

A PROPHET WITHOUT HONOR



Seventh 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

It is quite bad enough when Jesus is rejected by those who do not know him. But how painful to him when those who should have been first to recognize him instead reject him. The world, even our own so richly blessed country, exchanges the Child in Bethlehem for Santa Claus and the Risen Christ for the Easter bunny. No surprise there. But what of those in our own churches and families who think they know him so well that they no longer know him at all? Only the Word and reliance on it gets us past that stumbling block. This morning, as we see Jesus rejected by his own hometown, may we resolve never to reject him!

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 282 — LORD, OPEN NOW MY HEART TO HEAR



1 Lord, o - pen now my heart to hear, And through your
2 Your Word in - spires my heart with - in; Your Word grants
3 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, And God the



Word to me draw near. Let me your Word e'er pure re -
heal - ing from my sin. Your Word has pow'r to guide and
Spir - it, Three in One, Shall glo - ry, praise, and hon - or



tain; Let me your child and heir re - main.
bless; Your Word brings peace and hap - pi - ness.
be Now and through - out e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: Johannes Olearius, 1611–84; tr. Matthias Loy, 1828–1915, st. 1, 3, alt.; Mark A. Jeske, b. 1952, st. 2.
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Tune: ERHALT UNS, HERR (LM) Klug, *Geistliche Lieder zu Wittenberg*, Wittenberg 1543, 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



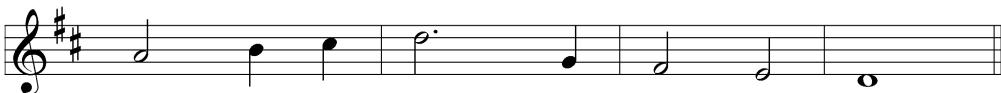
1 All glo - ry be to God on high!
2 Our grate - ful thanks to you we bring,
3 O Lamb of God, to you we pray.
4 You, Christ, are ho - ly— Lord a - lone;



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: God of all power and might, you are the giver of all that is good. Help us love you with all our heart, strengthen us in true faith, provide us with all we need, and keep us safe in your care; 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

EZEKIEL 2:1-3:4

He said to me, "Son of man, stand up on your feet and I will speak to you."² As he spoke, the Spirit came into me and raised me to my feet, and I heard him speaking to me.³ He said: "Son of man, I am sending you to the Israelites, to a rebellious nation that has rebelled against me; they and their fathers have been in revolt against me to this very day.⁴ The people to whom I am sending you are obstinate and stubborn. Say to them, 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says.'⁵ And whether they listen or fail to listen—for they are a rebellious house—they will know that a prophet has been among them.⁶ And you, son of man, do not be afraid of them or their words. Do not be afraid, though briars and thorns are all around you and you live among scorpions. Do not be afraid of what they say or terrified by them, though they are a rebellious house.⁷ You must speak my words to them, whether they listen or fail to listen, for they are rebellious.⁸ But you, son of man, listen to what I say to you. Do not rebel like that rebellious house; open your mouth and eat what I give you."

⁹ Then I looked, and I saw a hand stretched out to me. In it was a scroll,¹⁰ which he unrolled before me. On both sides of it were written words of lament and mourning and woe.

^{3:1} And he said to me, "Son of man, eat what is before you, eat this scroll; then go and speak to the house of Israel."² So I opened my mouth, and he gave me the scroll to eat.³ Then he said to me, "Son of man, eat this scroll I am giving you and fill your stomach with it." So I ate it, and it tasted as sweet as honey in my mouth.

⁴ He then said to me: "Son of man, go now to the house of Israel and speak my words to them.

2 TIMOTHY 3:10-4:5

You, however, know all about my teaching, my way of life, my purpose, faith, patience, love, endurance,¹¹ persecutions, sufferings—what kinds of things happened to me in Antioch, Iconium and Lystra, the persecutions I endured. Yet the Lord rescued me from all of them.¹² In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted,¹³ while evil men and impostors will go from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived.¹⁴ But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it,¹⁵ and how from infancy you have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.¹⁶ All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness,¹⁷ so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

^{4:1} In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge: ² Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction. ³ For the time will come when men will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. ⁴ They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths. ⁵ But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry.

DEVOUR
THE WORD
AND FILL YOUR
STOMACH
WITH IT

PSALM 143

Refrain



Lord, let your mer-cy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Psalm tone



O LORD, hear my prayer, listen to my cry for mercy;^{*}
in your faithfulness and righteousness come to my relief.

Do not bring your servant into judgment,^{*}
for no one living is righteous before you.

My spirit grows faint within me;^{*}
my heart within me is dismayed.

Refrain

Answer me quickly, O LORD;^{*}
do not hide your face from me.

Let the morning bring me word of your unfailing love,^{*}
for I have put my trust in you.

Teach me to do your will, for you are my God;^{*}
may your good Spirit lead me on level ground.

**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

HYMN OF THE DAY

HYMN 536 — LORD JESUS CHRIST, THE CHURCH'S HEAD

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



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Church's head, You are her
2 O Lord, let this your lit - tle flock, Your name a -
3 Help us to serve you ev - er - more With hearts both
4 And for your gos - pel let us dare To sac - ri -



one foun - da - tion. In you she trusts, be - fore you
lone con - fess - ing, Con - tin - ue in your lov - ing
pure and low - ly. And may your Word, that light di -
fice all trea - sure; Teach us to bear your bless - ed



bows, And waits for your sal - va - tion. Built
care, True u - ni - ty pos - sess - ing. Your
vine, Shine on in splen - dor ho - ly That
cross, To find in you all plea - sure. Oh,



on this rock se - cure, Your Church shall en - dure
sac - ra - ments, O Lord, And your sav - ing Word
we re - pent - ance show, In faith ev - er grow.
grant us stead - fast - ness In joy and dis - tress.



Though all the world de - cay And all things
To us e'er pure re - tain. Grant that they
The pow'r of sin de - stroy And e - vils
Lord, for your mer - cy's sake, Let us by



pass a - way. Oh, hear, oh, hear us, Je - sus!
may re - main Our on - ly strength and com - fort.
that an - noy. Oh, make us faith - ful Chris - tians.
grace par - take Of end - less joy and glo - ry.

GOD'S WORD IN OUR LIVES

MARK 6:1-6

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*Jesus left there and went to his hometown, accompanied by his disciples.
² When the Sabbath came, he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were amazed.*

“Where did this man get these things?” they asked. “What’s this wisdom that has been given him, that he even does miracles! ³ Isn’t this the carpenter? Isn’t this Mary’s son and the brother of James, Joseph, Judas and Simon? Aren’t his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him.

⁴ Jesus said to them, “Only in his hometown, among his relatives and in his own house is a prophet without honor.” ⁵ He could not do any miracles there, except lay his hands on a few sick people and heal them. ⁶ And he was amazed at their lack of faith.

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

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 403 — I KNOW MY FAITH IS FOUNDED

(printed on the next page)

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I Know My Faith Is Founded



1 I know my faith is found - ed On Je - sus
 2 In - crease my faith, dear Sav - ior, For Sa - tan
 3 In faith, Lord, let me serve you; Though per - se -



Christ, my God and Lord; And this my faith con -
 seeks by night and day To rob me of this
 cu - tion, grief, and pain Should seek to o - ver -



fess - ing, Un - moved I stand up - on his Word. Man's
 trea - sure And take my hope of bliss a - way. But,
 overwhelm me, Let me a stead - fast trust re - tain. And



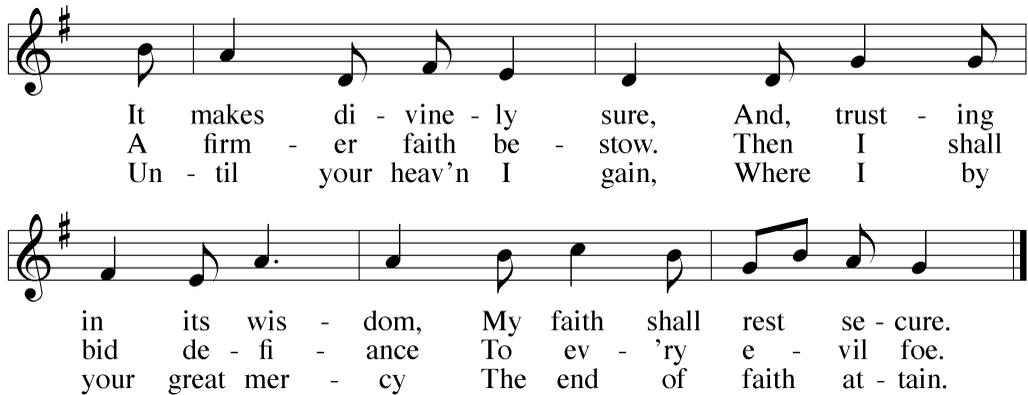
rea - son can - not fath - om The truth of God pro -
 Lord, with you be - side me I shall be un - dis -
 then at my de - par - ture, Lord, take me home to



found; Who trusts in world - ly wis - dom Re - lies on
 mayed; And led by your good Spir - it, I shall be
 you, And let me there in - her - it All you have



shift - ing ground. God's Word is all - suf - fi - cient,
 un - a - fraid. A - bide with me, O Sav - ior,
 prom - ised me. In life and death, Lord, keep me



It makes di - vine - ly sure, And, trust - ing
 A firm - er faith be - stow. Then I shall
 Un - til your heav'n I gain, Where I by
 in its wis - dom, My faith shall rest se - cure.
 bid de - fi - ance To ev - 'ry e - vil foe.
 your great mer - cy The end of faith at - tain.

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

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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 Thom, Hoffer and Ogle families are on for set up. Set up starts at 8:30 AM.

BIBLE STUDY PLANS

Next Sunday, we'll start a new Bible Study that is aimed to help us all grow in our personal devotional lives. Join us at 9 AM!

SUMMER BIBLE CAMP DATES

Our 2018 Summer Bible Camp will be back to it's normal week between Jubilee Days and Frontier Days. We'll run it here at the Lincoln Community Center July 16h through July 20th. If you'd like to help with our 2018 Bible Camp, please speak with pastor after worship. Thanks!

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY PLANS

A women's Bible study is in the works. Please speak with pastor for more info! If you have a day of the week and/or time that would work well for you, please let him know!

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