

This Sunday's Theme: The Goodness of God

# Called to Worship

# Call to Worship: 1 Chronicles 16:29-30

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering and come before him! Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness; tremble before him, all the earth.

### Let the Nations Be Glad

Let the glory of the Lord forever be our joy May redemption be the theme of our song For by grace we have been saved And by grace we shall proclaim To the corners of the earth that Christ has come

> Let the nations be glad, let the people rejoice For salvation belongs to our God Let the whole earth be filled with the praises of the Lord For salvation belonas to our God *Let the nations be glad*

Through the ages gone before Through the trial and the sword Many saints and martyrs conquered though they died Still we're holding out the cross Crossing oceans suffering loss Shall endure all things to win the crown of life

As your holy church goes forth, in the Holy Spirit's power With the glories of the Gospel to exclaim Now we pray Your kingdom come And we pray Your will be done For the honor and the glory of Your name

Scripture Reading: Psalm 1

# Confessing Our Sin

### **Prayer of Confession**

Almighty God, every good and perfect gift is from above and comes down from You. We confess the times we have not acknowledged you or given you our thanks. We have taken your gifts for granted, and not worshiped and served You, the Giver. Thank you for the greatest gift of your Son, Jesus Christ, in whom there is redemption and forgiveness. For His sake, forgive us and cleanse us and make us thankful people. Amen..

### Words of Assurance: Psalm 103:11-13

As high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.

# Celebrating the Gospel

### How Deep The Father's Love For Us

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure That he should give his only son, to make a wretch his treasure How great the pain of searing loss, the Father turns his face away As wounds which mar the chosen one, bring many sons to glory

Behold the man upon the cross, my sin upon his shoulders Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers It was my sin that held him there until it was accomplished His dying breath has brought me life; I know that it is finished

I will not boast in anything: no gifts, no power, no wisdom But I will boast in Jesus Christ; his death and resurrection Why should I gain from his reward? I cannot give an answer But this I know with all my heart: his wounds have paid my ransom

## **Declaring Our Faith:** Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. 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. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

# **Announcements** (page 7)

### **Praver**

I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people. 1 Tim. 2:1–2

### The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

### **Greeting Time**

A preschool class for kids 3-5 is available during the sermon. Please take your kids to the classroom marked 'PreK' during the greeting time.

# **Christ The Sure And Steady Anchor**

Christ the sure and steady anchor in the fury of the storm; when the winds of doubt blow through me, and my sails have all been torn. In the suffering, in the sorrow, when my sinking hopes are few, I will hold fast to the anchor, it shall never be removed.

Christ the sure and steady anchor while the tempest rages on; when temptation claims the battle, and it seems the night has won. Deeper still, then, goes the anchor, though I justly stand accused; I will hold fast to the anchor, it shall never be removed.

Christ the sure and steady anchor, through the floods of unbelief; hopeless somehow, o my soul now, lift your eyes to Calvary!
This my ballast of assurance, see His love forever proved;
I will hold fast to the anchor, it shall never be removed.

Christ the sure and steady anchor, as we face the wave of death; when these trials give way to glory, as we draw our final breath. We will cross that great horizon, clouds behind and life secure; and the calm will be the better, for the storms that we endure.

Christ the sure of our salvation, ever faithful, ever true; we will hold fast to the anchor, it shall never be removed.

Consecrated by the word	
Scripture Reading: Philippians 4:2-19	
<b>Message</b> : Jesus First in Our Thoughts	Mark Howard

Discuss:				
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- What is one thing you will take away from today's sermon?
- Who will you share this with during the coming week?

### Communion in Sacrament

# The Lord's Supper

Everyone ought to examine themselves before they eat of the bread and drink from the cup. 1 Corinthians 11:28

# **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Gracious Lord, we give you thanks for calling us out of the darkness and into your glorious light. When we remember the price you paid, the death of your only Son, we can only wonder and marvel at the greatness of your love. We give our lives to you Lord, and pray that through your Spirit you would teach us how to live according to your will. Send us out now to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of your mercy. We pray this in Jesus name. Amen.

### **His Mercy Is More**

What love could remember, no wrongs we have done Omniscient, all-knowing, he counts not their sum Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore Our sins they are many, his mercy is more

> Praise the Lord, his mercy is more Stronger than darkness, new every morn Our sins they are many, his mercy is more

What patience would wait as we constantly roam What father so tender is calling us home He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor Our sins they are many, his mercy is more

What riches of kindness he lavished on us His blood was the payment his life was the cost We stood neath a debt we could never afford Our sins they are many, his mercy is more

### **Tithes and Offerings**

An offering box is available near the exit. Alternatively, please consider giving online at westvalleypres.org/give. For more info visit the "giving info" link on our website.

# Compelled to Go Out

# Commission and Benediction: Jude 20-21, 24-25

Building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit, keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life.

Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

**WELCOME!** If you are new to West Valley, we are glad you joined us this afternoon. Please scan this code or visit westvalleypres.org/welcome to fill out our welcome card.



# Weekly Growth Groups

Wednesday – SUMMER OPEN HOUSE, 6pm-8pm at Stekas

**Saturday** – Women's, 9:00am

Growth Groups are small gatherings of Christians who are committed together to moving people toward maturity in Christ. We encourage everyone to join at least one group to explore God's Word, pray together, and support one another. Our other groups that will resume in the fall. For details visit westvalleypres.org/groups.

**No Sunday School Next Week** – There will be *no Sunday School* before the service for children or adults in of August. The Pre-K class will continue to meet during the sermon.

**Monday Prayer Call** – Join us on Mondays from 7:00am-7:15am via Zoom to pray for the world, the nation, and the church. Call (646)-558-8656 and enter meeting code 820 8319 4443. Contact Ellen at ellen@pearce.org for more info.

**Summer Open House** – Join us on Wednesdays in July from 6pm-8pm at the Howards for an informal time of snacks and fellowship. Our hosts for August are:

8/7 – Stetkas

8/14 – No Open House

8/21 – Kims

**Sound Volunteers Needed!** - Interested in joining our Sound Team? For more info, please contact Brian Klinetob at bklinetob@gmail.com.

**Community Festival** – **Saturday, August 24**th from 12-4pm we will be hosting a community picnic here at Good Shepherd. We will have a sign-up available soon for food and to help with activities.

**Ministry Apprentice Update** – Our new Ministry Apprentice will be joining us later this month. Look out for more information as we welcome Stephen Nolin and his wife, Laurel, into our church community soon!

West Valley Crafters – If you'd like to sell some of your handmade creations at Good Shepherd's Fall Craft Show on Saturday, October 19th, please speak to Karen Lyngdoh (karenlyngdoh@gmail.com) or Tamela Seitz (wellspringtamela@gmail.com) about sharing a table.

# This Month's Memory Verse:

Now to Him who is able to do far more than all we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever.

Amen. Ephesians 3:20

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# Our mission:

Growing disciples of Jesus at home, at work and in our communities through the Word, prayer, and mutual encouragement

# **Meeting Location**

2:30pm at 135 Quarry Rd, Alburtis (Church of the Good Shepherd) www.westvalleypres.org | 610-421-8066 | PO Box 3741, Allentown 18106