

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS SUNDAY

SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

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 ✠

PRELUDE

**"They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love" Anna Kate Peed
by Peter Scholtes; Arr. Mark Hayes Pam Weinelt**

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, who pours love into our hearts and healing upon the earth.

✠ **Amen.**

✠ Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

✠ Compassionate God,

✠ **we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness in the world and in our own hearts. Creation groans from overuse. Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships. Indifference keeps us from seeking justice. Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others. Turn our hearts back to you. Restore our world and reconcile us to one another. Renew us to live as your holy people, following the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

✠ Hear this good news: We have peace with God through ✠ Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation, but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. Receive freely this healing gift of grace.

✠ **Amen.**

***GATHERING HYMN**

"Canticle of the Turning"

ELW #723

Verse 1

My soul cries out with a joyful shout
that the God of my heart is great,
and my spirit sings of the wondrous things
that you bring to the ones who wait.
You fixed your sight on your servant's light,
and my weakness you did not spurn,
so from east to west shall my name be blest.
Could the world be about to turn?

Refrain

My heart shall sing of the day you bring.
Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,
and the world is about to turn.

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Verse 2

Though I am small, my God, my all,
you work great things in me,
and your mercy will last from the depths of
the past
to the end of the age to be.
Your very name puts the proud to shame,
and to those who would for you yearn,
you will show your might, put the strong to
flight,
for the world is about to turn.

Refrain

My heart shall sing of the day you bring.
Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws
near,
and the world is about to turn. *Refrain*

Verse 3

From the halls of pow'r to the fortress tow'r,
not a stone will be left on stone.
Let the king beware for your justice tears
ev'ry tyrant from his throne.
The hungry poor shall weep no more,
for the food they can never earn;
there are tables spread, ev'ry mouth be
fed,
for the world is about to turn. *Refrain*

Verse 4

Though the nations rage from age to age,
we remember who holds us fast:
God's mercy must deliver us
from the conqueror's crushing grasp.
This saving word that our forebears heard
is the promise which holds us bound,
till the spear and rod can be crushed by
God,
who is turning the world around. *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

Verse 1

Kyrie Eleison
Kyrie Eleison
Kyrie Eleison
Kyrie Eleison

Verse 2

Christe Eleison
Christe Eleison

ELW #151

Christe Eleison
Christe Eleison

Verse 3

Kyrie Eleison
Kyrie Eleison
Kyrie Eleison
Kyrie Eleison

*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 Genesis.

At conclusion of reading

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

Genesis 50:15-21

Pew Bible, Page 47

SECOND READING

📖 A reading from Romans.

At conclusion of reading

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

Romans 14:1-12

Pew Bible, Page 1034

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW #170

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. *Repeat Alleluias*

*GOSPEL READING

📖 The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Matthew 18:21-35

🙏 Glory to you, O Lord.

Pew Bible, Page 896

At conclusion of reading

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

MEDITATION

" It's an environmental issue"

Pastor Karen Boda

"Act Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly"

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Verse 1

It all comes down to this

What you require of me

Love my neighbor as myself

And You above all things

Good news to all the world

The truth will set us free

Chorus

Act justly love mercy walk humbly

With You God

In all things in all ways walk humbly

With You God

Chorus

Act justly love mercy walk humbly

With You God

In all things in all ways walk humbly

With You God

Bridge

It's beauty for ashes

It's mourning to dancing

It's closer and closer

The Kingdom of heaven

To Chorus

Verse 2

It all comes down to this

To be Your hands and feet

***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 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.

OFFERING SONG

"God of Justice"

By Tim Hughes, choral arr. Pam Weinelt

**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.

***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

Lamb of God you take away
The sin of the world
Have mercy upon us

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Lamb of God you take away
The sin of the world
Grant us your peace
Grant us your peace

COMMUNION/COMMUNION SONGS

"Goodness is Stronger Than Evil"

Text Desmond Tutu and Music by John Bell

Chancel Choir

"When the Poor Ones"

Verse 1

When the poor ones, who have nothing,
still are giving;
when the thirsty pass the cup, water to
share;
when the wounded offer others strength
and healing:

Refrain

We see God, here by our side, walking our
way;
we see God, here by our side, walking our
way.

Verse 2

When compassion gives the suffering
consolation;
when expecting brings to birth hope that
was lost;
when we choose love, not the hatred

"I Am the Bread of Life"

Verse 1

"I am the Bread of life.
You who come to me shall not hunger,
and who believe in me shall not thirst.
No one can come to me unless the Father
beckons."

Refrain

"And I will raise you up,
and I will raise you up,
and I will raise you up on the last day."

Verse 2

"The bread that I will give
is my flesh for the life of the world,
and if you eat of this bread,

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all around us:

Refrain

Verse 3

When our spirits, like a chalice, brim with
gladness;
when our voices, full and clear, sing out
the truth;
when our longings, free from envy, seek
the humble:

Refrain

Verse 4

When the goodness poured from heaven
fills our dwellings;
when the nations work to change war into
peace;
when the stranger is accepted as our
neighbor:

Refrain

ELW #485

you shall live forever, you shall live
forever." *Refrain*

Verse 3

"Unless you eat
of the flesh of the Son of Man
and drink of his blood,
and drink of his blood,
you shall not have life within you."

Refrain

Verse 4

"I am the resurrection,
I am the life.
If you believe in me,
even though you die, you shall live
forever." *Refrain*

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Verse 5

Yes, Lord, I believe
that you are the Christ,

the Son of God,
who have come into the world.

Refrain

*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. 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.

G Amen.

✧ SENDING ✧

*BLESSING

P We are called to proclaim the good news:

G God is at work!

P This good news is not left in some history long ago or a place far away:

G God is at work in the world still today!

P In us and through us, God is glorified in our work. When we offer a helping hand, God is praised. When we share of our abundance, God is known in the world.

G God is at work in us!

P In our service today and in our daily lives, let us live out what God has called us to in baptism.

G God is at work through our hands!

P 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, that you may be God's hands and heart and voice at work in the world. **G Amen.**

*SENDING HYMN

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.

"God's Work, Our Hands"

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.

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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.

*DISMISSAL

- Go in peace. You are God's hands at work in the world!
- Thanks be to God.

*POSTLUDE

"How Firm A Foundation"

Arr. Mark Hayes and Marvin Gaspard

Anna Kate Peed

Pam Weinelt

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