



## SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 27, 2025

9:30 A.M.

## GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

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OFFICE HOURS: MON-THURS 9 A.M.- 4:30 P.M.; FRI 9 A.M.-2:00 P.M.

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**WELCOME!** We are delighted to have you worship with us. If you do not have a church home, we invite you to share ours. Please sign our “Friendship Register” providing the requested information. Be sure to introduce yourself to Pastor Andrew; he would love to meet you.

**NURSERY** The nursery is open for parents to take their small children during worship service. The space is available but not staffed. Parents are invited to take their children to play. For your convenience a TV is provided to watch a live stream of the worship service. Please make yourself at home and pick up toys before leaving. For your safety, the Education Building is locked. Please see an usher to open the door if you do not have a key.

**FOR THOSE CHILDREN REMAINING IN THE SANCTUARY,** Quiet Bags filled with activities are hanging on the coat racks in the Narthex. Parents of young children are invited to pick up a bag at the beginning of the service. Ushers can direct you to their location.

**ALL BAPTIZED CHRISTIANS ARE WELCOME TO THE FEAST AT THE LORD’S TABLE.**

If you are unable to come forward for communion, please notify an usher so that communion may be brought to you at your seat. If you are unable to receive either the bread or wine, please be assured that the fullness of our Lord’s presence is complete in either element alone. Grape juice and gluten-free wafers are available; please let the communion server know of your need. Young children who commune should be assisted by their parents.

**A PRAYER BOX** is located in the Narthex for any Prayer Requests that you might have.

**PLEASE SEE THE CALENDAR** in this bulletin for a listing of events taking place at Good Shepherd this week. There is also a monthly calendar on the web page at [www.gslc.com](http://www.gslc.com).

**IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND WORSHIP,** our services are live-streamed and archived for viewing at other times. See the web page at [www.gslc.com](http://www.gslc.com) for links to these services.

**THE GOOD SHEPHERD FOOD PANTRY** collects non-perishable food items throughout the month with special emphasis on collection the third Sunday of every month. It is open for distribution Wednesdays from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

**REMEMBER YOUR CHURCH FAMILY,** especially those you have not seen for a while. Send a card, make a phone call, or pay a visit. Let them know we love and care for them and wish them God’s blessings.

**THE CHURCH OFFICE** is closed on Saturdays and Sundays. Office hours are Monday – Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Friday 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. In the event of an emergency, call the church office at (803) 787-4413 or Pastor Andrew Isenhower at (803) 409-8270. His email address is [pastor@gslc.com](mailto:pastor@gslc.com).

## ✠ GATHERING ✠

*As we gather for worship, please be aware of those around you who may be in a time of quiet reflection before the service starts. Please remember to silence any electronic devices.*

### PRELUDE

### OUR FATHER, GOD IN HEAVEN ABOVE

ZACHAU

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS *Please sign the attendance sheet.*

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *Congregation stands.*

In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

*The congregation turns to face the cross in procession,  
reminding us that Christ leads us into the presence and love of God.*

### GATHERING HYMN 676 *Congregation stands.*

### LORD, SPEAK TO US, THAT WE MAY SPEAK

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| 1 Lord, speak to us, that we may speak<br>in living echoes of your tone;<br>as you have sought, so let us seek<br>your straying children, lost and lone.      | 3 Oh, teach us, Lord, that we may teach<br>the precious truths which you impart;<br>and wing our words, that they may reach<br>the hidden depths of many a heart. |
| 2 Oh, lead us, Lord, that we may lead<br>the wand'ring and the wav'ring feet;<br>oh, feed us, Lord, that we may feed<br>your hung'ring ones with manna sweet. | 4 Oh, fill us with your fullness, Lord,<br>until our very hearts o'erflow<br>in kindling thought and glowing word,<br>your love to tell, your praise to show.     |

### 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.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE

*Refrain*

Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion  
sings for joy, to the God of life and love and free - dom;  
praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more! \_\_\_\_\_

*Verse 1*

1. Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has  
freed and u - nit - ed us to be one great peo - ple of God. \_\_\_\_\_

*Verse 2*

2. Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and might, all hon - or and  
glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er. \_\_\_\_\_

3. For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo - ple of  
God; to make all things new. \_\_\_\_\_

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us your abundant mercy. Forgive us those things that weigh on our conscience, and give us those good things that come only through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

FIRST READING *Congregation sits.*

GENESIS 18:20-32

A reading from Genesis.

<sup>20</sup> Then the LORD said, "How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! <sup>21</sup> I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know." <sup>22</sup> So the men turned from there, and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the LORD. <sup>23</sup> Then Abraham came near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? <sup>24</sup> Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? <sup>25</sup> Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" <sup>26</sup> And the LORD said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake." <sup>27</sup> Abraham answered, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. <sup>28</sup> Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." <sup>29</sup> Again he spoke to him, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." <sup>30</sup> Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." <sup>31</sup> He said, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." <sup>32</sup> Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it."

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 138

<sup>1</sup> I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with <sup>|</sup> my whole heart;  
before the gods I will <sup>|</sup> sing your praise.

<sup>2</sup> **I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your steadfast <sup>|</sup> love and faithfulness;  
for you have glorified your name and your word a- <sup>|</sup> bove all things.**

<sup>3</sup> When I called, you <sup>|</sup> answered me;  
you increased my <sup>|</sup> strength within me.

<sup>4</sup> **All the rulers of the earth will praise <sup>|</sup> you, O LORD,  
when they have heard the words <sup>|</sup> of your mouth.**

<sup>5</sup> They will sing of the ways <sup>|</sup> of the LORD,  
that great is the glory <sup>|</sup> of the LORD.

<sup>6</sup> **The LORD is high, yet cares <sup>|</sup> for the lowly,  
perceiving the haughty <sup>|</sup> from afar.**

<sup>7</sup> Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you <sup>|</sup> keep me safe;  
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right <sup>|</sup> hand shall save me.

<sup>8</sup> **You will make good your pur- <sup>|</sup> pose for me;  
O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works <sup>|</sup> of your hands.**

SECOND READING

COLOSSIANS 2:6-19

A reading from Colossians.

<sup>6</sup> As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, <sup>7</sup> rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. <sup>8</sup> See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. <sup>9</sup> For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, <sup>10</sup> and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. <sup>11</sup> In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; <sup>12</sup> when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. <sup>13</sup> And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you

alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, <sup>14</sup> erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. <sup>15</sup> He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it. <sup>16</sup> Therefore do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food and drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or sabbaths. <sup>17</sup> These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. <sup>18</sup> Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, dwelling on visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, <sup>19</sup> and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth that is from God.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *Congregation stands.*



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#### **GOSPEL**

#### **LUKE 11:1-13**

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> [Jesus] was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.” <sup>2</sup> He said to them, “When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

<sup>3</sup> Give us each day our daily bread.

<sup>4</sup> And forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial.”

<sup>5</sup> And he said to them, “Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; <sup>6</sup> for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.’ <sup>7</sup> And he answers from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.’ <sup>8</sup> I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

<sup>9</sup> “So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. <sup>10</sup> For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. <sup>11</sup> Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? <sup>12</sup> Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion?

<sup>13</sup> If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

#### **CHILDREN’S SERMON**

#### **PASTOR ANDREW ISENHOWER**

HYMN OF THE DAY

*ETERNAL SPIRIT OF THE LIVING CHRIST*

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| <p>1 Eternal Spirit of the living Christ,<br/>I know not how to ask or what to say;<br/>I only know my need, as deep as life,<br/>and only you can teach me how to pray.</p> <p>2 Come, pray in me the prayer I need this day;<br/>help me to see your purpose and your will,</p> | <p>where I have failed, what I have done amiss;<br/>held in forgiving love, let me be still.</p> <p>3 Come with the vision and the strength I need<br/>to serve my God and all humanity;<br/>fulfillment of my life in love outpoured:<br/>my life in you, O Christ, your love in me.</p> |
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APOSTLES' CREED

God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**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 *Congregation kneels or sits.*

In solidarity with all creation, we join our voice to the voice of the whole church and pray for the needs of the world.

*A brief silence.*

Loving God, create in your church a desire for union with you in prayer. Raise up leaders to teach Christ's devotion to prayer and model Christ's way of prayer, until all people experience prayerful intimacy with you. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Reveal to humanity the sacredness of all creation. With the breath of your Spirit, realign the balances of nature. Grant persistence in prayer and action for the sake of the earth, our common home. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Teach rulers of the earth to sing of your ways, caring for the lowly and having no preference for the powerful. Direct the heart of every person to seek your will on earth as in heaven. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

To all whose prayers are cries for help, give your good gifts, and satisfy their deepest needs. At this time, we especially pray for all those whom we lift before you now. Gather them to your constant, loving presence, that they may rest in the confidence of life with you. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Center the ministries of this assembly on prayer and service. Guide our relationships in the wider community, being ready to assist those who seek help. Strengthen feeding, clothing, and housing ministries and community partnerships. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for all who have gone before us. May we trust your steadfast love and continue in hope until we are united with all your saints. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Trusting in your lovingkindness, we place our prayer and hope in you, in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

PEACE *Congregation stands.*

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

✠ MEAL ✠

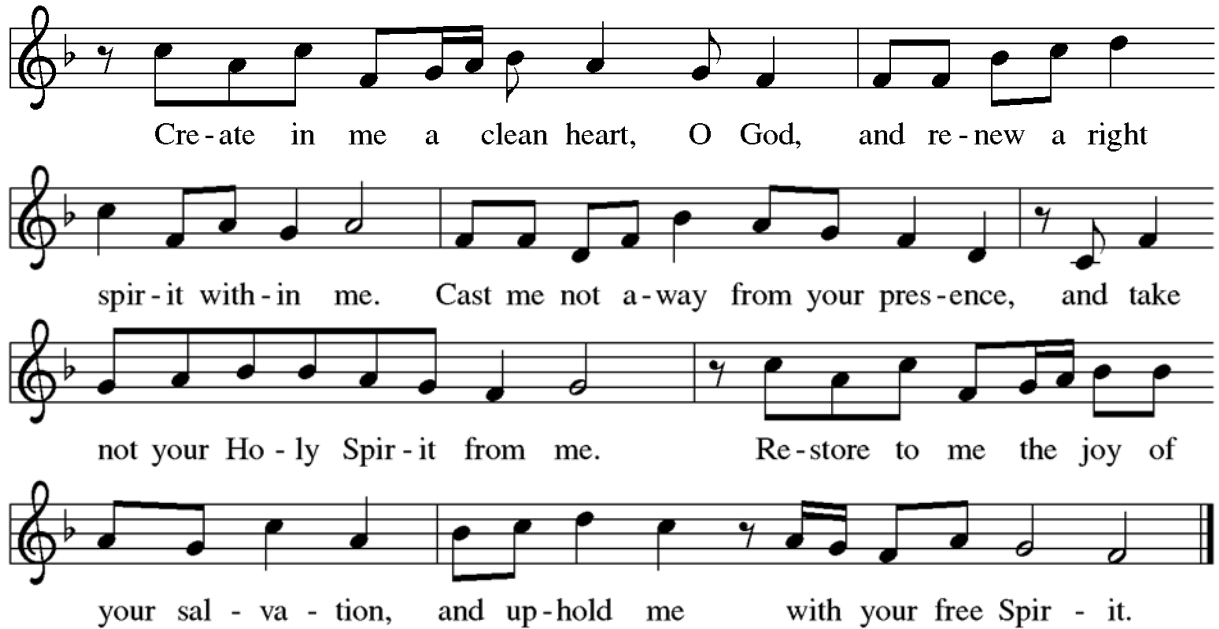
**OFFERING** *Congregation sits.*

**OFFERTORY**

**GAVOTTE**

**CAMIDGE**

**OFFERING SONG** *Congregation stands.*



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right  
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take  
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of  
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

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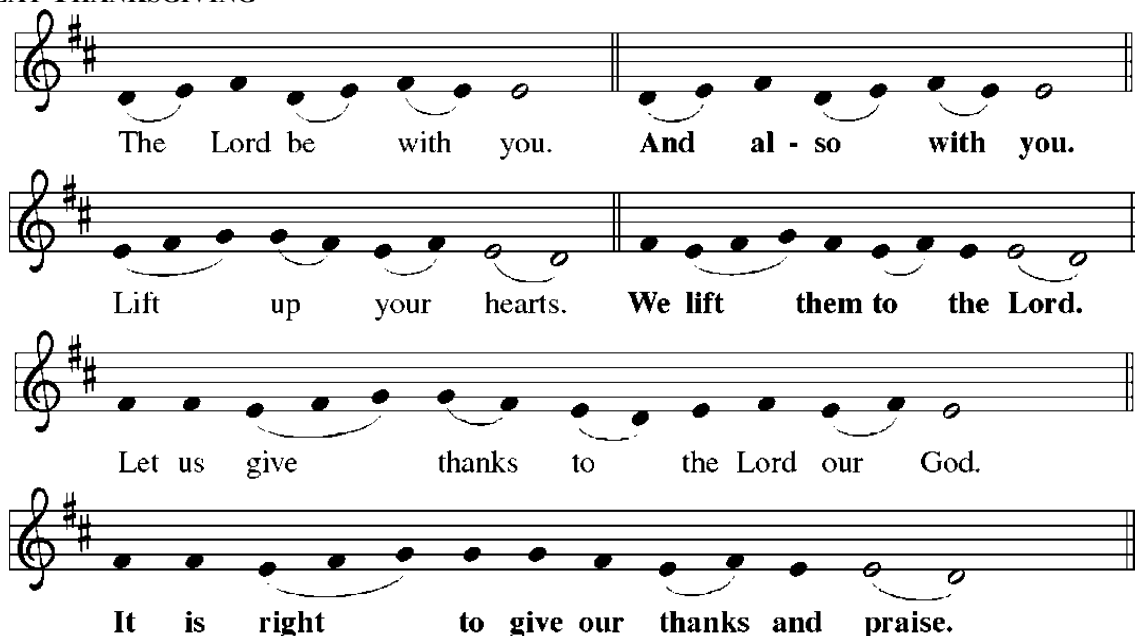
**OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray.

God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

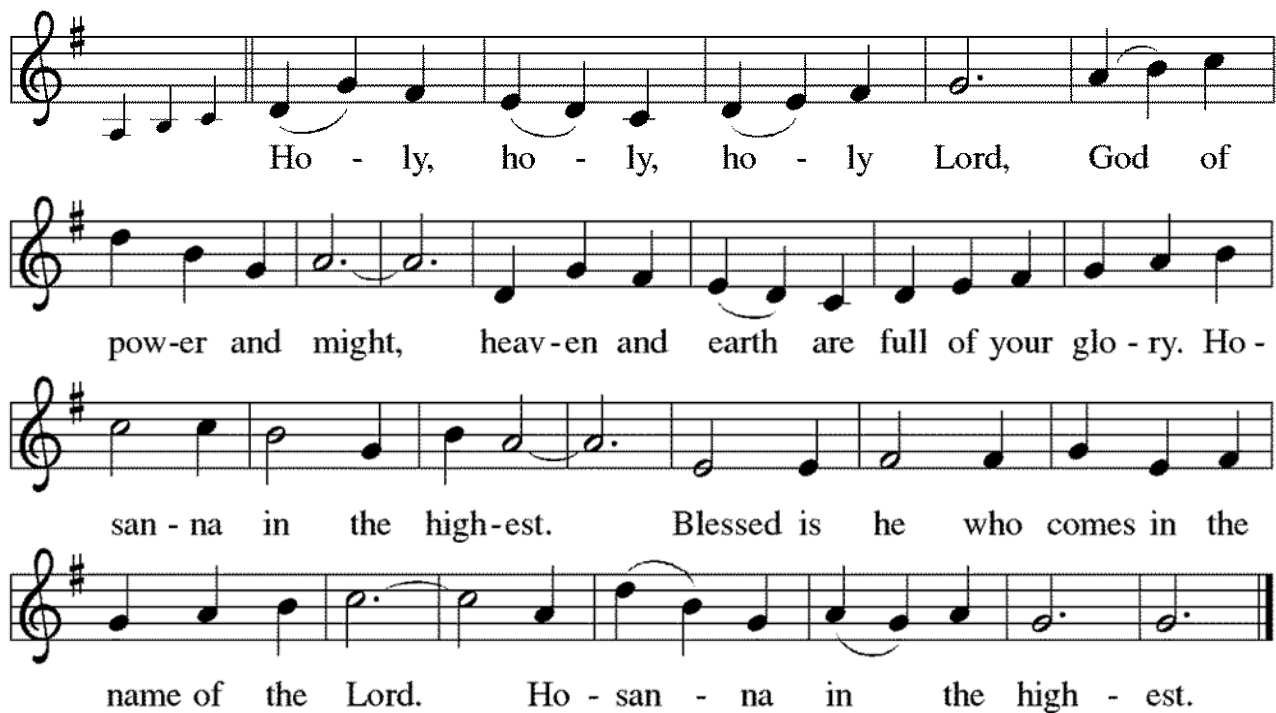
**GREAT THANKSGIVING**



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
It is right to give our thanks and praise.



It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



#### **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,  
 heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
 In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,  
 who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,  
 who preached good news to the poor,  
 and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
 our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
 broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
 Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
 and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
 This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
 shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,  
 we await his coming in glory.  
 Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,  
 and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,  
 the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
 to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
 be all honor and glory, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

Our Fa-ther, who art in heav-en, hal-low-ed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come; thy will be done\_\_\_ on earth as it is in heav-en.  
Give us this day our dai - ly bread; and for-give us as we for-give  
oth-ers; and lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion,\_\_\_ but de - liv - er us from  
e - vil.\_\_\_ For the king - dom and the pow - er and the glo - ry are  
yours for - ev - er. A - men.\_\_\_\_\_

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

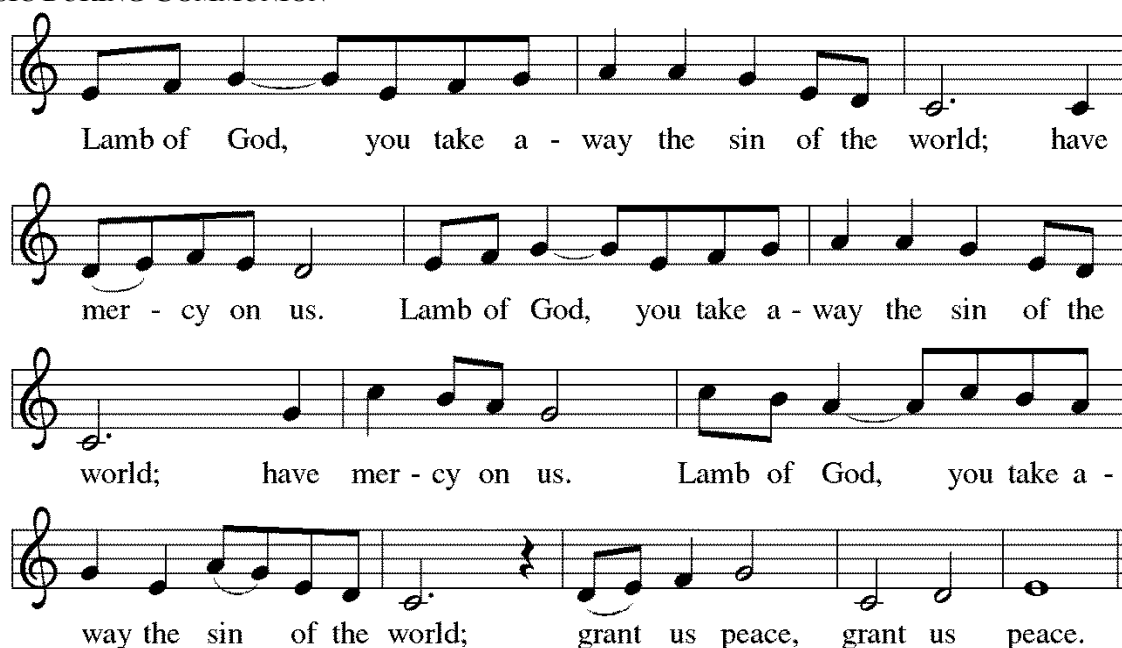
Taste and see that the Lord is good.

**Thanks be to God!**

## COMMUNION *Congregation sits.*

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## MUSIC DURING COMMUNION



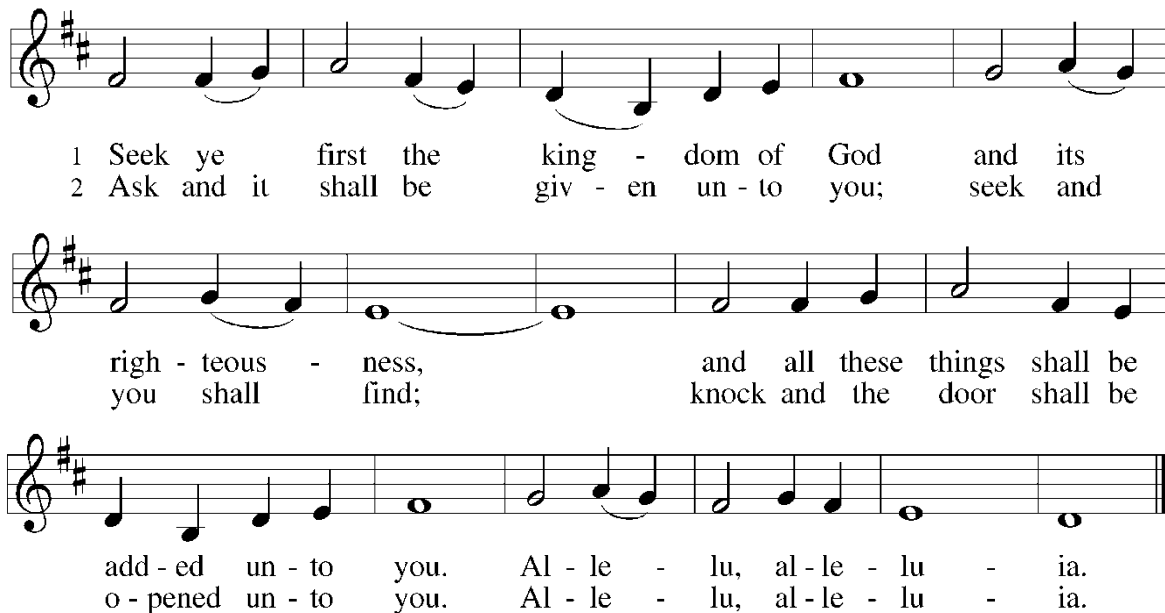
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -  
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

## COMMUNION HYMN 751

## *O LORD, HEAR MY PRAYER*

## COMMUNION HYMN

## *SEEK YE FIRST*



1 Seek ye first the king - dom of God and its  
2 Ask and it shall be giv - en un - to you; seek and  
righ - teous - ness, and all these things shall be  
you shall find; knock and the door shall be  
add - ed un - to you. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.  
o - pened un - to you. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.

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## BLESSING OF THE COMMUNICANTS *Congregation stands.*

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.  
**Amen.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## ✠ SENDING ✠

### BENEDICTION

Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

*The congregation faces the cross as it leaves the sanctuary, following the cross as we follow Jesus into the world. All remain facing the cross for the dismissal.*

### SENDING HYMN 742

### WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS

- 1 What a friend we have in Jesus,  
all our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry  
ev'rything to God in prayer!  
Oh, what peace we often forfeit;  
oh, what needless pain we bear--  
all because we do not carry  
ev'rything to God in prayer!
- 2 Have we trials and temptations?  
Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged--  
take it to the Lord in prayer.

- Can we find a friend so faithful  
who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness--  
take it to the Lord in prayer.
- 3 Are we weak and heavy-laden,  
cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our refuge--  
take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Do your friends despise, forsake you?  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
In his arms he'll take and shield you;  
you will find a solace there.

### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Walk in the Spirit.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### POSTLUDE

### VOLUNTARY

### WALTHER

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### LET US REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

**Brickmont of John's Creek Assisted Living** – Lena Duncan

**The Heritage at Lowman** – Rosemarie Brown, Marianne De Werdt

**Harmony** – Billie Jones

**NHC Parklane** – Joyce Mobley

**The Palmettos** – Sara Loyd

**Rice Estate** – Grace Boozer

**Vitality Life** – Mary Clare McAbee

**Wellmore of Lexington** – Dot Correll

**Wellmore of Daniel Island** – Barbara Sutton

**At their homes** – Gwen Barnes, Steve Bowden, Sylvia Anne Derrick, Larry Evans, Bonnie Hammond,  
Justine Parker

## **JULY 20, 2025 ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS**

9:30 a.m. Worship Service: 91 Sunday School: 21

**\*Budgeted Weekly Benevolence Collections needed: \$9,325**

**\*Current Expenses & Benevolences Received: \$5,587**

### **OTHER MISCELLANEOUS OFFERINGS**

Synod Lutheran World Relief – Texas Flood Victims	\$50	Social Ministry July Focus – Big Red Barn	\$275
Synod World Hunger	\$60	Ramp Ministry	\$220
Food Pantry	\$140	Pastor’s Discretionary Fund	\$35
Memorial Fund	\$345	Altar Flowers	\$170
Capital Improvement Fund	\$100	Memorial Garden – Reservations	\$650
Supper Club	\$50	Memorial Garden – Nameplate	\$350
School Supplies	\$65	VANCO Processing Fees	\$32

**THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by Violet Fetner to the Glory of God and in memory of Charlie Fetner.

**OUR ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES** will be combined on July 27, August 10, and August 17 for a catechism refresher course taught by Pastor Andrew. In these sessions we will explore what Lutherans believe about scripture, the Sacraments, the Creeds, and the Ten Commandments. If you were never confirmed as a Lutheran or if you are a little rusty on what you learned during your catechism this class will be an interesting way to explore what it is we believe.

**OUT OF THE OFFICE** – Pastor Andrew will be out of the office this afternoon through next Sunday afternoon, August 3rd. In the event of an emergency that needs pastoral care during this time, contact the church office.

**SIGN UP TO OFFER ALTAR FLOWERS** — Nobody has requested Altar Flowers for August 3, 17, and September 28. Please consider signing up for Altar Flowers. The cost is \$85. The sign-up chart for flowers is on the **BULLETIN BOARD** in the Narthex. Please sign up for the dates you want to offer flowers. You will receive an email from the Parish Administrator about a week prior to the date to ask about the wording for the bulletin.

**ICE CREAM SOCIAL AUGUST 3 @ 4:00 PM** – Sign up and additional details in the Narthex! Please join us to cool off. We will have plenty of ice cream and all the fixins. We may even have some homemade ice cream. There will be a collection box to drop off donated school supplies for the Social Ministry project. If you have any questions, please reach out to Deb Whitlow 803-600-6003 or [deborahwhitlow@gmail.com](mailto:deborahwhitlow@gmail.com)

**JOINT SUPPER CLUB IN AUGUST** – Remember to complete the form to reserve your spot for the Joint Supper Club on Saturday, August 23 in the FAB. The festivities will begin with a social hour at 5:00 p.m. and the meal at 6:00 p.m.

**WELCA WOMEN’S RETREAT** – A Day of Wellness, September 6, 2025. Location: Good Shepherd's FAB. Cost: \$30. Included: Breakfast, Lunch and wellness presentations. A sign-up sheet is located in the Narthex. Make checks payable to WELCA. Payment can be given to Laura Leigh Smith or put in the WELCA box.

**SOCIAL MINISTRY JULY EMPHASIS** – Good Shepherd has chosen the Big Red Barn Retreat as the July Social Ministry emphasis. The Big Red Barn Retreat offers integrated practices and programs in the Carolinas that allow American Warriors to thrive at home. These integrated practices are alternatives to traditional treatments and are provided to veterans, active-duty service members, and first responders at little to no cost to them. If you'd like to support this organization, you may contribute any time during July by putting your donation in the offering plate on Sunday mornings or by sending it to the church office. Checks should be made out to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and designated for Big Red Barn.

**SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE** – It feels like students just finished the 2024-2025 school year, but it is already time to help them get ready for the upcoming school year! Good Shepherd will collect school supplies to be distributed by school counselors to families needing help providing these necessities for their children at both Bradley Elementary in Richland School District One and Forest Lake Elementary in Richland School District Two. The school supply collection box will be in the Narthex beginning Sunday, July 13 through Sunday, August 10 with delivery to these two schools during the second full week in August. And don't forget the annual SC sales tax free weekend which is usually held in the first weekend in August to help you be able to provide even more supplies to deserving students. Items suggested for collection are listed below. Financial contributions are also encouraged by making a check to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and designating it for School Supply Drive. Thanks in advance for helping these young minds continue to grow and learn! **Shopping List**: wooden pencils (#2), 12-packs of colored pencils, erasers, composition books (No spiral-bound notebooks), dry-erase markers, glue sticks, pencil pouches or boxes, 8-oz bottles of hand sanitizer, Clorox/Lysol wipes, boxes of Kleenex, and backpacks.

**ANNIVERSARY STICKER** – Pick up your 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary commemorative car sticker located on the table in the Narthex. Displaying your sticker will help remind our community of our faithful 75 years of service.

**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES** – Packets from the month's council meeting are available on the table under the bulletin board in the Narthex. This packet consists of the current committee minutes/reports and approved prior month's council meeting minutes.

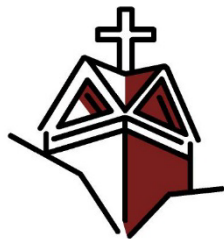
**ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY** bulletins are due by 12 noon each Wednesday. Email your announcements to Deborah Mitchell, Parish Administrator, at [parishadmin@gscl.com](mailto:parishadmin@gscl.com).

**PLEASE SEE THE MONTHLY CALENDAR** – on the web page at [www.gscl.com](http://www.gscl.com) for a listing of events taking place at Good Shepherd.

	<b><u>SERVING IN WORSHIP</u></b>
<b>GREETER:</b>	Frances Plyler
<b>USHERS:</b>	Karen Lucas, Jason Fowler, Steve Fink, Frances Plyler, Mike Brown
<b>LECTOR:</b>	Barbara Nagy
<b>COMMUNION ASST:</b>	Jan Haigler
<b>ACOLYTE:</b>	Anna-Marie Plyler
<b>CRUCIFER:</b>	Mike Sanchez
<b>ALTAR GUILD:</b>	Mary Stallings, Verna Sawyer
<b>TABULATORS:</b>	Mary Stallings, Mike Sanchez
<b>CC PERSON OF MONTH:</b>	Richard Inman

	<b><u>THIS WEEK AT GSLC</u></b>
July 27	9:30 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary) 10:45 a.m. Combined Adult Sunday School (CL 1) 10:45 a.m. Children's Sunday School (E-113) 11:45 a.m. Youth & Children Committee meeting & brunch (Youth Room)
July 29	No Bible Study
July 30	No Zoom Bible Study
August 3	9:30 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary) 10:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School (CL 1 & 2) 10:45 a.m. Children's Sunday School (E-113)

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