

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
June 30, 2024
Sixth Sunday of Pentecost

Prelude Susan Berg, Piano

Announcements

Opening Song "How Great is Our God"
Song Leaders and Congregation

The splendor of a King Clothed in Majesty Let all the earth rejoice All the earth
rejoice He wraps Himself in light and darkness tries to hide and trembles at His
voice Trembles at His voice

Chorus

How great is our God Sing with me, how great is our God And all will see how
great How great is our God

Age to age, He stands and time is in His hands Beginning and the end Beginning
and the end The Godhead, three in one Father, Spirit, Son The Lion and the Lamb
Lion and the Lamb

Chorus

Name above all names Worthy of all praise My heart will sing, how great is our
God You're the name above all names (all name). You are worthy of all praise (all
praise) And my heart will sing, how great is our God

Chorus

How great is our God How great is our God How great, how great is our God
The whole world say it The whole world say it How great is our God How great
is our God How great, how great is our God

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: Almighty and merciful God, we implore you to hear the prayers of your people. Be our strong defense against all harm and danger, that we may live and grow in faith and hope, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Lamentations 3:22-33

New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition

²² The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases,^[a] his mercies never come to an end;

²³ they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

²⁴ "The LORD is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him."

²⁵ The LORD is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him.



²⁶ It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD.

²⁷ It is good for one to bear the yoke in youth,²⁸ to sit alone in silence when the Lord^[b] has imposed it,²⁹ to put one's mouth to the dust (there may yet be hope),³⁰ to give one's cheek to the smiter and be filled with insults.

³¹ For the Lord will not reject forever.

³² Although he causes grief, he will have compassion according to the abundance of his steadfast love;³³ for he does not willingly afflict or grieve anyone.

SECOND LESSON

2 Corinthians 8:7-15

⁷ Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you^[a]—so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking.^[b]

⁸ I do not say this as a command, but I am, by mentioning the eagerness of others, testing the genuineness of your love. ⁹ For you know the generous act^[c] of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. ¹⁰ And in this matter I am giving my opinion: it is beneficial for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something. ¹¹ Now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. ¹² For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what one does not have. ¹³ For I do not mean that there should be relief for others and hardship for you, but it is a question of equality between ¹⁴ your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may also supply your need, in order that there may be equality. ¹⁵ As it is written,

“The one who had much did not have too much,
and the one who had little did not have too little.”

GOSPEL

Mark 5:21-43

A Girl Restored to Life and a Woman Healed

²¹ When Jesus had crossed again in the boat^[a] to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him, and he was by the sea. ²² Then one of the leaders of the synagogue, named Jairus, came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet ²³ and pleaded with him repeatedly, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well and live." ²⁴ So he went with him.

And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. ²⁵ Now there was a woman who had been suffering from a flow of blood for twelve years. ²⁶ She had endured much under many physicians and had spent all that she had, and she was no better but rather grew worse. ²⁷ She had heard about Jesus and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, ²⁸ for she said, "If I but touch his cloak, I will be made well." ²⁹ Immediately her flow of blood stopped, and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. ³⁰ Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, "Who touched my cloak?" ³¹ And his disciples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, 'Who touched me?' " ³² He looked all around to see who had done it. ³³ But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. ³⁴ He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease."

³⁵ While he was still speaking, some people came from the synagogue leader's house to say, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?" ³⁶ But overhearing^[b] what they said, Jesus said to the synagogue leader, "Do not be afraid; only believe." ³⁷ He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. ³⁸ When they came to the synagogue leader's house, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. ³⁹ When

he had entered, he said to them, "Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping." ⁴⁰ And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him and went in where the child was. ⁴¹ Taking her by the hand, he said to her, "Talitha koum," which means, "Little girl, get up!" ⁴² And immediately the girl stood up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. ⁴³ He strictly ordered them that no one should know this and told them to give her something to eat.

Sermon "Giving and Living"

Sermon Hymn "How Great Thou Art"
Song Leaders and Congregation

Verse 1

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder Consider all the works thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder, Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed:

Refrain

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee, How great thou art! How great thou art!

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Verse 2

When through the woods and forest glades I wander, I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees; When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze;

Refrain

Verse 3

But when I think that God his Son not sparing; Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,

That on the cross my burden gladly bearing He bled and died to take away my sin;

Refrain

Verse 4

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation, and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in humble adoration And there proclaim, "My God how great thou art!"

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, today's lessons give us examples of God's great love through the compassion of Jesus. The Old Testament text from Lamentations tells us to wait quietly for the goodness of the Lord. Even though we go through hard times, there will be a season of redemption. We read, "*Though he brings grief, he will show compassion, so great is his unfailing love. For he does not willingly bring affliction or grief to anyone.*" **Lord in your mercy...**

Saint Paul also admonishes those in the church at Corinth to excel in their example of charity to other believers. The Corinthian church was the first to reach out with donations to other churches. Paul continues, "*Now finish the work, so that your eager willingness to do it may be matched by your completion of it, according to your means. For if the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what one does not have.*" **Lord in your mercy...**

We pray for our nation, state and city; our president governor, mayor and the leaders of the world that they would act with integrity and understanding. Lord, there is strife and warfare among nations, but there is also generosity and kindness among those who follow God's Word. Believers in Jesus Christ want to minister to those in need, just as Jesus looked with compassion in the Gospel. May our hearts reach out to all who yearn for healing and the Good News of God's love. **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...**

Jesus' compassion was recognized by the crowds that flocked to see him. The God of Lamentations, who became incarnate in Jesus, met the needs of the people wherever He went. The prophet said, "*Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning.*" Great is your faithfulness, O Lord. We trust in your mercy. In Jesus' mighty name, we pray. **Amen.**

Special Music

CAROLYN T. LINN
"My Life Flows On in Endless Song" by Robert Lowry (Public Domain)
Choral Ensemble

Scripture Reading: Mark 5:21-43

Men fail much oftener from want of perseverance than from want of talent. —William Cobbett

The annual Wimbledon tennis tournament begins this week in London. So let's take a moment to think about the parallels between the game of tennis and the game of life.

We begin with the "serve." In tennis, it's all about service. If you can serve, you win. Each serve means a fresh start. Life often presents us with new beginnings. Every day is a chance to serve our best selves to the world. But this also reminds us that life, really, is all about service — service to God and service to others.

Of course, if we mess up our service, we get a second chance! Wonderful, isn't it? This is the gospel: Second serves.

Then we have those long "baseline rallies." This speaks to us of perseverance, steadiness and resilience. Life, like tennis, is filled with rallies — moments of challenges, setbacks, and adversity. But each rally is an opportunity to grow stronger in our faith, to learn from our mistakes and to become more resilient individuals.

But, we have to watch out for "the net!" The net in tennis represents an obstacle that players must work around, or more accurately, above. The very presence of the net leads to what are called *unforced errors*. This occurs when a player hits a ball right into the net for no apparent reason. The opponent's shot is not difficult. The player just hits it without excuse into the net. Perhaps she is tired. Maybe the rally has gone on too long. She might be falling into bad habits, like not following through or keeping the racket up. Unforced errors. These are those mistakes we make for which we have no one to blame but ourselves.

"Adaptability." Tennis players need to play on various surfaces — hard court, clay or grass — each requiring different strategies and adjustments. Similarly, life is full of changing circumstances and unexpected twists. Embracing change and remaining flexible can help us thrive in an ever-evolving world.

Finally, we're at "match point." We're at the moment of truth, on the brink of victory, about to lay down our racket and go to our eternal rest. No more serves. No more unforced errors. No more heartache. All tears are wiped away. And we go to Center Court to receive the "crown of glory" that awaits us. —Timothy Merrill

Prayer: O God, keep me from double faulting and unforced errors. Give me strength through every set and stage of life, and lead me to match point, finishing well. Amen.



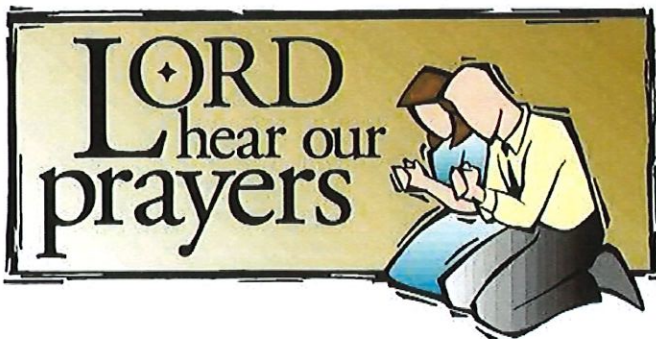
Prayer Concerns

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:

Charlie (Terstegen)
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)
Nathan & Sandy Robbins (Robbins)



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

"Shout to the Lord"

Song Leaders and Congregation

My Jesus, my Savior, Lord, there is none like you. All of my days I want to praise the wonders of your mighty love.

My comfort, my shelter, tower of refuge and strength; let ev'ry breath, all that I am never cease to worship you.

Shout to the Lord, all the earth; let us sing power and majesty, praise to the King. Mountains bow down and the seas will roar at the sound of your name.

I sing for joy at the work of your hands; forever I'll love you, forever I'll stand.

Nothing compares to the promise I have in you.

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 18-21

Monday: Isaiah 10-12

Tuesday: Isaiah 13-15

Wednesday: Isaiah 16-18

Thursday: Isaiah 19-21

Friday: Isaiah 22-24

Saturday: Psalms 67-69

Biblical Dreamers

Directions: Many stories in the Bible involve dreams. Can you match the dreamers on the right with the correct clues on the left?



- _____ 1. His brothers were irritated when he told them of his dreams.
- _____ 2. He saw angels going up and down a ladder.
- _____ 3. This ruler dreamed about some skinny cows eating fat cows.
- _____ 4. She had an unpleasant dream about Jesus and told her husband to have nothing to do with him.
- _____ 5. He saw a statue whose feet were smashed by a stone.
- _____ 6. He was warned to take his family to Egypt.
- _____ 7. He saw a vine produce grapes and he squeezed their juice into a cup.
- _____ 8. They were warned in a dream about Herod's evil plan.

- A. Pharaoh, Genesis 41:17-21
 B. The Magi, Matthew 2:12
 C. Jacob, Genesis 28:12
 D. Pharaoh's cupbearer, Genesis 40:9-11
 E. Joseph, Matthew 2:13
 F. Joseph, Genesis 37:9
 G. Pilate's wife, Matthew 27:19
 H. Daniel, Daniel 2:31-35

Verse to Remember

"These things are written so that you might come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name."

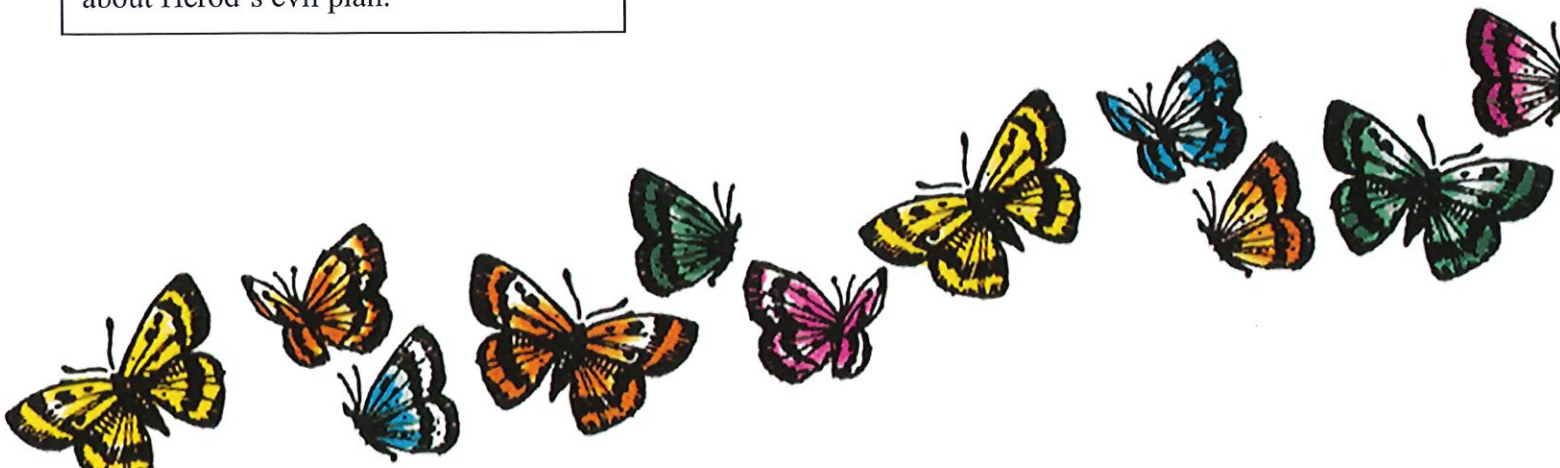
—John 20:31

FIND A WORD

How many common words of four or more letters can you find from the letters of the word below. A letter may be used only as many times as it appears in the given word. Proper names, abbreviations, contractions and foreign words are not allowed. We found 37 words (see below). If you find more, let us know! And the word is (in honor of the holiday coming next week):

INDEPENDENCE

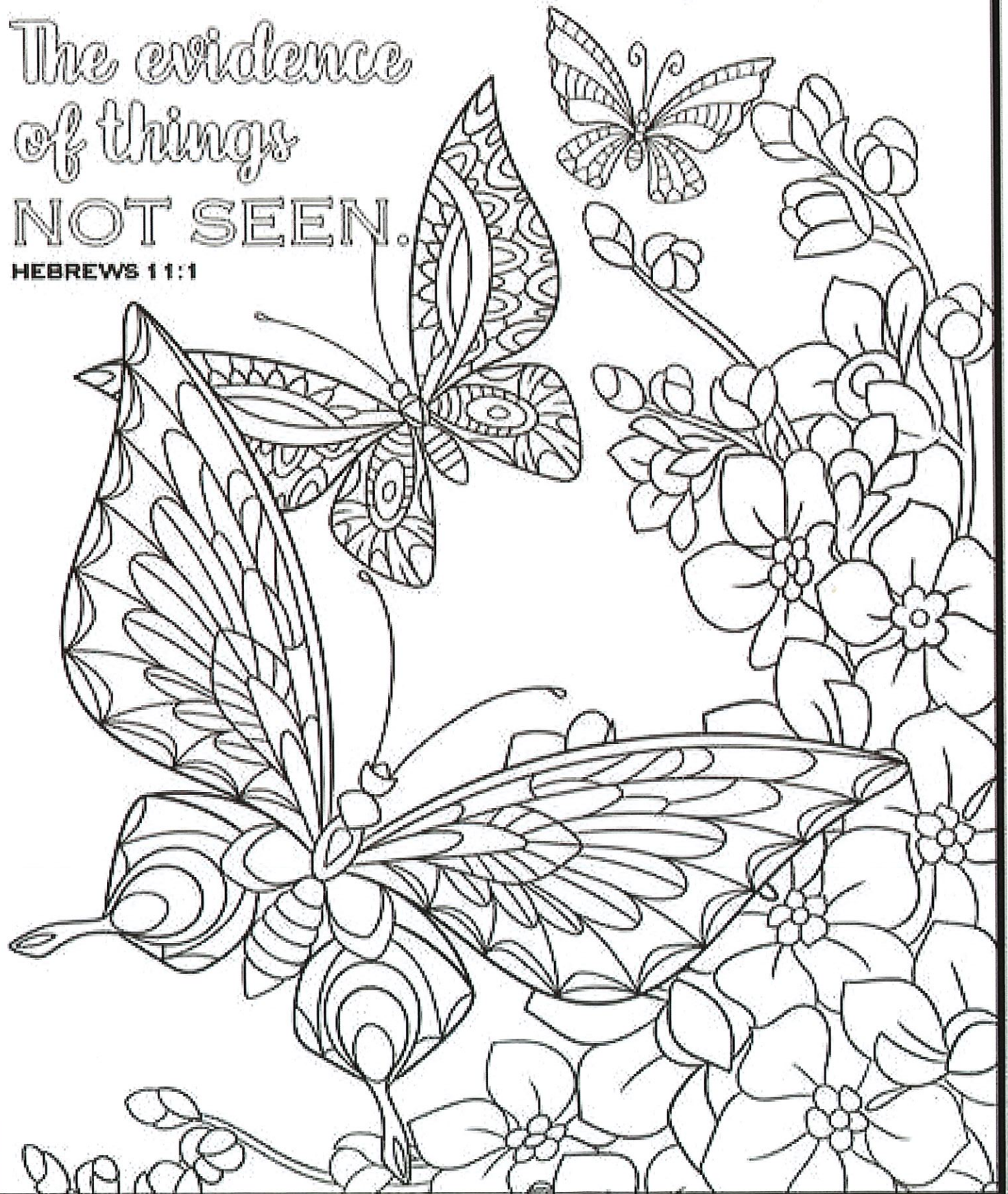
Answers to Biblical Dreamers: 1F, 2C, 3A, 4G, 5H, 6E, 7D, 8B.
Find a Word: cede, ceded, decide, deep, deepen, deepened, deice, deiced, depend, dependence, dice, diced, dine, dined, dinned, ended, epee, epic, iced, indeed, need, needed, nice, niece, nine, peen, pence, pend, pended, penned, piece, pieced, pied, pine, pined, ninner.

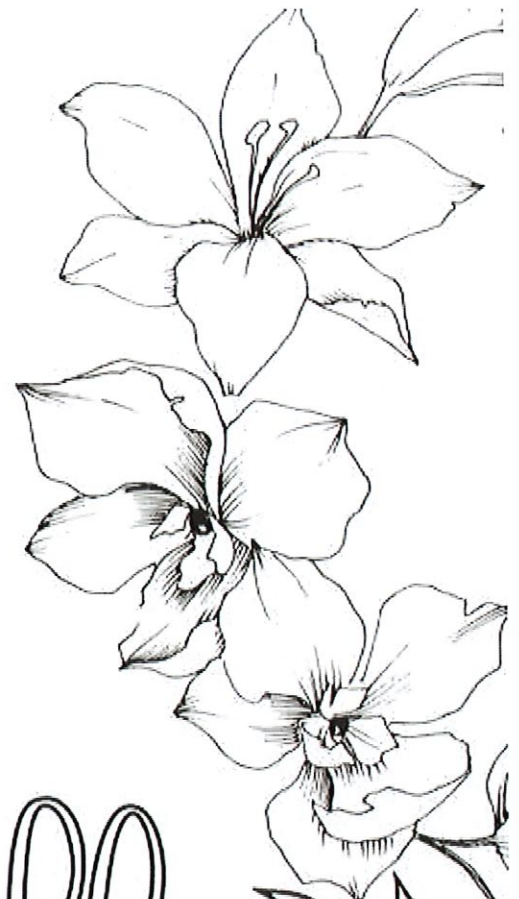
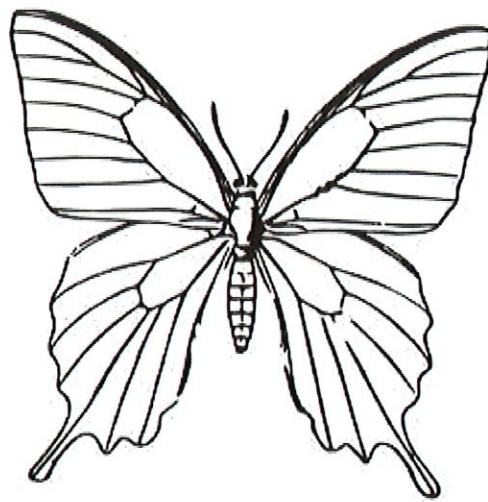


FAITH is the substance of things hoped for

The evidence of things NOT SEEN.

HEBREWS 11:1





I am
Remarkably
made

Psalm 139:14



ANNOUNCEMENTS

From Generation to Generation VBS Tonight @ 6:15PM

4 Sundays Remaining In June/July/August

Our VBS continues tonight June 30th @ 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. The remaining dates

will be June 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.



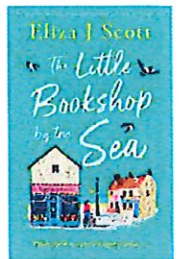
Get your passports ready for a vacation with Pilot Gordon and Co -Pilot Diane Fake on Sept. 18. Watch the bulletin and newsletter for details.

GSLC Summer Book Club—July 28 @ 4pm, 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 #2 - THE LITTLE BOOKSHOP BY THE SEA by Eliza J Scott

Join us Sunday, July 28 at 4pm 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. 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_DMviyIVa3eabNXg3qjF8f0HAcr8oti6zY1Q/viewform?editrequested=true

Sincerely, Candy Paulsen

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, July 31 @ 6:30PM

Build a subway sandwich. I'll bring the bread. Every one else (if they're able) can bring meat, cheese, pickles etc. We already have mayo and mustard in the kitchen. Chips and salads would also be appreciated.



*For the months of October, November and December there will be no KingsMen/KingsKids due to the holidays.