



**GOOD  
SHEPHERD**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH



August 29, 2021  
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost



SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

O God our strength, without you we are weak and wayward creatures. Protect us from all dangers that attack us from the outside, and cleanse us from all evil that arises from within ourselves, that we may be preserved through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C** Amen.

*(Please sit)*

FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 4:1–2, 6–9

*The Israelites believed the law was a divine gift that provided guidelines for living out the covenant. Moses commands the people to obey the law and to neither add to nor subtract from it. The Israelites are also to teach the law to their children and their children's children.*

**L** <sup>1</sup>So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the LORD, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. <sup>2</sup>You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the LORD your God with which I am charging you.

<sup>6</sup>You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, “Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!” <sup>7</sup>For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is whenever we call to him? <sup>8</sup>And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today?

<sup>9</sup>But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

James 1:17–27

*The letter of James was intended to provide first-century Christians with instruction in godly behavior. Here Christians are encouraged to listen carefully and to act on what they hear, especially by caring for those least able to care for themselves.*

**L** <sup>17</sup>Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. <sup>18</sup>In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

<sup>19</sup>You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; <sup>20</sup>for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. <sup>21</sup>Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of

wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

<sup>22</sup>But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves.

<sup>23</sup>For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; <sup>24</sup>for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. <sup>25</sup>But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

<sup>26</sup>If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. <sup>27</sup>Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*(Please stand)*

#### ALLELUIA VERSE

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#### HOLY GOSPEL

**Mark 7:1–8, 14–15, 21–23**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the seventh chapter.

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

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*Mark's gospel depicts Jesus as challenging traditional ways in which religious people determine what is pure or impure. For Jesus, the observance of religious practices cannot become a substitute for godly words or deeds that spring from a faithful heart.*

**P** <sup>1</sup>Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around [Jesus], <sup>2</sup>they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. <sup>3</sup>(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; <sup>4</sup>and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) <sup>5</sup>So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” <sup>6</sup>He said to them, “Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

‘This people honors me with their lips,  
but their hearts are far from me;

<sup>7</sup>in vain do they worship me,  
teaching human precepts as doctrines.’

<sup>8</sup>You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.”

<sup>14</sup>Then he called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand: <sup>15</sup>there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.”

<sup>21</sup>For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, <sup>22</sup>adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. <sup>23</sup>All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

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*(Please sit)*

<b>KIDS' MESSAGE</b>	<i>"Clean or Unclean?"</i>	Pastor James
<b>HYMN OF THE DAY</b>	<i>"How Great Thou Art"</i>	<b>Hymn No. 801</b>
<b>MESSAGE</b>	<i>"Who Lives in You?"</i>	Pastor James

*(Please stand)*

#### **NICENE CREED**

**☐ We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son.**

**With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.**

**He has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.**

**Amen.**

*(Please sit)*

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

<b>INSTRUMENTAL ANTHEM</b>	<i>"For All the Saints"</i> (Quintessential Brass)	Ralph Vaughan Williams
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*(Please stand)*

#### **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**☐ Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. Amen.**

#### **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

*At the end of each petition, the prayer leader will say "Lord in Your mercy."*

*The congregation responds "Hear our prayer!"*

*Please see the News and Announcements sheet for a listing of intercessions.*

## SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

### PREFACE AND PROPER PREFACE

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SANCTUS [Holy, holy, holy]

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### LORD'S PRAYER

**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.

PAX DOMINI [The peace of the Lord]

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**C** And also with you.

AGNUS DEI [Lamb of God]

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*(Please sit)*

### THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

#### DISTRIBUTION

We believe that Christ is truly present in the bread and wine, according to His Word: "This is My body ... this is My blood" (Matthew 26:26–27), and that in this sacrament our Lord gives us forgiveness of our sins, unity with God, and strength for a life of service.

We invite all baptized Christians who have made their First Communion, examined themselves, discern the body and blood of Christ in the sacrament for the forgiveness of their sins, and sincerely seek to amend their lives to join us at His Table.

**Distribution procedure:** Pastor James will instruct the congregation on this procedure.

*(Please stand)*

### POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

**P** Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray.  
**C** Amen.

### BLESSING

**P** The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, ✠ be upon you now and forever.  
**C** Amen.



## Worship Assistants

Worship Leader & Preacher	Pastor James
Organist	Julie Stone
Reader	Melinda DeWan
Cantor	Jessica Hodges
Quintessential Brass	Zack Smith (trumpet)
	Christian Hinkle (trumpet)
	Kent Baker (French horn)
	Dan Haverstock (trombone)
	Jan Duga (tuba)
Guest Welcome	Deanine Thrash
Greeters	Donna Harper
	Kelly Nield
Projectionist	Jeff Donahue
Ushers	*
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Building Closer	*

\* = worship assistant needed

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**John Stoothoff**

## CORE MINISTRY AREAS

**Worship**

Team Leaders: Georgia Thorstenson and Julie Schorfheide;

Staff Liaison: Pastor Johann

*music, seasonal celebrations, arts, worship schedule, Sanctuary Choir, Children's Choir (Laura Owens), traditional, contemporary, physical space, support personnel (e.g., ushers, greeters, acolytes)*

**Discipleship**

Team Leader: Pastor James (temporary)

*adult education, Sunday school, Vacation Bible School, family ministry, children's ministry, youth ministry*

**Parish Life**

Team Leader: Brian Cors; Staff Liaison: Pastor Johann

*Life Groups (Brian Cors), member engagement, fellowship events, new member inclusion (Melinda DeWan), concerts, public events, picnics, intergenerational events*

**Administration**

Team Leader: Pastor Johann

*property (Roger Thorstenson), financing the mission (Mike DeWan), stewardship (Don Kidwell), human resources/personnel (Matt Franker), communications, contracts, church office, calendar/program management, technology*

**Mission**

Team Leader: Vacant; Staff Liaison: Pastor Johann

*world missions, synod, outreach, social ministry, community service, evangelism, publicity, media, social media*

**Congregational Care**

Team Leader: Marilyn Voigt; Staff Liaison: Pastor Johann

*member care visits, emergency transportation, maintain roster of the willing, guest follow-up*

Good Shepherd is a member congregation of the Southeastern District  
of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

# About Good Shepherd...

## **Our vision**

We will be a congregation known for building up God's people through His Word for His world.

## **Worship**

During worship, God comes to us through his gifts of Word and Sacrament. What a joy to respond with prayer and songs of praise. Our worship services give us opportunity to listen to God's word and meditate upon it, thus feeding our faith; and express our concerns for our friends, families, community, and the world through prayer.

## **Serve**

We are called to actively share the Good News of Jesus Christ through word and deed. One way we share is by serving one another and our neighbors in our community and throughout the world. Look at our Community Service Opportunities listing to find a way to serve.

## **Grow**

We are committed to spiritual growth through the weekly gathering for prayer, praise, and thanksgiving, and through lifelong learning. In addition to growing in knowledge, we want to grow in love and service to others within and beyond our church community.

## **Connect**

As we grow in our love for Jesus and our neighbors, as we serve our neighbors near and far, we help and encourage one another, challenge one another, and share one another's joys and sorrows. We build strong ties when we gather for worship as well as for events throughout the week. Look inside for many opportunities for connection.



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