

# THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



## COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE AUGUST 27, 2023 | 10:00 AM

### WELCOME TO WORSHIP

*Please note there are cameras at the rear of the Sanctuary. This worship service is being livestreamed to [Facebook.com/gslcwoodstock](https://www.facebook.com/gslcwoodstock)*

*Parents of small children: Children can and do encounter Jesus during worship. For your convenience, please know that our entryway and a nursery (Room 113) are equipped with a video reception of the service. We also have activity bags available for their use during worship. Please see an usher for more information.*

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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.*

*If you are visiting with us, we welcome you and we are blessed you are here! If you need any assistance during worship or otherwise, please seek out one of our ushers. If this is your first time with us, please introduce yourself so we can give you a token of our appreciation for spending the morning with us.*

*\* Denotes stand.*

## GATHERING

WELCOME

PRELUDE

“FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH”

*-Music by Conrad Kocher; Arranged by Darwin Wolford*

THOMAS EISNOR  
PAMELA WEINELT

\*CONFESSON AND FORGIVENESS

**P** Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who greets us in this and every season, whose word never fails, whose promise is sure.  
**C** Amen.  
**P** Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of our neighbors. Merciful God,  
**C** **we confess that we have sinned. We have hurt our community. We have squandered your blessings. We have hoarded your bounty. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy. Righteous God,**

**we confess that we have sinned. We have failed to be honest. We have lacked the courage to speak. We have spoken falsely. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.**

**P** God is a cup of cold water when we thirst. God offers boundless grace when we fail. Claim the gift of God’s mercy: you are freed and forgiven. In the name of † Jesus Christ.  
**C** Amen.

\*GATHERING SONG

“WAY MAKER”

Words and Music by Osinachi Kalu Okoro Egbu  
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**Verse**

You are here moving in our midst  
I worship You I worship You  
You are here working in this place  
I worship You I worship You

**Chorus**

(You are) Way Maker Miracle Worker  
Promise Keeper  
Light in the darkness my God that is who  
You are  
(Repeat)

**Verse**

You are here touching ev'ry heart  
I worship You I worship You

You are here healing ev'ry heart  
I worship You I worship You  
(To Chorus)

**Tag**

That is who You are  
That is who You are  
That is who You are  
That is who You are

**Bridge**

Even when I don't see it You're working  
Even when I don't feel it You're working  
You never stop You never stop working  
You never stop You never stop working  
(To Chorus)

\*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.

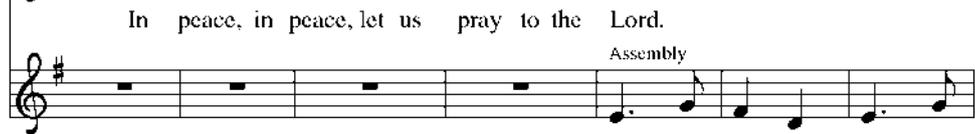
\*KYRIE

Leader



In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Assembly



Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have



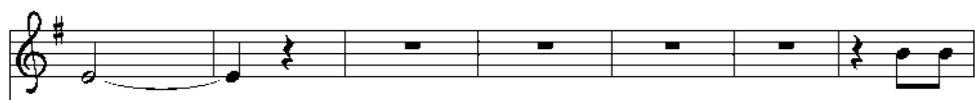
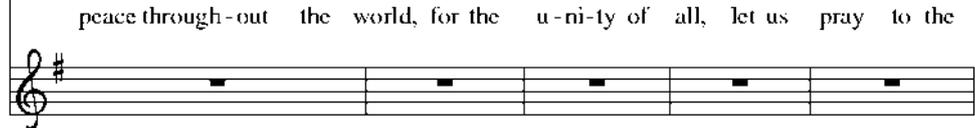
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mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.



peace through-out the world, for the u-ni-ty of all, let us pray to the



Lord.

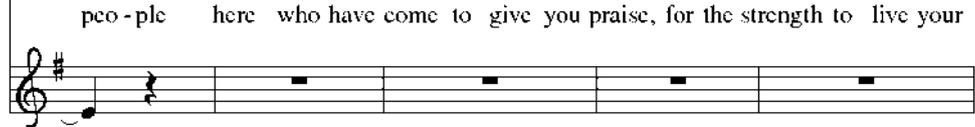
For your



Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.



peo - ple here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your



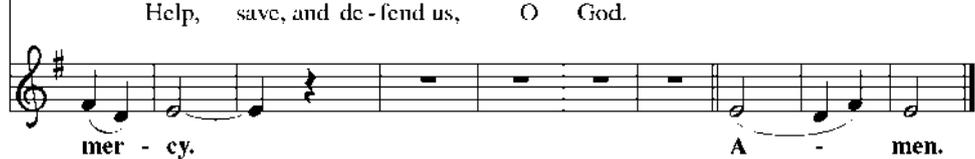
word, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer-cy. Christ, have mer-cy. Lord, have



Help, save, and de-fend us, O God.



mer - cy. A - men.

## Refrain

Now the feast and cel - e - bra-tion, all of cre - a - tion  
sings for joy, to the God of life and love and free-dom;  
praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!

## Verse 1

1. Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain,  
whose blood has freed and u - nit-ed us  
to be one great peo - ple of God.

## Verse 2

2. Pow-er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and  
glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.

## Verse 3

3. For God has come to dwell with us, to make us  
peo-ple of God; to make all things new.

## \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

☞ O God, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

☞ Amen

❧ WORD ❧

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 51:1-6

*At the conclusion of the reading:*

- 📖 The word of the Lord.
- 👏 **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 138 (*Read responsively*)

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| <p>📖 I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise;</p> <p>👏 <b>I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness; for you have exalted your name and your word above everything.</b></p> <p>📖 On the day I called, you answered me, you increased my strength of soul.</p> <p>👏 <b>All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O LORD, for they have heard the words of your mouth.</b></p> | <p>📖 They shall sing of the ways of the LORD, for great is the glory of the LORD.</p> <p>👏 <b>For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly; but the haughty he perceives from far away.</b></p> <p>📖 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies; you stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers me.</p> <p>👏 <b>The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.</b></p> |
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SECOND READING: ROMANS 12:1-8

*At the conclusion of the reading:*

- 📖 The word of the Lord.
- 👏 **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

\*GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT

*Congregation:*

Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we  
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal  
life. Al - le - lu - ia! *Optional Repeat*

\*GOSPEL READING: MATTHEW 16:13-20

- 📖 The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the sixteenth chapter.
- 👏 **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*At the conclusion of the Gospel:*

- 📖 The Gospel of the Lord.
- 👏 **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

PASTOR KAREN BODA

\*SONG OF THE DAY

“THE SOLID ROCK”

Words and Music by William Batchelder Bradbury,  
Charlie Hall, Trent Austin & Kendall Combes  
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worshiptogether.com songs.

**Verse 1**

My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame  
But wholly lean on Jesus' name

**Chorus**

On Christ the solid Rock I stand  
All other ground is sinking sand  
All other ground is sinking sand

**Verse 2**

When darkness seems to hide His face  
I rest on His unchanging grace  
In ev'ry high and stormy gale  
My anchor holds within the veil  
*(To Chorus)*

**Verse 3**

His oath His covenant His blood  
Support me in the whelming flood  
When all around my soul gives way  
He then is all my hope and stay  
*(To Chorus)*

**Verse 4**

When He shall come with trumpet sound  
O may I then in Him be found  
Dressed in His righteousness alone  
Faultless to stand before the throne  
*(To Chorus)*

\*APOSTLES CREED

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

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

**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.**

COMMISSIONING AND BLESSING OF TEACHERS

\*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *(As the Assisting Minister closes each petition with the words, “Hear us, O God,” worshippers respond with the words, “your mercy is great.”)*

\*SHARING THE PEACE

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

**C** **And also with you.**

*Those assembled may greet one another with a verbal sign of Christ's peace.*

 MEAL 

OFFERING

ANTHEM

“YOU ARE THE CHRIST”

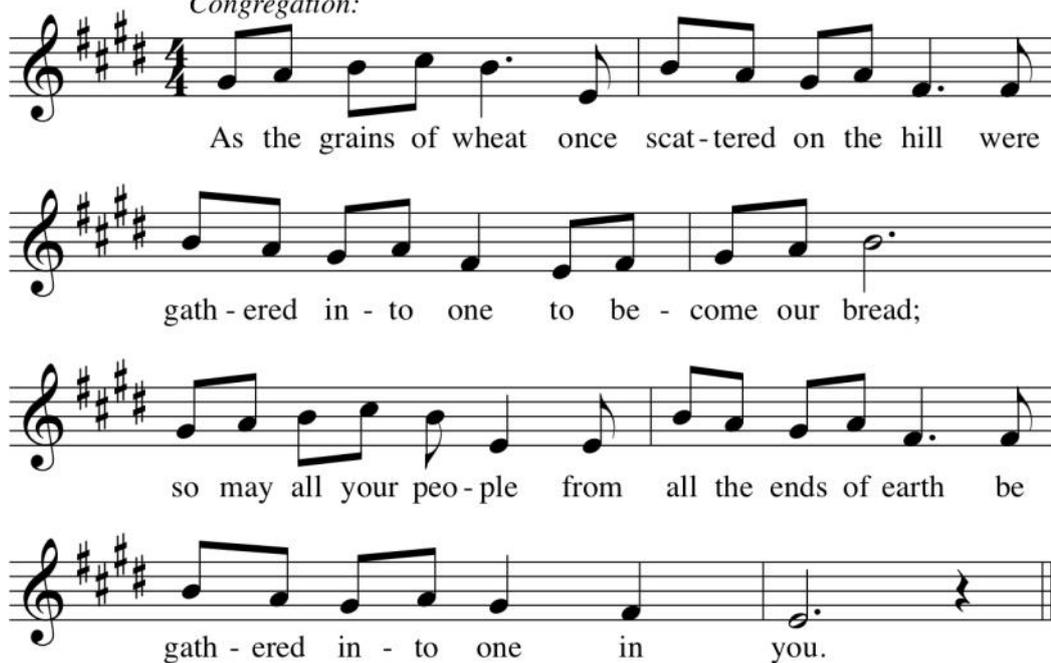
*-Adapted from Matt. 16 by John C. Ylvisaker*

CHANCEL CHOIR  
& PRAISE TEAM

\*OFFERING RESPONSE

**Refrain**

*Congregation:*



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were  
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread;  
so may all your peo-ple from all the ends of earth be  
gath-ered in - to one in you.

**Verses**



1. As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst  
2. Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when  
may we share the pres-ence of your love.  
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

\*OFFERING PRAYER

**A** God of field and forest, sea and sky, you are the giver of all good things. Sustain us with these gifts of your creation, and multiply your graciousness in us, that the world may be fed with your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C** Amen.

\*GREAT THANKSGIVING

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts

**C** We lift them to the Lord..

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

**P** It is indeed right, our duty...we praise your name and join them in singing:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

*Congregation:*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and  
 might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your  
 glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est!  
 Bless - ed is the One who comes in your name. 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, saying:
- 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 people are called to Christ's table. Come, eat what is good.

LAMB OF GOD

*Congregation:*                      *Congregation or Assistant:*

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
 you break the chains of ha - tred and  
 you are the way of jus - tice and  
 you are the way of mer - cy and

*Congregation:*

world: have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us,  
 fear:  
 peace:  
 love.

**Final Stanza**  
*Congregation or Assistant:*

mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you

*Congregation:*

take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace,

grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION SONGS:

“ONE BREAD, ONE BODY”

ELW #496

**Refrain**

One bread, one body, one Lord of all;  
 one cup of blessing which we bless,  
 and we, though many throughout the earth,  
 we are one body in this one Lord.

**Verse 1**

Gentile or Jew, servant or free,  
 woman or man, no more. *Refrain*

**Verse 2**

Many the gifts, many the works,  
 one in the Lord of all. *Refrain*

**Verse 3**

Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,  
 gathered to one for all. *Refrain*

“JESUS MESSIAH”

*Words and Music by Daniel Carson, Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash, and Jesse Reeves  
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**Verse 1**

He became sin who knew no sin  
 That we might become His righteousness  
 He humbled Himself and carried the cross  
 Love so amazing love so amazing

**Chorus**

Jesus Messiah Name above all names  
 Blessed Redeemer Emmanuel  
 The Rescue for sinners  
 The Ransom from heaven  
 Jesus Messiah Lord of all

**Verse 2**

His body the bread His blood the wine  
 Broken and poured out all for love  
 The whole earth trembled and the veil was torn  
 Love so amazing love so amazing  
 (To Chorus)

**Bridge**

All our hope is in You  
 All our hope is in You  
 All the glory to You God  
 The Light of the world  
 (To Chorus)

**Verse 1**

Loaves were broken, words were spoken  
By the Galilean shore.  
Jesus, Bread of life from heaven,  
was their food forevermore.

**Refrain**

By your body broken for us,  
by your wine of life outpoured,  
Jesus, feed again your people.  
Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

**Verse 2**

Loaves were broken, words were spoken  
in a quiet room one night.  
In the bread and wine you gave them,  
Christ, you came as Light from Light. *Refrain*

“MANY AND GREAT, O GOD”

ELW #654

**Verse 1**

Many and great, O God, are your works,  
maker of earth and sky.  
Your hands have set the heavens with stars;  
your fingers spread the mountains and plains.  
Lo, at your word the waters were formed;  
deep seas obey your voice.

**Verse 3**

Loaves are broken, words are spoken,  
as in faith we gather here.  
Jesus speaks across the ages:  
"I am with you; do not fear!" *Refrain*

**Verse 4**

By the loaves you break and give us,  
send us in your name to share  
bread for which the millions hunger,  
words that tell your love and care. *Refrain*

**Verse 2**

Grant unto us communion with you,  
O Star-abiding One.  
Come unto us and dwell with us;  
with you are found the gifts of life.  
Bless us with life that has no end,  
eternal life with you.

\*COMMUNION BLESSING

**P** May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C Amen**

\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**A** We thank you, generous God, for the refreshment we have received at your banquet table. Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world, through the one who is our dearest treasure, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

 SENDING 

\*BLESSING

**P** The God who calls across the cosmos and speaks in the smallest seed † bless, keep, and sustain you now and to the end of the age.

**C Amen.**

\*SENDING SONG

“THE CHURCH’S ONE FOUNDATION”

ELW #837

**Verse 1**

The church's one foundation  
is Jesus Christ, her Lord;  
she is his new creation  
by water and the word.  
From heav'n he came and sought her  
to be his holy bride;  
with his own blood he bought her,  
and for her life he died.

**Verse 2**

Elect from ev'ry nation,  
yet one o'er all the earth,  
her charter of salvation  
one Lord, one faith, one birth:  
one holy name she blesses,  
partakes one holy food,  
and to one hope she presses,  
with ev'ry grace endued.

**Verse 3**

Though with a scornful wonder  
this world sees her oppressed,  
by schisms rent asunder,

\*DISMISSAL

**A** Go in peace. Share the harvest.

**C Thanks be to God.**

by heresies distressed,  
yet saints their watch are keeping;  
their cry goes up: "How long?"  
And soon the night of weeping  
shall be the morn of song.

**Verse 4**

Through toil and tribulation  
and tumult of her war,  
she waits the consummation  
of peace forevermore;  
till with the vision glorious  
her longing eyes are blest,

**Verse 5**

Yet she on earth has union  
with God, the Three in One,  
and mystic sweet communion  
with those whose rest is won.  
Oh, blessed heav'nly chorus!  
Lord, save us by your grace,  
that we, like saints before us,  
may see you face to face.

POSTLUDE

“HOW WONDROUS AND GREAT”

Music by Samuel A. Ward; Arranged by Darwin Wolford

THOMAS EISNOR

PAM WEINELT

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

GOOD SHEPHERD STAFF

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**Attendance Last Sunday**  
 8:30 AM - 63 | 10:45 AM - 89 | Online - 36  
 Adult Sunday School | 18

*The Altar flowers this morning are dedicated to the Glory of God and are given by Tom & Kris Hebeisen in celebration of their 48 wedding anniversary.*

**July Income & Expense Summary**  
Fiscal Year 2023-2024  
 Total Income: \$39,363 Total Expenses: \$36,396  
 Cash Flow: \$2,967

**Year to Date Income & Expense Summary**  
Fiscal Year 2023-24  
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*If you have any questions, please contact our Financial Secretary Sharron Ryan. Thank you!*

Thank you to Tom and Mary Wilson for providing the donuts for Fellowship this morning.

*If you would like to sign up for providing donuts & snacks, the sign-up and forms are in the administrative hallway. The cost is \$30.*



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**Sheep Buzz News**



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Welcome to our weekly Lamb Buzz

Looking for all the news for our Youth? Be sure to read your [Wednesday, Weekly Lamb Buzz](#) Email. Some exciting things are happening at GSLC for all ages of our youth. Access each week on our website under the Youth Tab or sign-up to be on the e-mail list.

**Look for the Sunday Servants online—**

Check the Sunday Servant Schedules. A link is available on our [website](#) home page. *Please let the office know if you will be taking any time away so we accurately create schedules. Send your notice e-mail to [office@gslutheran.org](mailto:office@gslutheran.org)*

**This Week**

- Sun 8/27 10:00 AM Combined Worship Service
- 11:00 AM Rally Day Hot Dog Luncheon
- Tues 8/29 6:00 PM Celebration Rings
- 6:30 PM Youth & Family Mtg
- 7:00 PM Chancel Choir
- Wed 8/30 1:00 PM Staff Meeting
- 7:00 PM Bells of Good Shepherd
- Thursday Bible Study | Fellowship Hall
- Thu 8/31 10:00 AM Mutual Ministry
- 12:00 PM
- Worship and Music Committee | Mtg. Rm
- 6:00 PM
- 6:30 PM Stewardship Mtg |
- Sat 9/2 9:00 AM Praise Team Rehearsal
- Two Can Sunday/Hefty Orange Bag**
- Sun 9/3
- Traditional Worship
- 8:30 AM
- 9:30 AM Faith Stories | Rm. 117
- Coffee and Conversation Rm. 118
- 9:30 AM
- 9:30 AM Men in Mission | Rm 116
- 10:45 AM Praise Worship Service

**Upcoming Event Dates**

Sign-up sheets are available at [gslutheran.org](http://gslutheran.org) ([Sign-up Central Online](#)) or Sign-up Central in Fellowship Hall

- Sept 4** Labor Day Observed | Office Closed
- Sept 10** "God's Work. Our Hands." Sunday
- Sept 17** All Sunday School classes | 9:45 AM
- Sept 19** Ladies Night Out | Dina's | 7 PM
- Sept 22** Taste of Habitat | Tickets Only Event | (See Max Epling or Mike Dooley)

**Register for SUNDAY SCHOOL**



Scan to Register by August 29th

Youth Classes will begin on September 17th.

Questions, comments, or concerns can be brought to [Mel\\_at\\_youthfaministry@slutheran.org](mailto:Mel_at_youthfaministry@slutheran.org)

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