

# *HUMBLE SERVICE*



Nineteenth 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

*The gifts of God are so rich and varied that the devil uses that very generosity in God to stir up jealousy and envy. Expect it in others; find it yourself as well! That weakness makes it crystal clear that our need for a Savior is a constant one. It makes it equally clear that our struggle against our own flesh gives us much more difficulty and anguish than the hostility or the persecution from the world. All that is left to us is to cry: God, be merciful to me, a sinner. Pardon, cleanse, and restore me, that I may serve not self but you, not for my own gain, but for the benefit of those who bear the cross with me!*

## 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 192 — TRIUNE GOD, OH, BE OUR STAY



Tri - une God, oh, be our stay And let us per - ish nev - er!



Cleanse us from our sins, we pray, And grant us life for - ev - er.



Keep us from the e - vil one; Up - hold our faith most ho - ly;



Grant us to trust you sole - ly With hum - ble hearts and



low - ly. Let us put God's ar - mor on, With all true



Chris - tians run - ning Our heav'n - ly race and shun - ning



The dev - il's wiles and cun - ning. A - men, a - men!



This be done; So sing we, Al - le - lu - ia!

*This hymn may also be sung as follows:*

- 1 God the Father, be our stay . . .
- 2 Jesus Christ, oh, be our stay . . .
- 3 Holy Spirit, be our stay . . .

# 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



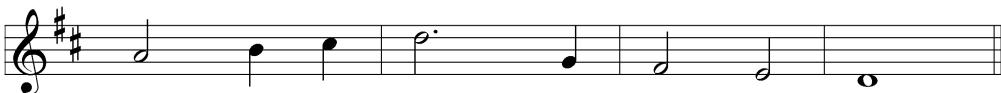
1 All glo - ry be to God on high!  
2 Our grate - ful thanks to you we bring,  
3 O Lamb of God, to you we pray.  
4 You, Christ, are ho - ly— Lord a - lone;



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: Mercifully grant, O God, that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts, for without your help we are unable to please you; 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

*MARK 9:38-50*

*“Teacher,” said John, “we saw a man driving out demons in your name and we told him to stop, because he was not one of us.”*

*<sup>39</sup> “Do not stop him,” Jesus said. “No one who does a miracle in my name can in the next moment say anything bad about me, <sup>40</sup> for whoever is not against us is for us. <sup>41</sup> I tell you the truth, anyone who gives you a cup of water in my name because you belong to Christ will certainly not lose his reward.*

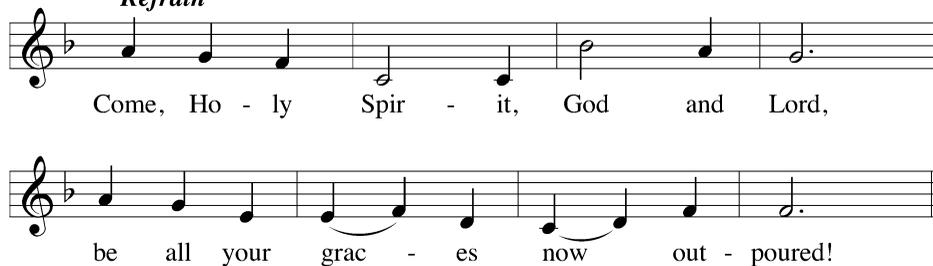
*<sup>42</sup> “And if anyone causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to be thrown into the sea with a large millstone tied around his neck. <sup>43</sup> If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life maimed than with two hands to go into hell, where the fire never goes out. <sup>45</sup> And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life crippled than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. <sup>47</sup> And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell, <sup>48</sup> where “ ‘their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched.’*

*<sup>49</sup> Everyone will be salted with fire. <sup>50</sup> “Salt is good, but if it loses its saltiness, how can you make it salty again? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with each other.”*

*PSALM 51B (printed on the next page)*

# Psalm 51b

## *Refrain*



Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, God and Lord,  
be all your grac - es now out - poured!

## *Psalm Tone*



O Lord, open my lips,  
and my mouth will declare your praise.

Save me from bloodguilt, O God, the God who saves me,  
and my tongue will sing of your righteousness.

You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it;  
you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings.

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;  
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

## *Refrain*

Create in me a pure heart, O God,  
and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

Do not cast me from your presence  
or take your Holy Spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation  
and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

Then I will teach transgressors your ways,  
and sinners will turn back to you.

**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*

*JAMES 4:7-12*

*Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. <sup>8</sup> Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. <sup>9</sup> Grieve, mourn and wail. Change your laughter to mourning and your joy to gloom. <sup>10</sup> Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up.*

*<sup>11</sup> Brothers, do not slander one another. Anyone who speaks against his brother or judges him speaks against the law and judges it. When you judge the law, you are not keeping it, but sitting in judgment on it. <sup>12</sup> There is only one Lawgiver and Judge, the one who is able to save and destroy. But you—who are you to judge your neighbor?*



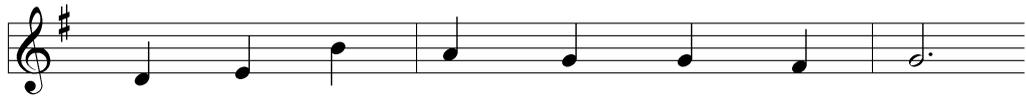
# HYMN OF THE DAY

## HYMN 513 — LORD JESUS CHRIST, THE CHILDREN'S FRIEND

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



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, the chil - dren's friend,  
2 In Chris - tian homes, Lord, let them be  
3 That car - ing par - ents, gra - cious Lord,  
4 That all of us, your chil - dren dear,



To each of them your pres - ence send;  
Your bless - ing to their fam - i - ly;  
And faith - ful teach - ers find re - ward  
By Christ re - deemed, may Christ re - vere.



Call them by name and keep them true  
Let Chris - tian schools your work ex - tend  
In lead - ing these, to whom you call,  
Lead us in joy that all we do



In lov - ing faith, dear Lord, to you.  
In liv - ing truth as you in - tend,  
To find in Christ their all in all.  
Will wit - ness to our love for you.

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# GOD'S WORD IN OUR LIVES

*NUMBERS 11:16, 24-29*

*HUMBLE SERVICE*

*The LORD said to Moses: "Bring me seventy of Israel's elders who are known to you as leaders and officials among the people. Have them come to the Tent of Meeting, that they may stand there with you.*

*<sup>24</sup> So Moses went out and told the people what the LORD had said. He brought together seventy of their elders and had them stand around the Tent. <sup>25</sup> Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke with him, and he took of the Spirit that was on him and put the Spirit on the seventy elders. When the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied, but they did not do so again.*

*<sup>26</sup> However, two men, whose names were Eldad and Medad, had remained in the camp. They were listed among the elders, but did not go out to the Tent. Yet the Spirit also rested on them, and they prophesied in the camp. <sup>27</sup> A young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp."*

*<sup>28</sup> Joshua son of Nun, who had been Moses' aide since youth, spoke up and said, "Moses, my lord, stop them!" <sup>29</sup> But Moses replied, "Are you jealous for my sake? I wish that all the LORD's people were prophets and that the LORD would put his Spirit on them!"*

# 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!*

## 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](http://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 462 — OH, THAT THE LORD WOULD GUIDE MY WAYS*

*(printed on the next page)*

# 462 Oh, that the Lord Would Guide My Ways



1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways To  
 2 Or - der my foot - steps by your Word, And  
 3 As - sist my soul, too apt to stray, A  
 4 Make me to walk in your com - mands— 'Tis



keep his stat - utes still! Oh, that my God would  
 make my heart sin - cere; Let sin have no do -  
 strict - er watch to keep; And should I e'er for -  
 a de - light - ful road— Nor let my head or



grant me grace To know and do his will!  
 min - ion, Lord, But keep my con - science clear.  
 get your way, Re - store your wan - d'ring sheep.  
 heart or hands Of - fend a - gainst my God.

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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!

## BIBLE STUDY

Join us Sunday mornings at 9 AM for a Bible study on the Christian Family.

## WORSHIP SET UP

Thanks to those who helped set up for worship today! Next week, the Campus Ministry and Jenkins' Family are on for set up. Set up starts at 8:30 AM.

## WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY PLANS

Our women's Bible study will continue this Wednesday evening, October 3rd at 6 PM. The study will be held here at the Lincoln Community Center in the Café.

## BIBLE BASICS CLASSES CONTINUE THIS WEEK!

A new round of Bible Basics classes continues this week! Let pastor know if you're interested in the class!

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