GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST NOVEMBER 16, 2025

8:30 AM Traditional 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

SATHERING <</p>
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"Prelude: Five Sacred Dances"

Anna Kate Peed

-Margaret Vardell Sandresky

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

- P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Silence is kept for reflection. (Stand or kneel)
- P Faithful God.

PRELUDE

- you have shown us the ways of your heart, yet we stray from your paths. We are stuck in sinful systems of oppression and do not embrace the freedom of your faithful promises. We ignore our neighbors. We exploit the earth. We reject your abundance, trusting our impulses instead of your steadfast love. Repair our relationships, restore what we have broken, renew our hearts, and bring us to new life. Amen.
- P Hear the good news: God the Faithful One loves you, + in Christ Jesus your sins are forgiven, and by the power of the Holy Spirit you are set free. Amen.

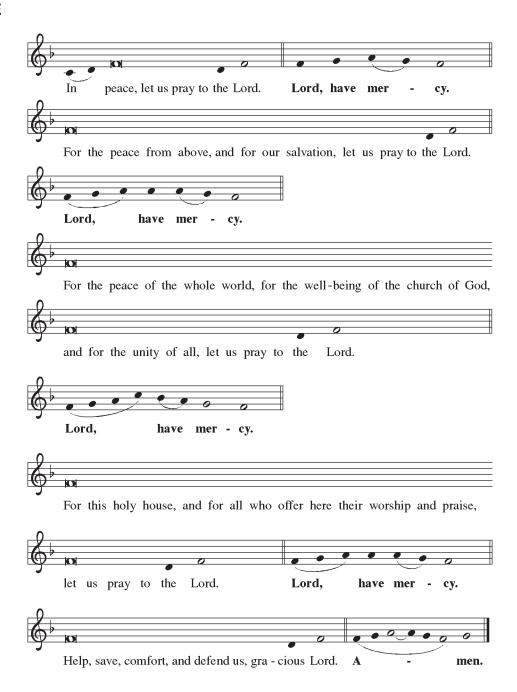
*GATHERING HYMN "If You But Trust in God to Guide you"

ELW #769

*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



*CANTICLE OF PRAISE





*PRAYER OF THE DAY

- Let us pray. O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Embrace us with your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may live through what is temporary without losing what is eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- @ Amen.

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FIRST READING

L A reading from Malachi.

At conclusion of reading

■ The Word of the Lord.
■ Thanks be to God.

Malachi 4:1-2a Pew Bible, Page 875

PSALM 98 (please read responsively)

- A Sing a new song to the Lord, who has done marvelous things, whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.
- O Lord, you have made known your victory, you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.
- A You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
- Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

- A Sing to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and the voice of song.
- With trumpets and the sound of the horn shout with joy before the king, the Lord.
- A Let the sea roar, and all that fills it, the world and those who dwell therein.
- Let the rivers clap their hands, and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord, who comes to judge the earth.
- A The Lord will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with equity.

SECOND READING

L A reading from 2 Thessalonians.

At conclusion of reading

■ The Word of the Lord.
■ Thanks be to God.

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Pew Bible, Page 1079

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



*GOSPEL READING

P The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

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

Luke 21:5-19

Pew Bible, Page 959

SERMON

"How Will We Know?"

Pastor Karen Boda

*HYMN OF DAY

"My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"

ELW #597

*APOSTLES' CREED

1 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, "Hear us, O God." Worshippers respond with the words, "Your mercy is great."

*PEACE

P 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.)



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 ANTHEM "Be Still My Soul Before the Lord" Chancel Choir

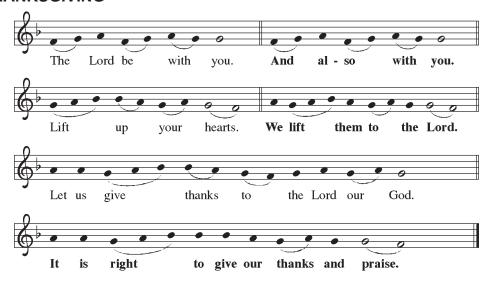
-David Von Kampen

*OFFERING HYMN "Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful" ELW #181

*OFFERING PRAYER

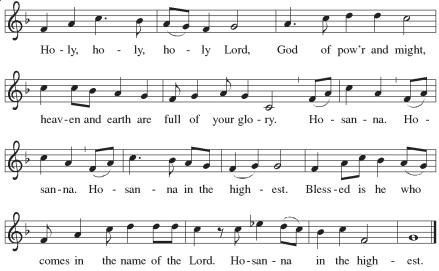
Let us pray. God of healing and hope, you bless those who are hungry, promising to fill them with good things. Fulfill that promise through us and these your gifts. Nourish us with the abundance of your feast and unite us into the blessed body of Jesus Christ our Savior, now and forever. Amen.

*GREAT THANKSGIVING



It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



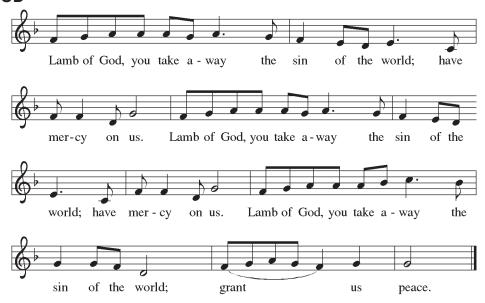
*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*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

LAMB OF GOD



COMMUNION/COMMUNION HYMNS

"All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly"
"Let Us Break Bread Together"

ELW #461 ELW #471

*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. God of field and flower, wheat and grape, you have nourished us with the bread of heaven that gives life to the world. Strengthened by the body and blood of your Son, send us out to gather your good gifts for all who hunger and thirst, and embolden us to love and serve in Christ's name. Amen.

SENDING «

*BLESSING

Amen.

*SENDING HYMN "When Peace Like a River" ELW #785

*DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Share the harvest.

Thanks be to God.

*POSTLUDE "How Firm a Foundation" Anna Kate Peed

-Jacob B. Weber

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