

"NOW I KNOW!"



*The Third Sunday After Pentecost
Living Shepherd Lutheran Church
1301 S. 5th St. 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!*
- *Our restrooms are located in the basement through the door nearest the piano.*
- *We love having children in our worship service! However, if your child becomes restless, we have a children's play area downstairs along with an audio and video feed of the service.*
- *You are our guest! If there is something else we can help you with, please let an usher know!*
- *Finally, with the exception of a few hymns and the Psalm, you'll find everything you need for worship printed in this service folder. Lord's blessings on your worship!*

TODAY'S SERVICE

All sorts of things can make a person feel weak. Sicknesses and diseases often make us realize our physical weaknesses just like depression and anxiety often make us keenly aware of our emotional weaknesses. But nothing makes us more aware of just how weak we are than death. Today, we'll see two examples of death in its most tragic form. The good news is, we'll also find there is strength for even our weakest moments!

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 429 — WHAT GOD ORDAINS IS ALWAYS GOOD

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: O God, you rule over all things in wisdom and kindness. Take away everything that may be harmful and give us whatever is good; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.** (spoken)

GOD'S WORD

PHILIPPIANS 1:18b-26

But what does it matter? The important thing is that in every way, whether from false motives or true, Christ is preached. And because of this I rejoice.

Yes, and I will continue to rejoice,¹⁹ for I know that through your prayers and the help given by the Spirit of Jesus Christ, what has happened to me will turn out for my deliverance.²⁰ I eagerly expect and hope that I will in no way be ashamed, but will have sufficient courage so that now as always Christ will be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death.²¹ For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.²² If I am to go on living in the body, this will mean fruitful labor for me. Yet what shall I choose? I do not know!²³ I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far;²⁴ but it is more necessary for you that I remain in the body.²⁵ Convinced of this, I know that I will remain, and I will continue with all of you for your progress and joy in the faith,²⁶ so that through my being with you again your joy in Christ Jesus will overflow on account of me.

PSALM 30 (printed on the next page)

Psalm 30

Refrain



Je - sus Christ is ris - en to - day. Al - le - lu - ia!

Psalm Tone



Sing to the LORD, you saints of his;
praise his holy name.

For his anger lasts only a moment,
but his favor lasts a lifetime;

weeping may remain for a night,
but rejoicing comes in the morning.

Refrain

To you, O LORD, I called;
to the Lord I cried for mercy:

“Hear, O LORD, and be merciful to me;
O LORD, be my help.”

You turned my wailing into dancing,
that my heart may sing to you and not be silent.

**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 7:11-17

Soon afterward, Jesus went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a large crowd went along with him. ¹² As he approached the town gate, a dead person was being carried out—the only son of his mother, and she was a widow. And a large crowd from the town was with her. ¹³ When the Lord saw her, his heart went out to her and he said, “Don’t cry.”

¹⁴ Then he went up and touched the coffin, and those carrying it stood still. He said, “Young man, I say to you, get up!” ¹⁵ The dead man sat up and began to talk, and Jesus gave him back to his mother.

¹⁶ They were all filled with awe and praised God. “A great prophet has appeared among us,” they said. “God has come to help his people.” ¹⁷ This news about Jesus spread throughout Judea and the surrounding country.

HYMN OF THE DAY

HYMN 413 — WHEN IN THE HOUR OF UTMOST NEED

CHILDREN MAY COME FORWARD DURING VS 4 FOR THE CHILDRENS’ DEVOTION

GOD'S WORD IN OUR LIVES

1 KINGS 17:17-24

"NOW I KNOW!"

Some time later the son of the woman who owned the house became ill. He grew worse and worse, and finally stopped breathing. ¹⁸ She said to Elijah, "What do you have against me, man of God? Did you come to remind me of my sin and kill my son?"

¹⁹ "Give me your son," Elijah replied. He took him from her arms, carried him to the upper room where he was staying, and laid him on his bed. ²⁰ Then he cried out to the LORD, "O LORD my God, have you brought tragedy also upon this widow I am staying with, by causing her son to die?" ²¹ Then he stretched himself out on the boy three times and cried to the LORD, "O LORD my God, let this boy's life return to him!"

²² The LORD heard Elijah's cry, and the boy's life returned to him, and he lived. ²³ Elijah picked up the child and carried him down from the room into the house. He gave him to his mother and said, "Look, your son is alive!"

²⁴ Then the woman said to Elijah, "Now I know that you are a man of God and that the word of the LORD from your mouth is the truth."



CONFESSION OF FAITH

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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. 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, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian* 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.

**The original text here reads "catholic," a word meaning "universal." The Church consists of all believers in heaven and on earth, of every time in history.*

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!*

INSTALLATION OF VICAR STEVEN SAATKAMP

Dear Steve: Since you have been called as a vicar for this congregation, and are about to begin your service, it would be fitting for you to be reminded of the solemn duties of your office.

As a student preparing to be a pastor, you are to assist the pastor in the various areas of the ministry; preaching and teaching, administering the Sacraments, instructing the young, seeking the lost, comforting the sorrowing, visiting the sick, and always having at heart and praying for the spiritual welfare of the souls gathered here.

Saint Paul's instructions to pastors apply to you as well: "Now the overseer must be above reproach, the husband of but one wife, temperate, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, not given to drunkenness, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. He must manage his own family well and see that his children obey him with proper respect. (If anyone does not know how to manage his own family, how can he take care of God's church?) He must not be a recent convert, or he may become conceited and fall under the same judgment as the devil. He must also have a good reputation with outsiders, so that he will not fall into disgrace and into the devil's trap."

Having been trained in the truths of the Word at our Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, and having been properly called to Living Shepherd, I therefore ask you in the presence of God and these witnesses: Are you willing and ready to perform faithfully the duties of your ministry? Then answer, "**I am.**"

Will you preach and teach the pure Word of God in accordance with the Confessions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, and make the teaching about God the Savior attractive by living a godly life? Then answer, "**I do so intend, with the help of God.**"

Dear Members of Living Shepherd: You have heard the solemn promise given by him whom you have called to be your vicar. Remember the words recorded in the book of 1Timothy: "Here is a trustworthy saying: If anyone sets his heart on being an overseer, he desires a noble task."

I therefore ask you: Do you intend to pray for Vicar Saatkamp, to support him, and to assist him in the various aspects of his service and his training among us? If so, then answer by saying, "**We do so intend, with the help of God.**"

Steven Saatkamp, I officially install you as vicar for Living Shepherd Lutheran Church, in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Be diligent and faithful in the performance of your duties, serving not because you must, but because you are willing. "May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing His will. Amen." (Heb 13:20-21)

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

P: Dear friends in Christ, the people standing before you have expressed a desire to become members of Living Shepherd Lutheran Church because they are fully convinced that God's Word is taught in its truth and purity and that the Sacraments are administered as instituted by Christ. I, therefore, ask you _____, in the presence of God and of this congregation, "Do you acknowledge and confess the teachings of this church to be the true and unaltered teachings of God? And, if so, do you intend to defend them as such?" If you agree, answer by saying, "I do."

New Members: I do.

P: Do you, therefore, desire to be received by us into the fellowship of this church body and of this congregation? If so, answer by saying, "I do."

New Members: I do.

P: Do you intend to continue in the confession of this church, to make faithful use of the means of grace in worship and in Bible study, to encourage the other members here and be encouraged by them in various fellowship activities, and lead a God-pleasing life until the end?" If so, answer by saying, "I do so intend with the help of God."

New Members: I do so intend with the help of God.

P: Upon these, your promises, I, in the name of this congregation extend to you the right hand of fellowship in love and acknowledge you as members of our church. We publicly affirm our invitation to you to join us at the reception of the Lord's Supper, and to participate in all the other blessings offered to you by the hand of God through the ministry of Living Shepherd Lutheran Church, in the name of the Father, and of the Son †, and of the Holy Spirit.

P: Fellow members of Living Shepherd, _____ are now a part of this gathering of believers. As their brothers and sisters in Christ, do you intend to support and encourage them as they walk with us and join in our mission to know Christ and make him known? If so, answer by saying, "We do so intend with the help of God."

Members: We do so intend with the help of God.



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.**

PREFACE

The words of the Preface mark the beginning of the Sacrament section of the service and lift the worshipers' hearts in praise. The opening sentences are among the oldest in the Christian liturgy.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: 
C: **And al - so with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: 
C: **We lift them up un - to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: 
C: **It is good and right so to do.**

P: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock till he comes again in glory. Therefore with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY –*Sanctus*

Sanctus means "holy." Used possibly as early as the second century, this canticle was in wide use among Christians in worship by the fourteenth century.

C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -
 na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -
 na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*As he speaks the Words of Institution, the minister both proclaims the words of Jesus to the congregation and sets apart the bread and wine for the Lord's use.
The sign of the cross reminds us of Christ's death.*

- P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my (+) body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."
- P: Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my (+) blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."
- P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.



LAMB OF GOD—*Agnus Dei*

Jesus is God's Lamb [Agnus Dei], who was offered as a sacrifice for sin once for all.



C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;



have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;



grant us your peace. A - - - men.

DISTRIBUTION

The Scriptures teach that the celebration of the Lord's Supper connects us intimately with Christ and with one another as Christians who are united around a common confession of faith. In light of our Lord's clear warning concerning His Holy Supper in 1 Corinthians 11:27-29, we ask you take the opportunity to join us in studying what our God has to say concerning this Holy Supper prior to communing. If you wish to come forward at the direction of our usher and have not yet declared fellowship with us, you may do so and will receive a blessing.

SONG OF SIMEON—*Nunc Dimittis*

*The Nunc Dimittis ["Now dismiss"] is also known as the "Song of Simeon."
Through God's Word and Sacrament, we have seen Jesus Christ, and like
Simeon we find divine peace and comfort through faith in the Savior.*

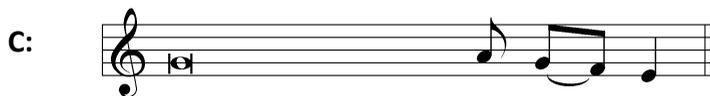


C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing
to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-
pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the
Gen-tiles and the glo - ry of your peo-ple Is - ra - el.



THANKSGIVING

P: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.



C: **And his mercy endures for - ev - er.**

P: We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet that you have given us to eat and to drink in this sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: **A - men.**

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: **A - men. A - men. A - men.**

CLOSING HYMN

HYMN 606 — FOR ME TO LIVE IS JESUS

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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.

JUNE CALENDAR

Check your mailboxes after worship! You'll find your June calendar as well as other information.

WELCOME TO VICAR STEVEN SAATKAMP

After worship this morning, we invite you to join us for coffee and baked goods from Sweet's Bakery. Join us as we also welcome Vicar Saatkamp to Laramie.

DISTRICT CONVENTION

The Nebraska District will convene its 2016 Biennial Convention tomorrow evening (June 6th) with worship 5:00 pm at Bethel Evangelical Lutheran Church in York, Nebraska. The convention will continue on Tuesday and Wednesday at Nebraska Evangelical Lutheran High School in Waco, Nebraska. Coverage of the convention proceedings will be streamed live via the Internet (and archived for future viewing). You can go to www.welsne.org to watch the activity on the convention floor.

JUNE 18TH SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

Our brothers and sisters up and down the front range will be getting together on Saturday June 18th for a softball tournament. If you are interested in playing let pastor know!

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