

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE OCTOBER 15, 2023 | 10:00 AM

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

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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

GATHERING MUSIC

“THEY’LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS BY OUR LOVE”

PRAISE TEAM

-by Peter Scholtes, arr. Mark Hayes

WELCOME

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be God, the one who forms us, † Jesus who bears the cross, the Spirit who makes our joy complete.

C Amen.

P Let us bow before God in humility, confessing our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Steadfast and faithful God,

C **you have revealed the ways of justice, yet we fail to follow you. We are overwhelmed by the world’s violence and suffering. We are afraid to risk what we have for the sake of others. For the harm we have caused,**

known and unknown, forgive us. For the unjust demands we place on others and your creation, forgive us. For the ways we turn away from you and our neighbor, forgive us. Lead us back to you and set us on the right path; in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

P Beloved in Christ, God’s justice stretches beyond all understanding. God’s compassion is beyond compare. In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us. In † Christ, you are already and always forgiven.

C Amen.

*GATHERING SONG

“COME AS YOU ARE”

Words and Music by David Crowder, Matt Maher and Ben Glover
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worshiptogether.com songs

Verse 1

Come out of sadness from wherever you've been
Come broken-hearted let rescue begin
Come find your mercy O sinner come kneel
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal

Chorus

(So) Lay down your burdens lay down your shame
All who are broken lift up your face
O wanderer come home
You're not too far
So lay down your hurt lay down your heart
Come as you are

Verse 2

There's hope for the hopeless
And all those who've strayed

Come sit at the table come taste the grace
There's rest for the weary
Rest that endures
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't cure

Chorus

(So) Lay down your burdens lay down your shame
All who are broken lift up your face
O wanderer come home
You're not too far
So lay down your hurt lay down your heart
Come as you are

Ending

Come as you are
Come as you are
Come as you are

*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

For the reign of God, and for

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

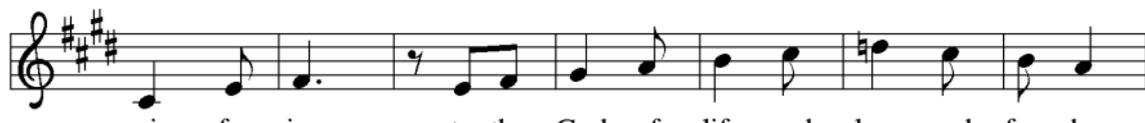
Help, save, and de-fend us, O God.

mer - cy. A - men.

Refrain



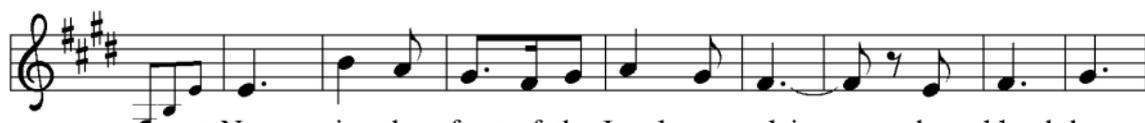
Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



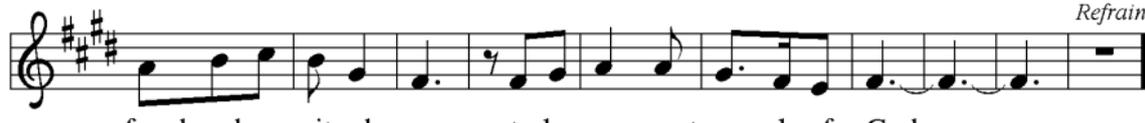
sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;



praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!



1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



Refrain
freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.



2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and



Refrain
glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.



3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of



Refrain
God; to make all things new.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

☞ *Let us pray.* Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

☞ **Amen.**

❧ WORD ❧

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 25: 1-9

PEW BIBLE, PG. 639

At the conclusion of the reading:

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

PSALM 23 (*Read responsively*)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> You restore my soul, O LORD, and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, 	<p>they comfort me.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.
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SECOND READING: PHILIPPIANS 4: 1-9

PEW BIBLE, PG. 1071

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 22: 1-14

PEW BIBLE, PG. 900

- The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.
- 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

Verse 1

Come, ye thankful people, come;
raise the song of harvest home.
All be safely gathered in
ere the winter storms begin.
God, our maker, doth provide
for our wants to be supplied.
Come to God's own temple, come,
raise the song of harvest home.

Verse 2

All the world is God's own field,
fruit unto his praise to yield;
wheat and tares together sown,
unto joy or sorrow grown.
First the blade, and then the ear,
then the full corn shall appear.
Lord of harvest, grant that we
wholesome grain and pure may be.

Verse 3

For the Lord our God shall come
and shall take his harvest home;
from his field shall in that day
all offenses purge away;
give his angels charge at last
in the fire the tares to cast,
but the fruitful ears to store
in his garner evermore.

Verse 4

Even so, Lord, quickly come
to thy final harvest home.
Gather then thy people in,
free from sorrow, free from sin,
there, forever purified,
in thy garner to abide.
Come, with all thine angels, come,
raise the glorious harvest home!

*APOSTLES CREED

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

**right hand of the 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**

**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 Assisting Minister closes each petition with the words, “God of mercy,” worshippers respond with the words, “hear our prayer.”)*

TEMPLE TALK

*SHARING THE PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

☩ And also with you.

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



OFFERING

ANTHEM

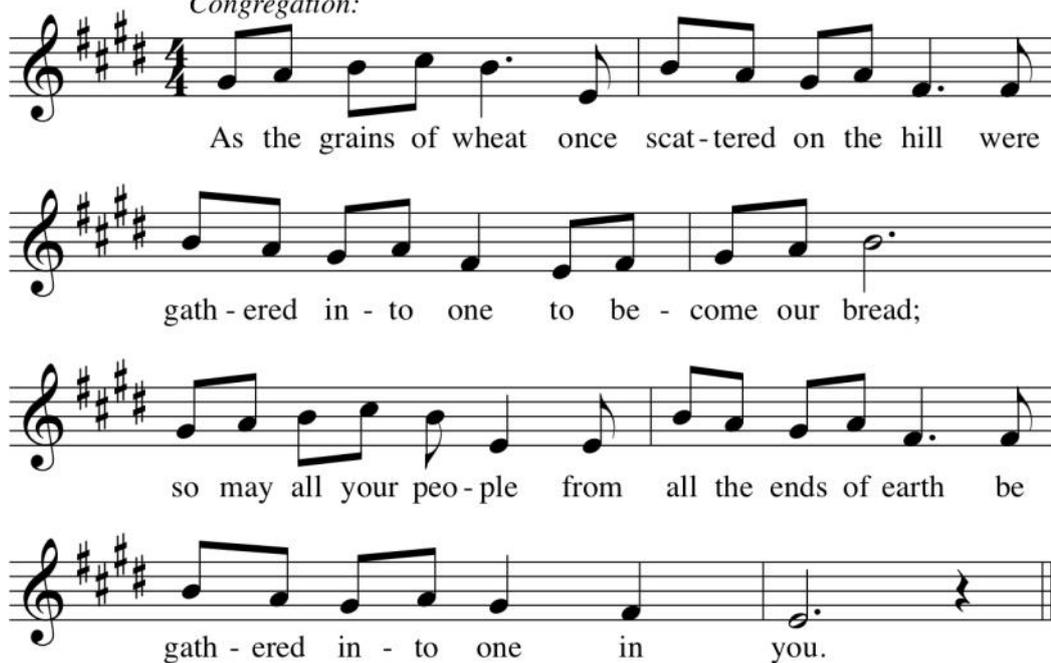
“OFFERING”
-Paul Baloche

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 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.
- 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 their unending hymn:

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:

“WE COME NOW”

ACS #970

We come now to your table, Lord,
 you are the Living Bread.
 We come now to your table, Lord,
 let ev'ry soul be fed.
 You are the Living Bread,
 let ev'ry soul be fed:
 and now may ev'ry soul be fed
 with Living Bread.

“WE ARE AN OFFERING”

ELW#692

We lift our voices, we lift our hands,
 We lift our lives up to you; we are an offering.

Lord use our voices, Lord use our hands,
 Lord use our lives, they are yours; we are an offering.

All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be,
 We give to you, we give to you.

We lift our voices, We lift our hands,
 We lift our lives up to you, we are an offering.

Verse 1

Praise and thanksgiving, God, we would offer
for all things living, you have made good:
harvest of sown fields, fruits of the orchard,
hay from the mown fields, blossom and wood.

Verse 2

God, bless the labor we bring to serve you,
that with our neighbor we may be fed.
Sowing or tilling, we would work with you,
harvesting, milling for daily bread.

Verse 3

Father, providing food for your children,
by Wisdom's guiding teach us to share
one with another, so that, rejoicing
with us, all others may know your care.

Verse 4

Then will your blessing reach ev'ry people,
freely confessing your gracious hand.
Where you are reigning, no one will hunger;
your love sustaining showers the land.

“SING TO THE LORD OF HARVEST”

Verse 1

Sing to the Lord of harvest
your songs of love and praise;
with joyful hearts and voices
your alleluias raise;
by him the rolling seasons
in fruitful order move;
sing to the Lord of harvest
a joyous song of love.

Verse 2

God makes the clouds drop fatness,
the deserts bloom and spring,
the hills leap up in gladness,
the valleys laugh and sing.

God fills them with his fullness,
all things with large increase
and crowns the year with goodness,
with plenty and with peace.

Verse 3

Bring to this sacred altar
the gifts his goodness gave,
the golden sheaves of harvest,
the souls Christ died to save.
Your hearts lay down before him
when at his feet you fall,
and with your lives adore him
who gave his life for all.

*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 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.

C Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

 SENDING 

*BLESSING

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

G Amen.

*SENDING SONG

“GOODNESS OF GOD”

Words and Music by Jenn Johnson, Ed Cash, Jason Ingram, Ben Fielding and Brian Johnson
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Essential Tunes | Bethel Music Publishing

Verse 1

I love You Lord
Oh Your mercy never fails me
All my days
I've been held in Your hands
From the moment that I wake up
Until I lay my head
I will sing of the goodness of God

Chorus 1

All my life You have been faithful
All my life You have been so so good
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God

Bridge

Your goodness is running after
It's running after me
Your goodness is running after
It's running after me
With my life laid down
I'm surrendered now
I give You everything
Your goodness is running after
It's running after me

Chorus 2

All my life You have been faithful
All my life You have been so so good
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God
I will sing of the goodness of God

*DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. God is at work in you.

G Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD”
-Van Denman Thompson

THOMAS EISNOR

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

GOOD SHEPHERD STAFF

Rev. Karen Boda.....Interim Pastor
Thomas Eisnor Director of Music Ministry
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Attendance Last Sunday
 8:30 AM - 65 | 10:45 AM - 64 | Online - 15
 Adult Sunday School | 13

The Altar flowers this morning are dedicated to the Glory of God and are given by Karen Weltz in appreciation of staff and volunteers at Good Shepherd.

August Income & Expense Summary
Fiscal Year 2023-2024
 Total Income: \$45,758 | Total Expenses: \$50,086
Cash Flow: (\$4,328)

Year to Date Income & Expense Summary
Fiscal Year 2023-24
 Total Income: \$85,121 | Total Expenses: \$86,482
Cash Flow: (\$1,360)

If you have any questions, please contact our Financial Secretary Sharron Ryan. Additional financial information is posted on the back wall in Fellowship Hall. Thank you!

Harvest Festival
 Please join us after worship today for a German themed festival, including lunch, sponsored by our Stewardship Committee. We gather together in praise and thanksgiving for all of the generosity given in this place.



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Sheep Buzz News
 Need more details? Read your Sheep Buzz. Delivered to your e-mail inbox every Friday around 3 PM. Want to get a text when a Sheep Buzz is sent? Join our Remind Text Notifications group. On your mobile device simply text (including the @ symbol) @gslc1 to 81010.



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*

This Week

- Sun 10/15 10:00 AM Combined Worship Service
 11:00 AM Stewardship Harvest Festival
 6:00 PM Social Justice Task Force
- Mon 10/16 1:00 PM Staff Meeting
- Tues 6:00PM Celebration Ringers
 7:00 PM Chancel Choir
- Wed 10/17 10:00 AM Word on Wednesday
 11:30 AM Wednesday Lunch & Learn
 6:30 PM Theology on Tap
 6:30 PM Bells of Good Shepherd
 7:00 PM Finance Mtg.
- Thurs 10/18 10:00 AM Thursday Bible Study | F.H.
 6:30 PM Stewardship Mtg.
 7:00 PM Worship and Music Committee | Mtg. Rm
- Sat 10/21 9:00 AM Praise Team Rehearsal
 6:00 PM Talent Show & Dinner
- Sun 10/22 8:30 AM Traditional Worship– Youth Service
 9:30 AM Sunday School
 10:45 AM Praise Worship

Upcoming Event Dates

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

- Oct 17 Ladies Night Out | 7 PM | The Tavern
- Oct 18 Theology on Tap | Game Day | 6:30 PM
- Oct 21 Talent Show | 6 PM | Fellowship Hall
- Oct 22 Youth Sunday | Thomas Last Day
- Oct 25 Trunk or Treat | 6 PM | Lwr. Parking lot
- Oct 29 Reformation Sunday
- Nov 4 Blood Drive| 8 AM | Fellowship Hall
- Nov 4 Electronic Recycle |10 AM | Parking Lot
- Nov 5 All Saints Sunday
- Nov12 One 10 AM Service | Annual Meeting| Thanksgiving Luncheon

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