

THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*God's Work. Our Hands.*



TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE  
SEPTEMBER 12, 2021 | 8:30 AM

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

\* PLEASE NOTE THE LAST TWO PEWS ON EITHER SIDE ARE RESERVED FOR THOSE WHO WISH TO SOCIAL DISTANCE.

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*"Welcome one another, therefore, as Christ has welcomed you."*

*Romans 15:7*

*Good Shepherd Lutheran Church warmly welcomes people of any age, race, nationality, sexual orientation, life circumstance, and physical or mental capability.*

## Gathering

WELCOME

PRELUDE

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"  
*- Lloyd Larson*

Jubilate Ringers

*Stand and face the baptismal font at the rear of the church.*

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

**P** Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose teaching is life, whose presence is sure, and whose love is endless.

**C** Amen.

**P** Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**P** God our comforter:

**C** **like lost sheep, we have gone astray. We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity. We turn our faces away from injustice and**

**oppression. We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed.**

**Free us from our sin, gracious God. Listen when we call out to you for help. Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves. Amen.**

**P** All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. By the gift of grace in † Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous. Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.

**P** Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

ELW #834

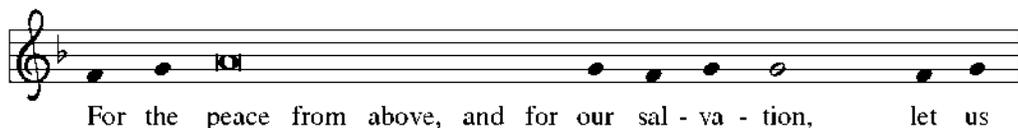
GREETING

**P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C** And also with you.

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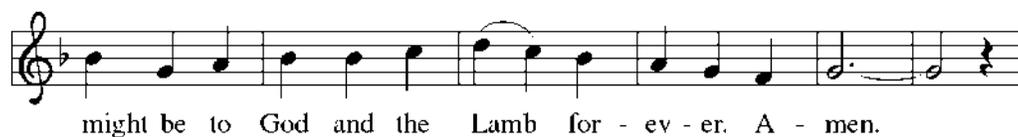
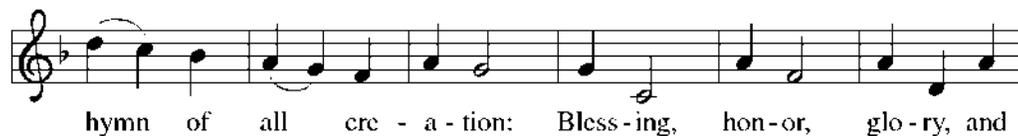
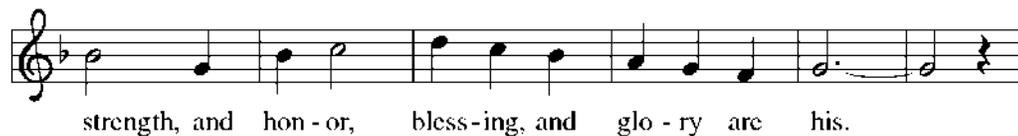
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,  
 and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.  
 Lord, have mer - cy.  
 For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,  
 let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.  
 Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.  
 A - men.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

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*Refrain*  
 This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -  
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us  
 free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** O God, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**G** Amen.

*Sit*

## Word

FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-9a

Pew Bible, page 667

*At the conclusion of the reading:*

**L** The word of the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God.

PSALM 116:1-9 (Read Responsively)

- A** I love the LORD, because he has heard my voice and my supplications.
- C** **Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.**
- A** The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish.
- C** **Then I called on the name of the LORD: "O LORD, I pray, save my life!"**
- A** Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; our God is merciful.

- C** **The LORD protects the simple; when I was brought low, he saved me.**
- A** Return, O my soul, to your rest, for the LORD has dealt bountifully with you.
- C** **For you have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.**
- A** I walk before the LORD in the land of the living.

SECOND READING: James 3:1-12

Pew Bible, page 1101

At the conclusion of the reading:

- L** The word of the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT

"Alleluia"

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Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*Repeat alleluia*

Christ suffered for sins once for all, \* in order to bring | you to God.  
the righteous for | the unrighteous,

GOSPEL READING: Mark 8:27-38

Pew Bible, page 919

- P** The holy Gospel according to St. Mark.
- C** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

At the conclusion of the reading:

- P** The Gospel of the Lord.
- C** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT

"Alleluia"

s124

(Repeat verse from above)

Sit

SERMON

"Following Jesus Today"

Pastor Ruth

APOSTLES CREED

**C** I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*(As the Minister closes each petition with the words, “Lord, in your mercy,” worshipers respond with the words, “hear our prayer.”)*

PEACE

**P** The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C** And also with you.

*(The people greet one another with a verbal sign of Christ's peace.)*

*Because offerings are a significant part of our worship and they enable the ministries of our congregation, many members participate in an electronic giving program called SIMPLY GIVING or GIVEPLUS. If you would like to take part in this offering opportunity, please speak to a Stewardship Committee member or contact the GSLC office. Your offering may also be turned in at the table in the Entryway following the service.*

Anthem

“Children of the Heavenly Father”

-Lloyd Larson

Jubilate Ringers

Meal

Stand

GREAT THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

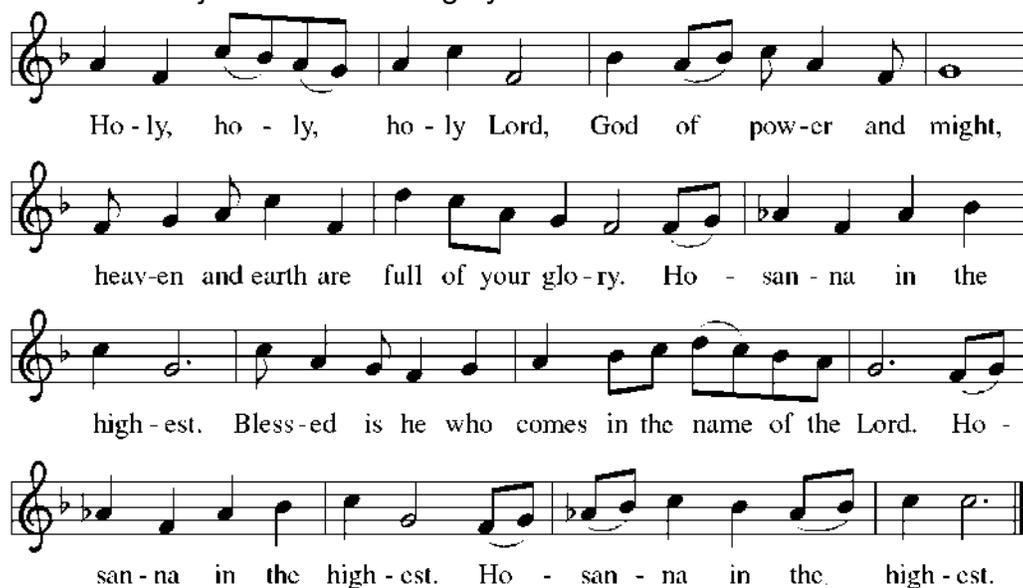
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

**P** It is indeed right....

...we praise your name and join their unending hymn.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
 heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the  
 high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND LORD'S PRAYER

**P** Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**C** **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.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

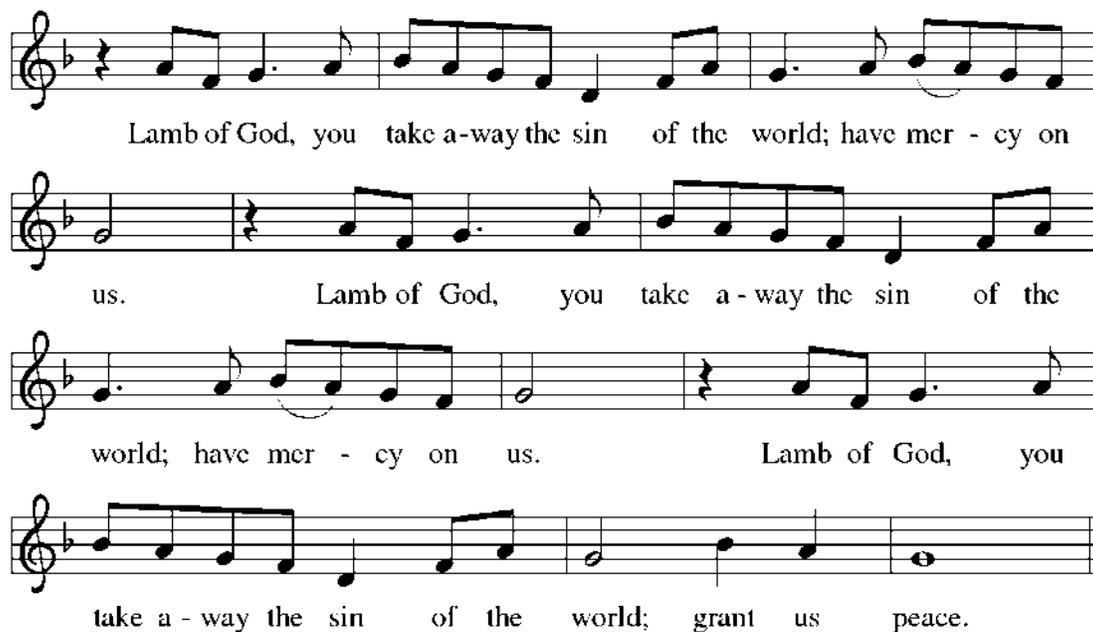
**P** All who hunger and thirst, come. The table is ready.

*Sit*

## LAMB OF GOD

## "Lamb of God"

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Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on  
 us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
 world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you  
 take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

## COMMUNION

- † All are invited to come and receive the real presence of Christ in the sacrament.
- † Those who do not wish to take communion are invited to come forward for a blessing. Please indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest.
- † Those who prefer to retain social distancing are invited to come to the altar first, taking as much space as you need.
- † Afterwards, the congregation will follow the directions of the ushers, who will release you from your row toward the center aisle.
- † For those that prefer, a sealed wafer & juice package is available in a basket from the ushers at the front of the communion line. Others have the choice of individual glasses and regular or gluten-free wafers.
- † Return to your seats by the side aisle. Trash receptacles are available there.

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say:

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

and each person may respond: **Amen.**

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION "Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee"

Jubilate Ringers

-Lloyd Larson

Stand

## COMMUNION BLESSING

☞ The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ; strengthen you and keep you in his grace, unto life everlasting.

☞ **Amen.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

☞ Lord of life, in the gift of your body and blood you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation. Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy, bearing witness to the abundance of our love in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

☞ **Amen.**

## Sending

## BLESSING

☞ People of God, you are Christ's body, bringing new life to a suffering world. The holy Trinity, ☩ one God, bless you now and forever.

☞ **Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN

"Lift High the Cross"

ELW #660

## DISMISSAL

☞ Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.

☞ **Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

"Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"

Jubilate Ringers

- Lloyd Larson

### "God's Work. Our Hands" Sunday is TODAY

Join us in Fellowship Hall after service for:

- Blessing cards and bracelet making
- Decorations for nursing homes

- Thank you cards for nurses and first responders
- Laundry detergent sorting for MUST
- Silverware rolling

Continue to watch our social media channels (Facebook and Instagram) throughout the month for encouraging ways to do God's work with your hands.

Get all the details at our website  
gslutheran.org

JOIN US for a month of service

God's Work. Our Hands.

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

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We are called, gathered and blessed to be a community and instrument of grace for all sheep of the Good Shepherd.

WORSHIP AT 8:30 AM & 10:45 AM; FOR ONLINE SUNDAY SERVICES [YOUTUBE.COM](https://www.youtube.com)  
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Pastor Ruth Hamilton .....Interim Pastor  
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Cat Ontiveros ..... Youth Ministry Coordinator

Janice Swinford ..... Sunday School Superintendent  
Maureen Harkins .....Office Coordinator  
Donna Garges.....Media Coordinator  
Aaron Frink.....Custodian

### Attendance Last Sunday

8:30 AM - 58  
10:30 AM - 56  
Online - 22  
Sunday School - 43

*The Altar flowers this morning are dedicated to the Glory of God and are given in memory of Carl Crosier, by Ted and Carol Rodi. Carl would have celebrated his 76th birthday on September 11.*



If you signed up for the 12-Hour Prayer Vigil, you should have received an e-mail from GSLC Prayers that lists the names and numbers of the people you are getting prayers passed from and the people you need to pass prayers to. See staff members, Cat or Donna if you have not received this list.

### Look for the September Sunday Servants

**online**—We have **scheduled Sunday Servants**. A link is available on our [website](#). Please check to see if you are scheduled to serve this month. A list is hanging in Fellowship Hall to confirm your date(s). We kindly ask that you try to find your own replacement before contacting the church office. Thank you.

### DEVOTIONS

September-December copies of "Christ in Our Home" are located outside on the bench and in Fellowship Hall.



Mindful of the recent extreme spike in Covid illnesses, hospitalizations and deaths in Georgia as well as the most recent CDC guidelines, the Congregation Council of Good Shepherd approved the following on 8/10/21:

**Wearing masks IS REQUIRED on the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church campus while indoors, starting immediately until further notice.**

SUPPORT LUTHERAN  
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Lutheran  
Coalition  
for Habitat

Make a check out (\$25 is preferred) to the **Lutheran Coalition for Habitat** and place in the church offering or drop off to our Office Coordinator.

*Remember that the Lutheran Coalition is a 501(c)(3) (tax exempt) organization.*

This helps us build our 34th home next year!  
Thank you! More details at [gslutheran.org](https://gslutheran.org)

### Do you Knit or Crochet or want to learn?



Yarn Angels and Needlework Friends have merged to become simply Yarn Angels, which means we no longer are just making prayer shawls; we are knitting and crocheting many other items as well. The new Yarn Angels group has been working with a local charity called The Encouragement Project (TEP) since February of this year. To learn more, check out their web site: [theencouragementproject.org](https://theencouragementproject.org). We make and donate to TEP such items as baby blankets, hats, scarves, lap robes, prayer shawls, mittens, wash cloths, wash mitts, etc., basically anything you like to knit or crochet. These new handmade items are donated to low-income children and families, cancer patients, foster care, crisis pregnancy centers, the homeless, the elderly in nursing homes, hospice patients, etc. Contact Jennifer Taylor, if you are interested in joining in this project or would like to learn how to knit or crochet. We would love to have you attend one of our meetings, but that is not necessary for you to donate what you make. Jennifer will be happy to take your donations at any time. You can either bring your items to church or Jennifer can meet some other place that you would prefer. Thank you.

### UPDATED MUST Ministry most needed items for September

towels, bed sheets – all sizes, underwear- all sizes-for men, boys, and women (do not need girls), tuna, corn, milk, jelly, pinto beans, carrots, hamburger helper, ketchup, oatmeal, salt, snack foods, peas, chunky soup, mustard, alfredo sauce, sugar, oil, syrup, saltines, hominy, pancake mix, mayonnaise, Vienna sausages, flour, hair conditioner.



## Sunday School Classes - 9:45 AM

Sunday School Classes are offered for ages 3 through high school along with three different classes for adults. *Masks will be required for all teachers and students* until further notice. Contact Sunday School Superintendent Janice Swinford for more information at [sundayschool@gslutheran.org](mailto:sundayschool@gslutheran.org).

Sunday Classes are:  
Spark-based lessons for ages 3 - 5th grade. Non-pre-K-rm.115; pre-K nursery.

Middle School - rm. B8.

High School - rm. 120.

Coffee & Conversation - Adult study in rm. 111. We are using the series *Justice and the Prophets* covering passages from

several books of the Bible, including Isaiah, Malachi, and First Corinthians.

Faith Stories - rm. 117. We are reading, *Invitation to the Psalms*, by Rolf and Karl Jacobson. Group led discussion.

Men in Mission - rm. 116. We are reading from the *Men in Mission Bible*.

## Weekly Bible Studies:

Monday Lunch and Learn: will be kicking off Monday, September 13th, in the Meeting Room. Typically, we meet at noon, with B.Y.O. lunch and begin our discussion around 12:30. Studies usually last 6-8 weeks. We are starting studying *Sermon On The Mount*, by Jen Wilkin. Books can be ordered via Amazon (use Amazon Smile). Contact [Cat](#) if you are interested.

Word on Wednesday: What is the Revised Common Lectionary? Why use a lectionary? These and other questions will be answered in the study, *A Three-Year Banquet, The Lectionary for the Assembly* by Gail Ramshaw. This study will be offered Wednesday mornings from 10:00-11:30 a.m. via Zoom. Contact group leader Lori Peters for the zoom link or via the [church office](#) for more information on participating in the study and reserving a copy of the book!

Thursday Morning Bible Study: In-person study at 10 AM. Led by [Pastor Ruth](#). We are studying the book, *By Heart, Conversations with Martin Luther's Small Catechism* by R. Guy Erwin. Each participant will need to purchase their own copy of the book. The book is available from Augsburg Fortress or at [Amazon.com](#).

Evening Bible Study: contact [Pastor Ruth](#) if you are interested in participating. Time and topic to be determined.

During this time, Fellowship will NOT be taking place after services. We appreciate your understanding as we are most concerned with everyone's health and safety. We hope we will be able to resume our fellowship time soon. If you have paid for a week of fellowship, we will move your name to a later date on the calendar.



Confirmation class and FX3 will meet on Sunday, September 19th. From 12:30 to 2 p.m. The confirmation lesson will be on Creation. FX3's lesson will be "Who is the greatest?"



Attention Middle School Youth!! Our September meeting will be on Sunday, September 26th from 12:30 to 2 p.m. at the church. We will be having a movie afternoon complete with popcorn and snacks. What movie will we watch, you ask? Movie voting will take place via email the week before. Make sure to be on the lookout to be included in the vote.



WORSHIP WITH US ONLINE We are broadcasting our LIVE worship service on our Facebook page each week. We will broadcast the Praise Service one week and the Traditional Service next week and so forth. After each service we will also post to our [YOUTUBE](#) channel. You can find us on Facebook at [Facebook.com/gslcwoodstock](#). On YouTube our channel is at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Woodstock GA.

## STAY CONNECTED TO GOOD SHEPHERD

**DON'T MISS A THING** If you do not receive our "Remind Text Messages" you can sign up on your mobile device. Text (including the @ symbol) @gslc1 to 81010 or [sign-up here](#). For more detailed instructions, [click here](#).

### STAY INFORMED

If you would like to sign up for our Sheep Buzz e-mails you can do that [here](#), or on our website home page.

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Is your group meeting? Click the calendar tab on our [website homepage](#) to stay current!

