

REFORMATION SUNDAY

OCTOBER 27, 2024

9:30 A.M.

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

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3909 FOREST DRIVE, COLUMBIA, SC 29204
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.

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 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.

✠ 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

A MIGHTY FORTRESS

BACH/POWELL

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 597

MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING LESS

1 My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
no merit of my own I claim,
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

3 His oath, his covenant, his blood
sustain me in the raging flood;
when all supports are washed away,
he then is all my hope and stay. *Refrain*

Refrain
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand.

4 When he shall come with trumpet sound,
oh, may I then in him be found,
clothed in his righteousness alone,
redeemed to stand before the throne!
Refrain

2 When darkness veils his lovely face,
I rest on his unchanging grace;
in ev'ry high and stormy gale
my anchor holds within the veil. *Refrain*

GREETING

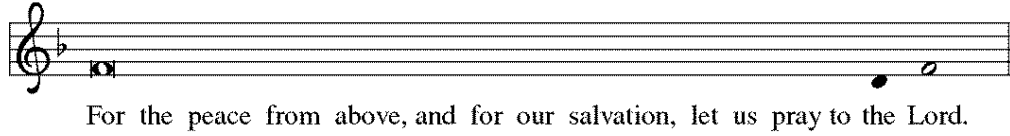
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

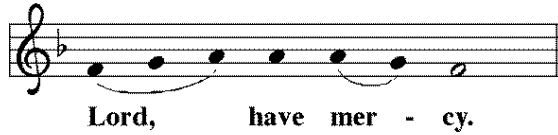
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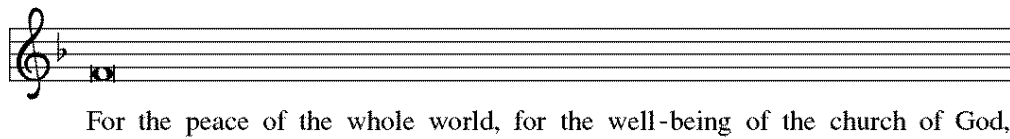
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



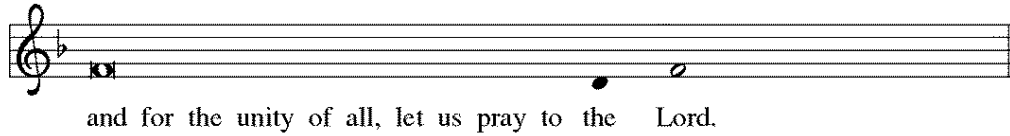
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



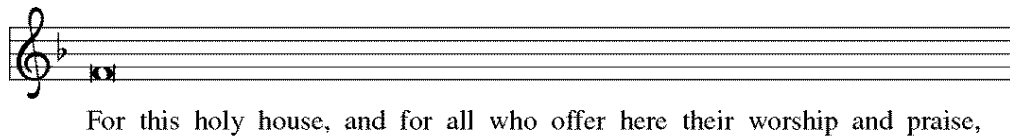
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



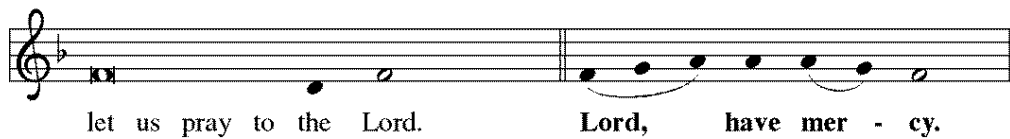
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



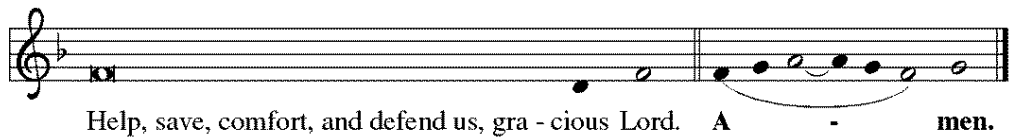
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



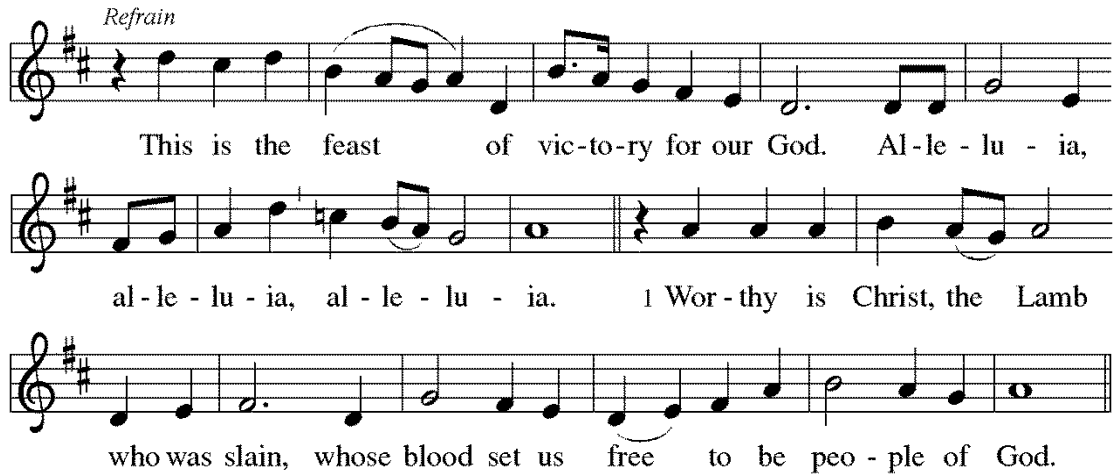
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Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

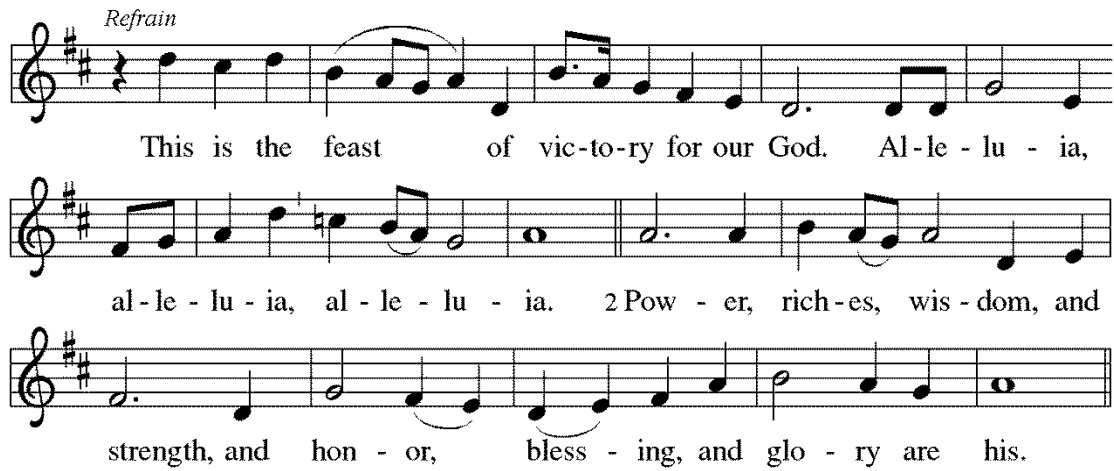
HYMN OF PRAISE *Congregation sings all.*

Refrain



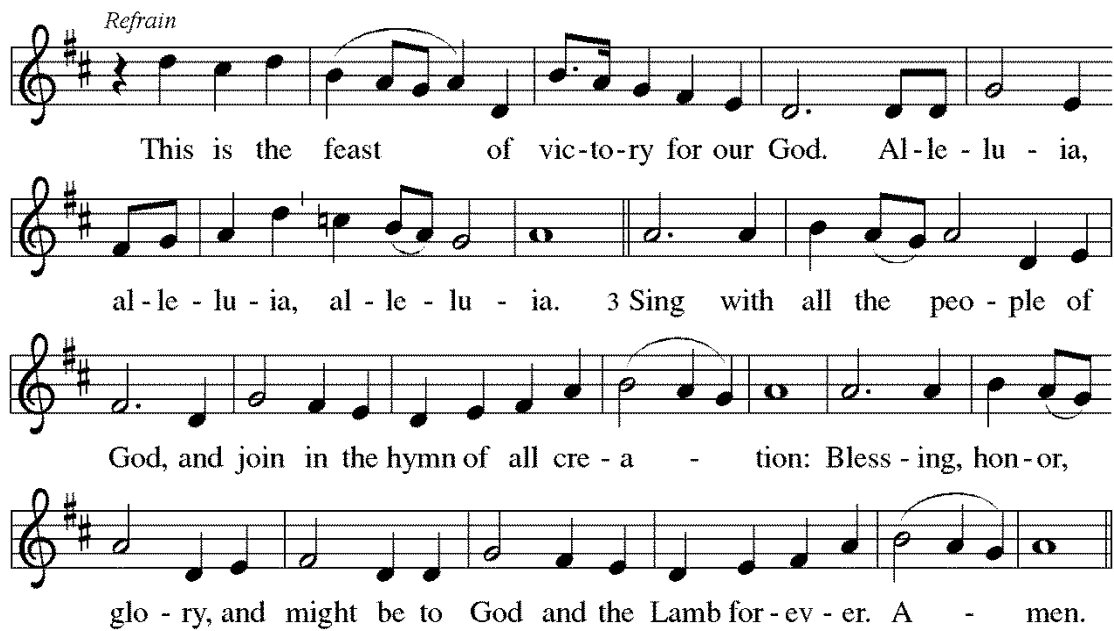
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb
who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and
strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of
God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,
glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was
 slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.
 Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

✠ WORD ✠

FIRST READING *Congregation sits.*

JEREMIAH 31:31-34

A reading from Jeremiah.

³¹The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 46 *Sung by the Children's Choir.*

¹God is our ref- | uge and strength,
a very present | help in trouble.

²**Therefore we will not fear, though the | earth be moved,
and though the mountains shake in the depths | of the sea;**

³though its waters | rage and foam,
and though the mountains tremble | with its tumult.

⁴**There is a river whose streams make glad the cit- | y of God,
the holy habitation of | the Most High.**

⁵God is in the midst of the city; it shall | not be shaken;
God shall help it at the | break of day.

⁶**The nations rage, and the | kingdoms shake;
God speaks, and the earth | melts away.**

⁷The LORD of | hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob | is our stronghold.

⁸**Come now, regard the works | of the LORD,
what desolations God has brought up- | on the earth;**

⁹behold the one who makes war to cease in | all the world;
who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the | shields with fire.

¹⁰**“Be still, then, and know that | I am God;**

I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted | in the earth.”

¹¹The LORD of | hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob | is our stronghold.

SECOND READING

ROMANS 3:19-28

A reading from Romans.

¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For “no human being will be justified in his sight” by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin. ²¹But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus. ²⁷Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Congregation stands.

GOSPEL PROCESSION

GOD'S WORD IS OUR GREAT HERITAGE

God's word is our great heritage and shall be ours forever;

To spread its light from age to age shall be our chief endeavor.

Through life it guides our way; in death it is our stay.

Lord, grant while time shall last your church may hold it fast throughout all generations.

GOSPEL

JOHN 8:31-36

The Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³¹Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." ³³They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?" ³⁴Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

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CHILDREN’S SERMON *Congregation sits.*

PASTOR ANDREW ISENHOWER

SERMON

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HYMN OF THE DAY 652 *Congregation stands.*

BUILT ON A ROCK

- 1 Built on a rock the church shall stand,
even when steeples are falling;
crumbled have spires in ev'ry land,
bells still are chiming and calling—
calling the young and old to rest,
calling the souls of those distressed,
longing for life everlasting.
- 2 Surely, in temples made with hands
God the Most High is not dwelling—
high in the heav'ns his temple stands,
all earthly temples excelling.
Yet God who dwells in heav'n above
deigns to abide with us in love,
making our bodies his temple.
- 3 Christ builds a house of living stones:
we are his own habitation;
he fills our hearts, his humble thrones,
granting us life and salvation.

- Where two or three will seek his face,
he in their midst will show his grace,
blessings upon them bestowing.
- 4 Yet in this house, an earthly frame,
Jesus the children is blessing;
hither we come to praise his name,
faith in our Savior confessing.
Jesus to us his Spirit sent,
making with us his covenant,
granting his children the kingdom.
- 5 Through all the passing years, O Lord,
grant that, when church bells are ringing,
many may come to hear your Word,
who here this promise is bringing:
"I know my own, my own know me;
you, not the world, my face shall see;
my peace I leave with you. Amen."

NICENE CREED

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

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *Congregation kneels or sits.*

Challenged by God's Word in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and the whole creation.
A brief silence.

Lord of all, we give thanks for the whole church throughout the world. Open wide the paths toward unity between denominations so that all followers of Christ may join in shared worship and mission. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Renewing God, as the dying leaves display their beauty, we are reminded that nature's cycle of life includes both life and death. Instill in your people a mission of preservation and appreciation for trees, animals, and waterways. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Gracious God, in the spirit of reformation we pray for all who cry out for relief from systemic oppression. May the hearts of those who occupy seats of power be reformed so that peace becomes the center of our life together. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Comforting God, be with all who are sick, suffering, or grieving in our own community and beyond, especially those whom we name now. Surround them with the promise of your love, comfort, and grace that never ends. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Divine Guide, continue to challenge this community to be ever reforming in our ministries and outreach efforts. Inspire creative ideas among us so that the communal, grace-filled word of God remains at the heart of our ministry. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Almighty God, in Christ's resurrection you ensure that though life be wrenched away, death cannot win the day. May the truth of your saving grace through faith sustain our hope for life in you. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in the saving grace you freely give, both now and forever.

Amen.

PEACE *Congregation stands.*
The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.


✠ MEAL ✠

OFFERING ANTHEM *Congregation sits.*

A NEW COVENANT

JAMES JOHNSON

OFFERING SONG *Congregation stands.*



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be
fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -
nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.
Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives,
help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And also 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:

You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more than we
ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand. Bless - ed are you com - ing near.
Bless - ed are you com - ing here to your church in wine and bread raised from
soil, raised from dead. You are ho - ly. You are whole - ness,
you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord! Sing ho - san - na -
- - in the high - est! Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our God!

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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 Fa-ther, who art in heav-en, hal-low-ed be thy name;
thy king-dom 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

Jesus welcomes you to this table.

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

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.

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COMMUNION ANTHEM

GRANT PEACE WE PRAY

MENDELSSOHN

COMMUNION HYMN

ONLY BY GRACE

On-ly by grace can we en - ter, on - ly by grace can we stand;
 not by our hu - man en - deav - or,
 but by the blood of the Lamb. In - to your pres - ence you call
 us, you call us to come.
 In - to your pres - ence you draw us, and now by your grace we come,
Fine
 now by your grace we come.
 Lord, if you mark our trans - gres - sions, who would
 stand? Thanks to your grace we are cleansed
D.C. al fine
 by the blood of the Lamb.

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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.

Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, 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 504

A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD

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| 1 A mighty fortress is our God,
a sword and shield victorious;
he breaks the cruel oppressor's rod
and wins salvation glorious.
The old satanic foe
has sworn to work us woe!
With craft and dreadful might
he arms himself to fight.
On earth he has no equal. | 3 Though hordes of devils fill the land
all threat'ning to devour us,
we tremble not, unmoved we stand;
they cannot overpower us.
Let this world's tyrant rage;
in battle we'll engage!
His might is doomed to fail;
God's judgment must prevail!
One little word subdues him. |
| 2 No strength of ours can match his might!
We would be lost, rejected.
But now a champion comes to fight,
whom God himself elected.
You ask who this may be?
The Lord of hosts is he!
Christ Jesus, mighty Lord,
God's only Son, adored.
He holds the field victorious. | 4 God's Word forever shall abide,
no thanks to foes, who fear it;
for God himself fights by our side
with weapons of the Spirit.
Were they to take our house,
goods, honor, child, or spouse,
though life be wrenched away,
they cannot win the day.
The kingdom's ours forever! |

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

PSALM XIX

MARCELLO

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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
Merrill Gardens – Mary Clare McAbee
The Palmettos – Sara Loyd
Rice Estate – Grace Boozer
Wellmore of Lexington – Dot Correll
Wellmore of Daniel Island – Barbara Sutton
At their homes – Gwen Barnes, Sylvia Anne Derrick, Larry Evans, Bonnie Hammond, Jeannine Jameson, Justine Parker

OCTOBER 20, 2024 ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS

9:30 a.m. Worship Service: 95 Sunday School: 33

***Budgeted Weekly Benevolence Collections needed: \$9,330**

***Current Expenses & Benevolences Received: \$7,912**

OTHER MISCELLANEOUS OFFERINGS

Lutheran Disaster Response – Hurricane Milton	\$100	Social Ministry October Focus – Lutheran Disaster Response-Carolinas	\$535
Synod World Hunger	\$60	Sunday Church School – Children & Youth	\$7
Altar & Narthex Flowers	\$200	Food Pantry	\$330
2025 Congregational Retreat	\$500	Capital Improvement Fund	\$145
Pastor’s Discretionary Fund	\$100	Use of Building (Williamsburg Properties)	\$100
		VANCO Processing Fee	\$13

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given by Don Caughman to the Glory of God and in honor of Savannah Gross for her 17th birthday October 27, and in honor of Wright Collins for his 18th birthday October 26.

THE ALTAR ROSE is given by Karen and David Lucas to the Glory of God and in honor of their son Cliff’s birthday on Oct 30th.

THE NARTHEX FLOWERS are given by Gaye and Jim Tucker to the Glory of God and in honor of her mother, Mary Massey, and in memory of her father, Banks Massey.

CONGREGATIONAL SYMPATHY is extended to the family of Rev. Russell Anderson upon his death on Monday, October 21.

CONGREGATIONAL SYMPATHY is extended to the family of Gwen Barnes upon the death of her brother Lamar Harper on Monday, October 21.

GOOD SHEPHERD FALL FEST TODAY – Sunday, October 27 from 4-6 p.m. We cannot wait to celebrate fall with our precious GSLC children and youth as well as welcome our neighbors to our church. We will have a table for folks to stop by and pick up a ticket for the cake raffle, play a game, and color a button. We are still in need of volunteers for Trunk or Treat and games and the sign-up sheet is in the Narthex. Please bring in candy and small prizes by today. In the event of rain, we will move our “trunks” to the Education Building and pass out candy from the classrooms. If you have any questions, please reach out to Chris Herrmann at 803-227-9776.

POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS – You can offer poinsettia(s) to beautify the church for our Christmas Eve Services. The cost is \$15.00 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 15. 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 10:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service.

SOCIAL MINISTRY OCTOBER EMPHASIS – The emphasis for October is Lutheran Disaster Response – Carolinas. The ministry of LDR Carolinas was funded by a grant from Lutheran Disaster Response to provide local faces and voices for this vital ministry. Now it is a shared ministry supported by both the North Carolina and South Carolina Synods. Grounded in faith, the focus is on helping individuals and congregations prepare for disasters and on building a network of resources across North and South Carolina to respond when disasters occur. Our support will help expand and continue disaster preparedness and response in the Carolinas. If you'd like to support this effort, you may contribute any time during October by putting your donation in the offering plate on Sunday mornings, or by sending it to the church office. Checks should be made payable to Good Shepherd and designated for Monthly Emphasis.

GSLC FOUNDATION GRANTS – The Foundation aims to support more local services for diverse needs. If you're involved with an organization that serves community needs, consider sending them a grant application and offering to serve as the congregational shepherd for their proposed project. Application forms can be downloaded from the Good Shepherd website or paper copies are on the table outside the church office. **Application deadline is November 1, 2024.**

75th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION begins Sunday, November 3, as we praise God for all those saints who came before us, *walking in the spirit* and serving together to make Good Shepherd Evangelical Lutheran Church what it was, is and will continue to be in the future. We will especially remember and honor our pastors who have gone to the church triumphant. Be sure to be here and invite family, friends and neighbors to come with you!

CONGREGATIONAL RETREAT, JANUARY 31-FEBRUARY 2, 2025 – Deadline to register for our Congregational Retreat is December 15, 2024. Come and be a part of our yearlong 75th Anniversary "Kick Off." Registration forms are available on the Narthex tables and on the table outside the church office.

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@gslc.com.

PLEASE SEE THE MONTHLY CALENDAR – on the web page at www.gslc.com for a listing of events taking place at Good Shepherd.

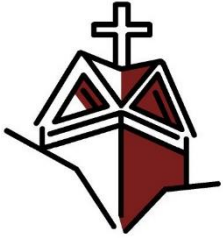
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USHERS	Karen Lucas, Jason Fowler, Steve Bowden, Mike Brown
LECTOR	Bruce Shealy
COMMUNION ASST	Bruce Shealy
ACOLYTE	TBD
CRUCIFER	Evelyn Ortiz
BANNER	Mike Sanchez
TORCHES	Callen Gilbert, Becky Shealy
ALTAR GUILD	Nancy & Don Hyatt, Bobbie & Rick Storey
TABULATORS	Karen Lucas, Mike Sanchez
CC PERSON OF MONTH	Chris Herrmann

THIS WEEK AT GSLC

October 27	Reformation Sunday 9:30 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary) 10:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School (CL 1, 2, Parlor) 10:45 – 11:45 a.m. Confirmation Class (E-112) 10:45 – 11:45 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) 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. Fall Fest
October 29	11:30 a.m. Bible Study (Conference Room)
October 30	8:00 a.m. Zoom Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice (Choir Room)
November 3	All Saints Sunday 9:30 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary) 10:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School (CL 1, 2, Parlor) 10:45 – 11:45 a.m. Confirmation Class (E-112) 10:45 – 11:45 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)

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