

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 21, 2025

10:45 AM Praise Worship Service with Holy Communion

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church warmly welcomes people of any age, race, nationality, sexual orientation, life circumstance, and physical or mental capability

*You are invited to stand—please silence your cell phones

✧ GATHERING ✧

GATHERING MUSIC

Praise Team

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, our maker, our helper, and our keeper.

G Amen.

P Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection. (Stand or kneel)

P Merciful and loving God,

G we are your stiff-necked people. We trample on the needy. We grumble about your grace to others. We turn away from the poor. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins. Rejoice over us as ones who were lost and have been found. Amen.

P Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful. Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. You who were lost have been found. In the name of † Jesus, your sins are forgiven! **G Amen.**

***GATHERING MUSIC**

"Greater Things"

Words and Music by Kathryn Scott, Jeremy Riddle, Tayla Rede and Paul Arend ; © 2020 Jewellane Publishing | Low Ambition Publishing | Vindicate Publishing | Watershed Music Publishing | Watershed Worship Publishing | Remaining portion is unaffiliated

Verse 1

There are greater things
That are yet to come
There's a stirring here
And it's just begun
We can see Your hand
We can hear Your voice
We are ready for You
Ready for You to come and move

Chorus

King of all Kings take the highest place
Be lifted up as we bless Your name
Reign and revive Jesus have Your way
We are ready for You
Ready for You to come and move
We are ready for You
Ready for You to come and move

Bridge

To our Father in the Heavens

Holy is Your name

May Your kingdom be established in this place

Would You manifest Your glory

As we seek Your face

Come and move here in Your power once
again

(Chorus)

*GREETING

- ☞ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. ☞ **And also with you.**

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

- ☞ Let us pray. God among us, we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
☞ **Amen.**

∞ WORD ∞

FIRST READING

- ☞ A reading from Amos.

At conclusion of reading

- ☞ The Word of the Lord. ☞ **Thanks be to God.**

Amos 8:4-7

Pew Bible, Page 841

SECOND READING

- ☞ A reading from 1 Timothy.

At conclusion of reading

- ☞ The Word of the Lord. ☞ **Thanks be to God.**

1 Timothy 2:1-7

Pew Bible, Page 1080

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*GOSPEL READING

- ☞ The holy gospel according to Luke.

At conclusion of reading

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

Luke 16:1-13

Pew Bible, Page 953

MEDITATION

Pastor Karen Boda

***SONG OF DAY**

"You Are My Vision"

Words by Mary Elizabeth Byrne, Eleanor Henrietta Hull and Rend Collective. Music Ancient Irish Melody. Arranged by Rend Collective; © 2011 Thankyou Music Ltd

Verse 1

You are my vision O King of my heart
Nothing else satisfies only You Lord
You are my best thought by day or by night
Waking or sleeping Your presence my light
Oh oh oh

Verse 2

You are my wisdom You are my true word
I ever with You and You with me Lord
You're my soul's shelter and You're my high
tower
Come raise me heavenward O Power of my
power
Oh oh oh

Verse 3

I don't want riches or man's empty praise
You're my inheritance now and always
You and You only the first in my heart
High King of heaven my treasure You are
Oh oh oh

Verse 4

High King of heaven when victory's won
May I reach heaven's joy O bright heaven's Son
Heart of my own heart whatever befall
Still be my vision O Ruler of all
Heart of my own heart whatever befall
Still be my vision O Ruler of all

***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.

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

The Assisting Minister will close each petition with the words, "God of grace." worshippers respond with the words, "receive our prayer."

***PEACE**

☪ The Peace of the Lord be with you always. ☩ And also with you.

(Please greet one another with a friendly word or non-contact gesture of God's peace.)

☞ MEAL ☞

OFFERING

Please sign the "Who's Who in the Pew" pads and pass along as the offering is received. Please indicate if you are a visitor to Good Shepherd.

*OFFERING SONG

"Rise Up"

Praise Team

By Isaac Wardell and Evan Mazunik

*OFFERING PRAYER

☞ Let us pray. Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord. ☞ **Amen.**

*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*LORD'S PRAYER

☞ 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

COMMUNION/COMMUNION SONGS

"Simplicity "

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Verse 1

I come in simplicity
Longing for purity
To worship You in Spirit and truth
Only You
Lord strip it all away
Till only You remain
I'm coming back to my first love
Only You

Chorus

You're the reason I sing
The reason I sing
Yes my heart will sing
How I love You

And forever I'll sing
Forever I'll sing
Yes my heart will sing
How I love You

Verse 2

I come with my broken song
To You the perfect One
to worship You in Spirit and truth
Only You
Give me a child-like heart
Lead me to where You are
I'm coming back to my first love
Only You
(Chorus)

"There's Nothing That Our God Can't Do"

Words and Music by Brandon Lake, Kristian Stanfill and Jonathan Smith; © Brandon Lake Music | Maverick City Publishing Worldwide | KPS 1.0 | sixsteps Music | worshiptogether.com songs | Be Essential Songs | Cashagamble Jet Music | Bethel Music Publishing

Verse 1

Just one word
You calm the storm that surrounds me
Just one word
The darkness has to retreat
Just one touch
I feel the presence of heaven
Just one touch
My eyes were opened to see
My heart can't help but believe

Chorus 1

There's nothing that our God can't do
There's not a mountain that He can't move
Oh praise the name that makes a way
There's nothing that our God can't do

Verse 2

Just one word
You heal what's broken inside me
Just one word
And you revive ev'ry dream
Just one touch

I feel the power of heaven
Just one touch
My eyes were opened to see
My heart can't help but believe

Chorus 2

There's nothing that our God can't do
There's not a mountain that He can't move
Oh praise the name that makes a way
There's nothing that our God can't do

Bridge

I will believe for greater things
There's no power like the power of Jesus
Let faith arise let all agree
There's no power like the power of Jesus
I will believe for greater things
There's no power like the power of Jesus
Let faith arise let all agree
There's no power like His power
(Chorus 2)

"Healing Is In Your Hands"

Words and Music by Daniel Carson, Christy Nockels, Nathan Nockels, Matt Redman and Chris Tomlin; © 2010 Rising Springs Music | Sweater Weather Music | Thankyou Music Ltd | Vamos Publishing | worshiptogether.com songs

Verse 1

No mountain no valley
No gain or loss we know
Could keep us from Your love

Verse 2

No sickness no secret
No chain is strong enough
To keep us from Your love
To keep us from Your love

Chorus 1

How high how wide
No matter where I am
Healing is in Your hands
How deep how strong
Now by Your grace I stand
Healing is in Your hands

Bridge

In all things we know that
We are more than conquerors
You keep us by Your love

In all things we know that
We are more than conquerors
You keep us by Your love
You keep us by Your love

Chorus 2

How high how wide
No matter where I am
Healing is in Your hands
How deep how deep is Your love
How strong how strong is Your love
Now by Your grace I stand
Healing is in Your hands

*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

📖 Let us pray. O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name. 🙏 Amen.

SENDING

*BLESSING

☞ The God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry, who sets the prisoners free, ✠ bless you now and forever. 🙏 **Amen.**

*SENDING SONG

"Cornerstone"

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Verse 1

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

Chorus

Christ alone cornerstone
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love
Through the storm He is Lord
Lord of all

Verse 2

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

*DISMISSAL

🙏 Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
🙏 **Thanks be to God.**

*SENDING MUSIC

PRAISE TEAM

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