

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 23, 2026

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**

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

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

G Amen.

P Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Compassionate God,

G 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.

P 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.

G Amen.

***GATHERING SONG**

"Trust in God"

Original Words and Music by Fanny Jane Crosby add'l Words and Music by Brandon Lake, Chris Brown, Mitch Wong and Steven Furtick; © 2023 Brandon Lake Music | Music by Elevation Worship Publishing | A Wong Made Write Publishing | Integrity's Praise! Music

Verse 1

Blessed assurance

Jesus is mine

He's been my fourth man in the fire

Time after time

Born of His Spirit

Washed in His blood

And what He did for me on Calvary

Is more than enough

Chorus

I trust in God

My Savior

The One who will never fail

He will never fail *Repeat Chorus*

Verse 2

Perfect submission

All is at rest

I know the author of tomorrow

Has ordered my steps

So this is my story

And this is my song

I'm praising my risen King and Savior

All the day long *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. O God, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
☞ **Amen.**

∞ WORD ∞

FIRST READING

- ☞ A reading from Isaiah.

At conclusion of reading

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

Isaiah 51:1-6

Pew Bible, Page 667

SECOND READING

- ☞ A reading from Romans.

At conclusion of reading

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

Romans 12:1-8

Pew Bible, Page 1033

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*GOSPEL READING

- ☞ The holy gospel according to Matthew.

☞ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

At conclusion of reading

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

Matthew 16:13-20

Pew Bible, Page 894

***SONG OF DAY**

"What A Beautiful Name"

Words and Music by Ben Fielding and Brooke Ligertwood; © 2016 Hillsong Music Publishing Australia

Verse 1

You were the Word at the beginning
One with God the Lord Most High
Your hidden glory in creation
Now revealed in You our Christ

The praise of Your glory
For You are raised to life again
You have no rival
You have no equal
Now and forever God You reign
Yours is the kingdom
Yours is the glory
Yours is the Name above all names

Chorus 1

What a beautiful Name it is
What a beautiful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a beautiful Name it is
Nothing compares to this
What a beautiful Name it is
The Name of Jesus
What a wonderful Name it is
The Name of Jesus

Final Chorus

What a powerful Name it is
What a powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a powerful Name it is
Nothing can stand against
What a powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus
What a powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus
What a powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus

Bridge

Death could not hold You
The veil tore before You
You silence the boast of sin and grave
The heavens are roaring

BAPTISM OF M. Gomez

Front of Hymnal, pg. 227

***APOSTLES' CREED (To be read as part of the baptismal liturgy)**

☩ 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. **[C]** 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 SONG

You Are The Christ"

Praise Team

-By John Ylvisaker

***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. **[C]** Amen.

***WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

***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**

COMMUNION/COMMUNION SONGS

"Open The Eyes Of My Heart"

Words and Music by Paul Baloche; © 1997 Integrity's Hosanna! Music | Leadworship Songs

Chorus

Open the eyes of my heart Lord
Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see You
I want to see You

Open the eyes of my heart Lord
Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see You
I want to see You

Verse

To see You high and lifted up
Shining in the light of Your glory
Pour out Your power and love
As we sing holy holy holy
(Repeat Chorus and Verse)

Bridge

Holy holy holy
Holy holy holy
Holy holy holy
I want to see You
Holy holy holy
Holy holy holy
Holy holy holy
I want to see You

"Take Up Your Cross"

Words & Music By Larry Olson and Karol Baer; © 1990 Dakota Road Music

Verse 1

In a world of many voices calling at me
It's hard to hear the one that's true
Even when I hear it
When my heart discerns it
I lack the will to see it through

Chorus

Though I'm falling falling
The voice is always calling
Take up your cross
Take up your cross
Take up your cross and follow Me
And follow Me

Verse 2

The call is hard to swallow
Take up your cross and follow
The words reach deep inside of me
I find myself so troubled
To lose my life be humble
The sins within refuse to see
To Chorus

"Hands To The Heavens"

Words and Music by Kari Jobe, Jason Ingram, Bryan Brown and Tofer Brown; © 2013 worshiptogether.com songs | Razor and Tie Music Publishing | Tofer The Musical | Open Hands Music | So Essential Tunes

Verse 1

We are Your church
We are Your sons and daughters
We've gathered here to meet with You

Verse 2

We lift our eyes
We lay our hearts before You
Expectant here for You to move

Verse 3

You are the way
The truth and life we live for
Oh how we long to know You more
Chorus

Chorus

With our hands to the heavens
Alive in Your presence
O God when You come
So pour out Your Spirit
We love to be near You
O God when You come

*POST COMMUNION BLESSING

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

A 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. **A** Amen.

SENDING

*BLESSING

- P** Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, † one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always.
- A** Amen.

*SENDING SONG

"Goodness of God"

Words and Music by Jenn Johnson, Ed Cash, Jason Ingram, Ben Fielding and Brian Johnson; © 2018 Capitol CMG Paragon | SHOUT! Music Publishing Australia | Fellow Ships Music | So Essential Tunes | Bethel Music Publishing

Verse 1

I love You Lord
Oh Your mercy never fails me
All my days
I've been held in Your hands
From the moment that I wake up
Until I lay my head
I will sing of the goodness of God

Chorus 1

All my life You have been faithful
All my life You have been so so good
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God

Bridge

Your goodness is running after
It's running after me
Your goodness is running after
It's running after me
With my life laid down
I'm surrendered now
I give You everything
Your goodness is running after
It's running after me

Chorus 2

All my life You have been faithful
All my life You have been so so good
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God
I will sing of the goodness of God

*DISMISSAL

- A** Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!
- A** Thanks be to God.

*SENDING MUSIC

Praise Team

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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