

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 27, 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 ✧

"Hope in God"

-by Ron Mallory

Bells of Good Shepherd

GATHERING MUSIC

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 SONG**

"The Way"

Words and Music by Daniel Bashta, Ben Smith and Pat Barrett © 2018 Heritage Worship Publishing | Capitol CMG Genesis | Housefires Sounds | Vamos Publishing | Go Forth Sounds | Duetti Anthems

Chorus 1

Oh I believe You are
The Way the Truth the Life
I believe You are
The Way the Truth the Life
I believe

Verse 1

Through every battle
Through every heartbreak
Through every circumstance
I believe that You are my fortress
Oh You are my portion
You are my hiding place
Oh I believe You are

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Chorus 2

The Way the Truth the Life
I believe You are
The Way the Truth the Life
I believe

I believe that You are provider
You are protector
You are the One I love
I believe You are
Chorus 2

Verse 2

Through every blessing
Through every promise
Through every breath I take

*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. God of love, giver of life, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

☞ **Amen.**

∞ WORD ∞

FIRST READING

📖 A reading from Ezekiel.

At conclusion of reading

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

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

Pew Bible, Page 769

SECOND READING

📖 A reading from Philippians.

At conclusion of reading

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

Philippians 2:1-13

Pew Bible, Page 1069

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*GOSPEL READING

☞ The holy gospel according to Matthew.

At conclusion of reading

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

Matthew 21:23-32

Pew Bible, Page 899

SERMON

“A place where God might wish to dwell” Pastor Karen Boda

*SONG OF DAY

"Overcome"

Words and Music by Jon Egan; © 2007 Integrity Worship Music

Verse 1

Seated above enthroned in the Father's
love
Destined to die poured out for all mankind

Verse 2

God's only Son perfect and spotless One
He never sinned but suffered as if He did

Pre-Chorus

All authority
Every victory is Yours

All authority
Every victory is Yours

Chorus

Savior worthy of honor and glory
Worthy of all our praise
For You overcame
Jesus awesome in power forever
Awesome and great is Your Name
For You overcame
repeat 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.

*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

☪ The Peace of the Lord be with you always. ☩ **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

"He Is Among Us (The Least Of These)"

Praise Team

by Andy Piercy, Isaac Wardell, John Swinton, Orlando Palmer and Paul Zach

***OFFERING PRAYER**

- A** Let us pray. God of creation, you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always. **A** **Amen.**

***WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

***LORD'S PRAYER**

- A** 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

"Christ Is Enough"

Words and Music by Reuben Morgan and Jonas Myrin; © 2012 Hillsong MP Songs | Hillsong Music Publishing Australia

Verse 1

Christ is my reward and all of my devotion
Now there's nothing in this world
That could ever satisfy
Through every trial my soul will sing
No turning back I've been set free

Chorus

Christ is enough for me
Christ is enough for me
Everything I need is in You
Everything I need

Bridge

I have decided to follow Jesus
No turning back no turning back
The cross before me the world behind me
No turning back no turning back

Chorus 2

Christ is enough for me
Christ is enough for me
Everything I need is in You
Everything I need
Christ is enough for me
Christ is enough for me
Everything I need is in You
Everything I need
To Bridge

"The Table"

Words and Music by Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash and Wayne Jolley© 2014 Capitol CMG Paragon | S. D. G. Publishing | Twelve Lions Music | Worship Together Music | Terebinth Music

Verse 1

I will feast at the table of the Lord
I will feast at the table of the Lord
I won't hunger anymore at His table

Chorus

Come all you weary come and find
His yoke is easy His burden is light
He is able He will restore
At the table of the Lord

Verse 2

There is peace at the table of the Lord
There is peace at the table of the Lord
I won't worry anymore at His table

Verse 3

There is healing at the table of the Lord
There is healing at the table of the Lord
Oh and I won't suffer anymore at His table
Chorus

Bridge

I know He has a place for me
Oh what joy will fill my heart
With the saints around the mercy seat of
God

Chorus 2

Come all you weary come and find
His yoke is easy His burden is light
He is able He will restore
At the table of the Lord
(At the table of the Lord)

Verse 4

I'm invited to the table of the Lord
I'm invited to the table of the Lord
He says come just as you are to His table

"As For Me"

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Your love oh Lord is strength to my soul
Hope for tomorrow it won't let go
Your presence is the joy of my life
To You I lift my eyes

Chorus 1

As for me and my house we will serve the Lord
We will sing of Your love forevermore
As for me and my house we will serve the Lord
Serve the Lord

Verse 2

Your word alone a lamp to my feet
A light to my path as You're leading me
Your ways oh Lord are higher than mine
To You I lift my eyes

Chorus 2

As for me and my house we will serve the Lord
We will sing of Your love forevermore
As for me and my house we will serve the Lord
Serve the Lord

Bridge

Open up every door
Write it on every wall
Sing it in every room
Open up every door
Write it on every wall
Sing it in every room

Final Chorus with tag

As for me and my house we will serve the Lord
We will sing of Your love forevermore
As for me and my house we will serve the Lord
Serve the Lord
Open up every door
Write it on every wall
Sing it in every room

*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. Sustaining God, with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray. ☞ Amen.

∞ SENDING ∞

*BLESSING

☞ The God of love draw you into full accord and one mind, in the body of Christ Jesus. The God of hope grant you strength and joy in all circumstances through the interceding of the Spirit. The God of grace ✠ bless you now and forever.

☞ Amen.

*SENDING SONG

"Unstoppable God"

Chris Brown, Steven Furtick and Wade Joye; © 2014 Be Essential Songs | Elevation Worship Publishing

Verse 1

Heaven thundered
And the world was born
Life begins and ends
In the dust You formed
Faith commanded
And the mountains moved
Fear is losing ground
To our hope in You

Chorus

Unstoppable God
Let Your glory go on and on
Impossible things
In Your name they shall be done

Verse 2

Freedom conquered
All our chains undone
Sin defeated
Jesus has overcome

Mercy triumphed

When the third day dawned
Darkness was denied
When the stone was gone

Chorus 2

Unstoppable God
Let Your glory go on and on
Impossible things
In Your name they shall be done

Bridge

Nothing shall be impossible
Your kingdom reigns unstoppable
We'll shout Your praise forevermore
Jesus our God unstoppable
To Chorus 2

*DISMISSAL

☞ Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

☞ 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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