

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
June 23, 2024
Fifth Sunday of Pentecost

Prelude Susan Berg, Piano

Announcements

Opening Song "Beautiful One"
Song Leaders and Congregation

Wonderful, so wonderful Is Your unfailing love Your cross has spoken mercy over me
No eye has seen, no ear has heard No heart could fully know How glorious, how beautiful you are!

Beautiful One I love Beautiful One I adore Beautiful One my soul must sing
Powerful, so powerful Your glory fills the skies Your mighty works displayed for all to see
The beauty of Your majesty Awakes my heart to sing How marvelous, how wonderful You are

Beautiful One I love Beautiful One I adore Beautiful One my soul must sing
Beautiful One I love Beautiful One I adore Beautiful One my soul must sing

You opened my eyes to Your wonders anew You captured my heart with this love
Because nothing on earth is as beautiful as You
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Because nothing on earth is as beautiful as You

Beautiful One I love Beautiful One I adore Beautiful One my soul must sing My soul, my soul must sing
My soul, my soul must sing My soul, my soul must sing My soul, my soul must sing
Beautiful One

My soul, my soul must sing My soul, my soul must sing My soul, my soul must sing
Beautiful One

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, +one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

Amen.

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance., let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God, our provider,
help us.

It is hard to believe there is enough to share.

We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live.

We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you.

We take offense at your teachings and your ways.

Turn us again to you.

Where else can we turn?

Share with us the works of eternal life and feed us for life in the world.

Amen.

Beloved people of God:

in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished.

By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough.

Through Jesus, +the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy:

You are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

Amen.

Prayer of the Day

P: We pray together ...

C: O God of creation, eternal majesty, your preside over land and sea, sunshine and storm. By your strength pilot us, by your power preserve us, by your wisdom instruct us, and by your hand protect us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Job 38:1-11

New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition

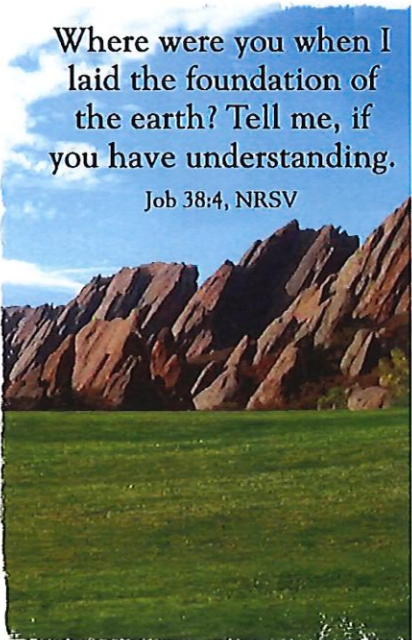
The LORD Answers Job

38 Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind:

² "Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?"

³ Gird up your loins like a man;

I will question you, and you shall declare to me.



Where were you when I
laid the foundation of
the earth? Tell me, if
you have understanding.

Job 38:4, NRSV

⁴ “Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?
Tell me, if you have understanding.
⁵ Who determined its measurements—surely you know!
Or who stretched the line upon it?
⁶ On what were its bases sunk,
or who laid its cornerstone
⁷ when the morning stars sang together
and all the heavenly beings^[a] shouted for joy?
⁸ “Or who shut in the sea with doors
when it burst out from the womb,
⁹ when I made the clouds its garment
and thick darkness its swaddling band,
¹⁰ and prescribed bounds for it,
and set bars and doors,
¹¹ and said, ‘Thus far shall you come and no farther,
and here shall your proud waves be stopped’?”

SECOND LESSON

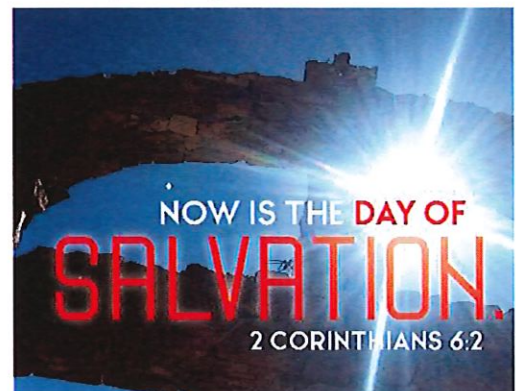
2 Corinthians 6:1-13

6 As we work together with him,^[a] we entreat you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. ² For he says,

“At an acceptable time I have listened to you,
and on a day of salvation I have helped you.”

Look, now is the acceptable time; look, now is the day of salvation! ³ We are putting no obstacle in anyone’s way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, ⁴ but as

servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: in great endurance, afflictions, hardships, calamities, ⁵ beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; ⁶ in purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, ⁷ truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of



righteousness for the right hand and for the left; ⁸ in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors and yet are true, ⁹ as unknown and yet are well known, as dying and look—we are alive, as punished and yet not killed, ¹⁰ as sorrowful yet always rejoicing, as poor yet making many rich, as having nothing and yet possessing everything.

¹¹ We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. ¹² There is no restriction in our affections but only in yours. ¹³ In return—I speak as to children—open wide your hearts also.

GOSPEL

Mark 4:35-41

Jesus Stills a Storm

³⁵ On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, “Let us go across to the other side.” ³⁶ And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. ³⁷ A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. ³⁸ But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion, and they woke him up and said to him, “Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?” ³⁹ And waking up, he rebuked the wind and said to the sea, “Be silent! Be still!” Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. ⁴⁰ He said to them, “Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?” ⁴¹ And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?”

Sermon

“Faith Over Fear”

Sermon Hymn

“Great is Thy Faithfulness”
Song Leaders and Congregation



Verse 1

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my father; there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassion thy fail not; as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

Refrain

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided; great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me.

Verse 2

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Refrain

Verse 3

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today
and bright hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Refrain

Prayers of the People

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Heavenly Father, we look at today's texts and marvel at Your might and power. When, like Job, we are tempted to question God's plans or to challenge His authority, God admonishes us to look at what he has created. He made the foundations of the earth, the sea, the stars that sing together and the heavenly beings who shout for joy! These were all His creations, even before God made humankind. *Lord in your mercy...*

What's more, in Jesus Christ, God proved the power of the Trinity as our Gospel text confirms; the incarnate God, Jesus, was still able to control the wind and waves of the Sea of Galilee. Why do we doubt His power in the midst of the storms of our lives when the forces around us seem to toss us in our boats of life and threaten to cause us to fall. *Lord in your mercy...*

We pray for our nation, state and city; our president, governor, mayor and the leaders of the world. May they listen to this powerful God as He gives direction to the nations to take refuge in His everlasting arms. We live in difficult days, Lord. The winds of the sky and the waters of the earth are swirling all around us. We call it climate change. Yet, God, you are still in control. As at the beginning, you have said, *'Thus far shall you come and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stopped'*? In our finitude, we look to Your power and plead for Your mercy. *Lord in your mercy...*

Remember this congregation, its pastor and people, as we share the love of Jesus. Touch those who have asked for prayer with healing, comfort and new life in Jesus Christ. We name those among us who have asked for prayer. And for what else do the people of God pray or praise? Lord in your mercy...

And the Almighty God says in response, *"At an acceptable time, I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you."* Look, now is the acceptable time; look, now is the day of salvation! May we hear God's voice and receive His salvation. In Jesus Mighty name, we pray. *Amen.* CAROLYN T. LINN

Special Music "O That I Had A Thousand Voices" Words by Johann Mentzer and Jay Althouse, Music by Jay Althouse (c 1994, 2014 Alfred Music)
Choral Ensemble

Scripture Reading: 1 Samuel 17:(1a, 4-11, 19-23), 32-49
Maybe you don't just have one Goliath. Maybe you have his whole family!—Joyce Meyer

Malcolm Gladwell has been a staff writer at *The New Yorker* since 1996. He is the author of *The Tipping Point*, *Blink*, *Outliers*, and *What the Dog Saw*. In 2015, he published *David and Goliath: Underdogs, Misfits, and the Art of Battling Giants*.

I mention this because today's Bible reading tells the story of two ancient combatants: David the underdog and Goliath the giant. The story has become a classic literary motif championing the cause of the underdog. Think of the U.S. Olympic hockey team defeating the Russians in 1981. The upset was known as the "Miracle on Ice."

Think of Joe Namath in Super Bowl III guaranteeing a victory for his lowly Jets against the mighty Baltimore Colts. Think of Erin Brockovich doing the impossible — taking down Pacific Gas & Electric Company.

But Gladwell has a different take on this classic account.

The appeal of the story is that the boy gets the giant. The outsider versus the insider. The weak versus the strong. But Gladwell notes: "Goliath is not what we think he is in a profoundly crucial way. The thing that makes Goliath seem strong is the source of his greatest weakness. ... And David is also not what you think he is. Part of what's fascinating is how many scholars, particularly Israeli scholars throughout history, have been fascinated by this story and written accounts of what exactly David's weapon was. And we now understand that his weapon was not a child's toy. It was a devastating weapon. So devastating, in fact, that the minute he decided to use a sling against Goliath, the tables were turned. He's not the underdog anymore."

So when we realize that Goliath is much weaker than we thought and that the shepherd boy David actually has a superior weapon, we then know that the giant doesn't have a chance.

What is your weapon when you face your inner giants? Is it prayer? Is it a strong faith in God? Is it your knowledge that "all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose?" (Romans 8:28).

Yes, there is no "giant" that cannot be brought down. Why? Because a person of faith has stronger weapons. —Timothy Merrill

Prayer: O God, today I will face my giants without fear. Amen.



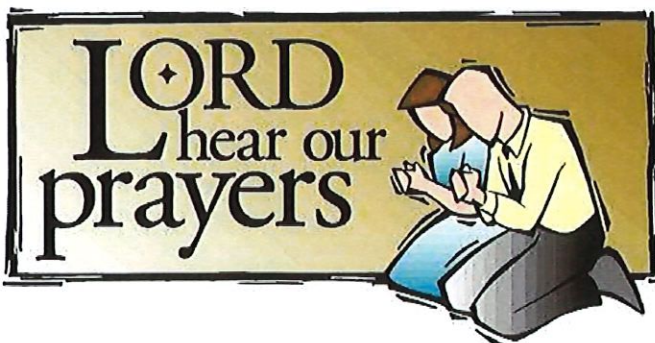
Prayer Concerns

Members in Need of Prayer:

Mary Schmidt
Kay Schumacher
Mona White
Betty Montgomery
Diane Fake
Yvonne Smith
Neil and Verna Walden
Liz Smith
Bill Biggs
Mary Norris & Family
Connie Alvarado
Jocelyn Miller
Kirsten Linder
Jim Thompson

Family and Friends:

Gary Assmussen (Deuker's Cousin)
Please pray for the Bob Krause family on his passing. (Anderson)
Debbie's Family on her passing (Sullivan Family Friend)
Irene Goldman (Dueker)
Jennifer Wenzel (Wilk)
Betty (Anderson)
Tonya (White)
Shanese (White)
Dirk Rathwick (Norris)
Zyg Zee (Norris)
Claire (Vonny)
Janet Sharp (Fake)
Anthony Collichio (Norris)
Mickey Cecil (Norris)
Jeanne Grant (Anderson)
Dorothy Lee Bruce (Julie)
Monica & Kyle Sedra (Werfelmann)
Jacob, Abbe & Family (Werfelmann)
Melissa (Sandy T.)
Joy Kensinger (Miller)
Frank and Anita Porco (Vonny)
Jim D. (Norris)
Jade Dixon (Julie)
Pam (Smith)
Grace Johnson (Fake)
Hudson Otten (Anderson)
Karen Ohanesian (Hays)
Rosemary (Vonny)



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,
for ever and ever.**

Amen.

Matthew 6:9-13

Blessing

Closing Song

"Shine, Jesus, Shine"

Song Leaders and Congregation

Refrain

Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory; blaze Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.

Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy; send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!

Verse 1

Lord, the light of your love is shining, in the midst of the darkness shining;
Jesus, light of the world, shine upon us, set us free by the truth you now bring us.
Shine on me, shine on me.

Refrain

Verse 2

As we gaze on your kingly brightness, so our faces display your likeness,
ever changing from glory to glory, mirrored here, may our lives tell your story.
Shine on me, shine on me.

Refrain

Sending

P: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Susan Berg, Piano

Daily Bible Readings

Sunday: John 14-17

Monday: Hosea 11-14

Tuesday: 2 Kings 18-19

Wednesday: Isaiah 1-3

Thursday: Isaiah 4-6

Friday: Isaiah 7-9

Saturday: Psalms 64-66

Verse to Remember

"I am the way, and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

—John 14:6

The path from 1 to 100

Directions: Draw a pencil line from square 1 to square 100. You may do this only by moving to an adjacent square (horizontally, vertically or diagonally) whenever you can **add, subtract, multiply or divide the number in your present square by 2 or 5 to get the number in an adjacent square.** For example, from a square with a 6 in it, you could move to a 30 (6 x 5) or an 8 (6 + 2). Find a path from

ANACROSS: There are three clues for each 7-letter word: a definition, a pair of words that are an anagram of the answer, and the letter C already in the diagram. The center column reading down will reveal a bonus word.

1	5	7	20	30
2	3	22	6	28
4	25	8	14	19
20	16	13	55	95
18	9	50	59	100

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DEFINITIONS

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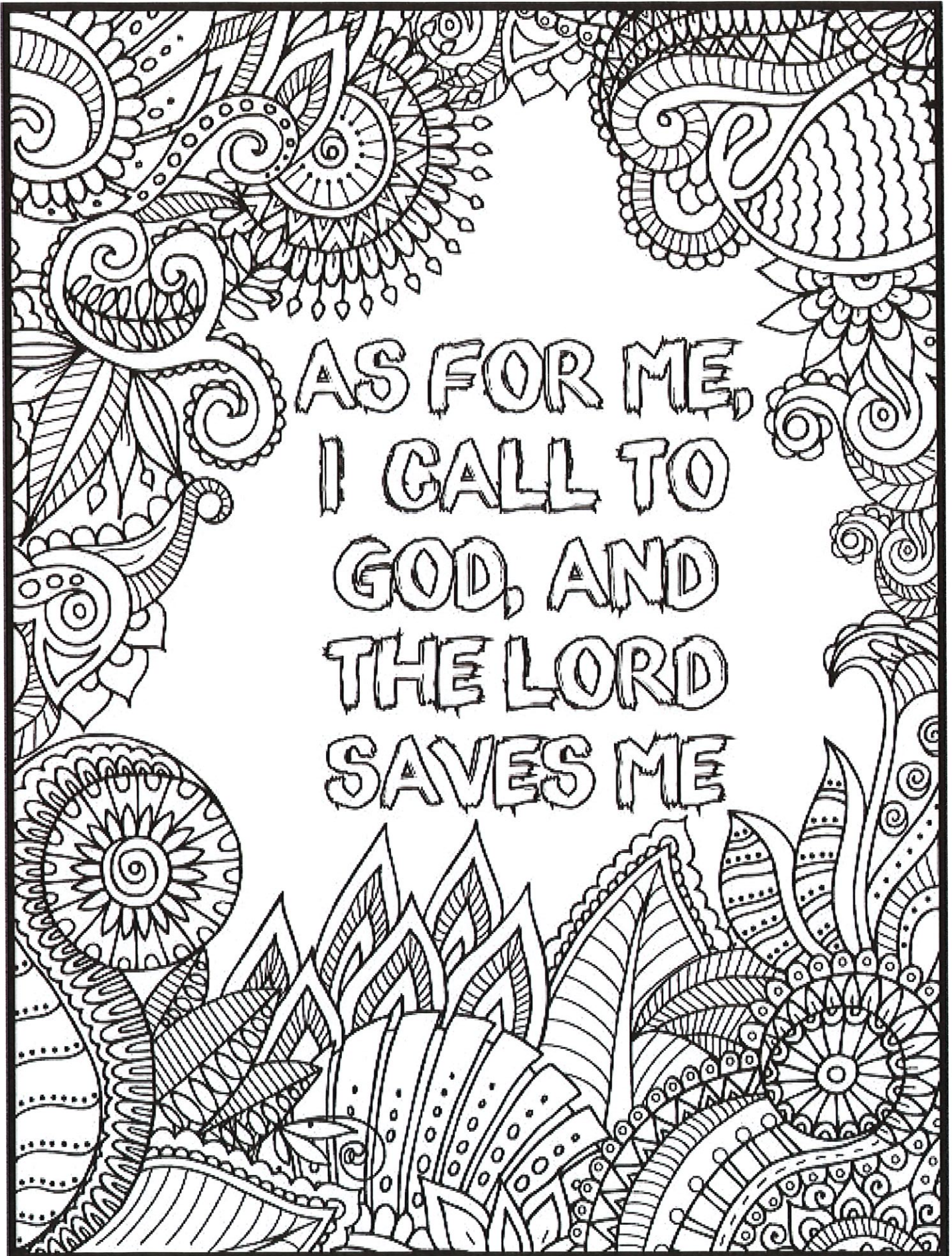
1. Guilty one
2. School subject
3. New member
4. Chef's domain
5. Skunk
6. Popeye's veggie
7. Of the stomach

ANAGRAMS

(from top row to bottom row)

CLIP + RUT
NICE + SEC
CURT + IRE
NECK + HIT
CLAP + TOE
CHIN + ASP
GRIT + SAC

Solution to "The Path from 1 to 100": 1-2-4-20-18-16-14-19-95-100.
Alternate solution: 1-5-3-8-6-30-28-14-19-95-100.
Solution to ANACROSS : culprit, science, recruit, kitchen, polcat, spinach, gastric. Bonus word: percent



ANNOUNCEMENTS

From Generation to Generation VBS Begins Tonight @ 6:15PM Last for 5 Sundays In June/July/August

Our VBS kicks off tonight June 23rd @ 6:16pm so tell your friends, neighbors, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and so on! We will be meeting 5 Sunday nights throughout the summer, and our VBS will be for all ages, FREE, and begin with dinner each night @ 6:15. Dates will be June 23rd and 30th, July 7th, Aug 4th & 11th from 6:15-8:30. We will eat and open together and then adults are invited to Pastor Ted's class while kids are invited to participate in art, crafts, science, and games. Then we will gather back together for music and snacks. All are welcome! Please see Janet or Julie if you'd like to help with music for all, arts & crafts for young people, games & science for kids, or kitchen crew/snack station for all. Thank you!
Shalom. Peace. Paz. Julie Werfelmann



Directory Update—Photo, Address, Email Address or Phone Number



We will once again be updating the directory. If you are fine with us using the current picture then there is nothing that you need to do but if you never had a picture or want to update the current one you can send it to the office email at gslcfresno@att.net or text it to Kathy's cell phone: 559-593-5321. Also, if there have been any changes to your address, email address, or phone number, please send that information to the office email as well.

Pantry Needs Restocking

We could especially use: Bagged pasta & egg noodles, canned meat & fruit (fruit cocktail, peaches, pineapple), ramen noodles, boxed pasta meals, peanut butter & Mayo.

We will continue to take all donations of other food stuffs like: Rice, Boxed pasta meals, Canned vegetables, sauces & chili beans, soups and Jelly (Grape preferable). Donations can be dropped off at the office M - F, from 9AM - 1PM.



Instagram Posts



Sue Hays is needing some content to put on the GSLC Instagram page. Kathy already provides her with the upcoming events but it would be nice for people to send pics that they take from the events. It's good to get another's perspective on the events. Please email any content to the church email at gslcfresno@att.net and Kathy will forward it to Sue.

Bring a Friend to Worship

There are business cards paper clipped in stacks of 5 to use to invite people to worship service. Hand them out in your neighborhood or at your local stores. You can ask an usher for the cards if you can't find them.

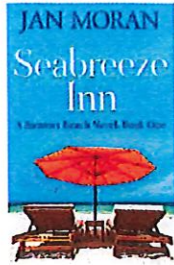


OWLS are grounded for July and August.



Get your passports ready for a vacation with Pilot Gordon and Co -Pilot Diane Fake on Sept. 18. Watch the bulletin and newsletter for details.

GSLC Summer Book Club—June 26 @ 6:30pm, Comm Ctr



In case you have wanted to join our book club discussions but did not have time, here is your chance to come read for fun with us. Books available from your favorite book seller. There are a couple of copies available to borrow. For questions, contact Sharon Rowle (email shandrow@outlook.com - put summer book club in the subject line). Book #1 - SEABREEZE INN by Jan Moran

Join us Wednesday, June 26 at 6:30pm in the Community Center. A widowed artist. An old crush. One summer to get her life back.

Invitation to Hope Lutheran Women's Summer gatherings

We would like to invite you to join the Women of Hope Lutheran in our Summer Sampler series. We will meet from 6:30-8:00 p.m. June 19, 26 & July 10, 17. Taking a break on July 3. Below is a list of the activities. If you have to miss a Wednesday or two, not a problem. If you have further questions, contact me at 559-313-9567. You can sign-up here: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/11ZbLTM2_DMviylVa3eabNXg3qjF8f0HAcr8oti6zY1Q/viewform?edit_requested=true

you're
invited

Sincerely, Candy Paulsen

June 26 Community Center
Devotion: Candy
Painting and/or Quilting (Pam R and Susy)

July 10 Conference Room
Devotion: Donna
Card making (Ada and Donna)
July 17 Community Center
Devotion: Candy
Meal and Fellowship

Saturday Sports at Roeding Elementary



We have several Volunteer Opportunities at GSLC!!
Come Have Some FUN!!

KingsMen/KingsKids, June 26 @ 6:30PM

We will be doing a salad meal prep. If people would like to bring a salad, perhaps with some meat in it too.

