

GET SOME REST



Ninth Sunday After Pentecost
Living Shepherd Lutheran Church
365 W. Grand Ave Laramie, WY
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WELCOME TO LIVING SHEPHERD!

A FEW NOTES BEFORE WORSHIP

- *We're so glad you joined us for worship today!*
- *Restrooms are located on your right and on your left immediately after you walk through the double doors next to the fire place.*
- *We love having children in our worship service! However, if your child becomes restless, the café (first door on the left past the restrooms) is a great place to regroup and grab a cup of coffee.*
- *You are our guest! If there is something else we can help you with, please let any one of us know!*
- *Finally, you'll find everything you need for worship printed in this service folder. Lord's blessings on your worship!*

TODAY'S SERVICE

Are you tired? If you are, you need to rest! Maybe that's too obvious, but it's easier said than done! It seems easier to talk about the need for rest when tired, than to actually... ..rest. Children are a good example of this. I don't know too many children who are eager to rest when tired. And as frustrating as it can be for parents to deal with a tired child who just won't rest, I know a lot of tired adults who struggle with the same thing—myself included! Sometimes the most difficult thing to do when we need rest, is to actually rest! This morning we'll look at the valuable rest Jesus invites us to.

A PRAYER BEFORE WE BEGIN

Dear Lord, I thank you for giving me this opportunity today to gather together with fellow believers to join in worship and praise. May my worship and meditation this day be pleasing in Your sight and be deserving of Your honor. Amen.

OPENING HYMN

HYMN 304 — JESUS SINNERS DOES RECEIVE



1 Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive; Oh, may all this
2 We de - serve but grief and shame, Yet his words, rich
3 Sheep that from the fold did stray Are not by the
4 Come, O sin - ners, one and all, Come, ac - cept his
5 I, a sin - ner, come to you With a pen - i -



say - ing pon - der Who in sin's de - lu - sions live
grace re - veal - ing, Par - don, peace, and life pro - claim;
Lord for - sak - en; Wea - ry souls who lost their way
in - vi - ta - tion. Come, o - bey his gra - cious call;
tent con - fes - sion. Sav - ior, show me mer - cy, too;



And from God and heav - en wan - der. Here is hope
Here their ills have per - fect heal - ing Who with hum -
Are by Christ, the shep - herd, tak - en In his arms
Come and take his free sal - va - tion! Firm - ly in
Grant for all my sins re - mis - sion. Let these words



for all who grieve— Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.
ble hearts be - lieve— Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.
that they may live— Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.
these words be - lieve— Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.
my soul re - ceive— Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.

6 Oh, how blest it is to know,
Were as scarlet my transgression,
It shall be as white as snow
By your blood and bitter passion,
For these words I do believe—
Jesus sinners does receive.

7 Jesus sinners does receive.
Even I have been forgiven.
And when I this earth must leave,
I shall find an open heaven.
Dying, still to him I cleave—
Jesus sinners does receive.

Text: Erdmann Neumeister, 1671–1756, abr.; tr. composite.

Tune: MEINEN JESUM LASS ICH NICHT (78 78 77) *Neu-verfertigtes Darmstädisches Gesang-Buch*, Darmstadt, 1699, alt.

INVOCATION

*The name of the triune God and the sign of the cross
remind worshipers of their baptisms.*

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

C: **Amen.**

CONFESSION

P: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

C: **Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.
For faithless worrying and selfish pride,
For sins of habit and sins of choice,
For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,
You should cast me away from your presence forever.
O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.**

ABSOLUTION

*The use of the keys is that special power and right which Christ gave to his church on earth:
to forgive the sins of penitent sinners." For further information see John 20:21-23.
Also see Luther's Small Catechism, "The Use of the Keys and Confession."*

P: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

GLORY TO GOD—*Gloria in Excelsis*

Christians praise God by proclaiming the great things he has done to accomplish our rescue from sin. "Glory to God in the Highest" has been a Christian song of worship since the fourth century



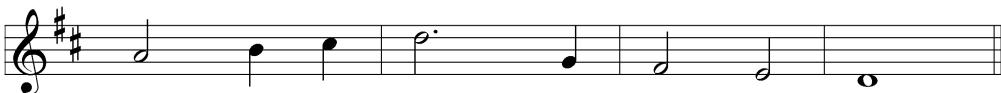
1 All glo - ry be to God on high!
2 Our grate - ful thanks to you we bring,
3 O Lamb of God, to you we pray.
4 You, Christ, are ho - ly— Lord a - lone;



Your name, O Lord, we glo - ri - fy;
For your great glo - ry, heav'n - ly King,
You take all hu - man sin a - way.
The Fath - er's glo - ry you made known.



We praise you for your peace and grace,
For all, O Fath - er, you have done
Have mer - cy, Lord; re - ceive our prayer;
We by your Spir - it sing a - gain:



Your fav - or toward our fal - len race.
Through Je - sus Christ, your on - ly Son.
From God's right hand, your mer - cy share.
"All glo - ry be to God!" A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Grant us, Lord, the spirit to think and do what is right that we, who cannot do anything that is good without you, may by your help be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

GOD'S WORD

JEREMIAH 23:1-6

“Woe to the shepherds who are destroying and scattering the sheep of my pasture!” declares the LORD. ²Therefore this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says to the shepherds who tend my people: “Because you have scattered my flock and driven them away and have not bestowed care on them, I will bestow punishment on you for the evil you have done,” declares the LORD. ³“I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them and will bring them back to their pasture, where they will be fruitful and increase in number. ⁴I will place shepherds over them who will tend them, and they will no longer be afraid or terrified, nor will any be missing,” declares the LORD.

⁵“The days are coming,” declares the LORD, “when I will raise up to David a righteous Branch, a King who will reign wisely and do what is just and right in the land. ⁶In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. This is the name by which he will be called: The LORD Our Righteousness.

PSALM 23 (printed on the next page)

PSALM 23

Refrain



The Lord is my shep - herd; there is noth - ing I shall want.

Psalm tone



The LORD is my shepherd,*
I shall not be in want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures;*
he leads me beside quiet waters.

He restores my soul;*
he guides me in paths of righteousness
for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the valley
of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil,*
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

Refrain

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.*
You anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and love will follow me
all the days of my life,*
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son*
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,*
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Refrain

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EPHESIANS 2:13-22

But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near through the blood of Christ.

¹⁴ For he himself is our peace, who has made the two one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, ¹⁵ by abolishing in his flesh the law with its commandments and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new man out of the two, thus making peace, ¹⁶ and in this one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility. ¹⁷ He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near.

¹⁸ For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.

¹⁹ Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God's people and members of God's household, ²⁰ built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. ²¹ In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. ²² And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.



HYMN OF THE DAY

HYMN 362 — LORD JESUS CHRIST, MY SAVIOR BLEST

(The children may come forward during verse 3 for the children's devotion)



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, My Sav - ior blest,
 2 Lord, as you will, So lead me still;
 3 I have your Word, Christ Je - sus, Lord:
 4 Now hence - forth must I put my trust
 5 Grant, Lord, I pray, Your grace each day,



My Hope and my Sal - va - tion! Lord, hear my
 Your mer - cy fails me nev - er. My God, I
 You nev - er will for - sake me! This will I
 In you, O dear - est Sav - ior. Your gra - cious
 That I, your name re - ver - ing, Your glo - ry



plea: De - liv - er me From mis - er - y!
 pray: Teach me your way To my last day;
 plead In time of need. Oh, help with speed
 choice, Your Word and voice, Make me re - joice
 see And hap - py be E - ter - nal - ly,



Your Word brings con - so - la - tion.
 From e - vil keep me ev - er.
 When trou - bles o - ver - take me!
 Though sin - ful my be - hav - ior.
 Be - fore your throne ap - pear - ing.

Text: Hans C. Sthen, b. c. 1540, abr.; tr. Harriet R. K. Spaeth, 1845–1925, alt.

Tune: HERRE JESU KRIST (447 444 7) Ludvig M. Lindeman, 1812–87.

GOD'S WORD IN OUR LIVES

MARK 6:30-34

GET SOME REST

The apostles gathered around Jesus and reported to him all they had done and taught. ³¹ Then, because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, he said to them, "Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest."

³² So they went away by themselves in a boat to a solitary place. ³³ But many who saw them leaving recognized them and ran on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. ³⁴ When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began teaching them many things.



CONFESSION OF FAITH

- P: Living in a world where people believe that the universe was formed through chance and accident, what do you believe?
- C: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**
- P: Living in a world where people are confronted with the guilt and punishment of sin, what do you believe Jesus did for you?
- C: **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**
- P: Living in a world where people are without hope and certainty, what do you believe?
- C: **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

WORSHIP REGISTERS

*Thanks for visiting us today! We'd love to have a record of your visit!
Any information you'd be willing to share would be greatly appreciated!*

SUMMER BIBLE CAMP SONGS

OFFERING

Moved by God's love in Christ, the people of Living Shepherd offer him our first and best gifts, purely out of thanks to him. To those visiting, you are our guests. While your gifts are welcome, please do not feel obligated to give. You can also support our ministry by clicking the "give" button at www.LivingShepherd.com

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

*We pray on behalf of this church as well as on behalf of
God's people throughout our nation and the world.*

P: O Lord, our God, you are wise and powerful, good and gracious. Your mercies are new every morning. Each day you open your hand and provide for the needs of your children on earth.

C: We praise you for every grace and blessing.

P: Strengthen your Church in all the world. Let your comforting message of salvation in Jesus be proclaimed to troubled souls everywhere.

C: Use our ministries and offerings to extend your healing and your hope.

P: We bring you our requests for the various structures of our society. Bless our national, state and local governments

C: Grant us civil servants who are worthy of honor and respect.

P: Grant prosperity to our businesses and industries. Give employers a sense of fairness toward their workers, and employees a feeling of joy and pride in their workmanship.

C: Help us find satisfaction in all work well done.

P: Invigorate the schools of our land. Give success to every effort that helps students read, think, and communicate in ways that will promote an informed and responsible citizenry. Arouse curious minds to discover the wonders of your creation.

C: Give us teachers and students who pursue excellence.

P: Strengthen the families of our country. Give fathers and mothers a renewed commitment to be good parents. Give children and young people the wisdom to regard their parents as your representatives.

C: Lead us to love one another as you have loved us

P: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions

Silent Prayer (Special intercessions may also be included here)

P: Gracious Father, we pray boldly as Jesus taught, with the confidence that you will hear us and with the faith that you will respond for our welfare. For it was your only Son who taught 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

*The blessing of Aaron has been spoken over God's people for over 3,500 years.
The Lord said, "So they will put my name on [them],
and I will bless them" [Numbers 6:27].*

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

C: **Amen**

CLOSING HYMN

HYMN 336 — COME UNTO ME, YE WEARY

(printed on the next page)

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Come unto Me, Ye Weary



1 "Come un - to me, ye wea - ry, And I will
 2 "Come un - to me, ye wan - d'ers, And I will
 3 "Come un - to me, ye faint - ing, And I will
 4 "And who - so - ev - er com - eth, I will not



give you rest." O bless - ed voice of Je - sus, Which
 give you light." O lov - ing voice of Je - sus, Which
 give you life." O cheer - ing voice of Je - sus, Which
 cast him out." O pa - tient love of Je - sus, Which



comes to hearts op - pressed! It tells of ben - e -
 comes to cheer the night! Our hearts were filled with
 comes to aid our strife! The foe is stern and
 drives a - way our doubt, Which, though we be un -



dic - tion, Of par - don, grace, and peace, Of joy that
 sad - ness, And we had lost our way; But thou hast
 ea - ger; The fight is fierce and long; But thou hast
 wor - thy Of love so great and free, In - vites us



has no end - ing, Of love that can - not cease.
 brought us glad - ness And songs at break of day.
 made us might - y And strong - er than the strong.
 ver - y sin - ners To come, dear Lord, to thee!

Text: William C. Dix, 1837-98, alt.

Tune: ANTHES (76 76 D) Friedrich K. Anthes, 1812-after 1857.

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WELCOME!

We welcome everyone here today and thank you for joining us for Worship! We hope that you will join us again soon.

TREATS FROM SWEETS BAKERY AND COFFEE!

We hope you can stick around after worship to join us for some treats from Sweets Bakery and some freshly brewed coffee!

WORSHIP SET UP

Thanks to those who helped set up for worship today! Next week, the Merseal, Bauer and Strand families are on for set up. Set up starts at 8:30 AM.

SUMMER BIBLE CAMP

Thanks to everyone who helped make this year's Summer Bible Camp reality!

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY PLANS

A new women's Bible study will begin on Wednesday evening, July 25th at 5:30 PM. The study will be held here at the Lincoln Community Center in the Café.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

On Sunday morning, July 29th at 9 AM, we'll have a congregational meeting to update the congregation on a number of things.

OUTDOOR WORSHIP WITH GOOD SHEPHERD

We'll have a joint worship service with Good Shepherd, Cheyenne on Sunday, August 26th at Curt Gowdy State Park. More info to come!

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