driver. Please contact the office if you can provide any kind of vehicle, golf cart or ATV, etc. We are considering all options! If you are willing to drive, please call 507-553-3513. The deadline for registration is July 26th.

Preaching: Pastor Vern Christopherson

Pastor's Email: pastorGSLC@bevcomm.net

Scripture Readers: Laura & Avi Love

Pastor Vern will generally be in the office Tues-Sat mornings and many afternoons!

Administrative Secretary: Amy Schroeder

Head Usher: Kent Stern

Recorder: Brad Heggen

Special Music: Liam Schrader

Treasurer: Jackie Huper

Broadcast Bevcomm Cable TV Channel 990: Tues. -11:00am & Wed. -7:30pm & Sat. -11:00am

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- Just now -

Good Shepherd is looking for a Cook for the Wednesday Evening Meal served between 5:00-6:00 pm before the 6:15 church service. This job will follow the School Schedule between September and May. Our main purpose is to serve Families that have children attending Wednesday School and Confirmation, but anyone is welcome to dine. Call 507-553-3513 for more information.

important

Special Congregational meeting July 28 @ 10:30am in the Sanctuary. One of the three air conditioning units in the sanctuary needs to be replaced. The cost to replace it can be paid by the balance we have in our dedicated Furnace Repair &

Replace Fund. The estimated cost is \$6707, which is over the \$5000 limit for which we need congregational approval. We have planned a brief meeting for July 28, 2024, at 10:30 am.

Vouchers are still available if you are able to donate to the Bell Tower repairs. Your gift of any amount is appreciated. Turn it into the offering basket or the mailbox outside the office door. Thank you to all who have donated already!



Looking Ahead:

July 19- 11:00am Funeral for Diana Burns at Good Shepherd

July 21- 10:30am Coffee & Fellowship- Jean Carlson Recognition

July 28- 10:30am Special Congregational Meeting after worship

August 9-11- Kernel Days (Parade Saturday Aug 10th 5pm)

August 14- 3:00pm Caring Ministry Meeting