

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 20, 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, 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**

“Take My Life, That I May Be”

ELW #685

***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.**

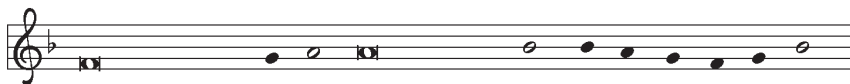
*KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



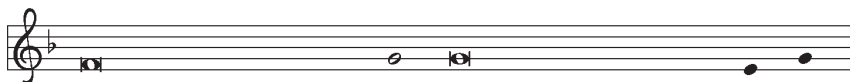
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



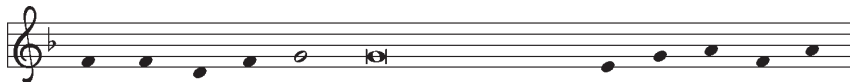
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



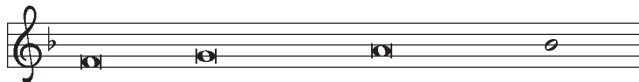
For this ho - ly house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and



praise, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gracious Lord.

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A - men.

*CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Refrain



Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace



to God's peo-ple on earth. Glo-ry to God in the



high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



1 Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al - mighty God and Fa-ther,



we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

Refrain



Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace



to God's peo-ple on earth. Glo-ry to God in the



high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God,



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world:



have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the right

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hand of the Fa-ther: re - ceive our prayer.

Refrain

Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace

to God's peo-ple on earth. Glo-ry to God in the

high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

3 For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a -

lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly

Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.

Final refrain

Glo - ry to God in the high - est.

A - men, a - men.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. Almighty and eternal God, you show perpetual lovingkindness to us your servants. Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgment, and train us to embody the generosity of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **A** Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING

L A reading from Jonah.

At conclusion of reading

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

Jonah 3:10—4:11

Pew Bible, Page 845

PSALM *(please read responsively)*

- A** I will extol you, my God and King, and
bless your name forever and ever.
- G** Every day I will bless you and praise
your name forever and ever.
- A** Great is the Lord and greatly to be
praised; his greatness is unsearchable.
- G** One generation shall extol your
works to another and shall declare
your mighty acts.
- A** They will recount the glorious splendor
of your majesty, and on your wondrous

Psalm 145:1-8

works I will meditate.

- G** They will proclaim the might of your
awesome deeds, and I will declare
your greatness.
- A** They shall celebrate the fame of your
abundant goodness and shall sing
aloud of your righteousness.
- G** The Lord is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in
steadfast love.

SECOND READING

L A reading from Philippians.

At conclusion of reading

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

Philippians 1:21-30

Pew Bible, Page 1069

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



*GOSPEL READING

P The holy gospel according to Matthew.

G **Glory to you, O Lord.**

At conclusion of reading

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

Matthew 20:1-16

Pew Bible, Page 897

SERMON

“God’s way of seeing things”

Vicar Sam Maier

*HYMN OF DAY

“Rise up, O Saints of God”

ELW #669

*APOSTLES’ CREED

G 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. **G** **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

“Adoration”

Chancel Choir

-Tom Fettke

*OFFERING HYMN

“Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful”

ELW #184

*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. **G** **Amen.**

*GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

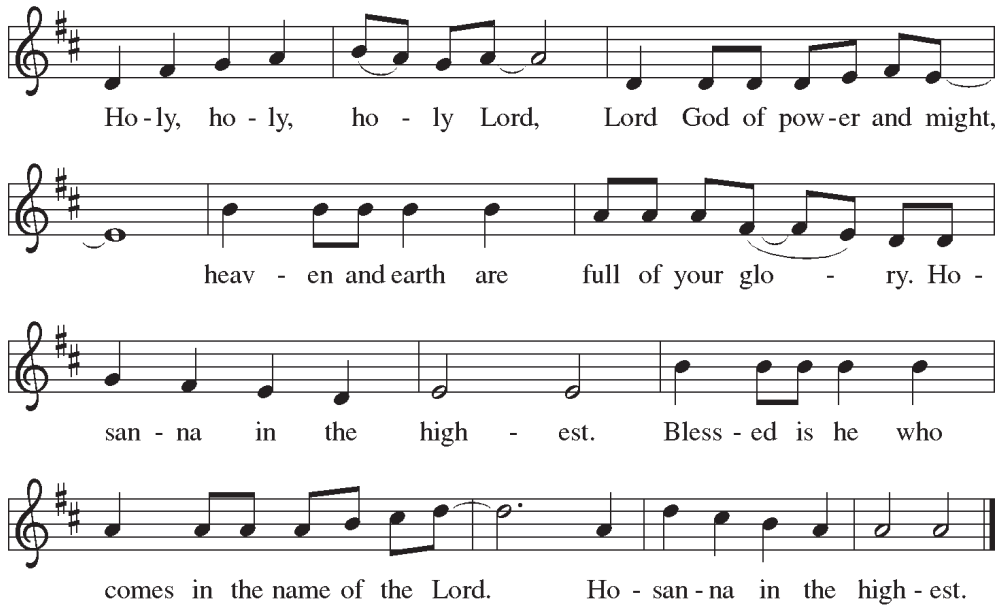
C **We Lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **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, Lord God of pow - er and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. 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.

*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

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

- “At the Name of Jesus

“God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending
- ELW #416

ELW #678

*POST COMMUNION BLESSING

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

C Amen.

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- A** 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. **C** Amen.

∞ SENDING ∞

***BLESSING**

P 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.

A Amen.

***SENDING HYMN**

“Voices Raised to You”

ELW #845

***DISMISSAL**

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

A Thanks be to God.

***POSTLUDE**

Anna Kate Peed

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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