



GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH REDCLIFFE
SERVICE ORDER FOR 18th JULY,
EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

LORD God, loving Father:

You love, refresh, restore, forgive
and heal Your people.

As we hear Your Word and receive the Sacrament,
fill us with Your Spirit and make us one,
that we may live with true confidence and hope,
and we may be a sign of Your love in this world;
in Jesus' name. Amen.

OPENING SENTENCE: Psalm 23:1

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

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INVOCATION

In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

AT 206: As the deer pants for the water (click [here](#))

**As the deer pants for the water, so my soul longs after You.
You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship You.
You alone are my strength and shield, to You alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship You.**

**I want You more than gold or silver, only You can satisfy.
You alone are the real joy-giver and the apple of my eye.
You alone are my strength and shield, to You alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship You.**

**You're my friend and You are my brother even though You are a King.
I love You more than any other, so much more than anything.
You alone are my strength and shield, to You alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship You.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty God, merciful Father,
I, a poor helpless sinner, confess to You all my sins,
and repent of all the evil I have done.**

**I have deeply displeased You
and deserve Your punishment in time and in eternity.**

**But I am sorry for my sins, and I ask You,
for the sake of the holy innocent sufferings and death
of Your dear Son Jesus Christ,
to be gracious and merciful to me. Amen.**

INTROIT: Psalm 23

¹ *The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.*

² *He makes me lie down in green pastures.*

He leads me beside still waters.

³ *He restores my soul.*

**He leads me in paths of righteousness
for His name's sake.**

**⁴ Even though I walk through
the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil, for You are with me;
Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.**

**⁵ You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
You anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.**

**⁶ Surely goodness and mercy
shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

**Glory to the Father
and the Son
and the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,
is now,
and will be forever.
Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray for guidance.

[silence]

Loving God,
we thank you
that you lead us like a good shepherd,
caring for your sheep.
Let us hear your voice,
and guide us in safety
along your right path.
We ask this through your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

Amen.

BIBLE READING

FIRST READING: 2 Samuel 7:1-14a God's promise to David

¹The king moved into his palace. The LORD had given him peace and rest from all his enemies around him. ²Then the king spoke to Nathan the prophet. He said, "Here I am, living in a house that has beautiful cedar walls. But the ark of God remains in a tent." ³Nathan replied to the king, "Go ahead and do what you want to. The LORD is with you." ⁴But that night the word of the LORD came to Nathan. The LORD said, ⁵"Go and speak to My servant David. Tell him, 'The LORD says, "Are you the one to build Me a house to live in? ⁶I brought the Israelites up out of Egypt. But I have not lived in a house from then until now. I have been moving from place to place. I have been living in a tent. ⁷I have moved from place to place with all the Israelites. I commanded their rulers to be shepherds over them. I never asked any of those rulers, 'Why haven't you built Me a house that has beautiful cedar walls?' " ' ⁸"So tell my servant David, 'The LORD who rules over all says, "I took you away from the grasslands. That's where you were taking care of your father's sheep and goats. I made you ruler over My people Israel. ⁹I have been with you everywhere you have gone. I have destroyed all your enemies. Now I will make you famous. Your name will be just as respected as the names of the most important people on earth. ¹⁰I will provide a place where My people Israel can live. I will plant them in the land. Then they will have a home of their own. They will not be bothered anymore. Evil people will no longer crush them, as they did at first. ¹¹That is what your enemies have done ever since I appointed leaders over My people Israel. But I will give you peace and rest from all of them. " ' "I tell you that I, the LORD, will set up a royal house for you. ¹²Some day your life will come to an end. You will join the members of your family who have already died. Then I will make one of your own sons the next king after you. And I will make his kingdom secure. ¹³He is the one who will build a house where I will put My Name. I will set up the throne of his kingdom. It will last forever. ¹⁴I will be his father. And he will be My son.

After the reading
This is the Word of the LORD.
Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 2:11-22 We are all one in Christ

¹¹Therefore, remember that at one time, you Gentiles in the flesh—the ones who are called “uncircumcised” by those called “the circumcised” (which is performed physically by human hands)—¹²remember that at that time you were separated from Christ, excluded from the citizenship of Israel, and foreigners to the covenants of the promise. You were without hope and without God in the world. ¹³But now in Christ Jesus, you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴For He Himself is our peace. He made the two groups one by destroying the wall of hostility that divided them ¹⁵when He abolished the law of commandments and regulations in His flesh. He did this to create in Himself one new person out of the two, in this way making peace. ¹⁶And He did this to reconcile both to God in one body through the cross by putting the hostility to death on it ¹⁷He also came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. ¹⁸For through Him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit. ¹⁹So then, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of God’s household. ²⁰You have been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus Himself as the Cornerstone. ²¹In Him the whole building is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord. ²²In Him you too are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

After the reading
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Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA VERSE

Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Jesus said: 'My sheep hear my voice.
I know them, and they follow Me.'*

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Mark 6:30-34,53-56 Jesus has compassion on the crowd

Before the reading
Glory be to You, O LORD.

³⁰The apostles gathered round Jesus and reported to Him all they had done and taught. ³¹Then, because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, Jesus said to them, ‘Come with Me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest.’ ³²So they went away by themselves in a boat to a solitary place. ³³But many who saw them leaving recognised them and ran on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. ³⁴When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, He had compassion on them, because they were

like sheep without a shepherd. So He began teaching them many things. ⁵³ When they had crossed over, they landed at Gennesaret and anchored there. ⁵⁴ As soon as they got out of the boat, people recognised Jesus. ⁵⁵ They ran throughout that whole region and carried those who were ill on mats to wherever they heard He was. ⁵⁶ And wherever He went – into villages, towns or countryside – they placed those who were ill in the market-places. They begged Him to let them touch even the edge of his cloak, and all who touched it were healed.

After the reading

This is the gospel of the LORD.

Praise be to You, O Christ.

Lord Jesus, thank you for having mercy
and feeding and healing us.

Help us to trust in you, and make us well.

Amen.

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, dead, and 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**

LHS 609: Jesus loves me (click [here](#))

**Jesus loves me! this I know, for the Bible tells me so;
little ones to Him belong, they are weak, but He is strong:
*Yes, Jesus loves me; yes, Jesus loves me; yes, Jesus loves me: the Bible tells me so.***

**Jesus loves me! He who died heaven's gate to open wide;
He will wash away my sin, let His little child come in:
*Yes, Jesus loves me; yes, Jesus loves me; yes, Jesus loves me: the Bible tells me so.***

**Jesus loves me, loves me still, though I'm very weak and ill;
from His shining throne on high, comes to watch me where I lie:
*Yes, Jesus loves me; yes, Jesus loves me; yes, Jesus loves me: the Bible tells me so.***

**Jesus loves me! He will stay close beside me all the way;
when at last I come to die, He will take me home on high:
*Yes, Jesus loves me; yes, Jesus loves me; yes, Jesus loves me: the Bible tells me so.***

SERMON

At this point you may wish to Listen to Sermon, or Read and Discuss the Sermon
The Sermon online will be different to the manuscript.
For Church YouTube Channel ([click here](#))

LHS 191: The Church's One Foundation ([click here](#))

**The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is His new creation by water and the Word.
From heav'n He came and sought her to be His holy bride;
with His own blood He bought her and for her life He died.**

**Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth.
one holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses, with ev'ry grace endued.**

**Through toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation of peace forevermore
till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,
and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.**

**Yet she on earth has union with God, the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.
O blessed heav'nly chorus! Lord, save us by Your grace
that we, like saints before us. may see You face to face.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

*Our God cares for his people and sends shepherds to feed, protect, guide, and nurture them.
Our good Shepherd Jesus Christ knows each of us by name. Let us pray to our Shepherd who is
always with us.*

Thank you Lord Jesus, our good shepherd, for calling us into your flock. Have compassion on your people and purify the teaching of your church. Remove the poison of cultural accommodation and expediency. Expose our error, forgive us and bring us to repentance and renewal. **hear our prayer**

Sanctify Bishop John Henderson and District Bishop Paul Smith, and District Bishop Elect Pastor Mark Vainikka as they shepherd your flock in this church. Have compassion on all our pastors. Lead them to drink deeply of your water of life each day, and give them the courage to speak your word truly. **hear our prayer**

Have compassion on our brothers and sisters in other Christian churches at this time. Remove the error that divides us. Direct our discussions and decisions about cooperation, and strengthen our love for one another. **hear our prayer**

We pray for all who rule and govern, that they may be fair and compassionate shepherds of their people. Have compassion on this land and send rain where it is needed. Prosper all proper work and learning, and bless the teachers and children in our schools. **hear our prayer.**

Have mercy on all who are in need, dear Lord, and shepherd them. Bring peace where there is trouble, food where there is hunger, hope where there is despair. And soften our hearts to have compassion and help where we can. **hear our prayer**

Good Shepherd, support each of us here in our daily lives. Give us strength and skill for our work, love for our families, righteousness in our thinking and doing. **hear our prayer**

Have compassion on all who are sick or stressed - heal and restore them, and give them confidence in you. And meet the needs of others we know personally to be in need and whom we now name silently in our hearts... *(brief silence)* **hear our prayer**

Merciful God, as your Son heard the cries of the people for him to heal them, hear our prayers according to your grace so that your glory may be known throughout the world. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be Your name,
Your kingdom come,
Your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours
now and forever. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

*Let us bless the LORD.
God be praised forevermore.*

*I will sing of Your steadfast love, O LORD, for ever;
with my mouth I will proclaim Your faithfulness
to all generations.*

*The LORD bless us and keep us.
The LORD make His face shine on us and be gracious to us.
The LORD look upon us with favour, and give us peace.*

Amen!

GROWING FAITH AT HOME BIBLE VERSE

Psalm 23:1

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The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

GROWING FAITH AT HOME BLESSING

*May the LORD touch you with love,
show you kindness
and bring you healing.*

**May the LORD touch you with love,
show you kindness
and bring you healing.**

WORDS OF SENDING

*Remember, once you were without hope
and without God in the world.*

*But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away
have been brought near through the blood of Christ.*

*In Christ we are being built together
to become a dwelling
in which God lives by His Spirit.*

*Go in peace as fellow members of God's family.
In the name of Christ. Amen.*

May the peace of God (Benediction Hymn) ([click here](#))

**May the peace of God, our heav'nly Father, and the grace of Christ, the risen Son,
and the fellowship of God the Spirit keep our hearts and minds within His love.**

**And to Him be praise for His glorious reign; from the depths of earth to the heights of
heaven we declare the name of the Lamb once slain: Christ eternal, the King of Kings.**

**May this peace which passes understanding, and this grace which makes us what we are,
and this fellowship of His communion, make us one in spirit and in heart.**

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HYMNS AND SONGS

First reading (a): 2 Samuel 7:1-14a

LHS

- 16 Hail to the Lord's Anointed G6
17 Come, Thou long-expected Jesus G6
166 All hail the power of Jesus' name (tune Miles Lane TIS 224 (1)) G8
733 Daughter of Zion, O rejoice G6
878 Your love surrounds me GS

AT

- 10 In the house of God

Second reading: Ephesians 2:11-22

LHS

- 45 Hail, Thou source of every blessing* G4
188 Built on a rock, the Church doth stand* G4
232 Rise, Thou light of gentile nations* G4
248 Christ is made the sure foundation G6
799 In Christ there is no east or west G7
803 Peace with the Father, peace with Christ his Son G7
807 Lift high the cross GS

AT

- 144 He came to bring peace
192 Spirit of peace
313 Christ, be our light

Gospel: Mark 6:30-34,53-56

LHS

- 162 In Jesus, I find peace and rest* G3
297 Thine for ever, God of love G6
308 Come unto Me, ye weary* G6
604 Saviour, like a shepherd lead us* G6
815 O Christ the healer, we have come G6
817 O Jesus Christ, to you may hymns be rising G7
818 O Son of God, in Galilee G7

AT

- 226 When Jesus sat down on the lakeshore
263 Singing all praises
441 Jesus was sent