

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

CELEBRATION OF THE ARTS SUNDAY - OCTOBER 4, 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

“Aria”

Eugene Bozza

**Vicar Sam Maier, Saxophone
Anna Kate Peed, Piano**

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 see you and embody your goodness in the world. We don't recognize you in the people who surround us. We don't care for the creatures and creation you have made. We don't use the gifts you have freely given us. Turn our hearts back to you. Restore us and help us to love and respect each other. Renew us to live as your holy people, following the way of Jesus Christ.**

☞ 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 “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross**

ELW #803

***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.**

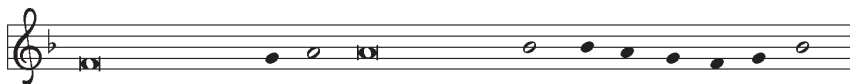
*KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



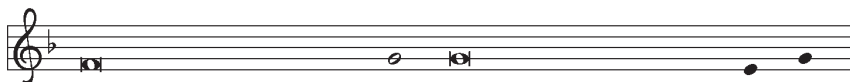
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



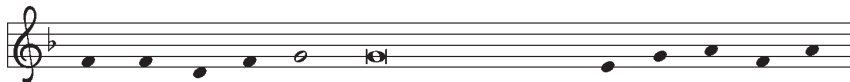
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



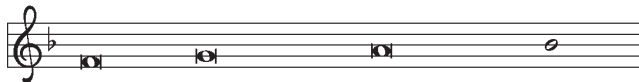
For this ho - ly house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and



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,



wewor-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. O Lord, we give thanks for you are the ultimate creator. As we experience your beautiful creation, may we reflect on Your love and grace. Help us to use the gifts of creativity you have given us to ignite our imagination, hearts, souls, and intellects to enter into a deeper relationship with you.

C Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING

L A reading from Exodus.

At conclusion of reading

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

Exodus 35:30-35

Pew Bible, Page 81

PSALM *(please read responsively)*

A O sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.

G Sing to the Lord; bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.

A Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples.

G Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar and all that fills it;

A let the field exult and everything in it. Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy

G before the Lord, for he is coming, for he is coming to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with his truth.

Psalms 96:1-3, 11-13

SECOND READING

L A reading from Colossians.

At conclusion of reading

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

Colossians 3:12-17

Pew Bible, Page 1074

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



*GOSPEL READING

P The holy gospel according to John.

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

At conclusion of reading

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

John 1:1-14

Pew Bible, Page 966

SERMON

“Does art matter in a world of AI?” Pastor Karen Boda

***HYMN OF DAY “Lord Christ, When You First Came to Earth” ELW #727**

*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

“Down to the River”

Chancel Choir

-Ken Medema

***OFFERING HYMN “Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful” ELW #184**

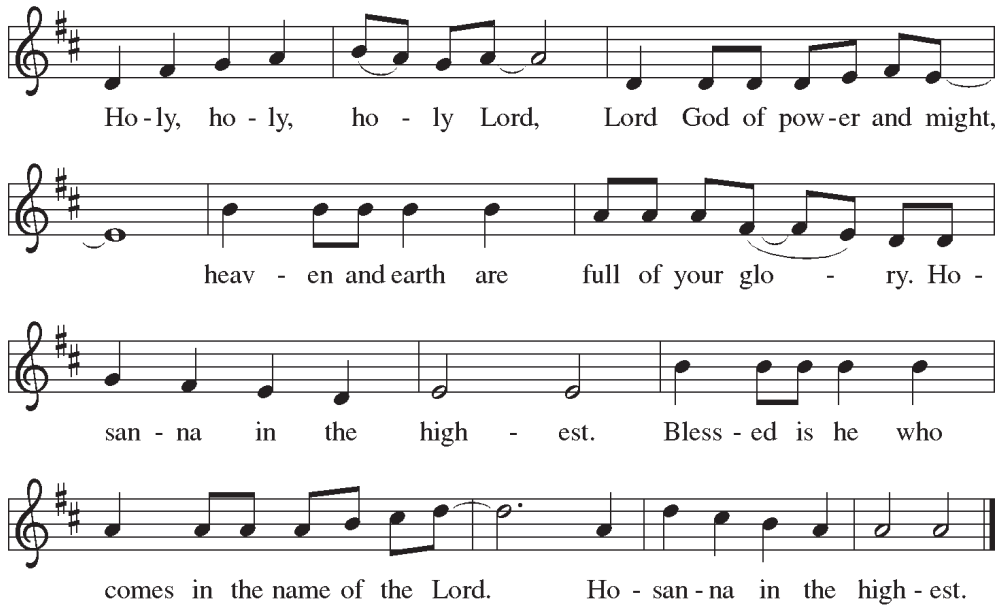
*OFFERING PRAYER

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

“Thine the Amen”

ELW #826

“Christ is the Life”

ACS #927

1 Christ is the life of all that is, God's pure cre - a - tive
2 Christ is the death of all that is; a broad and beck - 'ning
3 Christ is the death of all that is, a bright, con - sum - ing
4 Christ is the life of all that is, Be - gin - ning and the
Word, whose pow'r be - yond and through all space the
tomb, who wel - comes us from well - worn ways to
fire, whose flames re - quire our pri - or self as
End; cre - a - tive force, most peace - ful death, trans -
worlds to Be - ing stirred. Christ is the life be - yond all
dark - ness of the womb. Christ is the death, the sink - ing
kin - dling for the pyre. Christ is the death of dust - y
form - ing burn - ing brand. Christ is the life, in whose wise



time, cre - a - tion's birth and breath, whose la - bor
down past all de - sire and fear, whose prom - ise
days of un - cre - a - tive strife, for out from
love cre - a - tion lives and dies and thus for -



brings all things to be and brings all things to death.
in the gen - tle dark bids new - ness to ap - pear.
fire we tread up - on the thresh - old of new life.
ev - er - more shall bless the Source, the liv - ing Christ.

*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. 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. **A** Amen.

∞ SENDING ∞

*BLESSING

- P** O God of creation, bless these our gifts of creativity that make the world a joyful and beautiful place filled with your love.
And may the blessing of God – our source of life, love and hope, Jesus, the Word of life, and the ever-present Spirit of grace be with us this day and always. **A** Amen.

*SENDING HYMN “All Creatures, Worship God Most High”

ELW #835
vs. 1,2,3,6

*DISMISSAL

- A** Go forth with a creative spirit to love and serve the Lord.
A Thanks be to God.

*POSTLUDE

“Come Thou Font”
Ted Smith and Don Hustand

Anna Kate Peed
Pamela Weinelt

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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