

WELCOME

Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd + St. Mark's Episcopal Church

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Church Office Hours: Tues.-Wed. & Thurs.

9 to 12

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Our **Purpose** is to speak God's word in Jesus Christ, as we welcome all to worship and praise.

Our Guiding Principles:

- Jesus is Lord and Savior • Everyone is a Minister • We Invite All to Join Us in Worship and Praise • Celebrate Joy in Worship • Deepening our Faith Strengthens Spiritual Belief
- Being God's Messengers in our Community and the World

July 19, 2026 Eighth Sunday after Pentecost



**10:30 Episcopal Holy Eucharist
Rev. Pam Shier**

ANNOUNCEMENT

- Reminder** Today is an Episcopal service so after you receive your communion you may return to your seat.
- Sunday, Aug 2nd** **REMINDER** that there will be NO church here on August 2nd. We encourage all of us to go to the Madras United Methodist Church service at 9:30 am. They will have communion this Sunday.
- Coffee Hour** There is a new clipboard for July coffee hour and flowers. Take a minute to sign up to help. **Please think about bringing some goodies for coffee hour. Please consider setting up and cleaning up. We need ALL of us to step up and help. It would be greatly appreciated.**
- Green Bags** Have you noticed the Green bag basket in the narthex? It is to collect food for the Madras Food Pantry. **When you are at the store and you have buy one and get one free, get one for the Green Bag basket. Next pick up is august 8th and our baskets are empty.**
- Food Ministries** **Madras Community Food Pantry** is located at the Madras United Methodist Church. They are now providing an evening distribution for working families.
- White Communication** Grab a card from the pew pocket. Please place your completed card in offering. **Side One: Everyone** please complete attendance information. **Side Two:** Members list volunteer hours. All are welcome to leave messages.

This week's Events.....

- Today:** **10:30 am** Worship with communion
Friday 7:30 to 9:30 pm Iglesia Prayer Vigil
Sunday **10:30 am** Worship
1 to 3 Iglesia Worship

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

WELCOME

Rev. Pam Shier

RINGING OF THE BELL

Bev Haworth

ASSEMBLY PLEASE STAND

GATHERING HYMN: Morning Has Broken

ELW #556

GREETING:

Rev. Pam Shier

Blessed Be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit

And blessed be His kingdom, now and forever. Amen

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, to You all hearts are open,

all desires known, and from You no secrets are hid;

Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You, and worthily magnify Your Holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

AMEN.

GLORY TO GOD in front of the hymnal

ELW page 204

COLLECT OF THE DAY

together

O God, the protector of all who trust in You, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us Your mercy; that, with You as our ruler and guide, we may so pass things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Assembly may be seated.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 44:6-8

Colleen Fletcher

There are no other gods besides God: the word of the Lord does not fail to come to pass. We can trust in God, through whom Israel—and we—are redeemed.

⁶ Thus says the Lord, the Sovereign of Israel,
and Israel's Redeemer, the Lord of hosts:

I am the first and I am the last;
besides me there is no god.

⁷ Who is like me? Let them proclaim it,
let them declare and set it forth before me.

Who has announced from of old the things to come?
Let them tell us what is yet to be.

⁸ Do not fear, or be afraid;
have I not told you from of old and declared it?
You are my witnesses!
Is there besides me any other deity?
There is no other rock; I know not one.
Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM: PSALM 86:11-17

Colleen Fletcher

Congregation speaks the bold:

- ¹¹ Teach me Your way, O Lord, and I will walk in Your truth;
give me an undivided heart to revere Your name.
¹² I will thank You, O Lord my God, with all my heart,
and glorify Your name forevermore.
¹³ For great is Your love toward me;
You have delivered me from the pit of death.
¹⁴ The arrogant rise up against me, O God, and a band of violent people seeks my life;
they have not set You before their eyes.
¹⁵ But You, O Lord, are gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger, and full of kindness and truth.
¹⁶ Turn to me and have mercy on me;
give Your strength to Your servant, and save the child of Your handmaid.
¹⁷ Show me a sign of Your favor, so that those who hate me may see it and be put to shame;
because You, Lord, have helped me and comforted me.

SECOND READING: ROMANS 8:12-25

Colleen Fletcher

For Paul, true spirituality means that we experience the reality of the Spirit, which enables us to pray as God's children, keeps us in solidarity with creation, and gives us unseen hope that God will liberate us and creation from bondage to death and decay.

¹² So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—¹³ for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.

¹⁵ For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" ¹⁶ it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with Christ so that we may also be glorified with Christ.

¹⁸ I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹ For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; ²⁰ for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God.

²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; ²³ and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

THE ASSEMBLY STANDS TO WELCOME THE GOSPEL.

HYMN: Have No Fear Little Flock

ELW#764

The holy gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew in the 13th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL READING: MATTHEW 13:24-30,36-43

Rev. Pam Shier

Jesus tells a parable about the coexistence of good and evil in this world. God's judgment will remove all evildoers and causes of sin, but not until the end of human history.

²⁴ [Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: "The dominion of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field;²⁵ but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. ²⁶ So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. ²⁷ And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' ' ²⁸ He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' ²⁹ But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. ³⁰ Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.' "

³⁶ Then Jesus left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." ³⁷ Jesus answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son-of-Man; ³⁸ the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of God's dominion; the weeds are the children of the evil one, ³⁹ and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰ Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹ The Son-of-Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his dominion all causes of sin and all evildoers, ⁴² and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³ Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the dominion of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Assembly may be seated.

SERMON

Rev. Pam Shier

ASSEMBLY PLEASE STAND

NICENE CREED

together

In the assurance of eternal life given at Baptism, let us proclaim our faith and say,

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Assembly may be seated.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Colleen Fletcher

Trusting in God's steadfast love for all God has made, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

God our source, protect Your church from those who sow weeds among the wheat. Where we trade grace for judgment, restore us, and where we get lost among the complexities of life, guide us. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God our creator, sustain creation in places not easily seen; the depths of oceans, microscopic plants and animals, galaxies beyond our own. May we share earth's dedication to hope for what we do not yet see. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

God our soil, we yearn to live on Your lands and waters with justice and in righteousness. Renew the hearts of all in authority, that our leaders guide wisely toward the flourishing of all. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

God our rock, be a source of constancy for those whose lives have been uprooted by war, eviction, global climate change, unemployment, harassment, false witness to their character, or illness or injury including Tony, Misty, Arlene, Teresa, Brian, Jason, Chris, Geneva, Paul, Victor, Katie, Dottie, Dothea, Hector, Olivia, Sharon, Dale, Linda and Dave, Dixie, Marcia, Rick, Marilyn, Rustie, Judy and Royce God of grace,
hear our prayer.

God our teacher, guide and provide for all summer camp staff and campers, daycare professionals, librarians, summer school educators and coaches, teachers preparing for the coming academic year, and youth becoming first-time babysitters. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

For what else do the people pray? God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God our hope, the message of Your salvation is planted among us in all times and places. We give You thanks for the witness of all the saints who shine like the sun in Your presence. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Grateful for Your abundant provision and trusting in Your goodness, we cast all our cares upon You, through the abundant grace of Christ Jesus.

Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN

together

Most merciful God,

We confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved You with our whole heart;

We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ,

Have mercy on us and forgive us; and walk in Your ways,

To the glory of Your Name. Amen.

SHARING THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

THANKSGIVINGS

BIRTHDAY: Judy Embanks 7/16, Grace Friederichs 7/17, Wini Gwilliam 7/23

ANNIVERSARY: Keith & Bev Haworth 7/22

BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARY: Linda Jackson **OTHER THANKSGIVINGS:**

OFFERING

Treasure Offering:

OFFERING SONG: We Give Thee but Thine Own

ELW#686

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

ASSEMBLY PLEASE STAND.

OFFERING PRAYER

together

Loving God,

we offer at Your table the gifts of our hearts.

**Help us take heart in You and share freely of Your love,
so that all creation can taste Your abundance.**

**We ask this in the name of Jesus,
through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.**

Amen

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to You, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise Your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY in the front of the hymnal ELW page 207

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,

heaven and earth are full of Your glory.

In great love You sent to us Jesus, Your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of Your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
to whom, with You and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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.

Those joining us on Facebook prepare your bread and wine.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The Gifts of God for the People of God, Holy Gifts for Holy People.

COMMUNION

The body of Christ, the bread of heaven.
The blood of Christ, the cup of salvation.

COMMUNION HYMN:

All Who Hunger, Gladly Gather
Eat This Bread

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TABLE BLESSING

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you now and always in his grace.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

together

Compassionate God,
through the gifts of bread and wine
our hearts are filled with the abundance of Your love.
Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal,
may share Your love freely, as You have shared with us.
We ask this in the name of Jesus,
through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever. Amen.

ASSEMBLY MAY BE SEATED

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

Chosen by the Celebrant

SENDING HYMN: Shine, Jesus Shine

ELW#671

DISMISSAL

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!
Thanks be to God.

It is an age-old question: why is there evil in the world? In the parable of the wheat and the weeds Jesus suggests that both grow together until the harvest. With Paul, we long for the day that all creation will be set free from bondage and suffering. Having both weeds and wheat within us, we humbly place our hope in the promises of God, and from the Lord's table we go forth to bear the fruit of justice and mercy.

Please Pray For Our Homebound & Nursing Home Residents: Joyce Allison, Royce Embanks And For: *our nation, our troops, our enemies; and for our Brothers and Sisters in the Holy Land, and to end the hunger; safety and peace for all people.* **And:** + God's continuing guidance for Good Shepherd + St. Mark's.

Year to date: 2026

Non Designated Offering Needed: \$34,104.00

Non-Designated Offering Received: \$29,109.40

Difference: **MINUS \$4,994.60**

Last Week:

Non Designated Offering Needed: \$1,218.00

Offering Received \$355.00

Difference: **Minus: \$863**

Attendance: 9 in church FB 4= 13 Iglesia 25

Date Serving	July 19	July 26	August 2n
Clergy	Pastor Pam Shier	Sermon Leslie McCalister Leader Kathy Evans	Our church closed. Service at Madras United Methodist at 9:30 am
Ushers	Rich Lohman Dana Lundy	Dennis Buslach Rich Lohman	XXXX
Acolyte	Bentley Lundy	Bentley Lundy	XXXX
Greeter	Bev Haworth	Rich Urbach	XXXX
Lector	Colleen Fletcher	Wanda Buslach	XXXX
Welcome Bell	Bev Haworth	Rich Urbach	XXXX
Communion Prep.	Kathy Evans	XXXX	XXXX
Communion Assist	Kathy Evans Bev Haworth	XXXX	XXXX
Counter	Carl Lindgren Rich Lohman	Dana Lundy Kathy Evans	XXXX
Music/FB	Carl Lindgren		XXXX
Flowers		Marilyn For Dad's Birthday	XXXX
Coffee Hour			XXXX
			XXXX