

*"HE HAS DONE ALL THINGS WELL."*



Sixteenth 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 unbelieving heart mocks. It laughs at the idea that God does all things well. "After all, if God did all things well and was the source of all good because he is good, then he shouldn't allow misery and need in the first place," says the fallen created to the Creator. How foolish! It is in need and suffering that God especially does all things well! That truth is the center of the Christian's quiet confidence. It is the reason for the Christian's hope which is based solely on the promises of God and earned for us by the work of Christ! The eternal result is as good as good can be! Lord's blessings on your worship today.*

## 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 226 — TO YOUR TEMPLE I DRAW NEAR



1 To your tem - ple I draw near;  
 2 I through Christ am rec - on - ciled;  
 3 While your glo - rious praise is sung,  
 4 While the prayers of saints as - cend,  
 5 While I lis - ten to your law,



Lord, I love to wor - ship here.  
 I through Christ be - come your child.  
 Touch my lips, un - loose my tongue,  
 God of love, to mine at - tend.  
 Fill my soul with ho - ly awe



Here are sac - ra - ment and Word;  
 Ab - ba, Fa - ther, give me grace  
 That my joy - ful soul may bless  
 Hear me, for your Spir - it pleads;  
 Till your gos - pel brings to me



Here be - liev - ers meet their Lord.  
 In your courts to seek your face.  
 Christ the Lord, my right - eous - ness.  
 Hear, for Je - sus in - ter - cedes.  
 Life and im - mor - tal i - ty.

6 While your ministers proclaim  
 Peace and pardon in your name,  
 Through their voice, by faith, may I  
 Hear you speaking from the sky.

7 From your house, when I return,  
 May my heart within me burn,  
 And at evening let me say,  
 "I have walked with God today."

Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854, alt.

Tune: GOTT SEI DANK DURCH ALLE WELT (77 77) Freylinghausen, *Geist-reiches Gesang-Buch*, Halle, 1704, 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:** Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** Amen.

## GOD'S WORD

*ISAIAH 35:1-7a*

*Say to those with fearful hearts, "Be strong, do not fear; your God will come, he will come with vengeance; with divine retribution he will come to save you." <sup>5</sup>Then will the eyes of the blind be opened and the ears of the deaf unstopped. <sup>6</sup>Then will the lame leap like a deer, and the mute tongue shout for joy. Water will gush forth in the wilderness and streams in the desert. <sup>7</sup>The burning sand will become a pool, the thirsty ground bubbling springs. In the haunts where jackals once lay, grass and reeds and papyrus will grow.*

*PSALM 146 (printed on the next page)*

# PSALM 146

## *Refrain*



I will praise your name for - ev - er, my King and my God.

## *Psalm tone*



Praise the LORD, O my soul.\*  
I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.

Do not put your trust in princes,\*  
in mortal men, who cannot save.

Blessed is he whose hope is in the LORD his God,\*  
the maker of heaven and earth.

## *Refrain*

The LORD gives food to the hungry,\*  
the LORD sets prisoners free.

The LORD gives sight to the blind,\*  
the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down.

The LORD watches over the outcast\*  
and sustains the fatherless and the widow.

The LORD remains faithful forever.\*  
He upholds the cause of the oppressed.

**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*

## *ACTS 3:1-10*

*One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the time of prayer—at three in the afternoon. <sup>2</sup> Now a man crippled from birth was being carried to the temple gate called Beautiful, where he was put every day to beg from those going into the temple courts. <sup>3</sup> When he saw Peter and John about to enter, he asked them for money. <sup>4</sup> Peter looked straight at him, as did John. Then Peter said, “Look at us!” <sup>5</sup> So the man gave them his attention, expecting to get something from them.*

*<sup>6</sup> Then Peter said, “Silver or gold I do not have, but what I have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk.” <sup>7</sup> Taking him by the right hand, he helped him up, and instantly the man’s feet and ankles became strong. <sup>8</sup> He jumped to his feet and began to walk. Then he went with them into the temple courts, walking and jumping, and praising God. <sup>9</sup> When all the people saw him walking and praising God, <sup>10</sup> they recognized him as the same man who used to sit begging at the temple gate called Beautiful, and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.*





# HYMN OF THE DAY

## HYMN 235 — PRAISE THE ALMIGHTY; MY SOUL ADORE HIM!

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



1 Praise the Al - might - y; my soul, a - dore him!  
 2 Pen - i - tent sin - ners, for mer - cy cry - ing,  
 3 Trust not in princ - es, they are but mor - tal;  
 4 Praise, all you peo - ple, the name so ho - ly



Yes, I will laud him un - til death. With songs and  
 Par - don and peace from him ob - tain; Ev - er the  
 Earth-born they are and soon de - cay. Vain are their  
 Of him who does such won-drous things! All that has



an - thems I'll come be - fore him As long as  
 wants of the poor sup - ply - ing, Their faith - ful  
 coun - sels at life's last por - tal When the dark  
 be - ing, to praise him sole - ly, With hap - py



he al - lows me breath. From him my life and  
 God he will re - main. He helps his chil - dren  
 grave will claim its prey. Since, then, no one can  
 heart its A - men sings! Chil - dren of God, with



all things came; Bless, O my soul, his ho - ly  
 in dis - tress, The wid - ows and the fa - ther -  
 help af - ford, Trust on - ly Christ, our God and  
 an - gel host Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly



name.	Al - le - lu - ia!	Al - le - lu - ia!
less.	Al - le - lu - ia!	Al - le - lu - ia!
Lord.	Al - le - lu - ia!	Al - le - lu - ia!
Ghost!	Al - le - lu - ia!	Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Johann D. Herrnschmidt, 1675–1723, abr.; tr. Alfred E. R. Brauer, 1866–1949, alt.

Tune: LOBE DEN HERREN, O MEINE SEELE (10 8 10 8 88 8) *New-vermehrte Christliche Seelenharpf*, Ansbach, 1665, alt.

## GOD'S WORD IN OUR LIVES

MARK 7:31-37

*"HE HAS DONE ALL THINGS WELL"*

<sup>31</sup> Jesus left the region of Tyre again and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, within the region of the Decapolis.

<sup>32</sup> They brought a man to him who was deaf and had a speech impediment. They pleaded with Jesus to place his hand on him. <sup>33</sup> Jesus took him aside in private, away from the crowd. He put his fingers into the man's ears. Then he spit and touched the man's tongue. <sup>34</sup> After he looked up to heaven, he sighed and said, "Ephphatha!" (which means "Be opened!") <sup>35</sup> Immediately the man's ears were opened, his tongue was set free, and he began to speak plainly. <sup>36</sup> Jesus gave the people strict orders to tell no one, but the more he did so, the more they kept proclaiming it. <sup>37</sup> They were amazed beyond measure and said, "He has done everything well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak!"

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# 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**

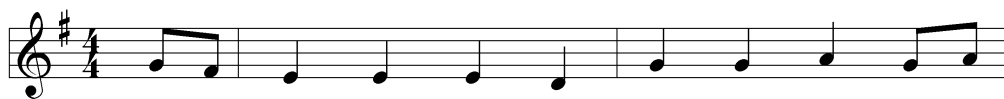
## CLOSING HYMN

*HYMN 520 — YOUR HAND, O LORD, IN DAYS OF OLD*

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## 520

## Your Hand, O Lord, in Days of Old



1 Your hand, O Lord, in days of old Was  
 2 Your touch then, Lord, brought life and health, Gave  
 3 Oh, be our great de - liv - 'rer still, The



strong to heal and save; It tri - umphed o'er dis -  
 speech and strength and sight; And youth re - newed and  
 Lord of life and death; Re - store and quick - en,



ease and death, All dark - ness and the grave. To  
 fren - zy calmed Re - vealed you, Lord of light. And  
 soothe and bless, With your life - giv - ing breath. To



you they came, the blind, the dumb, The par - a -  
 now, O Lord, be near to bless, Al - might - y  
 hands that work and eyes that see Give wis - dom's



lyzed and lame, The lep - ers in their  
 as be - fore, In crowd - ed street, by  
 heal - ing pow'r That whole and sick and



mis - er - y, The sick with fe - vered frame.  
 beds of pain, As by Gen - nes - 'ret's shore.  
 weak and strong May praise you ev - er - more.

Text: Edward H. Plumptre, 1821–91, alt.

Tune: KINGSFOLD (CM D) English folk tune, 19th century, adapt.

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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 Rap, Hocking and Russow families 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, September 12th at 5:30 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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