

SAINT MARK-GOOD SHEPHERD
WORSHIP SERVICES

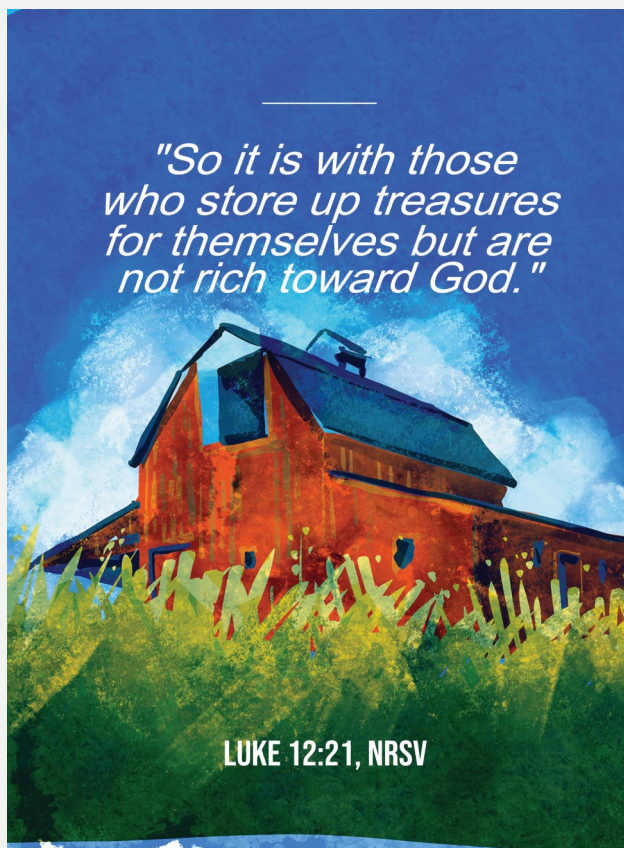
Joint Service

In-Person & Virtual - Good Shepherd - 10:00 am

REV. BEAU D. NELSON, PASTOR

July 31, 2022

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



IN-PERSON & VIRTUAL WORSHIP SERVICE

**Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
Florham Park, NJ**



**Saint Mark Lutheran Church
Morristown, NJ**



IN-PERSON WORSHIP GUIDELINES APPROVED BY THE JOINT GOOD SHEPHERD-SAINT MARK COUNCIL - 6/15/21

- **Social Distancing** - Seating every other pew.
- **Masks** - To allow singing within the Service and help protect those who are unvaccinated, extra disposable masks provided at entry by Usher for those who may have forgotten to bring theirs.
- **Offering** – Will be collected at back of church in offering plate before/after service

We thank you for your cooperation!

Introduction

Today's texts offer instruction and encouragement for all who are occasionally overwhelmed by the "unhappy business" of life. Jesus urges us to take care and be on guard against all kinds of greed. We who have died with Christ in holy baptism have also been raised with him and are encouraged to elevate our thinking, seeking the "things that are above." To that end we seek the sustenance of the Lord's supper and the encouragement of God's word.

GATHERING

—Prelude

Hymn Sing

Welcome

Apostolic Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

Benevolent God, you are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives. Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what is offensive to you, and to treasure what is precious in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

First Reading: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

²Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher,
vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

¹²I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, ¹³applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. ¹⁴I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

^{2:18}I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me ¹⁹—and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. ²⁰So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, ²¹because sometimes one who

has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. ²²What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? ²³For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 49:1-12

Refrain: My mouth shall speak of wisdom. (Ps. 49:3)

¹Hear this, all you peoples;

give ear, all you who dwell in the world,

²**you of high degree and low, rich and poor together.**

³My mouth shall speak of wisdom,

and my heart shall meditate on understanding.

⁴**I will incline my ear to a proverb and set forth my riddle upon the harp.**

Refrain: My mouth shall speak of wisdom.

⁵Why should I be afraid in evil days,

when the wickedness of those at my heels surrounds me,

⁶**the wickedness of those who put their trust in their own prowess, and boast of their great riches?**

⁷One can never redeem another,

or give to God the ransom for another's life;

⁸**for the ransom of a life is so great**

that there would never be enough to pay it,

⁹in order to live forever and ever and never see the grave.

¹⁰**For we see that the wise die also; like the dull and stupid they perish and leave their wealth to those who come after them.**

¹¹Their graves shall be their homes forever, their dwelling places from generation to generation, though they had named lands after themselves.

¹²**Even though honored, they cannot live forever;**

they are like the beasts that perish.

Refrain: My mouth shall speak of wisdom.

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-11

¹So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, ³for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

⁵Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). ⁶On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. ⁷These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. ⁸But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. ⁹Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices ¹⁰and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. ¹¹In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God**

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia


Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

Al - le - lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel: Luke 12:13-21

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 12th Chapter

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.” ¹⁴But he said to him, “Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?” ¹⁵And he said to them, “Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.” ¹⁶Then he told them a parable: “The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷And he thought to himself, ‘What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?’ ¹⁸Then he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ ²⁰But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ ²¹So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Children’s Sermon

Sermon: Rev. Beau D. Nelson

Hymn of the Day: ELW #870 "We Praise You, O God"


1 We praise you, O God, our re - deem - er, cre - a - tor;
 2 We wor - ship you, God of our fa - thers and mo - thers;
 3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer



in grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.
 through tri - al and tem - pest our guide you have been.
 and glad - ly our songs of thanks - giv - ing we raise.



We lay it be - fore you; we kneel and a - dore you;
 When per - ils o'er - take us, you will not for - sake us,
 With you, Lord, be - side us, your strong arm will guide us.



we bless your ho - ly name; glad prais - es we sing.
 and with your help, O Lord, our strug - gles we win.
 To you, our great re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise!

Prayers of Intercession

Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✙ one God,
whose steadfast love endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,
**we confess that we have not followed your path
but have chosen our own way.**

**Instead of putting others before ourselves,
we long to take the best seats at the table.**

**When met by those in need,
we have too often passed by on the other side.**

Set us again on the path of life.

**Save us from ourselves
and free us to love our neighbors.**

Amen.

Hear the good news!

God does not deal with us according to our sins
but delights in granting pardon and mercy.

In the name of ✙ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

You are free to love as God loves. **Amen.**

Hymn: “Let There Be Peace on Earth”

Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me
Let There Be Peace on Earth
The peace that was meant to be
With God as our Father
Family are we
Let us walk with each other
In perfect harmony.
Let peace begin with me
Let this be the moment now.
With ev'ry step I take
Let this be my solemn vow
To take each moment and live
Each moment in peace eternally
Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me

—————**MEAL**—————

Offering—There are offering plates located in the back of the sanctuary - one for each congregation.

Offertory Prayer

God of abundance:
you have set before us a plentiful harvest.
As we feast on your goodness,
strengthen us to labor in your field,
and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all,
in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Words of Institution

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood,

shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

The 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.

Invitation to Communion

In Christ's presence there is fullness of joy.

Come to the banquet.

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

*Distribution of Communion**Post-Communion Blessing**Post-Communion Prayer*

Life-giving God,
 through this meal you have bandaged our wounds
 and fed us with your mercy.
 Now send us forth to live for others,
 both friend and stranger,
 that all may come to know your love.
 This we pray in the name of Jesus. **Amen.**

-----SENDING-----

Announcements

Benediction

The God of peace,
Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you, comfort you,
and show you the path of life
this day and always. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn: ELW #824 “This is My Father’s World”
(See page 13)

Dismissal

Go in peace. Love your neighbor.
Thanks be to God.

ELW #824 "This is My Father's World"


1 This is my Fa-ther's world, and to my lis-t'ning ears all
 2 This is my Fa-ther's world; the birds their car-ols raise; the
 3 This is my Fa-ther's world; oh, let me not for-get that,



na-ture sings, and round me rings the mu-sic of the spheres.
 morn-ing light, the lil-y white, de-clare their mak-er's praise.
 though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the rul-er yet.



This is my Fa-ther's world; I rest me in the thought of
 This is my Fa-ther's world; he shines in all that's fair. In the
 This is my Fa-ther's world; why should my heart be sad? The



rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the won-ders wrought.
 rus-ling grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me ev'-ry-where.
 Lord is king, let heav-en ring; God reigns, let earth be glad!

WORSHIP LEADERS

Presiding Minister: The Rev. Beau D. Nelson

Organist: Ralph Petersen

Media Tech: Tara Kevorkian

GOOD SHEPHERD

Lector: Chris Davidson

Worship Asst.: Alice Schwartz

Usher: Karen Holota

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Collections to Fight Hunger:

Please feel free to mail a check to your congregation with either of the food pantries indicated below on the memo line. Let's see how much we can give collectively to help feed people locally.

- Interfaith Food Pantry of Morris County
- Holy Family Food Pantry of Florham Park

Church Offerings: Thank you to everyone who continues to make contributions to support our mission. Online giving is available for both congregations. Envelopes that are mailed to the church continue to be deposited. For those attending in person, there are offering plates located in the back of the sanctuary - one for each congregation.

PRAYER LISTS FOR WEEK OF JULY 31st

(Note: New entries appear in Bold Font)

GOOD SHEPHERD:

Our Church Family: Walt Strohmaier; Connie Gleichman; Dick Zeien; Ron and Irene Nagle; Kathy Briedis

Friends and Family: Wendy Estes; Ed Denton; Vince Bober; Doris Felmores; Melissa Kelly; Herbert Holly; Ralph Swinburne; Joe Mihalko; Joe Caparo; Cathy Caparo; Ginna Zukswert; Russ White; Gene & Al Clelland; Ruth Moolin; Bob Swanson; Nancy and Jeff Martin; John Holl; Joy Griffith; Leslie Spohn; Pauline Morris; Wendy Wyll; Winnie A. Maroney; Lina Petruzzo; Janice Bitondo; Charles Tobias; Eileen & Dave Word; John West; Brian Goldrich & Barbara Gemma; and Robert Zeien

Family Of: Robin Pluciniak

SAINT MARK:

Our Church Family: Carla & Wolf Bauer; Patty Chadwick

Friends and Family: Robert Nixon (friend of Cookie Davidsen); Kurt Ziem (Brother-In-Law of Cookie Davidsen); Jim Topor (Friend of Judy Geller); Rev. Paul Strockbine; Larry Lane (friend of Judy Geller); Geri Monetti (Former Member); Patty Barnes & Family (Daughter of Carla & Wolf Bauer); Bonny and Bob Caridad (Bob Burkhardt's Sister and Husband); Janet (Friend of Carla Bauer); June Mueller (Cousin of Donna Mertz-Burkhardt); Stanley Nagy (Brother of Carla Bauer); Brian Vohs (Nephew of Gail Glennon)

Family of: **Peter Bauer** (Brother of Wolf Bauer)

IN THE WORLD:

The People of Ukraine; All who are suffering from the Coronavirus Pandemic

NOTE: If you have any announcements or prayer requests to add or delete, please call 973-538-3939 or email: **secretary@saint-mark-lutheran-church.org**