# GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH
## Service of Thanksgiving
## November 8, 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

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## GATHERING

**GATHERING MUSIC** **"Now Thank We All Our God"** **Bells of Good Shepherd**

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

℗ Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection. (Stand or kneel)*

℗ Gracious Creator,

℃ **you have given us so much, but too often we take those gifts for granted, or as something to which we are entitled. You call us to live in caring community, but too often we place our wants and needs first. You call us to share Your gifts with the world around us, but we are worried that there may not be enough. For all the times when we mistreat and misuse Your gifts, for all the times we assume that we get what we have by ourselves, forgive us and lead us back to the path of wisdom.**

℗ God is a gracious giver. God is gracious in forgiveness. God calls us to new patterns and new life. We are a forgiven people!

℃ **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

***GATHERING HYMN** **"Come Ye Thankful People Come!"** **ELW #693**

**Verse 1**

Come, ye thankful people, come;
raise the song of harvest home.
All be safely gathered in
ere the winter storms begin.
God, our maker, doth provide
for our wants to be supplied.
Come to God's own temple, come,
raise the song of harvest home.

**Verse 2**

All the world is God's own field,
fruit unto his praise to yield;
wheat and tares together sown,
unto joy or sorrow grown.
First the blade, and then the ear,
then the full corn shall appear.
Lord of harvest, grant that we
wholesome grain and pure may be.

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**Verse 3**
For the Lord our God shall come
and shall take his harvest home;
from his field shall in that day
all offenses purge away;
give his angels charge at last
in the fire the tares to cast,
but the fruitful ears to store
in his garner evermore.

**Verse 4**
Even so, Lord, quickly come
to thy final harvest home.
Gather then thy people in,
free from sorrow, free from sin,
there, forever purified,
in thy garner to abide.
Come, with all thine angels, come,
raise the glorious harvest home!

### *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

**ELW #151**

**Verse 1**
Kyrie Eleison
Kyrie Eleison
Kyrie Eleison
Kyrie Eleison

**Verse 2**
Christe Eleison
Christe Eleison
Christe Eleison
Christe Eleison

**Verse 3**
Kyrie Eleison
Kyrie Eleison
Kyrie Eleison
Kyrie Eleison

### *PRAYER OF THE DAY

℗ Let us pray. Almighty God, your generous goodness comes to us new every day. By the work of your Spirit lead us to acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for your benefits, and serve you in willing ways, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

☪ **Amen.**

## WORD

### FIRST READING

**Deuteronomy 8:7-18**

ℒ A reading from Deuteronomy.

*Pew Bible, Page 164*

*At conclusion of reading*

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

## SECOND READING

L A reading from Philippians. **Philippians 4:4-9**

*At conclusion of reading* *Pew Bible, Page 1071*

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

## 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 alleluia*

## *GOSPEL READING

P The holy gospel according to Matthew. **Matthew 6:25-33**

C **Glory to you, O Lord.** *Pew Bible, Page 882*

*At conclusion of reading*

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

## MEDITATION "All good things come from God" Pastor Karen Boda

## *SONG OF DAY "Praise and Thanksgiving" ELW #689

**Verse 1**
Praise and thanksgiving, God, we would offer
for all things living, you have made good:
harvest of sown fields, fruits of the orchard,
hay from the mown fields, blossom and wood.

**Verse 2**
God, bless the labor we bring to serve you,
that with our neighbor we may be fed.
Sowing or tilling, we would work with you,
harvesting, milling for daily bread.

**Verse 3**
Father, providing food for your children,
by Wisdom's guiding teach us to share
one with another, so that, rejoicing
with us, all others may know your care.

**Verse 4**
Then will your blessing reach ev'ry people,
freely confessing your gracious hand.
Where you are reigning, no one will hunger;
your love sustaining showers the land.

## *APOSTLES' CREED

**C 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, in your mercy." worshippers respond with the words,* ***"Hear 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 non-contact gesture of God's peace.)*

## MEAL

## OFFERING

*If you have not returned your intent cards, you may place them in the box at the altar at this time.*
*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.*

**OFFERTORY** — **"All I Have Is Christ"** *-By Dan Krieder* — **Chancel Choir, Praise Team**

## *OFFERING & CONSECRATION PRAYER

A Let us pray. God of abundance, you bring grain from the earth and fruit from the vine, blessing us with your presence in mysterious ways. As we gift these our financial intents back to you, we ask that you bless them to your service. May they be outward signs of your inward work in us. May they become seeds that bring forth newness in this upcoming year. May they bear good fruit for the sake of your Son and for the sake of our neighbors. Bless us in our intentions, bless us in our hopes and plans, bless us in our generosity, and bless the world through these offerings to you. **C 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...praise your name and join their unending hymn

***HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (Sung)** **Front of ELW, pg. 173**

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

***THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

***LORD'S PRAYER**

℣ **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** **Front of Elw, pg. 174**

**Verse 1&2**
Lamb of God
You take away the sin of the world
Have mercy on us
*Repeat*

**Verse 3**
Lamb of God
You take away the sin of the world
Grant us peace
Grant us peace

**COMMUNION/COMMUNION SONGS**

**"I Am Thankful"** **Praise Team**
*By Paul Baloche, Leslie Jordan and Jason Ingram;*

**"Give Thanks"**
*Words and Music by Henry Smith; © 1978 Integrity's Hosanna! Music*

**Chorus**
Give thanks with a grateful heart
Give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks because He's given
Jesus Christ His Son
Give thanks with a grateful heart
Give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks because He's given
Jesus Christ His Son

**Verse**
And now let the weak say I am strong
Let the poor say I am rich
Because of what the Lord has done for us
And now let the weak say I am strong
Let the poor say I am rich
Because of what the Lord has done for us

**Final Chorus**
Give thanks with a grateful heart
Give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks because He's given
Jesus Christ His Son
Give thanks

## "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" ELW #733

**Verse 1**
Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not;
as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

**Refrain**
Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

**Verse 2**
Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.
*Refrain*

**Verse 3**
Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! *Refrain*

### *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. Generous God, for the abundance of your blessings to us day by day and year by year.

C **We give you our thanks.**

A For the simple pleasures of life: for garden harvests, coffee conversation, and familiar surroundings, For health and strength to appreciate the wonder of life, for needs met and desires fulfilled.

C **We give you our thanks**.

A For foods distributed to nourish body and spirit, For homes which supply shelter, which nurture order and beauty, and offer hospitality.

C **We give you our thanks.**

A With hearts that forgive as freely as you have forgiven, with enthusiasm of spirit for the gift of life, with music which declares your everlasting goodness, With prayers for mutual understanding and peace.

C **We worship you with joy.**

A With creative pursuits which contribute to our God-given talents, with words which honor you as Creator, Redeemer, and Holy Spirit, With time volunteered and dedicated to service in church and community, with years committed to extending the love of Jesus Christ.

C **We give you our joy.**

A With gifts of money which reach farther than we can manage ourselves, with deeds done in service of neighbor and stranger, With holy days set apart to celebrate your goodness and grace, with family and friends distant and nearby.

C **We worship you, God, with grateful hearts and joyful spirit. Amen.**

## SENDING

***BLESSING**

P Grant us clear minds to know you, new hearts to love you, strong hands to serve you. Help us live this day, this week, and always so that our whole life is a thanksgiving to you.

C **Amen.**

***SENDING HYMN "Now Thank We All Our God" ACS #950**

**Verse 1**
Now thank we all our God
with hearts and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done,
in whom this world rejoices;
who, from our mothers' arms,
has blest us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.

**Verse 2**
Oh, may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us,
and keep us all in grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all harm
in this world and the next.

**Verse 3**
All praise and thanks to God
the Father now be given,
the Son, and Spirit blest,
who reign in highest heaven,
the one eternal God,
whom earth and heav'n adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.

***DISMISSAL**

A With grateful hearts, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*Please remain seated. Our Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting will follow the Postlude.*

***POSTLUDE** **"God of Grace"** **Anna Kate Peed**

*By Paul Manz*

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