



## TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

NOVEMBER 19, 2023

9:30 A.M.

## GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

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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.

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**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).

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**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**

***O GOD, OUR HELP IN AGES PAST***

**MANZ**

**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.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

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 632**

***O GOD, OUR HELP IN AGES PAST***

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| <p>1 O God, our help in ages past,<br/>our hope for years to come,<br/>our shelter from the stormy blast,<br/>and our eternal home:</p> <p>2 Under the shadow of your throne<br/>your saints have dwelt secure;<br/>sufficient is your arm alone,<br/>and our defense is sure.</p> <p>3 Before the hills in order stood<br/>or earth received its frame,<br/>from everlasting you are God,<br/>to endless years the same.</p> | <p>4 A thousand ages in your sight<br/>are like an evening gone,<br/>short as the watch that ends the night<br/>before the rising sun.</p> <p>5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,<br/>bears all our years away;<br/>they fly forgotten, as a dream<br/>dies at the op'ning day.</p> <p>6 O God, our help in ages past,<br/>our hope for years to come,<br/>still be our guard while troubles last<br/>and our eternal home.</p> |
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**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.**

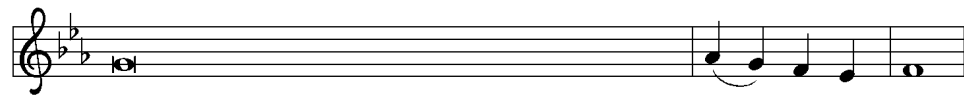
# KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



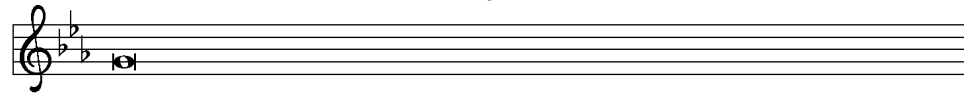
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



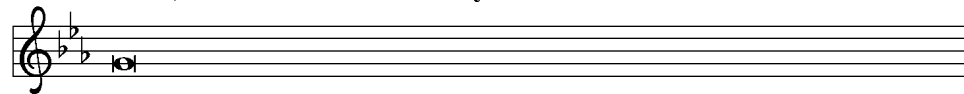
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

## HYMN OF PRAISE

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.  
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and  
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to



hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.  
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Refrain*

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

✠ WORD ✠

**FIRST READING** *Congregation sits.*

**ZEPHANIAH 1:7, 12-18**

A reading from Zephaniah.

<sup>7</sup>Be silent before the Lord GOD!  
For the day of the LORD is at hand;  
the LORD has prepared a sacrifice,  
he has consecrated his guests.

<sup>12</sup>At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,  
and I will punish the people  
who rest complacently on their dregs,  
those who say in their hearts,  
“The LORD will not do good,  
nor will he do harm.”

<sup>13</sup>Their wealth shall be plundered,  
and their houses laid waste.  
Though they build houses,  
they shall not inhabit them;  
though they plant vineyards,  
they shall not drink wine from them.

<sup>14</sup>The great day of the LORD is near,  
near and hastening fast;  
the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter,  
the warrior cries aloud there.

<sup>15</sup>That day will be a day of wrath,  
a day of distress and anguish,  
a day of ruin and devastation,  
a day of darkness and gloom,  
a day of clouds and thick darkness,

<sup>16</sup>a day of trumpet blast and battle cry  
against the fortified cities  
and against the lofty battlements.

<sup>17</sup>I will bring such distress upon people  
that they shall walk like the blind;  
because they have sinned against the LORD,  
their blood shall be poured out like dust,  
and their flesh like dung.

<sup>18</sup>Neither their silver nor their gold  
will be able to save them  
on the day of the LORD’s wrath;  
in the fire of his passion  
the whole earth shall be consumed;  
for a full, a terrible end  
he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.  
The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 90:1-8, 12

<sup>1</sup>Lord, you have | been our refuge  
from one generation | to another.

<sup>2</sup>**Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the | earth were born,  
from age to age | you are God.**

<sup>3</sup>You turn us back to the | dust and say,  
“Turn back, O child- | ren of earth.”

<sup>4</sup>**For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when | it is past  
and like a watch | in the night;**

<sup>5</sup>you sweep them away | like a dream,  
they fade away suddenly | like the grass:

<sup>6</sup>**in the morning it is | green and flourishes;  
in the evening it is dried | up and withered.**

<sup>7</sup>For we are consumed | by your anger;  
we are afraid because | of your wrath.

<sup>8</sup>**Our iniquities you have | set before you,  
and our secret sins in the light | of your countenance.**

<sup>12</sup>**So teach us to num- | ber our days  
that we may apply our | hearts to wisdom.**

## SECOND READING

## 1 THESSALONIANS 5:1-11

A reading from 1 Thessalonians.

<sup>1</sup>Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. <sup>2</sup>For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. <sup>3</sup>When they say, “There is peace and security,” then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! <sup>4</sup>But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; <sup>5</sup>for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. <sup>6</sup>So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; <sup>7</sup>for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. <sup>8</sup>But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. <sup>9</sup>For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>10</sup>who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. <sup>11</sup>Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *Congregation stands.*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. *Repeat alleluia*  
Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

**GOSPEL**

**MATTHEW 25:14-30**

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>14</sup>“For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; <sup>15</sup>to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. <sup>16</sup>The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. <sup>17</sup>In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. <sup>18</sup>But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. <sup>19</sup>After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. <sup>20</sup>Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ <sup>21</sup>His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ <sup>22</sup>And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.’ <sup>23</sup>His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ <sup>24</sup>Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; <sup>25</sup>so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ <sup>26</sup>But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? <sup>27</sup>Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. <sup>28</sup>So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. <sup>29</sup>For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. <sup>30</sup>As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**CHILDREN’S SERMON** *Congregation sits.*

**PASTOR ANDREW ISENHOWER**

**SERMON**

**PASTOR ANDREW ISENHOWER**



**HYMN OF THE DAY 707** *Congregation stands.*

**LORD OF GLORY, YOU HAVE BOUGHT US**

- 1 Lord of glory, you have bought us  
with your lifeblood as the price,  
never grudging for the lost ones  
that tremendous sacrifice;  
and with that have freely given  
blessings countless as the sand  
to the unthankful and the evil  
with your own unsparing hand.
- 2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give you  
gladly, freely, of your own.  
With the sunshine of your goodness  
melt our thankless hearts of stone  
till our cold and selfish natures,  
warmed by you, at length believe  
that more happy and more blessed  
'tis to give than to receive.
- 3 Wondrous honor you have given  
to our humblest charity  
in your own mysterious sentence,  
"You have done it all to me."  
Naked, sick, in prison, hungry—  
in the least, your face we view,  
saying by your poor and needy,  
"Give as I have giv'n to you."
- 4 Lord of glory, you have bought us  
with your lifeblood as the price,  
never grudging for the lost ones  
that tremendous sacrifice.  
Give us faith to trust you boldly,  
hope, to stay our souls on you:  
but, oh, best of all your graces,  
with your love our love renew.

**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.*

Let us turn our hearts to God, our breath and life, as we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

Gracious God, you give talents and gifts to all your people, and you equip the church to serve. Turn us from fear and self-serving ways, that we use our talents to glorify you and encourage our neighbor. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You have been our dwelling place from one generation to another. Sustain the life of the planet; protect farmlands and harvests. Direct all people in wise stewardship of all the earth's resources. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You call us to honesty and integrity. Instill these values in the hearts of all nations and their leaders. Free any who are oppressed, expose all corruption, and bring redemption to victims of injustice. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart. Where there is sickness or sorrow, bring healing, and where there is loneliness, reveal your love in community. We remember before you all those on our prayer list and those whom we name now. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We pray for the faith formation ministries of our church. Give to all children, youth, and adults who study your word the breastplate of faith and love. Shape us by your love and show us how to encourage one another. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Gracious God, you are faithful in all generations. For the promise of life and rest and for the witness of those who have died in faith we praise your goodness. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We offer our spoken prayers and those held in our hearts trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

**PEACE** *Congregation stands.*

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

**✠ MEAL ✠**

**OFFERING** *Congregation sits.*

**ANTHEM**

**LET THE PRAISE GO 'ROUND**

**BOYCE**

**OFFERING SONG** *Congregation stands.*

*Refrain*



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were



gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from



all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.



1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with - in our midst,

2 Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when



*Refrain*

may we share the pres - ence of your love.

all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

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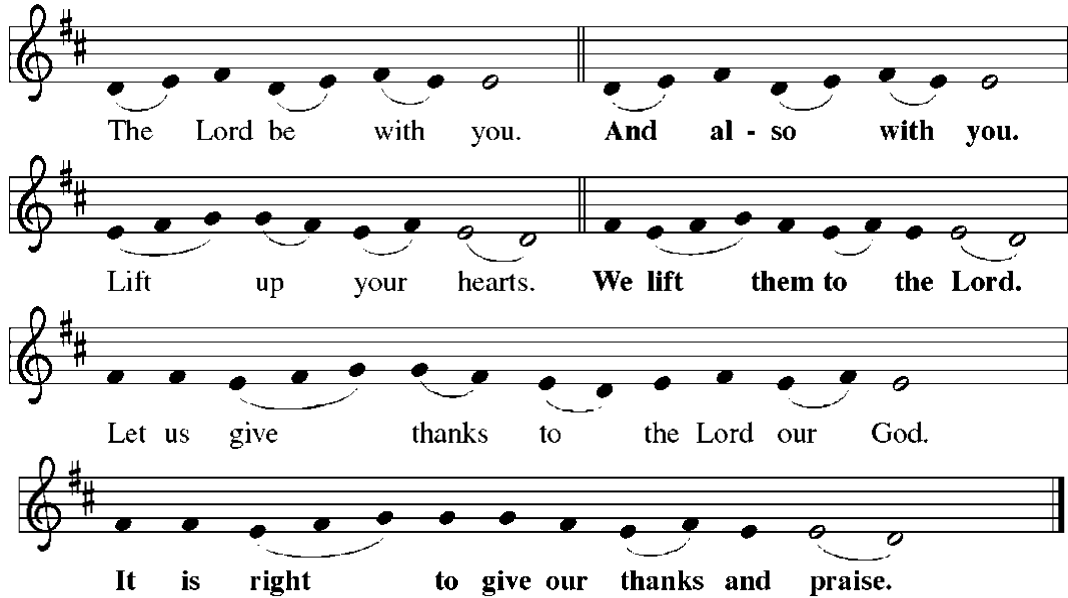
**OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray.

God of power, God of plenty, all things belong to you. We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed. Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

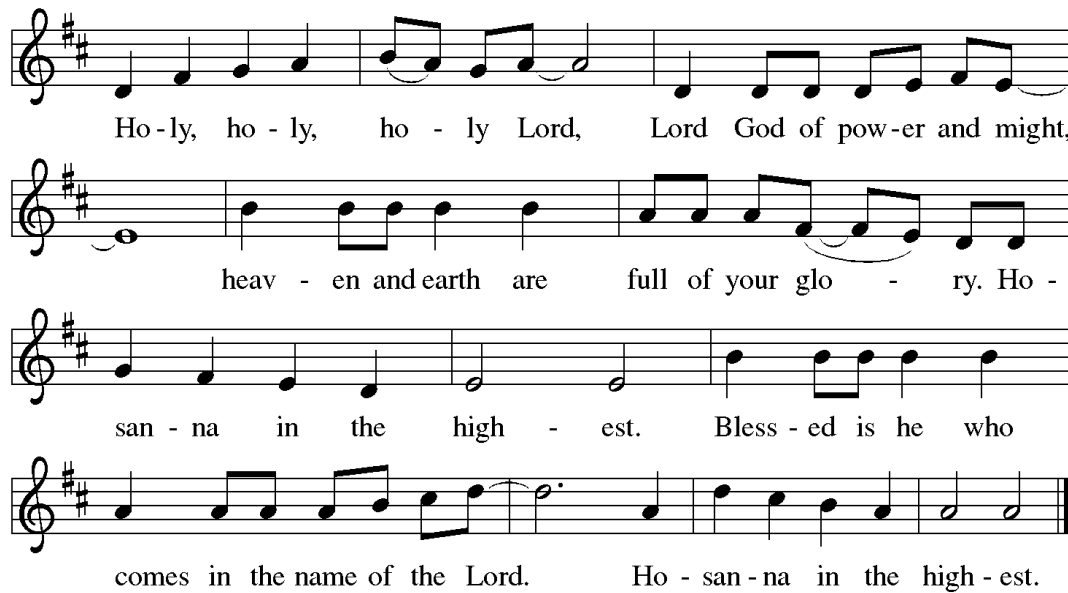
**Amen.**

**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:



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.

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## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

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 glory and honor, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## 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

Jesus invites you to this table.

Come, eat and live.

**Thanks be to God!**

## COMMUNION *Congregation sits.*

*All baptized Christians are welcome at the Lord's table. Young children who commune should be assisted by their parents. 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. Gluten-free wafers are available; please let the communion server know of your need. After communing, please return to your seat. If you are unable to come to the altar, please notify an usher so that communion may be brought to you.*

## MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

The image shows three staves of musical notation for the hymn 'Lamb of God'. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a common time signature (C). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics 'Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us,' are written below the staff. The second staff continues the melody, featuring a change in time signature to 2/4, followed by a repeat sign and a change to 3/4. The lyrics 'mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the' are written below. The third staff concludes the melody with a final cadence, and the lyrics 'world: grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.' are written below.

COMMUNION HYMN

*I WILL SING, I WILL SING*



1. I will sing, I will sing a song un - to the Lord.  
 2. We will come, we will come as one be - fore the Lord.  
 3. If the Son, if the Son shall make you free,  
 6. In his name, in his name we have the vic - to - ry.



I will sing, I will sing a song un - to the Lord.  
 We will come, we will come as one be - fore the Lord.  
 If the Son, if the Son shall make you free,  
 In his name, in his name we have the vic - to - ry.



I will sing, I will sing a song un - to the Lord.  
 We will come, we will come as one be - fore the Lord.  
 If the Son, if the Son shall make you free,  
 In his name, in his name we have the vic - to - ry.



Al - le - lu - ia, glo - ry to the Lord.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, glo - ry to the Lord.  
 You shall be free in - deed.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, glo - ry to the Lord.

Refrain



Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia, glo - ry to the Lord. Al - le -



lu, al - le - lu - ia, glo - ry to the Lord. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia, glo -



ry to the Lord. Al - le - lu - ia, glo - ry to the Lord.

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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.

Blessed be your name, O God, for we have feasted on your Word, Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts. Strengthened by this food, send us to gather the world to your banquet, where none are left out and all are satisfied. In Jesus' name we pray.

**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 815

### *I WANT TO WALK AS A CHILD OF THE LIGHT*

1 I want to walk as a child of the light.  
I want to follow Jesus.  
God set the stars to give light to the world.  
The star of my life is Jesus.

2 I want to see the brightness of God.  
I want to look at Jesus.  
Clear Sun of righteousness, shine on my path,  
and show me the way to the Father. *Refrain*

#### *Refrain*

In him there is no darkness at all.  
The night and the day are both alike.  
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.  
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

3 I'm looking for the coming of Christ.  
I want to be with Jesus.  
When we have run with patience the race,  
we shall know the joy of Jesus. *Refrain*

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### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. God is at work in you.

**Thanks be to God.**

### POSTLUDE

### *O GOD, OUR HELP IN AGES PAST*

### MANZ

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## LET US REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

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

**Lowman Home** – Rosemarie Brown, Marianne De Werdt

**Merrill Gardens** – Mary Clare McAbee

**The Palmettos** – Sara Loyd

**Rice Estate** – Grace Boozer

**Wellmore of Lexington** – Dot Correll

**Wellmore of Daniel Island** – Barbara Sutton

**Wildewood Downs** – Joanna Carpenter

**At their homes** – Gwen Barnes, Helen Derrick, Sylvia Anne Derrick, Larry Evans, Bonnie Hammond, Milford Hunter and Jeannine Jameson

**NOVEMBER 12, 2023 ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS**  
 9:30 a.m. Worship Service: 102      Sunday School: 53

**\*Budgeted Weekly Benevolence Collections needed: \$9,733**  
**\*Current Expenses & Benevolences Received: \$3,501**

**OTHER MISCELLANEOUS OFFERINGS**

Altar Flowers	\$10	Social Ministry November Emphasis- VA Food Pantry	\$275
Pastor's Discretionary Fund	\$20	Angel Tree Gift Cards	\$50
Food Pantry	\$20	Sunday School – Adult	\$7
Capital Improvement Fund	\$275	Sunday School – Children & Youth	\$11
Congregational Retreat	\$320	Supper Club	\$60
Memorial Fund	\$495	Poinsettias	\$93
Youth Mission Fund – Contributions	\$25	VANCO – Processing fee	\$23

**THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by Ursula Weeks and their children to the Glory of God and in loving memory of her dear husband and their father. They will always miss him.

**THE ALTAR ROSE** is given by Heather, Mike, and Callen Gilbert to the Glory of God and in memory of John Henry Bloomer.

**THE NARTHEX FLOWERS** are given by Don Caughman to the Glory of God and in honor of Christian Houghton for his upcoming birthday, and in honor of Anna-Marie Plyler for her upcoming birthday and her many years of volunteer service as secretary of congregational council.

**FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY** – The Food Pantry is in need of canned meat (chicken, chili, beef stew, corned beef, luncheon meat, Spam), canned pasta (spaghetti, ravioli, beefaroni), cereal (Corn Flakes, Cheerios, Raisin Bran, Shredded Wheat, Grape Nuts Flakes), and dry milk packets.

**POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS** – You can offer poinsettia(s) to beautify the church for our Christmas Eve Services. The cost is \$15.50 each; fill out a Seasonal Flower Offering envelope found in the back of the pews and return it with your money to the offering plate by Sunday, December 10. We will list who the poinsettia is placed in honor or memory of in the bulletin as we have in the past. If you donate a poinsettia, you may take your plant home after the 9:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service.

**SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGING** – Good Shepherd members will be ringing the bell on Thursday, December 14 at Wal-Mart on Forest Drive, Grocery Entrance. Hours are 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Sign up for your one-hour shift on the sheet in the Narthex.

**ANGEL TREE DONATIONS DUE BY DECEMBER 10** – Good Shepherd is having an Angel Tree again this year. We are supporting Providence Home with 60 men and Women's Shelter with 13 women. We will provide a \$25 gift card from Walmart, Visa, MC, or AMEX for each resident. If you are unable to get a gift card, a donation can be made to GSLC and designated for Angel Tree on the envelope or check. Each card is placed in a box or bag before it is delivered. There will be Christmas cards available if you would like to write a note of encouragement to add to your gift card. **The tree will be in the Narthex through December 10.** The gift cards will be delivered before Christmas as many of the residents will use them to buy things for their families.

**SOCIAL MINISTRY NOVEMBER EMPHASIS** – The Social Ministry Committee selected the Food Pantry at Dorn VA Medical Center as the monthly emphasis for November. The food pantry provides food for veterans in need. If you want to support this special emphasis, please use the pink Special Offering envelopes found in the pew racks and indicate VA Food Pantry on the memo line of your check. Donations can be placed in the offering plate during Sunday service or mailed to the Church office throughout the month of November.

**SUPPER CLUB CHRISTMAS DINNER** – Make sure to mark your calendars for Sunday, December 10. That’s the date we’ll celebrate the holidays with a joint meeting of Supper Club. All adult members of the congregation are invited to participate. We will have a social hour between 5:30 and 6:30 p.m. Dinner will be served after the social hour. The cost of the meal will be \$15 per person. Please fill out the insert in your bulletin to reserve your space. Make sure to mark your calendars for Sunday, December 10.

**POGS CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON** – Join us for lunch immediately following the 12:00 noon Midweek Advent Worship on Wednesday, December 11, as we enjoy hearing Lynn Derrick share his travels to the Holy Land. Bring a dozen of your favorite cookies to participate in our holiday cookie swap. *Since this meal will be catered, complete the reservation form in the Narthex or call the church office no later than Friday, December 1.*

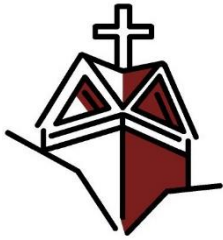
<b>USHERS</b>	Jeff Inabinet, Greg Sox, Bruce Shealy, Dick Sturkie
<b>LECTOR</b>	Jan Haigler
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<b>ACOLYTE</b>	Natalie Ferlauto
<b>CRUCIFER</b>	Lucas Ferlauto
<b>ALTAR GUILD</b>	Gaye Tucker, Debi Powell
<b>TABULATORS</b>	David Lucas, Mary Stallings
<b>CC PERSON OF MONTH</b>	Heather Gilbert

#### **THIS WEEK AT GSLC**

November 19	<b>Food Pantry Sunday</b> 9:30 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary) 10:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School (CL 1, 2, & Parlor) 10:45 a.m. Youth Sunday School (Youth Room) 10:45 – 11:25 a.m. Children’s Sunday School (E-111, E-113) 11:25 – 11:45 a.m. Children’s Music (E-115) 6:00 p.m. Council meeting (CL 2)
November 21	NO Bible Study
November 22	NO Zoom Bible Study NO Choir Practice
November 23-24	Church Office Closed
November 26	9:30 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary) 10:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School (CL 1, 2, & Parlor) 10:45 a.m. Youth Sunday School (Youth Room) 10:45 – 11:25 a.m. Children’s Sunday School (E-111, E-113) 11:25 – 11:45 a.m. Children’s Music (E-115)



# 2023 CONGREGATION COUNCIL



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## TERM ENDS

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Rod Kent

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## **OUR MISSION**

*We are a community of all ages gathered by God's grace  
for worship, learning, loving, and service to all.*

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