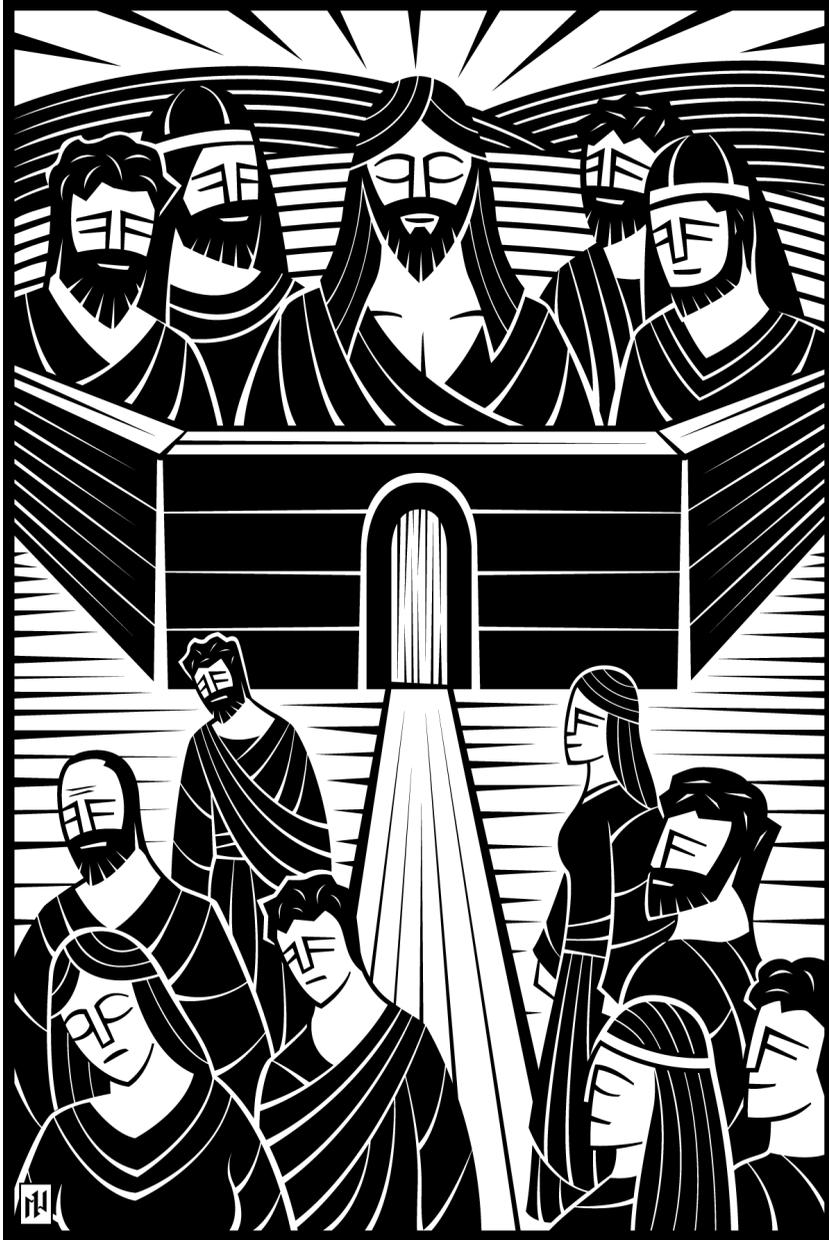


CHILDREN OF THE PROMISE



The Fourteenth 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 go. You'll even find a live audio and video feed!*
- *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

How far would a parent go to protect their child? How far would your God go to protect you? He would go to a cross to guarantee that nothing could ever separate you from his love. Like a parent protecting their child, your God shields you from everything. So why is it that some get separated from their Heavenly Father anyway? This morning we'll look at how so many of God's "chosen people" fell away. As we do, we'll also receive a valuable reminder. Lord's blessings on your worship!

A PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

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 385 — CHIEF OF SINNERS THOUGH I BE



1 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Je - sus shed his
2 Oh, the height of Je - sus' love, High - er than the
3 On - ly Je - sus can im - part Com - fort to a
4 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Christ is all in
5 Strength - en me, O gra - cious Lord, By your Spir - it



blood for me, Died that I might live on high,
heav'ns a - bove, Deep - er than the depths of sea,
wound - ed heart: Peace that flows from sin for - giv'n,
all to me. All my wants to him are known;
and your word. When my way - ward heart would stray,



Lives that I might nev - er die. As the branch is
Last - ing as e - ter - ni - ty, Love that found me—
Joy that lifts the soul to heav'n, Faith and hope to
All my sor - rows are his own. Safe with him in
Keep me in the nar - row way; Grace in time of



to the vine, I am his and he is mine!
won - drous thought!— Found me when I sought him not.
walk with God In the way that E - noch trod.
earth - ly strife, I a - wait the heav'n - ly life.
need sup - ply While I live and when I die.

Text: William McComb, 1793–c. 1870, alt.

Tune: GETHSEMANE (77 77 77) Richard Redhead, 1820–1901.

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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P: Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C: **Amen.** (spoken)

GOD'S WORD

ISAIAH 66:18-24

“And I, because of what they have planned and done, am about to come and gather the people of all nations and languages, and they will come and see my glory.

¹⁹ “I will set a sign among them, and I will send some of those who survive to the nations—to Tarshish, to the Libyans and Lydians (famous as archers), to Tubal and Greece, and to the distant islands that have not heard of my fame or seen my glory. They will proclaim my glory among the nations. ²⁰ And they will bring all your people, from all the nations, to my holy mountain in Jerusalem as an offering to the LORD—on horses, in chariots and wagons, and on mules and camels,” says the LORD. “They will bring them, as the Israelites bring their grain offerings, to the temple of the LORD in ceremonially clean vessels. ²¹ And I will select some of them also to be priests and Levites,” says the LORD.

²² “As the new heavens and the new earth that I make will endure before me,” declares the LORD, “so will your name and descendants endure. ²³ From one New Moon to another and from one Sabbath to another, all mankind will come and bow down before me,” says the LORD. ²⁴ “And they will go out and look on the dead bodies of those who rebelled against me; the worms that eat them will not die, the fire that burns them will not be quenched, and they will be loathsome to all mankind.”

PSALM 72 (printed on the next page)

Psalm 72

Refrain



The light of Christ shines up - on us.



Praise his glo - ri - ous name.

Psalm Tone



Endow the King with your justice, O God,
the royal son with your righteousness.
He will defend the afflicted among the people
and save the children of the needy.

He will endure as long as the sun,
as long as the moon, through all generations.
He will be like rain falling on a mown field,
like showers watering the earth.

Refrain

All kings will bow down to him
and all nations will serve him.
All nations will be blessed through him,
and they will call him blessed.

May his name endure forever;
may it continue as long as the sun.
Praise be to the LORD God, who alone does marvelous deeds.
May the whole earth be filled with his glory.

**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

LUKE 13:22-30

Then Jesus went through the towns and villages, teaching as he made his way to Jerusalem. ²³ Someone asked him, "Lord, are only a few people going to be saved?"

He said to them, ²⁴ "Make every effort to enter through the narrow door, because many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able to. ²⁵ Once the owner of the house gets up and closes the door, you will stand outside knocking and pleading, 'Sir, open the door for us.'

"But he will answer, 'I don't know you or where you come from.'

²⁶ "Then you will say, 'We ate and drank with you, and you taught in our streets.'

²⁷ "But he will reply, 'I don't know you or where you come from. Away from me, all you evildoers!'

²⁸ "There will be weeping there, and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, but you yourselves thrown out. ²⁹ People will come from east and west and north and south, and will take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God. ³⁰ Indeed there are those who are last who will be first, and first who will be last."



HYMN OF THE DAY

HYMN 431 — I WALK IN DANGER ALL THE WAY

CHILDREN MAY COME FORWARD DURING VS 4 FOR THE CHILDREN'S DEVOTION



1 I walk in dan - ger all the way; The thought
2 I pass through tri - als all the way, With sin
3 Grim death pur - sues me all the way; No - where
4 I walk with an - gels all the way; They shield
5 I walk with Je - sus all the way; His guid -



shall nev - er leave me That Sa - tan, who has
and ills con - tend - ing; In pa - tience I must
I rest se - cure - ly. He comes by night, he
me and be - friend me. All Sa - tan's pow'r is
ance nev - er fails me. He takes my ev - 'ry



marked his prey, Is plot - ting to de - ceive
bear each day The cross of God's own send -
comes by day, And takes his prey most sure -
held at bay When heav'n - ly hosts at - tend
fear a - way When Sa - tan's pow'r as - sails



me. This foe with hid - den snares May seize me
ing. Oft in ad - ver - si - ty I know not
ly. A fail - ing breath, and I In death's strong
me. They are my sure de - fense; All fear and
me, And, by his foot - steps led, My path I



un - a - wares If e'er I fail to watch and
where to flee When storms of woe my soul dis -
grasp may lie To face e - ter - ni - ty to -
sor - row, hence! Un - harmed by foes, do what they
safe - ly tread. In spite of ills that threat - en



pray; I walk in dan - ger all the way.
may; I pass through tri - als all the way.
day. Grim death pur - sues me all the way.
may, I walk with an - gels all the way.
may, I walk with Je - sus all the way.

6 My walk is heav'nward all the way;
Await, my soul, the morrow,
When you farewell can gladly say
To all your sin and sorrow.
All worldly pomp, begone!
To heav'n I now press on.
For all the world I would not stay;
My walk is heav'nward all the way.

Text: Hans A. Brorson, 1694–1764; tr. Ditlef G. Ristad, 1863–1938, alt.
Tune: DER LIEBEN SONNE LICHT UND PRACHT (87 87 66 88) Freylinghausen, *Geist-reiches Gesang-Buch*,
4th ed., Halle, 1708.

GOD'S WORD IN OUR LIVES

ROMANS 9:1-9

CHILDREN OF THE PROMISE

I speak the truth in Christ—I am not lying, my conscience confirms it through the Holy Spirit—² I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³ For I could wish that I myself were cursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my people, those of my own race, ⁴ the people of Israel. Theirs is the adoption to sonship; theirs the divine glory, the covenants, the receiving of the law, the temple worship and the promises. ⁵ Theirs are the patriarchs, and from them is traced the human ancestry of the Messiah, who is God over all, forever praised! Amen.

⁶ It is not as though God's word had failed. For not all who are descended from Israel are Israel. ⁷ Nor because they are his descendants are they all Abraham's children. On the contrary, "It is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned." ⁸ In other words, it is not the children by physical descent who are God's children, but it is the children of the promise who are regarded as Abraham's offspring. ⁹ For this was how the promise was stated: "At the appointed time I will return, and Sarah will have a son."

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.**

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.*

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!*

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

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 449 — CHILDREN OF THE HEAVENLY FATHER (printed on pages 14)

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Children of the Heavenly Father



1 Chil - dren of the heav'n - ly Fa - ther Safe - ly
 2 God his own doth tend and nour - ish; In his
 3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er From the
 4 Though he giv - eth or he tak - eth, God his



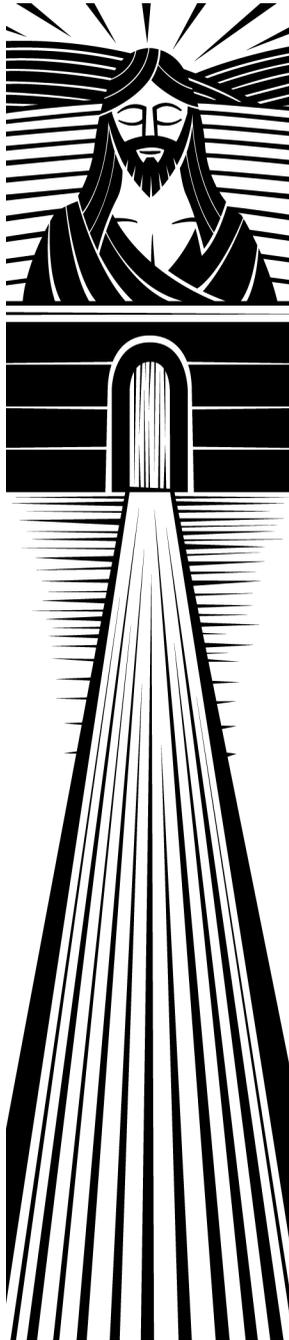
in his bos - om gath - er; Nest - ling bird or star in
 ho - ly courts they flour - ish. From all e - vil things he
 Lord his chil - dren sev - er; Un - to them his grace he
 chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth; His the lov - ing pur - pose



heav - en Such a ref - uge ne'er was giv - en.
 spares them; In his might - y arms he bears them.
 show - eth, And their sor - rows all he know - eth.
 sole - ly To pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

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Tune: TRYGGARE KAN INGEN VARA (LM Trochaic) Swedish folk tune, 19th century.



WELCOME!

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

SUMMER BIBLE BASICS!

Bible Basics continues this week on Tuesday night with our Basics of Christian Teaching class. Class will once again be at Pastor Z's house, 1668 Coughlin St. We'll grill some food at 5:30 and study will start at 6:30. Hope you can join us!

TREATS FROM SWEETS AND COAL CREEK COFFEE!

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

OUTDOOR WORSHIP NEXT WEEK!

Next week August 28th is our outdoor worship service with Good Shepherd, Cheyenne. Worship will be at Curt Gowdy State Park at 11:30 AM. We'll be in the Sherman Hills Campground loop!

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