

THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

For God
all things
are possible

MARK 10:27

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE
OCTOBER 10, 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

"Adagio"

-John Stanley (1713-1786)

Thomas Eisnor

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

"Lord of Light"

ELW #688

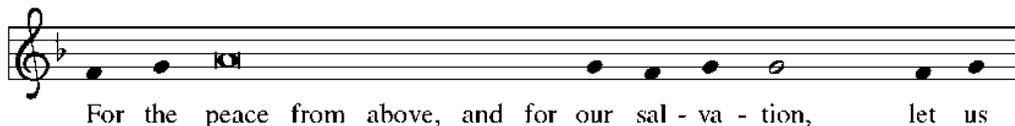
GREETING

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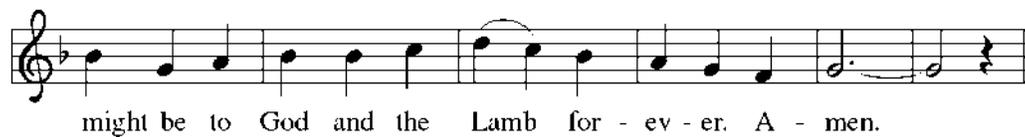
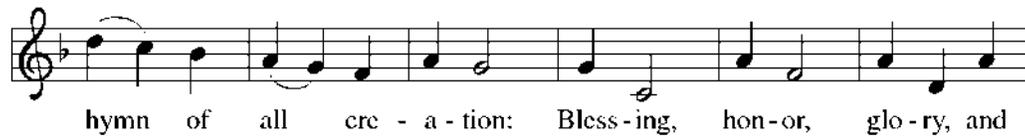
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,
 and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.
 Lord, have mer - cy.
 For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,
 let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.
 Help, save, comfort, and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

- ☐ Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what lies ahead, we may follow the way of your commandments and receive the crown of everlasting joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

☑ **Amen.**

Sit

Word

FIRST READING: Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

Pew Bible, page 838

At the conclusion of the reading:

- ☐ The word of the Lord.
 ☑ **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 90:12-17 *(Read Responsively)*

- A** So teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart.
- C** Turn, O LORD! How long? Have compassion on your servants!
- A** Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

- C** Make us glad as many days as you have afflicted us, and as many years as we have seen evil.
- A** Let your work be manifest to your servants, and your glorious power to their children.
- C** Let the favor of the LORD our God be upon us, and prosper for us the work of our hands — O prosper the work of our hands!

SECOND READING: Hebrews 4:12-16

Pew Bible, page 1091

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
Blessed are the | poor in spirit,* for theirs is the king- | dom of heaven.

GOSPEL READING: Mark 10:17-31

Pew Bible, page 921

- 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

"Loved by Jesus"

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 Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement. 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.

Meal

Stand

GREAT THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

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

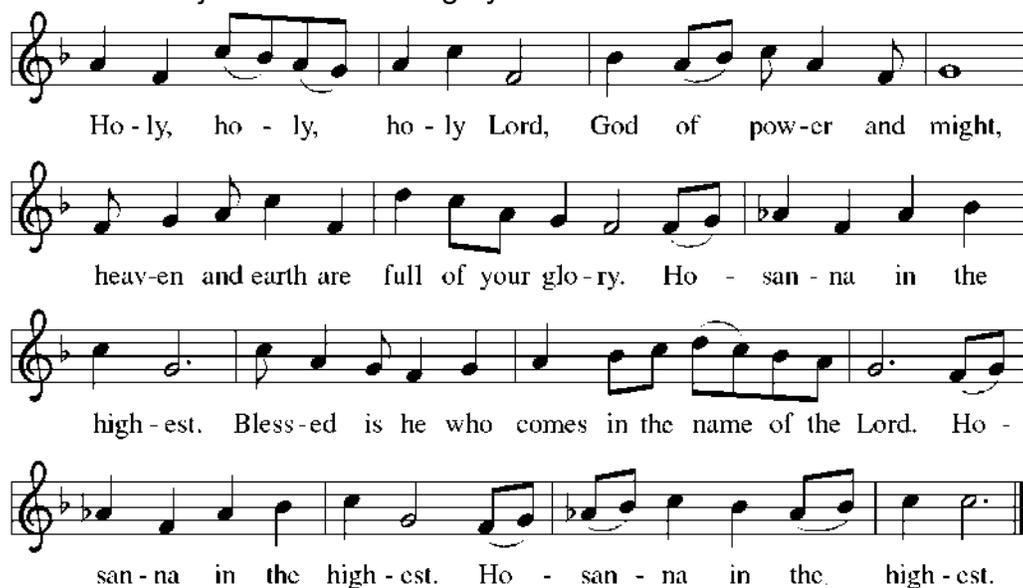
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

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

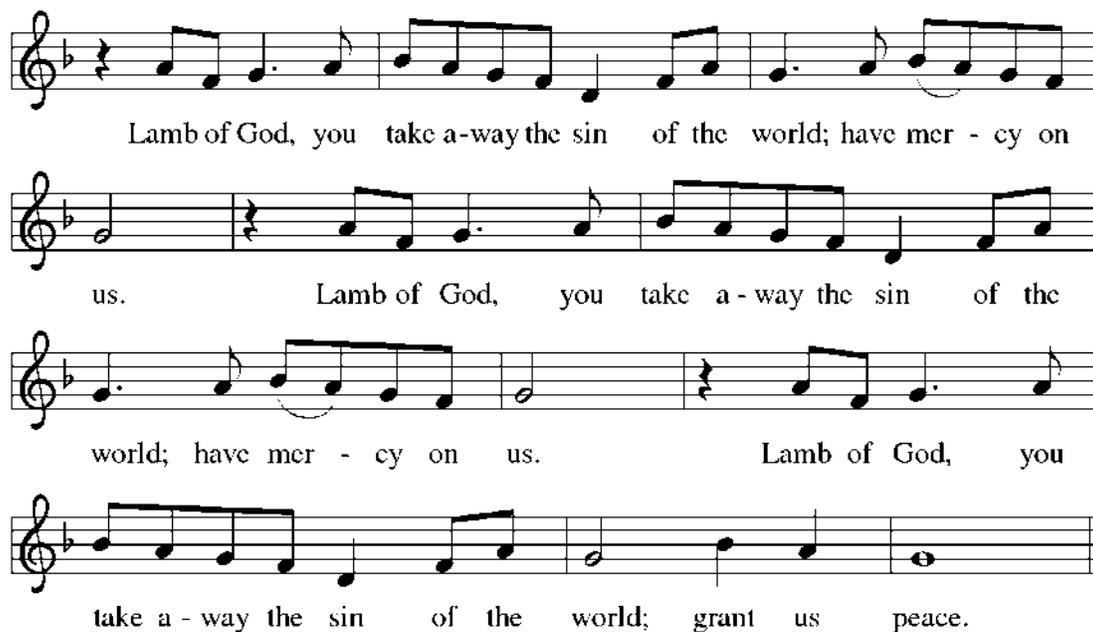
P All who hunger and thirst, come. The table is ready.

Sit

LAMB OF GOD

"Lamb of God"

s135a



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.**

COMMUNION HYMN

"I Received the Living God"

ELW #477

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

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

ELW #705

DISMISSAL

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

☞ **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

"Allegro"

Thomas Eisnor

- John Stanley (1713—1786)

PRAISE GOD FOR PASTOR RUTH

This morning we celebrate our very own Interim Pastor Ruth. Join us during a special Fellowship time outside in front of the church. As Fall in Georgia is upon us, we will celebrate with an "Apple Theme". The Fellowship Committee has arranged for special, individually wrapped sugar cookies in the shape of apples as well as other refreshments.



Pr. Ruth has been working tirelessly during this interim time on behalf of the synod to prepare the way for our new called pastor. Much of the work has been behind the scenes as well as at the altar and pulpit. And now that the Call Committee has been identified and installed, she has begun to train the Call Committee and guide the process. She has been a blessing to Good Shepherd. Please take the time to acknowledge her love and care for the congregation and thank her for her ministry.

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)
GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH, WOODSTOCK, GA

Pastor Ruth Hamilton..... Interim Pastor
Thomas EisnorOrganist/Choir Director
Pam Weinelt..... Praise Team Coordinator
Cat Ontiveros Youth Ministry Coordinator

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

Attendance Last Sunday

8:30 AM - 57
10:30 AM - 69
Online - 36
Sunday School - 48

The Altar flowers this morning are dedicated to the Glory of God and are given by Paul and Cynthia Christensen in celebration of Luka's 2nd birthday, on October 11th.

Stewardship Gift

Bookmarks are being distributed this morning, as you leave worship, by members of the Stewardship Committee. Use this bookmark as a reminder of this year's stewardship campaign, FAITH, "Forsaking All I Trust Him".



MASK UPDATE

Recent "COVID numbers" across Georgia and including Cherokee, Cobb and other surrounding counties have dropped considerably. Per the CDC and Prevention and the GA Department of Public Health tracking websites, numbers of new cases, Percent Positivity and COVID-19-Associated Hospitalizations have decreased dramatically and continue to trend down. As such, the GSLC Congregation Council and COVID Task Force are in agreement to relax our current mask mandate while indoors at Good Shepherd. **The wearing of masks is not required, but is highly recommended.**

RED CROSS



BLOOD DRIVE

Our next blood drive is:
Saturday, November 6th
from 8 AM - 1 PM.
Sign-up online is now available.
At [redcross.org](https://www.redcross.org)



We Need Your Support

Help build a house for those who have none. Please support this long-time ministry of GSLC so that it can build a new house in 2022. Make your check out in any amount to Lutheran Coalition for Habitat and place it in the offering or drop it off with the 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://www.gslutheran.org)

Look for the October Sunday Servants

online—We have **scheduled Sunday Servants**. A link is available on our [website](https://www.gslutheran.org).

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.



In the month of October, we are launching a new community outreach initiative. We have several members involved in the Cherokee County school system and have looked to us for help. During months that have 5 Sundays, we will be collecting items for our local schools all month long.



For this first 5-Sunday month of October, we will be collecting the following supplies: **bread, bagels, coats, scarfs, reusable (clear) water bottles, pencils, notebook paper, plastic 2-pocket school folders - any color, Kleenex, wipes, hand sanitizer, paper towels.** We will have a designated container in Fellowship Hall to drop off your items. Please **DO NOT** use the Two-Can Cart or MUST Barrel. If you prefer to drop at door, just ring the bell during office hours and a member of the staff will bring the items inside.

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. Need more information on class specifics. Pick up a "Sunday Opportunities" brochure in the entryway.

Weekly Bible Studies:

Monday Lunch and Learn: Mondays, lunch at noon, study at 12:30 PM—Meeting Room. Study is: *Sermon On The Mount*, by Jen Wilkin. Contact [Cat](#) if you are interested.

Word on Wednesday: Wednesday mornings from 10:00-11:30 AM via Zoom. Contact group leader Lori Peters for the zoom link or via the [church office](#). Study is: *A Three-Year Banquet, The Lectionary for the Assembly* by Gail Ramshaw.

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.

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 for a local charity called The Encouragement Project. Contact Jennifer Taylor, if you are interested in joining in this project or would like to learn how to knit or crochet.



We are meeting next tomorrow, October 11th, from 11:00 to 1:00 at Jennifer Taylor's home. Light refreshments will be served. Please bring any items you have completed.

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 [Fackbook.com/gslcwoodstock](https://www.facebook.com/gslcwoodstock). On YouTube our channel is at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Woodstock GA.



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GSLC YOUTH



New confirmation reminder. Please sign the worship tracker form outside Cat's office to get points for attending worship. Find your name and place the date in the first open box next to your name. Also, remember to pick up a worship note and turn in after the service to Cat's box.



Attention Middle School Youth!!

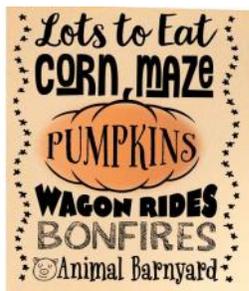
Our next outing will be to visit the Downtown Woodstock Scarecrow Trail. We will meet Sunday afternoon October 17th following Confirmation at 2p.m. We will travel downtown to participate in Scarecrow Trail scavenger hunt and voting. Once completed we will stop for some bubble tea. Costs for Voting and bubble tea will be covered. Friends are always welcome to join our events.



Saints and Sinners, mark your calendars for this coming Wednesday, October 13th from 6 to 8 p.m. We will be using our creative side by painting pottery. Cost will be \$20. If you are unable to commit due to financial

reasons, please contact Cat. REMINDER: Friends are always welcome to join.

FAMILY FUN



Calling all families big and small, young or old!! We will be having a family outing to visit Cagle's farm on **Saturday, October 16th**. We will meet at the farm, 362 Stringer Road, Holly Springs, GA 30115 at 10 a.m. for a morning of pumpkin picking, petting zoo,

piglet races and so much more. Admission is \$15. Please RSVP using the sign up genius link here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080845A5AF28ABF58-family> so we know who all will be attending. You can visit their website here: <https://caglesfarm.com/>

DEVOTIONS

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