

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 30, 2026

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

✧ GATHERING ✧

PRELUDE

Anna Kate Peed

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

✠ Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, whose compassion endures forever.

✠ **Amen.**

✠ Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

✠ Compassionate God,

✠ **we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.**

✠ Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." In the name of the Father, ✠ and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love.

✠ **Amen.**

***GATHERING HYMN**

"For the Beauty of the Earth

ELW #879

***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



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



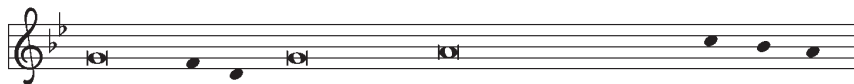
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of



God, and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



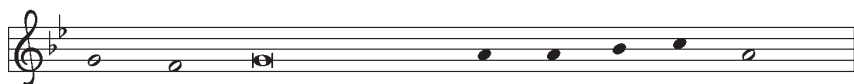
For this ho - ly house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and



praise, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord. *continues on next page* 2



A - men.

*CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be



peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and



hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and join in the hymn of

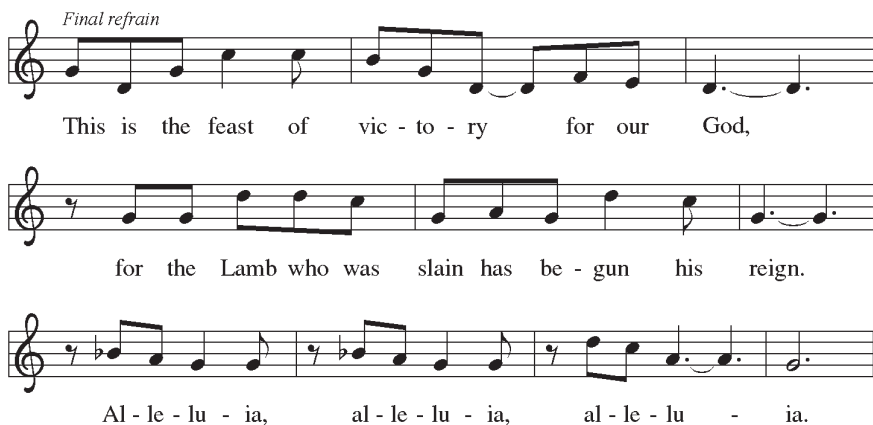


all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to



God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

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*PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** Let us pray. O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C** Amen.

∞ WORD ∞

FIRST READING

- L** A reading from Jeremiah.

At conclusion of reading

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

Jeremiah 15:15-21

Pew Bible, Page 704

PSALM *(please read responsively)*

Psalms 26:1-8

- A** Vindicate me, O Lord, for I have walked in my integrity, and I have trusted in the Lord without wavering.
- C** Prove me, O Lord, and try me; test my heart and mind.
- A** For your steadfast love is before my eyes, and I walk in faithfulness to you.
- C** I do not sit with the worthless, nor do I consort with hypocrites;
- A** I hate the company of evildoers and will not sit with the wicked.
- C** I wash my hands in innocence and go around your altar, O Lord,
- A** singing aloud a song of thanksgiving and telling all your wondrous deeds.
- C** O Lord, I love the house in which you dwell and the place where your glory abides.

SECOND READING

 A reading from Romans.

At conclusion of reading

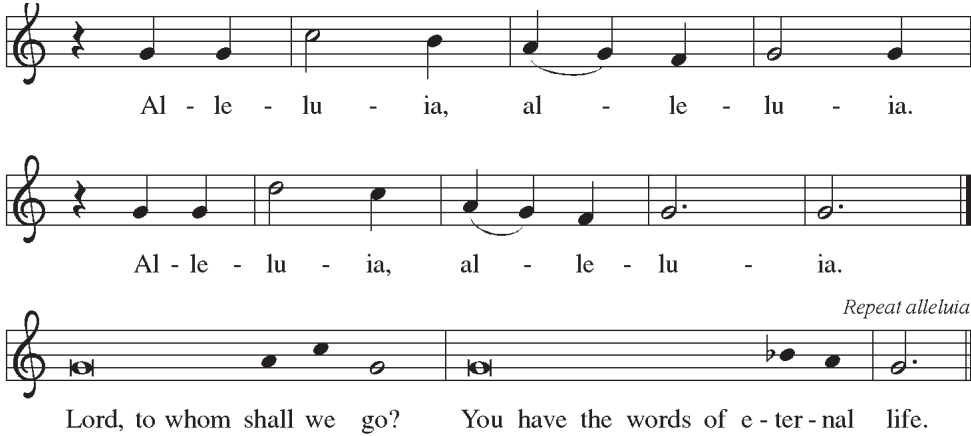
Romans 12:9-21

Pew Bible, Page 1034

 The Word of the Lord.  Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Repeat alleluia

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

*GOSPEL READING

 The holy gospel according to Matthew.

 Glory to you, O Lord.

Matthew 16:21-28

Pew Bible, Page 894

At conclusion of reading

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

SERMON

“Take up your cross.”

Pastor Karen Boda

*HYMN OF DAY

“Will You Come and Follow Me”

ELW #798

*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, "Merciful God". Worshippers respond with the words, "receive our prayer."

***PEACE**

P The Peace of the Lord be with you always. **A** And also with you.

(Please greet one another with a friendly word or 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 ANTHEM

"Spirit Open My Heart"

Chancel Choir

-Ruth Duck

***OFFERING HYMN**

"We Give Thee but Thine Own"

ELW #686 vs. 1

***OFFERING PRAYER**

A Let us pray. Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. **A** Amen.

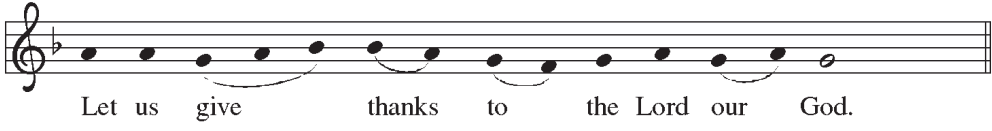
***GREAT THANKSGIVING**



The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

- P** 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**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

***WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

***LORD'S PRAYER**

- Q** 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

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION/COMMUNION HYMNS

“Will You Let Me Be Your Servant”

ELW #659

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

ELW #656

*POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace

G Amen.

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Let us pray. Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever. **G** Amen.

∞ SENDING ∞

*BLESSING

P Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ☩ one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always.

G Amen.

***SENDING HYMN**

“Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said”

ELW #667

***DISMISSAL**

A Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

G Thanks be to God.

***POSTLUDE**

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WORSHIP WITH US EACH SUNDAY!

8:30 AM Traditional Worship | 10:45 AM Praise Worship

Facebook Live Worship at facebook.com/gslcwoodstock

9:45 AM Sunday School and Adult Bible Studies

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