



Welcome to Worship at Shepherd of the Hills
July 28, 2024
9:00 a.m. – Classic Hymn

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN No. 812 “Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs”

- 1 Come, let us join our cheerful songs
With angels round the throne;
Ten thousand thousand are their tongues,
But all their joys are one.
- 2 “Worthy the Lamb that died,” they cry,
“To be exalted thus!”
“Worthy the Lamb,” our lips reply,
“For He was slain for us!”
- 3 Jesus is worthy to receive
Honor and pow’r divine;
And blessings more than we can give
Be, Lord, forever Thine.
- 4 Let all creation join in one
To bless the sacred name
Of Him who sits upon the throne
And to adore the Lamb.

INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

ALL: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES (Adapted from Psalm 33:12–22)

P: Blessèd is the nation whose God is the Lord,

ALL: the people whom he has chosen as his heritage!

P: The Lord looks down from heaven;

ALL: he sees all the children of man;

P: from where he sits enthroned he looks out

ALL: on all the inhabitants of the earth,

P: he who fashions the hearts of them all

ALL: and observes all their deeds.

P: The king is not saved by his great army;
ALL: **a warrior is not delivered by his great strength.**
P: The war horse is a false hope for salvation,
ALL: **and by its great might it cannot rescue.**
P: Our soul waits for the Lord;
ALL: **he is our help and our shield.**
P: For our heart is glad in him,
ALL: **because we trust in his holy name.**
P: Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us,
ALL: **even as we hope in you.**

(Please be seated)

HYMN No. 915 "Today Your Mercy Calls Us"

- 1 Today Your mercy calls us
To wash away our sin.
However great our trespass,
Whatever we have been,
However long from mercy
Our hearts have turned away,
Your precious blood can wash us
And make us clean today.
- 2 Today Your gate is open,
And all who enter in
Shall find a Father's welcome
And pardon for their sin.
The past shall be forgotten,
A present joy be giv'n,
A future grace be promised,
A glorious crown in heav'n.
- 3 Today our Father calls us;
His Holy Spirit waits;
His blessed angels gather
Around the heav'nly gates.
No question will be asked us
How often we have come;
Although we oft have wandered,
It is our Father's home.
- 4 O all-embracing Mercy,
O ever-open Door,
What should we do without You

When heart and eye run o'er?
When all things seem against us,
To drive us to despair,
We know one gate is open,
One ear will hear our prayer.

THE CALL TO CONFESSION

P: People God dearly loves: The Lord our God is a great God known by His justice and righteousness as well as by His mercy and love. The arrogant and proud who deny their sins will never find favor with Him, but the humble and poor in spirit who confess their sins and turn from them will find in Him their salvation. Come, together let us approach the throne of God to confess our sins and seek His forgiveness, confident that for the sake of His Son Jesus Christ, our Savior, he will hear and deliver us.

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION PSALM 5

**ALL: Give ear to my words, O Lord, and hear my confession.
Listen to my cry for help, my King and my God.
Forgive me for all the times when I have failed to be like you;
when I sought pleasure in what I knew was evil
and took delight in what I knew was wicked;**

**I dare to come into your presence only because of your great mercy.
I know you are holy and I believe that you have made me holy,
washing away all my sins in the blood of your one and only Son Jesus.
Lead me, O Lord, in your righteousness
and make straight your way before me. Amen.**

THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

P: Almighty God, our merciful Father, freely forgives those who admit and confess their sins. He creates in us pure hearts and washes away our sins in the blood of His Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. For Jesus' sake God has forgiven me and God forgives you. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, I forgive you all of your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Believe this good news. Believe it because God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world but to save the world through Him.

ALL: Amen.

(Please stand, as able, for a hymn of praise)

HYMN No. 797 "Praise the Almighty"

congregation seated for stanzas 1-2, then stands for stanzas 3-5

- 1 Praise the Almighty, my soul, adore Him!
Yes, I will laud Him until death;
With songs and anthems I come before Him
As long as He allows me breath.
From Him my life and all things came;
Bless, O my soul, His holy name.
Alleluia, alleluia!

- 2 Trust not in rulers; they are but mortal;
Earthborn they are and soon decay.
Vain are their counsels at life's last portal,
When the dark grave engulfs its prey.
Since mortals can no help afford,
Place all your trust in Christ, our Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia!

- 3 Blessèd, oh, blessèd are they forever
Whose help is from the Lord Most High,
Whom from salvation can nothing sever,
And who in hope to Christ draw nigh.
To all who trust in Him, our Lord
Will aid and counsel now afford.
Alleluia, alleluia!

- 4 Penitent sinners, for mercy crying,
Pardon and peace from Him obtain;
Ever the wants of the poor supplying,
Their faithful God He will remain.
He helps His children in distress,
The widows and the fatherless.
Alleluia, alleluia!

- 5 Praise, all you people, the name so holy
Of Him who does such wondrous things!
All that has being, to praise Him solely,
With happy heart its amen sings.
Children of God, with angel host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!
Alleluia, alleluia!

CHRISTIAN GREETING & PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: (SPOKEN) And also with you.

P: Let us pray: Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days, that we may share that peace with a world in turmoil; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

ALL: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Judges 6:11-24

L. The Old Testament Reading is from 6th chapter of Joshua beginning with the 11th verse:

Now the angel of the Lord came and sat under the terebinth at Ophrah, which belonged to Joash the Abiezrite, while his son Gideon was beating out wheat in the winepress to hide it from the Midianites. And the angel of the Lord appeared to him and said to him, "The Lord is with you, O mighty man of valor." And Gideon said to him, "Please, sir, if the Lord is with us, why then has all this happened to us? And where are all his wonderful deeds that our fathers recounted to us, saying, 'Did not the Lord bring us up from Egypt?' But now the Lord has forsaken us and given us into the hand of Midian." And the Lord turned to him and said, "Go in this might of yours and save Israel from the hand of Midian; do not I send you?" And he said to him, "Please, Lord, how can I save Israel? Behold, my clan is the weakest in Manasseh, and I am the least in my father's house." And the Lord said to him, "But I will be with you, and you shall strike the Midianites as one man." And he said to him, "If now I have found favor in your eyes, then show me a sign that it is you who speaks with me. Please do not depart from here until I come to you and bring out my present and set it before you." And he said, "I will stay till you return."

So Gideon went into his house and prepared a young goat and unleavened cakes from an ephah of flour. The meat he put in a basket, and the broth he put in a pot, and brought them to him under the terebinth and presented them. And the angel of God said to him, "Take the meat and the unleavened cakes, and put them on this rock, and pour the broth over them." And he did so. Then the angel of the Lord reached out the tip of the staff that was in his hand and touched the meat and the unleavened cakes. And fire sprang up from the rock and consumed the flesh and the unleavened cakes. And the angel of the Lord vanished from his sight. Then Gideon perceived that he was the angel of the Lord. And Gideon said, "Alas, O Lord God! For now I have seen the angel of the Lord face to face." But the Lord said to him, "Peace be to you. Do not fear; you shall not die." Then Gideon built an altar there to the Lord and called it, The Lord is Peace. To this day it still stands at Ophrah, which belongs to the Abiezrites.

L: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 62 RESPONSE

P: For God alone my soul waits in silence; from him comes my salvation.

ALL: He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be greatly shaken.

P: How long will all of you attack a man to batter him, like a leaning wall, a tottering fence?

ALL: They only plan to thrust him down from his high position. They take pleasure in falsehood. They bless with their mouths, but inwardly they curse.

P: For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence, for my hope is from him.

ALL: He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken.

P: On God rests my salvation and my glory; my mighty rock, my refuge is God.

ALL: Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us.

P: Those of low estate are but a breath; those of high estate are a delusion; in the balances they go up; they are together lighter than a breath.

ALL: Put no trust in extortion; set no vain hopes on robbery; if riches increase, set not your heart on them.

P: Once God has spoken; twice have I heard this: that power belongs to God, and that to you, O Lord, belongs steadfast love.

ALL: For you will render to a man according to his work.

EPISTLE READING

Ephesians 6:10-18

L: The Epistle Reading is from the 6th chapter of Ephesians beginning with the 10th verse:

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints,

L: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

L: Please stand for the Holy Gospel.

LSB 190

ALL

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Cantor Verse: Let all the earth fear the Lord; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him!

ALL

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 4:18-22

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 4th chapter.

ALL: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

While walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to You, O Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father, Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And 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 sits at the right hand of God
the Father Almighty.
From thence he will come to judge the living and the
dead.**

**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.**

HYMN No. 665 "Be Strong in the Lord"

1 Be strong in the Lord
In armor of light,
With helmet and sword,
With shield for the fight;
On prayer be dependent,
Be belted and shod,
In breastplate resplendent:
The armor of God.

2 Integrity gird
You round to impart
The truth of His Word
As truth in your heart;
His righteousness wearing
As breastplate of mail,
His victory sharing,
Be strong to prevail.

3 With eagerness shod
Stand firm in your place,
Or go forth for God
With news of His grace;
No foe shall disarm you
Nor force you to yield,
No arrow can harm you
With faith as your shield.

4 Though Satan presume
To test you and try,
In helmet and plume
Your head shall be high;
Beset by temptation
Be true to your Lord,
Your helmet salvation
And Scripture your sword.

5 So wield well your blade,
Rejoice in its pow'rs,

Fight on undismayed
For Jesus is ours!
Then in Him victorious
Your armor lay down,
To praise, ever glorious,
His cross and His crown.

SERMON

MUSICAL OFFERING “Berceuse” Klaus Weinelt, violin, Roger Howard, piano

HYMN No. 826 “Hark, the Voice of Jesus Crying”

- 1 Hark, the voice of Jesus crying,
“Who will go and work today?
Fields are white and harvests waiting—
Who will bear the sheaves away?”
Loud and long the Master calleth;
Rich reward He offers thee.
Who will answer, gladly saying,
“Here am I, send me, send me”?
- 2 If you cannot speak like angels,
If you cannot preach like Paul,
You can tell the love of Jesus,
You can say He died for all.
If you cannot rouse the wicked
With the judgment’s dread alarms,
You can lead the little children
To the Savior’s waiting arms.
- 3 If you cannot be a watchman,
Standing high on Zion’s wall,
Pointing out the path to heaven,
Off’ring life and peace to all,
With your prayers and with your bounties
You can do what God commands;
You can be like faithful Aaron,
Holding up the prophet’s hands.
- 4 Let none hear you idly saying,
“There is nothing I can do,”
While the multitudes are dying
And the Master calls for you.
Take the task He gives you gladly,
Let His work your pleasure be;

Answer quickly when He calleth,
"Here am I, send me, send me!"

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

No. 664 "Fight the Good Fight"

- 1 Fight the good fight with all your might;
Christ is your strength, and Christ your right.
Lay hold on life, and it shall be
Your joy and crown eternally.
- 2 Run the straight race through God's good grace;
Lift up your eyes, and seek His face.
Life with its way before us lies;
Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.
- 3 Cast care aside, lean on your guide;
His boundless mercy will provide.
Trust, and enduring faith shall prove
Christ is your life and Christ your love.
- 4 Faint not nor fear, His arms are near;
He changes not who holds you dear;
Only believe, and you will see
That Christ is all eternally.

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