

# THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



## TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE

NOVEMBER 19, 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

“Setting on a Shaker Hymn”  
- Greg Sewell

Gay Lyn Ferry

WELCOME

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

\*GATHERING SONG

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

ELW #632

\*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** Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

## Word

FIRST READING: Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

Pew Bible, pg. 859

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

PSALM 90:1-8, 12 *The Psalm will be chanted responsively.*

**A** Lord, you have | been our refuge  
from one generation | to another.

**C** **Before the mountains were brought forth, or the  
land and the | earth were born,  
from age to age | you are God.**

**A** You turn us back to the | dust and say,  
“Turn back, O child- | ren of earth.”

**C** **For a thousand years in your sight are like  
yesterday when | it is past  
and like a watch | in the night;**

**A** you sweep them away | like a dream,  
they fade away suddenly | like the grass:

**C** **in the morning it is | green and flourishes;  
in the evening it is dried | up and withered.**

**A** For we are consumed | by your anger;  
we are afraid because | of your wrath.

**C** **Our iniquities you have | set before you,  
and our secret sins in the light | of your  
countenance.**

**A** So teach us to num- | ber our days  
that we may apply our | hearts to wisdom.

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Pew Bible, pg. 1077

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CHILDREN'S SERMON

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

\*GOSPEL: Matthew 25:14-30

Pew Bible, pg. 904

☞ The holy gospel according to Matthew. ☞ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

SERMON

Pastor Karen Boda

\*HYMN OF THE DAY

"Light Dawns on a Weary World"

ELW #726

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

TEMPLE TALK

Lori Peters

\*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."*)

\*PEACE

☞ The peace of the Lord be with you always. ☞ **And also with you.** (*For the health and safety of our members, please greet one another with a friendly word or non-contact gesture of God's peace.*)

## Meal

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"Trust in God"

Chancel Choir

- *Words by Candacew Clayton and Music by Joan A. Fyock*

OFFERING SONG

"As the Grains of Wheat"

ELW # 465

\*OFFERING PRAYER

☞ God of all goodness, generations have turned to you, gathered around your table, and shared your abundant blessings. Number us among them that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance, and give thanks for your rich blessings, we may feast upon your very self and care for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant. ☞ **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 HYMNS

"Lord of Light"

ELW #688

"Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"

ELW #674

\*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

☞ Lord Jesus, in this simple meal you have set a banquet. Sustain us on the journey, strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children, and give us glad and generous hearts as we meet you on the way. ☞ **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Sending

\*BLESSING

☞ May the God of all creation, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved, who strengthens us for service, give you reason to rejoice and be glad! The blessing of God, Sovereign, ✠ Savior, and Spirit, be with you today and always. ☞ **Amen.**

\*SENDING HYMN

"Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow"

ELW #327

\*DISMISSAL

☞ Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord. ☞ **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

"Now Thank We All Our God"

Gay Lyn Ferry

-By Daniel Burton

### Attendance Last Sunday

10:00 AM - 129 | Online - 18  
Stewardship Intent cards received - 66

Financial information is now posted in Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions, see our Financial Secretary, Sharron Ryan.

### This Week

Sun	11/19	8:30/10:45 AM	Worship Services
		9:30 AM	Outreach   Mtg. rm.
		9:45 AM	Sunday School
		12:30 PM	Confirmation
		4:00 PM	Friendsgiving   F. Hall
		6:00 PM	Social Justice   Mtg. Rm.
Tues	11/21	7:00 PM	Chancel Choir
		1:00 PM	Staff Meeting
		6:30 PM	Bells of Good Shepherd
Thu	11/23		Thanksgiving   Office closed
Fri	11/24		Office Closed
Sat	11/25	9:00 AM	Praise Team Rehearsal
Sun	11/26	8:30/10:45 AM	Christ The King   Consecration
		9:45 AM	Sunday School
		4:00 PM	Confirmation

Thank you to Kay Abramson for providing donuts/ snacks for Fellowship this morning.  
*If you would like to help with this ministry, sign up using a form in the Administration Hallway, the cost is \$30.*

## Baptism

**Pamela Kay Wilhoit**, daughter of Davis and Taryn Wilhoit, will enter the Kingdom of God through the waters of Holy Baptism at the 10:45 AM service today. Her sponsors are Dirk Radke and Allison Brock.

We welcome this child into the Kingdom of God!

*The Altar flowers this morning are dedicated to the Glory of God and are given by Kay Abramson in memory of John Abramson.*

### 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

Nov 19 Friendsgiving Family Night | 4-6 PM |  
 Nov 23-24 Office Closed for Thanksgiving  
 Nov 26 Christ the King Sunday  
 Dec 3 Beginning of Advent

### Christmas Angel Tree

An Angel Tree has been set up in the Meeting Room to benefit youth and families from Oak Grove Elementary School in Acworth. Select an angel from the tree and choose 2 gifts; 1 need and 1 want. Return all items wrapped with the angel attached to the gift no later than Sunday, December 10th.



### Two-Can Sunday: Papa's Pantry | November Collection

#### Top 15 Urgently Needed Donations

- Hamburger/Tuna Helper
- Mac N Cheese
- Boxed Potatoes
- Canned Beef Soup/Broth
- Corn Bread Mix
- Refried Beans
- Canned Tomatoes
- All Canned Fruit
- Instant Grits/Oatmeal
- Cooking Oil
- Kids' Drinks
- Fruit Snacks
- Cereal/Granola Bars
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- Pet Food



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