

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS SUNDAY

SEPTEMBER 7, 2025

10:00 AM 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 MUSIC

"This Little Light of Mine"

Bells of Good Shepherd

-Jeffery Honoré

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 HYMN

"Listen, God Is Calling

ELW #513

(A leader sings the words in parentheses)

(that he came to save us)

Refrain

and set us free. Refrain

(Listen,)

**listen, God is calling, through the Word
inviting, offering forgiveness, comfort and
joy.**

(Listen,)

**listen, God is calling, through the Word
inviting, offering forgiveness, comfort and
joy.**

Verse 1

(Jesus gave his mandate:)
share the good news

Verse 2

(Let none be forgotten)
throughout the world.
(In the triune name of God)
go and baptize. Refrain

Verse 3

(Help us to be faithful,)
standing steadfast,
(walking in your precepts,)
led by your Word. Refrain

*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.**

*KYRIE

By Larry Olson; ©1989 Dakota Road Music

Chorus

Kyrie Eleison on our world
And on our way
Kyrie Eleison ev'ry day

Verse

That we may live out
Your impassioned response
To the hungry and the poor
That we may live out
Truth and justice and grace

"Song of Mercy" Front of ELW, Pg. 184 vs. 2, 4

Let us pray to the Lord
Let us pray to the Lord (*Chorus*)

Verse

For Your Spirit to guide
That You center our lives
In the water and the word
That You nourish our souls
With Your body and blood
Let us pray to the Lord
Let us pray to the Lord (*Chorus*)

*CANTICLE OF PRAISE "Glory to God, Glory in the Highest"

ELW #164

(A leader sings the words in parentheses)

(Glory to God, glory to God,
glory in the highest!)

**Glory to God, glory to God,
glory in the highest!**

(To God be glory forever!)

To God be glory forever!

(Alleluia! Amen!)

Alleluia! Amen!

(Alleluia! Amen!) **Alleluia! Amen!**

Alleluia! Amen!

(Alleluia! Amen!) **Alleluia! Amen!**

**Alleluia! Amen! Alleluia! Amen! Alleluia!
Amen!**

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

- ☞ Let us pray. Holy One, you stretch wide your tent that all may be welcomed in, and in Jesus you stretched out your hands in expansive love for a weary and wounded world. Help us to reach out with your own wounded hands of love, that through us your life may be known in the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

☞ **Amen.**

∞ WORD ∞

FIRST READING

- 📖 A reading from Deuteronomy.

At conclusion of reading

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

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Pew Bible, Page 185

SECOND READING

📖 A reading from Philemon.

At conclusion of reading

📖 The Word of the Lord. 🙏 Thanks be to God.

Philemon 1-21

Pew Bible, Page 1088

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

"Halle, Halle, Hallelujah"

ELW #172

Halle, halle, halle-lujah.

Halle, halle, halle-lujah.

Halle, halle, halle-lujah.

Hallelujah. Hallelujah

*GOSPEL READING

📖 The holy gospel according to Luke.

Luke 14:25-33

🙏 **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Pew Bible, Page 952

At conclusion of reading

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

MEDITATION

Pastor Karen Boda

*SONG OF DAY

"I Will Follow"

Words and Music by Chris Tomlin, Jason Ingram and Reuben Morgan; © 2010 Rising Springs Music | Vamos Publishing | worshiptogether.com songs | Spirit Nashville Three | So Essential Tunes | Spirit Nashville Three | SHOUT! Music Publishing Australia

Verse 1

All Your ways are good

All Your ways are sure

I will trust in You alone

Higher than my sight

High above my life

I will trust in You alone

I will live for You alone

You're the One I seek

Knowing I will find

All I need in You alone

In You alone

Chorus

Where You go I'll go

Where You stay I'll stay

When You move I'll move

I will follow You

Whom You love I'll love

How You serve I'll serve

If this life I lose, I will follow (You)

Yeah I will follow You yeah

Chorus

Where You go I'll go

Where You stay I'll stay

When You move I'll move

I will follow You

Whom You love I'll love

How You serve I'll serve

If this life I lose, I will follow (You)

Yeah I will follow You yeah

Verse 2

Light into the world

Light into my life

Bridge

In You there's life everlasting

In You there's freedom for my soul

In You there's joy unending joy

And I will follow

(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.

INSTALLATION OF SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS, ASSISTANTS, AND BIBLE STUDY LEADERS

*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The Assisting Minister will close each petition with the words, "God we pray,." worshippers respond with the words, "open our hands in love."

*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.

OFFERTORY

"Love Grows Here"

By Dog Besig

**Chancel Choir
Praise Team**

*OFFERING PRAYER

☩ Let us pray. Holy God, giver of all good things, receive the gifts we bring, fruit of the earth and the work of human hands, that they may be used to your purposes for life and love in the world.

☩ Amen.

*GREAT THANKSGIVING

☩ The Lord be with you. **☩ And also with you.**

☩ Lift up your hearts. **☩ We lift them to the Lord.**

☩ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **☩ It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

☩ It is indeed right...praise your name and join their unending hymn

***HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (Sung)**

ELW #190
Lily Champion, Flute

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might,
holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the
highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the
highest.

***THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

P Honor, praise, glory and thanksgiving
to you, God, our loving Creator...
Trusting in his promise to be among us
whenever we gather in his name, we
proclaim the mystery of faith:

C **Christ has died. Christ is risen.**
Christ will come again.

P Gathered as your people, meeting in
Jesus' name, and preparing ourselves
to feast upon Jesus' very body and
blood, we plead with all creation:

C **Come, Lord Jesus.**

P Send your Spirit upon this meal, the

body and blood of Jesus, that we
overflow with your selfless love. Turn
us to face our neighbors, that by us
and through us your love may be
known in the world. Again, we ask:

C **Come, Holy Spirit.**

P All honor and praise and glory to you,
God of creative, dirty hands, God
of holy, wounded hands, God who
strengthens and guides our hands,
now and forever.

C **Amen.**

***LORD'S PRAYER**

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**

LAMB OF GOD

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Chorus

Lamb of God You take away

The sin of the world

Have mercy upon us

Lamb of God You take away

The sin of the world

Have mercy upon us

Lamb of God You take away

The sin of the world

Grant us Your peace

Grant us Your peace

COMMUNION/COMMUNION SONGS

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

Verse 1

Let us break bread together on our knees;
let us break bread together on our knees.

Refrain

When I fall on my knees,
with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

"Touch That Soothes and Heals"

Verse 1

Touch that soothes and heals the hurting,
hands that break a loaf of bread;
steps that walk beside the weary,
bearing burdens in their stead:

Refrain

"See my hands and feet," said Jesus,
love arisen from the grave.
"Be my hands and feet," said Jesus,
"live as ones I died to save."

Verse 2

Feed the hungry, clothe the naked,
visit ones in need of care,

"Send Me Jesus"

Verse 1

Send me, Jesus; send me, Jesus;
send me, Jesus; send me, Lord.
(Send me, Jesus.)

"Won't Stop Now"

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Verse 1

I give You glory
For all You've brought me through
And now I'm ready
For whatever You want to do

Verse 2

I'm moving forward
To follow after You

ELW #471

Verse 2

Let us drink wine together on our knees;
let us drink wine together on our knees.

Refrain

Verse 3

Let us praise God together on our knees;
let us praise God together on our knees.

Refrain

ACS #939

give the homeless warmth and shelter:
Christ will find a welcome there. *Refrain*

Verse 3

Love and serve without distinction
all earth's people, first and least.
Know within each act of kindness
hope and wholeness are increased. *Refrain*

Verse 4

Hands that beckon little children,
bind a wound, prepare a meal,
feet that rush to share good tidings,
Christ arisen, still reveal. *Refrain*

ELW #549

Verse 2

I am willing; I am willing;
I am willing, willing, Lord.
(Send me, Jesus.)

And now I'm ready

For whatever You want to do

Chorus

Your presence is an open door
We want You Lord like never before
Your presence is an open door
So come now Lord like never before

Verse 3

In every season
Your grace has been enough
And I'm believing
The best is yet to come

Verse 4

The cross before me
My hope on things above
And in You Jesus
The best is yet to come
(Chorus)

*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. Holy Jesus, in this meal you have fed and nourished us to work in your beloved world. Send us now, filled with yourself and strengthened by your Spirit to live your love for others.

☞ Amen.

∞ SENDING ∞

*BLESSING

☞ God who sets forth the law of love, Jesus who fulfills the law for you, and the Spirit through whom you are called to love, ✠ bless you this day,

☞ Amen.

*SENDING HYMN

"God's Work. Our Hands"

ACS #1000

Verse 1

God's work, our hands: working together,
building a future, repairing the world,
raising up homes, planting new gardens,
feeding the hungry and shelt'ring the cold.
Bless, God, our hands
as we work in your name,
sharing the good news of your gospel.

Verse 3

God's work, our voice: singing together,
praising, proclaiming to all who will hear,
praying for peace, shouting for justice,
claiming God's love for the lost and the least.
Bless, God, our voice
as we speak in your name,
sharing the good news of your gospel.

Verse 2

God's work, our feet: trav'ling together,
following Jesus to places unknown,
walking as friends, marching for freedom,
running the race with God's future the goal.
Bless, God, our feet as we follow your way,
sharing the good news of your gospel.

Verse 4

God is at work in and around us:
seedlings are sprouting
and bread's on the rise!
Washed and set free, humbled and honored,
gifted by grace, we respond in God's love.
Bless, God, our lives as we answer your call,
sharing the good news of your gospel.

*DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. You are God's hands at work in the world!

G Thanks be to God.

*POSTLUDE

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

Arranged by Lloyd Larson

**Chase Petersen
Pam Weinelt**

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