

# THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



## TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE

SEPTEMBER 17, 2023 | 8:30 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

PRELUDE

“Prelude”

Thomas Eisnor

- D. Buxtehude (1637-1707)

WELCOME

\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (*booklet insert page 2*) (*kneel or stand*)

\*GATHERING SONG

“Come, We That Love the Lord”

ELW #625

\*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 (*booklet insert page 2-3*)

\*CANTICLE OF PRAISE (*booklet insert page 4*)

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you. **C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray, O Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C** **Amen.**

## Word

FIRST READING: Genesis 50:15-21

Pew Bible, pg. 47

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

PSALM 103:8-13 *The Psalm will be chanted and the congregation will chant the verses as indicated.)*

**C** **Lord, you are full of compassion and mercy, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love;**

**A** you will not allow ways to accuse us,  
nor will you keep your anger forever.

**C** **You have not dealt with us according to our sins, nor repaid us according to our iniquities.**

**A** For as the heavens are high above the earth,  
so great is your steadfast love for those who fear you.

**C** **As far as the east is from the west, so far have you removed our transgressions from us.**

**A** As a father has compassion for his children,  
so you have compassion for those who fear you,  
O Lord.

SECOND READING: Romans 14:1-12

Pew Bible, pg. 1034

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*booklet insert page 5*)

\*GOSPEL: Matthew 18:21-35

Pew Bible, pg. 896

☞ The holy gospel according to Matthew the 18<sup>th</sup> chapter. ☞ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

☞ The gospel of the Lord. ☞ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Karen Boda

\*HYMN OF THE DAY

"Our Father, We Have Wandered"

ELW #606

\*APOSTLES CREED (*booklet insert page 5*)

\*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION (*As the Assisting Minister closes each petition with the words, "Merciful God," worshipers respond with the words, "receive our prayer."*)

\*PEACE

☞ The peace of the Lord be with you always. ☞ **And also with you.** (*you may greet each other with a sign of God's peace.*)

## Meal

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"Lead Me Lord"

Chancel Choir

- Samuel Sebastian Wesley and Fred Bock

OFFERING SONG

"As the Grains of Wheat"

ELW # 465

\*OFFERING PRAYER

☞ God of power, God of plenty, all things belong to you. We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed. Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior. ☞ **Amen.**

\*GREAT THANKSGIVING, HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, WORDS OF INSTITUTION, LORD'S PRAYER  
(*booklet insert page 6-7*)

\*INVITATION TO COMMUNION

LAMB OF GOD (*booklet insert page 7*)

COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN

"Come, Ye Disconsolate"

ELW #607

\*POST COMMUNION BLESSING

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

\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

☞ Blessed be your name, O God, for we have feasted on your Word, Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts. Strengthened by this food, send us to gather the world to your banquet, where none are left out and all are satisfied. In Jesus' name we pray. ☞ **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Sending

\*BLESSING

☞ The God of glory, † Jesus Christ, name above all names, and the Spirit who lives in you, bless you now and forever. ☞ **Amen.**

\*SENDING HYMN

"Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing"

ELW #545

\*DISMISSAL

☞ Go in peace. God is at work in you. ☞ **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

"Fugue and Chaconne"  
- D. Buxtehude (1637-1707)

Thomas Eisnor

### Attendance Last Sunday

8:30 AM - 65 | 10:45 AM - 84 | Online - 20

### 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

Total Income: \$39,363 | Total Expenses: \$36,396  
Cash Flow: \$2,967

*If you have any questions, please contact our Financial Secretary  
Sharron Ryan. Thank you!*

We are in need for someone to donate for donuts/  
snacks for Fellowship this morning. Cost is \$30.  
Thank you.

### This Week

Sun	9/17	8:30/10:45 AM	Worship
		9:45 AM	Coffee with Council
		9:45 AM	All Sunday School Begins
		6:00 PM	Social Justice
Mon	9/18	1:00 PM	Staff Mtg.
Tues	9/19	6:00 PM	Celebration Ringers
		7:00 PM	Chancel Choir
		7:00 PM	Ladies Night Out
Wed	9/20	11:30 AM	Lunch & Learn   Mtg room
		6:30 PM	Theology on Tap   Game Day
		6:30 PM	Bells of Good Shepherd
		7:00 PM	Finance Mtg.
Thu	9/21	10:00 AM	Thursday Bible Study   F. Hall
		7:00 PM	Praise Team Rehearsal   F. Hall
		6:30 PM	Stewardship Mtg
Sat	9/22	7:00 PM	Taste of Habitat-Alpharetta
Sun	9/24	8:30/10:45 AM	Worship
		9:30 AM	Sunday School—all ages

*The Altar flowers this morning are dedicated  
to the Glory of God and are given by Scot and  
Barbara Bauer.*

### 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 19 Ladies Night Out | Dina's | 7 PM
- Sept 20 Lunch & Learn | 11:30 AM | Mtg. Rom  
Theology on Tap | Game Day | 6:30 PM
- Sept 22 Taste of Habitat | Tickets Only Event |  
(See Max Epling or Mike Dooley)
- Oct 2 Yarn Angels | 11 AM | Epling's
- Oct 7 Blessing of Animals Service | 10 AM
- Oct 15 Combined Worship | 10 AM | Fall Harvest
- Oct 21 Talent Show | 6 PM | Fellowship Hall
- Oct 25 Trunk or Treat | 6 PM | Lwr. Parking lot
- Oct 29 Reformation Sunday

### OPENINGS AVAILABLE

One of the great things about Good Shepherd is our friendliness and care we have for others; we often show that during our fellowship time together. Our donut calendar and our flower calendar have many open slots for the remainder of the year. Will you consider signing up to provide the refreshments to enhance our fellowship time together. Or maybe you have a special occasion and would like to honor or remember someone while enhancing the beauty of our worship space with flowers? Please sign up in the Administrative Hallway. Flowers \$40 | Donuts | \$30. Please include a payment form.

The Lutheran Coalition for Habitat is looking for auction items, chefs and selling tickets for their annual "**Taste of Habitat**" Scheduled for Sept. 22. Details can be found in Sheep Buzz and in Fellowship Hall, See Max Epling or Mike Dooley for tickets.



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