



The Christian Is
Planted by the Word



Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 25 and 26, 2020

Today's focus: *The Christian is planted by the Word.* As a seed is sown in the ground and produces fruit, so does God sow the seed of his Word in our hearts. Through the miraculous working of the Holy Spirit, this Word produces fruits of faith. Come and listen to this life-giving Word!



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The Season of Pentecost: The Church Grows

After reliving the great events of the life of Christ, the worshipping Church spends half a year focusing on the teachings of Christ. The Church wears green during the season of Pentecost as the Spirit uses those teachings of Jesus to grow the faith of believers. The appointed lessons teach us the characteristics of the Holy Ministry, the Christian, the Church, and our God. Our worship follows this pattern:

The Holy Ministry

<i>Pentecost 1</i>	<i>The Holy Ministry proclaims the Triune God (June 7)</i>
<i>Pentecost 2</i>	<i>The Holy Ministry stands on the rock-solid truth of God's Word (June 14)</i>
<i>Pentecost 3</i>	<i>The Holy Ministry marked by God's mercy (June 21)</i>
<i>Pentecost 4</i>	<i>The Holy Ministry is given by God out of compassion for his people (June 28)</i>
<i>Pentecost 5</i>	<i>The Holy Ministry preaches Christ in spite of persecution (July 5)</i>

The Christian

<i>Pentecost 6</i>	<i>The Christian finds contentment in Jesus (July 12)</i>
<i>Pentecost 7</i>	<i>The Christian finds rest in Jesus (July 19)</i>
<i>Pentecost 8</i>	<i>The Christian is planted by the Word (July 26)</i>
<i>Pentecost 9</i>	<i>The Christian lives as wheat among weeds (August 2)</i>
<i>Pentecost 10</i>	<i>The Christian seeks spiritual wealth (August 9)</i>
<i>Pentecost 11</i>	<i>The Christian trusts God to provide (August 16)</i>
<i>Pentecost 12</i>	<i>The Christian answers doubt with faith (August 23)</i>

The Church

<i>Pentecost 13</i>	<i>The Church is meant for all people (August 30)</i>
<i>Pentecost 14</i>	<i>The Church will stand forever (September 6)</i>
<i>Pentecost 15</i>	<i>The Church is militant: first the cross, then the crown (September 13)</i>
<i>Pentecost 16</i>	<i>The Church fulfills her role as her brother's keeper (September 20)</i>
<i>Pentecost 17</i>	<i>The Church forgives as God forgives (September 27)</i>

Our God

<i>Pentecost 18</i>	<i>Our God is incomprehensibly gracious (October 4)</i>
<i>Pentecost 19</i>	<i>Our God wants real repentance and true obedience (October 11)</i>
<i>Pentecost 20</i>	<i>Our God patiently seeks fruits of faith (October 18)</i>
<i>Pentecost 21</i>	<i>Our God invites unworthy sinners to participate in his blessing (October 25)</i>

We Come into the Presence of God

Musical Introduction *(This is an opportunity to quiet your mind and heart and prepare for the joy of worshipping your God.)*

Confession and Absolution

Minister: 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.

**Congregation: 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.**

M: Christ has died. Christ has 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.

M: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord have mercy.

M: For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.

C: **Christ have mercy.**

M: For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: **Lord have mercy.**

M: Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.

C: **Amen.**

Opening Hymn: #544, verses 1,2 "Preach You the Word"

The musical score is written on four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words hyphenated across lines. The first staff has two lines of lyrics: '1 Preach you the Word and plant it home' and '2 We know how hard, O Lord, the task'. The second staff has 'To those who like or like it not,' and 'Your ser - vant bids us un - der - take:'. The third staff has 'The Word that shall en - dure and stand' and 'To preach your Word and nev - er ask'. The fourth staff has 'When flow'rs and mor - tals are for - got.' and 'What pride - ful prof - it it may make.'

1 Preach you the Word and plant it home
2 We know how hard, O Lord, the task

To those who like or like it not,
Your ser - vant bids us un - der - take:

The Word that shall en - dure and stand
To preach your Word and nev - er ask

When flow'rs and mor - tals are for - got.
What pride - ful prof - it it may make.

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Tune: O HEILAND, REISS DIE HIMMEL AUF (LM) *Rheinlössisch Deutsches Catholisches Gesangbuch*, Augsburg, 1666.

We Listen

First Reading: Isaiah 55:10,11

¹⁰As the rain and the snow
come down from heaven,
and do not return to it
without watering the earth
and making it bud and flourish,
so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater,
¹¹so is my word that goes out from my mouth:
It will not return to me empty,
but will accomplish what I desire
and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.

Psalm 65 *(Spoken responsively; no musical accompaniment.)*

M: Praise awaits you, O God,

C: **you call forth songs of joy.**

M: You care for the land and water it;

C: **you soften it with showers and bless its crops.**

M: The streams of God are filled with water

C: **to provide the people with grain.**

M: You crown the year with your bounty,

C: **and your carts overflow with abundance.**

M: The grasslands of the desert overflow;

C: **the hills are clothed with gladness.**

M: The meadows are covered with flocks and the valleys are mantled
with grain;

C: **they shout for joy and sing.**

M: The earth is full of the goodness of God,

C: **the goodness of our God.**

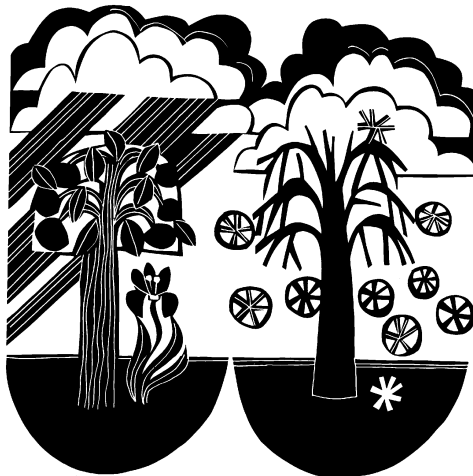
Second Reading: Acts 18:1-11

¹After this, Paul left Athens and went to Corinth. ²There he met a Jew named Aquila, a native of Pontus, who had recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla, because Claudius had ordered all Jews to leave Rome. Paul went to see them, ³and because he was a tentmaker as they were, he stayed and worked with them. ⁴Every Sabbath he reasoned in the synagogue, trying to persuade Jews and Greeks.

⁵When Silas and Timothy came from Macedonia, Paul devoted himself exclusively to preaching, testifying to the Jews that Jesus was the Messiah. ⁶But when they opposed Paul and became abusive, he shook out his clothes in protest and said to them, “Your blood be on your own heads! I am innocent of it. From now on I will go to the Gentiles.”

⁷Then Paul left the synagogue and went next door to the house of Titius Justus, a worshiper of God. ⁸Crispus, the synagogue leader, and his entire household believed in the Lord; and many of the Corinthians who heard Paul believed and were baptized.

⁹One night the Lord spoke to Paul in a vision: “Do not be afraid; keep on speaking, do not be silent. ¹⁰For I am with you, and no one is going to attack and harm you, because I have many people in this city.” ¹¹So Paul stayed in Corinth for a year and a half, teaching them the word of God.



The Apostles' Creed

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

**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.

**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.**



Gospel: Matthew 13:1-9,18-23

¹That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the lake. ²Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat in it, while all the people stood on the shore. ³Then he told them many things in parables, saying: “A farmer went out to sow his seed. ⁴As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. ⁵Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. ⁶But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. ⁷Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. ⁸Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. ⁹Whoever has ears, let them hear.”

¹⁸“Listen then to what the parable of the sower means: ¹⁹When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in their heart. This is the seed sown along the path. ²⁰The seed falling on rocky ground refers to someone who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. ²¹But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away. ²²The seed falling among the thorns refers to someone who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, making it unfruitful. ²³But the seed falling on good soil refers to someone who hears the word and understands it. This is the one who produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown.”

Children’s Message

Hymn of the Day: #544, verses 4,5 “Preach You the Word”

**Though some be snatched and some be scorched
And some be choked and matted flat,
The sower sows; his heart cries out,
“Oh, what of that, and what of that?”**

**Preach you the Word and plant it home
And never faint; the Harvest-Lord
Who gave the sower seed to sow
Will watch and tend his planted Word.**

Sermon

We Respond

Offering *(In an effort to maintain a safe social distance, please place your offerings in the provided plates when exiting the sanctuary.*

If you are a guest in our church, please do not feel obligated to participate in the offering. We do not want you to think that God or our congregation is soliciting funds from you. You enrich us simply by being here.)

Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

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

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

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: #322, verses 1,3 “On What Has Now Been Sown”

1 On what has now been sown Your bless - ing, Lord, be -
3 Oh, grant that each of us Now met be - fore you

stow; The pow'r is yours a - lone To make it
here May meet to - geth - er thus When you and

spring and grow. O Lord, in grace the har - vest
yours ap - pear And fol - low you to heav'n, our

raise And you a - lone shall have the praise!
home. E'en so, A - men! Lord Je - sus, come!

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, abr., adapt., alt.
Tune: DARWALL'S 148TH (66 66 88) John Darwall, 1731–89.

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It is the mission of



Good Shepherd

to

Seek the Lost
Feed the Flock and
Serve our Savior



Good Shepherd Lutheran Church is part of a group of nearly 1,300 churches called the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod or WELS. The WELS is a world-wide church with congregations serving in all fifty of the United States, as well as in Mexico and Canada. The WELS also serves over 26 foreign countries through world mission work. We are united in faith and teaching with the other churches of the WELS as well as the members of the Confessional Evangelical Lutheran Conference, consisting of 21 confessional Lutheran church bodies throughout the world.

Serving in Worship

Pastor: Jon Bergemann
Pianist: Ella Beregmann
Organist: Jan Henriksen

Live Stream Team

Sun	8:00 am	Kristen Reynolds & Bob Reichert
	10:30 am	Greg Busse & Joe Garetto

Ushers

Sat	5:30 pm	Andy Rush & Ed Boron
Sun	8:00 am	Bob Reichert & Gary Heniksen
	10:30 am	John Roland & Bill Merchantz

CALENDAR

TODAY	8:00 am	Worship Service & live streaming
	10:30 am	Worship Service & live streaming
MONDAY 07/27		
TUESDAY 07/28	9:30 am	Women's Bible Study – Zoom
WEDNESDAY 07/29		
THURSDAY 07/30	7:00 pm	MCC Meeting – Virtual
FRIDAY 07/31		
SATURDAY 08/01	5:30 pm	Worship Service w/ Communion – live streaming
SUNDAY 08/02	8:00 am	Worship Service w/ Communion – live streaming
	10:30 am	Worship Service w/ Communion – live streaming

Watering Schedule

July 25th - August 3rd
July 25th - Sat - Sherrie & Jay Norco
July 27th – Mon – Roxanne Zikis
July 29th – Wed – Laurie Bowen
July 31st – Fri – Debi Vose
Aug 1st – Sat – Sherrie & Jay Norco
Aug 3rd – Mon – Karen Bassler

Announcements

BLAST Sunday School-

In light of recent events and all of the recommendations from the CDC and government officials to increase our awareness of current illnesses, it is with a heavy heart that our Children's Ministry team has decided to not meet until it is deemed responsible for students to return to school.

BLAST is our Sunday Morning Children's Ministry program here at Good Shepherd.

All children, members and guests, ages 3 years old-8th grade are welcome to attend. We begin our lesson at 9:20 a.m. in the 3rd & 4th grade classroom at the far end of the school hallway. If you have any questions, you may email BLAST@gsdg.org or speak to a teacher.

Online Spiritual Resources

We will continue to provide online, streamed worship services each weekend on our website, www.gsdg.org. Other online resources you may enjoy at this time include the Time of Grace ministries website (<https://timeofgrace.org>). This WELS group provides a wealth of devotions and sermons on various topics.

The WELS website provides a directory of all WELS churches that stream worship, as well as devotions, Bible studies, and the latest update from our Synod President, Mark Schroeder (www.wels.net). One congregation providing traditional, midweek streamed worship is Christ Lutheran Church, Big Bend, Wisconsin (www.christbigbend.com)

God's blessings to you as you continue to feed on His Word!

PMM SHAPED CLASSES RESUMING!

You are God's special creation, carefully created, and uniquely designed. Join us in a 2-part study to learn how God has perfectly created each one of us just as he wanted us to be. Learning your SHAPE can help you understand your role in the body of Christ, and help you leverage your strengths in all aspects of your life.

Session 1 will be Friday August 14th, 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm, meet in narthex

Session 2 will be Saturday August 15th, 8:30 am to 11:30 am, meet in narthex

Both parts are required to complete the SHAPED Class. Individually wrapped snacks, bottled water and pop will be provided. You are welcome to bring your own snacks/beverage. Masks will be required. Class size will be limited to 15 people and pre-registration will be required to attend. Additional class opportunities will be available within the next few weeks.

If you are interested in attending, you can sign up using our church software. The website is <https://gsdg.ccbchurch.com/>. Directions on logging in or creating an account are available on the home page. Once logged in go to the Groups tab and select the PMM SHAPED CLASS group. Use the group calendar to sign up for the desired classes. You may also call or email Kristina John at 630-649-3495, memberministry@gsdg.org to RSVP for a class.

**Screenside Chat
July 24, 2020**

This "Screenside Chat" is an email devotion from Pastor Bergemann designed to give you a spiritual boost from your Savior while keeping you connected to your Good Shepherd family. A video link to this devotion is included, and can also be watched on our website and Facebook page.

Today's devotion

I had a very frustrating day yesterday. A hacker used an email account that impersonated my own. Emails were sent to many people claiming that I needed their urgent help, or asking them to buy gift cards for me. If you were one of those people who received such an email, I'm sorry! Please know that I never intend to ask you for money or urgent help in an email. I hope I never get hacked again and that you never receive such a fake email again!

When this happened, I was frustrated. I was horrified to think of my fellow church members and friends getting such a request and thinking it was from me. And, frankly, I felt betrayed! My identity was stolen! There is another hacker who would try to do something similar. Satan. He would like nothing more than to steal our identity . . . that is, bombard us with messages that we are nothing special, that we are losers and sinners who deserve nothing good.

Thank God that he cannot hack into our account . . . or rather, our relationship with God. No matter what lies he spins, God's promise regarding our identity remains the same. Listen to these words of truth about who you really are, recorded in 1 Peter 2:9 **"But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light."**

Chosen. Loved. Royal. Belonging to God. That is who you really are. That is your true identity. And, in Jesus, that can never be tampered with or changed.

Rejoicing in my true identity, just like you,
Pastor Jon Bergemann

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Women's Tuesday AM Bible Study Continues with a Unique Opportunity to...

Our group will continue to meet, via ZOOM, every Tuesday at 9:30 AM, through August 5th, to view and discuss LWMS Taste and See

Convention on line Presentations. Please visit welstasteandsee.com for a full list of convention offerings and feel free to suggest video viewing opportunities for our group. If you have already signed up for our Bible Study you will receive an invitation to join us. If not please Call, Text or Email Lonnie Weaver at 209-617-2416, lonnie_weaver@yahoo.com and an link will be sent.

Please disregard emails

Please disregard any email sent July 23rd requesting help or services from an account that claims to be from Pastor Bergemann. This is a phishing scam and not legitimate. Pastor Bergemann is not and will not request you to contact him immediately via email nor purchase anything for him. We are working to resolve this issue and hope to have his account secured soon. Thank you for your understanding.

If you did receive one of these emails please report this email do not reply to it – this way gmail can investigate.

The Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Office

Request for assistance of a fellow Pastor**Brothers and Sisters in Christ -**

Airport pick-up for Pastor Karl Schauland and wife

WELS Pastor Karl Schauland, who serves at New Life Lutheran Church in Rockford, Illinois, is seeking a ride from O'Hare airport to Good Shepherd Lutheran on Wednesday, August 5th. He and his wife, Claire, are flying in from Alaska at 7:03 am. Pastor Bergemann is able to give them a ride to the airport and drop off their car in the Good Shepherd parking lot, but he is unable to pick them up from the airport that morning. If you are able to help, please contact Pastor Schauland or Pastor Bergemann. Thank you! (779-200-7305; pastor@newliferockford.org)