



TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

November 9, 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.

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS There are large print bulletins available. Please ask the ushers to assist 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

I KNOW THAT MY REDEEMER LIVES!

CHERWIEN

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 619 *Congregation stands.*

I KNOW THAT MY REDEEMER LIVES!

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| 1 I know that my Redeemer lives!
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, he lives, who once was dead;
he lives, my ever-living head! | 5 He lives to bless me with his love;
he lives to plead for me above;
he lives my hungry soul to feed;
he lives to help in time of need. |
| 2 He lives triumphant from the grave;
he lives eternally to save;
he lives exalted, throned above;
he lives to rule his church in love. | 6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;
he lives and loves me to the end;
he lives, and while he lives, I'll sing;
he lives, my prophet, priest, and king! |
| 3 He lives to grant me rich supply;
he lives to guide me with his eye;
he lives to comfort me when faint;
he lives to hear my soul's complaint. | 7 He lives and grants me daily breath;
he lives, and I shall conquer death;
he lives my mansion to prepare;
he lives to bring me safely there. |
| 4 He lives to silence all my fears;
he lives to wipe away my tears;
he lives to calm my troubled heart;
he lives all blessings to impart. | 8 He lives, all glory to his name!
He lives, my Savior, still the same;
what joy this blest assurance gives:
I know that my Redeemer lives! |

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.

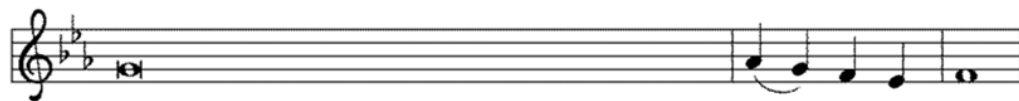
KYRIE



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 de - fend 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

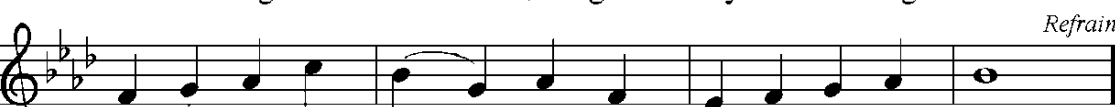


blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:

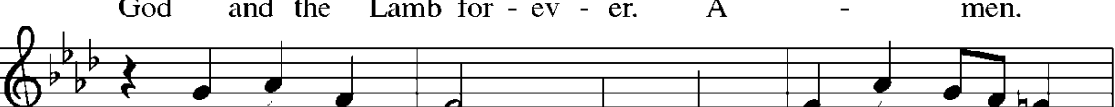


Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to

Refrain



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



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

Refrain



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

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God, our eternal redeemer, by the presence of your Spirit you renew and direct our hearts. Keep always in our mind the end of all things and the day of judgment. Inspire us for a holy life here, and bring us to the joy of the resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

✠ WORD ✠

FIRST READING *Congregation sits.*

JOB 19:23-27A

A reading from Job.

²³ “O that my words were written down!

O that they were inscribed in a book!

²⁴ O that with an iron pen and with lead

they were engraved on a rock forever!

²⁵ For I know that my vindicator lives

and that in the end he will stand upon the earth;

²⁶ and after my skin has been destroyed,

then in my flesh I shall see God,

^{27a} whom I shall see on my side,

and my eyes shall behold, and not another.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 17:1-9

¹ Hear a just cause, O LORD; give heed | to my cry;
listen to my prayer, which does not come from | lying lips.

² **Let my vindication come forth | from your presence;
let your eyes be | fixed on justice.**

³ Examine my heart, visit | me by night,
melt me down; you will find no impuri- | ty in me.

⁴ **I have not regarded what | others do;
at the word of your lips I have avoided the ways | of the violent.**

⁵ My footsteps hold fast to your | well-worn path;
and my feet | do not slip.

⁶ **I call upon you, O God, for you will | answer me;
incline your ear to me and | hear my words.**

⁷ Show me your marvelous | lovingkindness,
O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand from those who | rise against them.

⁸ **Keep me as the apple | of your eye;
hide me under the shadow | of your wings,**

⁹ from the wicked | who assault me,
from my deadly enemies | who surround me.

SECOND READING**2 THESSALONIANS 2:1-5, 13-17**

A reading from 2 Thessalonians.

¹ As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, ² not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. ³ Let no one deceive you in any way, for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. ⁴ He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. ⁵ Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you?

¹³ But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. ¹⁴ For this purpose he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁵ So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter. ¹⁶ Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, ¹⁷ comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

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**LUKE 20:27-38**

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁷ Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to [Jesus] ²⁸ and asked him a question: “Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man’s brother dies leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. ²⁹ Now there were seven brothers; the first married a woman and died childless; ³⁰ then the second ³¹ and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. ³² Finally the woman also died. ³³ In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her.”

³⁴ Jesus said to them, “Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage, ³⁵ but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. ³⁶ Indeed, they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. ³⁷ And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. ³⁸ Now he is God not of the dead but of the living, for to him all of them are alive.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S SERMON *Congregation sits.*
SERMON

PASTOR ANDREW ISENHOWER
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HYMN OF THE DAY 636 *Congregation stands.*

HOW SMALL OUR SPAN OF LIFE

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| 1 How small our span of life, O God,
our years from birth till death:
a single beat within the heart,
the catching of a breath,
a drop within the ocean's deep,
a grain upon the shore,
a flash of light before we sleep
to see the sun no more. | 3 O Christ, you left eternity
to plunge in time's swift stream,
to share the shortness of our span,
our mortal lives redeem.
You filled your cross-closed years with love;
you loved us to the end
and touch us with your risen life
that ours may time transcend. |
| 2 And yet our speck of life is spanned
by your infinity;
our tick of time on earth is caught
in your eternity.
While suns and stars spin endlessly
through depths of cosmic space,
while aeons roll and ages pass,
you hold us in your grace. | 4 We thank you, God, for kindling faith
that lights our transient years,
illuminating our pilgrimage
through mists of doubt and fears;
for hope that sees a life beyond
the swiftly passing days;
for love, both human and divine,
that lifts our hearts to praise. |

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.*

Gathered with one voice, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

God our Redeemer, bless your church universal and its leaders. Set all hearts on you from generation
to generation in anticipation of Christ's return. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of life, we give thanks for the fruits and grains of harvest, for rivers and streams, for all that is
made of rock and iron. Renew the earth's natural resources and the lands from which they come. Hear
us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of justice, we give thanks for the service of our veterans and pray for those needing support for
wounds of any kind. Strengthen those charged with the governance and protection of vulnerable
populations. Bring an end to war throughout the world. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God who leads us to belief and truth, we give thanks that you are always and already here. Nurture
and support those who are unsteady in mind, unsafe in spirit, or unwell in body, especially those
whom we name now. Comfort those who suffer from trauma and exposure to traumatic events. Hear
us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God who gathers us together, we give thanks for our pastors and deacons, teachers and musicians,
administrators, and building caretakers. May they find joy in leadership as we grow in faith together.
Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of the saints, we give thanks for all who have died in faith. Uplift us as we honor their memory and await your coming in glory. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We offer these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your grace and unyielding love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

PEACE *Congregation stands.*

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

✠ MEAL ✠

OFFERING *Congregation sits.*

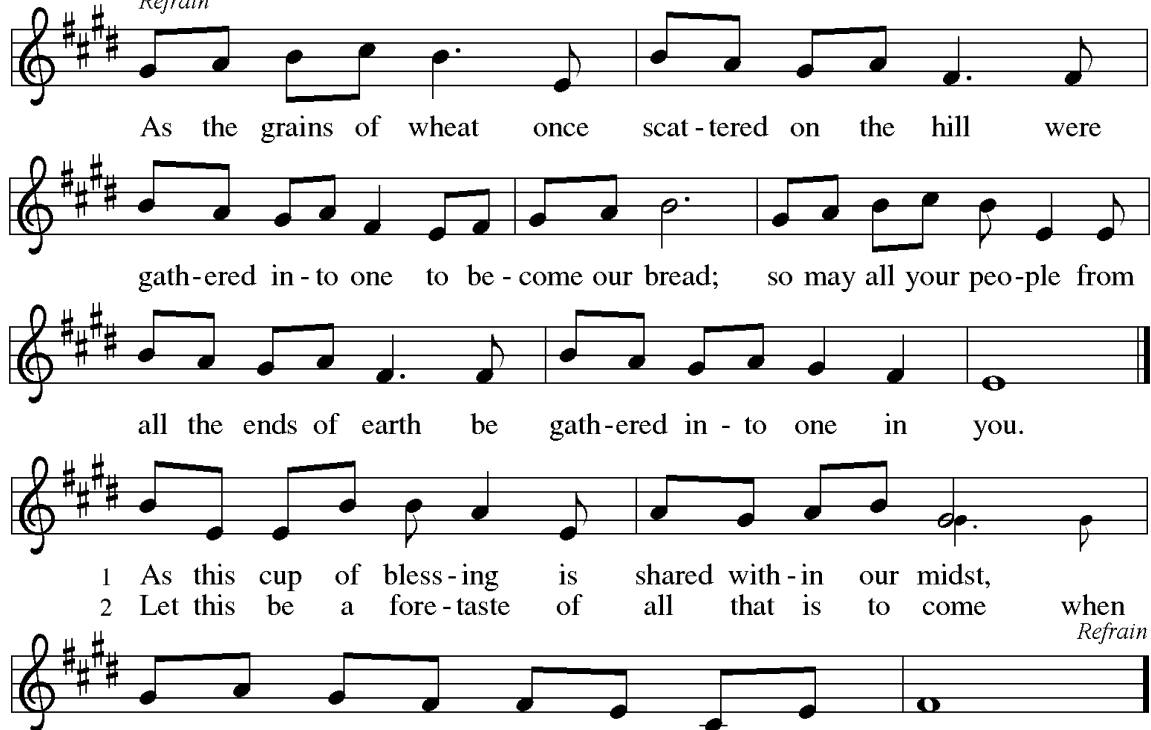
ANTHEM

SINCE YOU ARE ARISEN

BACH / PEEK

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.

Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our 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.

This block contains the first four staves of musical notation for the hymn 'Great Thanksgiving'. Each staff is in the key of D major (indicated by two sharps) and uses a treble clef. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The first staff ends with a double bar line, and the second staff also has a double bar line. The third and fourth staves end with a final double bar line.

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.

This block contains the next four staves of musical notation. The melody continues from the previous section. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The first staff ends with a double bar line, and the second staff also has a double bar line. The third and fourth staves end with a final double bar line.

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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

Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them.

Come to this meal of mercy.

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 and grape juice 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

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

COMMUNION HYMN 639

WHEN WE ARE LIVING

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, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants.

Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need.

We ask this in Jesus' name.

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 825

YOU SERVANTS OF GOD

- 1 You servants of God, your Master proclaim,
and publish abroad his wonderful name;
the name, all-victorious, of Jesus extol;
his kingdom is glorious and rules over all!
- 2 Ascended on high, almighty to save,
yet still he is nigh, his presence we have.
The great congregation his triumph shall
sing,
ascribing salvation to Jesus, our king!
- 3 Salvation to God who sits on the throne!
Let all cry aloud and honor the Son.
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,
fall down on their faces, and worship the
Lamb.
- 4 Then let us adore and give him his right,
all glory and pow'r and wisdom and might,
all honor and blessing, with angels above,
and thanks never ceasing, and infinite love!

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

YOU SERVANTS OF GOD

BURKHARDT

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LET US REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Brickmont of John's Creek Assisted Living – Lena Duncan

The Heritage at Lowman – Marianne De Werdt

Harmony – Billie Jones

The Palmettos – Sara Loyd

Rice Estate – Grace Boozer

Vitality Living – 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, Violet Fetner, Bonnie Hammond, Joyce Mobley, Justine Parker

NOVEMBER 2, 2025 ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS

9:30 a.m. Worship Service: 101 Sunday School: 39

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

***Current Expenses & Benevolences Received: \$15,647**

OTHER MISCELLANEOUS OFFERINGS

Lutheran Disaster Response – Hurricane Melissa	\$300	Social Ministry November Focus – VA Food Pantry	\$275
Altar Flowers	\$15	Food Pantry	\$60
Seasonal Flowers (Poinsettias)	\$30	2026 Congregational Retreat	\$400

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given by David and Karen Lucas to the Glory of God and in memory of Karen's Mom and Dad, David's Dad and all the other veterans of WWII.

THE ALTAR ROSE is given by Lisa Sanchez to the Glory of God and in honor of Mike Sanchez and all veterans.

THE NARTHEX FLOWERS are given by Donna and Jerry Vaughn to the Glory of God and in memory of Donna's father, Captain Carroll Stanley Suther, U.S. Army Engineers, Veteran of World War II, the Korean War, and the N.C. National Guard and in memory and honor of all those who have served.

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR DEBORAH MITCHELL ON VACATION, November 10 – 14. If you need something while Deborah is out, please contact a volunteer in the church office at 803-787-4413.

CHURCH OFFICE HELP NEEDED – Due to increased food pantry requests related to the nationwide SNAP benefits issue, the church office needs a volunteer each Monday morning to help answer phone calls from people signing up for the food pantry distribution on Wednesday. If you would like to help out on some Monday mornings in November or December, please let Deborah Mitchell in the church office know at 803-787-4413.

PATHFINDERS OF GOOD SHEPHERD HONORING OUR VETERANS – If you are a veteran, please let the church office know. We want to honor you at this special event. Please come and honor our Veterans on November 12 in the FAB at 12 noon for the POGS'S annual Thanksgiving and Veterans Day dinner. The dinner will be a catered meal of turkey, stuffing, potatoes, green beans, drinks and dessert. The cost of the lunch is just \$15.00 and will be served at 12 noon in the FAB. Reservations can be made by completing the bulletin insert along with your payment. made out to **PATHFINDERS OF GOOD SHEPHERD OR POGS**. Please register by **TODAY**, Sunday, November 9. Pastor Roy Butler will be our speaker. He will share with us about his time as a chaplain in the National Guard. POGS will be collecting personal care items and small trinket gifts for the people on GSLC'S Meals on Wheels route. There are six women and two men on the route. We will be packing these boxes at our December meeting. Any questions or concerns please call Gloria Oakes at 717-699 -4488.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED – The Learning Committee is putting together a rotation of teachers and substitutes for our youngest learners in the K-3rd grade class.

FOOD PANTRY – Next Sunday (11/16/2025) is Food Pantry Sunday and the pantry needs **boxed cereal** (Cheerios, Cornflakes, Shredded Wheat, Raisin Bran), **canned pasta**, (spaghetti & meatballs, lasagna, beefaroni, ravioli), **canned vegetables** (green beans, sweet peas, potatoes, corn, carrots), and **canned fruit** (peaches, pears, fruit cocktail, pineapple.)

GROUNDING IN GRATITUDE – Join us each Wednesday in November from 4:00 – 5:00 pm for a community practice rooted in grace, gratitude, and gentle yoga. Grounding in Thanks-giving and in preparation for the reflective season of Advent, we will cultivate open hearts and calm minds. We'll move mindfully and find stillness with each class offering chair yoga, breathwork, and meditation. GSLC member, Mary Aitchison (RYT-200) will guide these sessions in Classroom 1. All are welcome, no experience is needed.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING NOVEMBER 23 – There will be a called congregational meeting held on Sunday, November 23, 2025, for the purpose of accepting nominations from the floor for both Congregational Council and Foundation Board.

SOCIAL MINISTRY NOVEMBER EMPHASIS – To honor our veterans, the Social Ministry committee has chosen the VA Food Pantry to receive our November monthly emphasis contributions. The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has established food pantries at various medical centers across the country to address food insecurity among veterans. By providing access to nutritious food and additional support, these pantries play a crucial role in improving the overall health and well-being of veterans across the nation. Good Shepherd works with the VA Food Pantry volunteers to purchase special food that the veteran clients request and typically do not receive through other means which are then distributed through the VA Center for Development and Civic Engagement. Please consider contributing to this worthy cause any time during November by placing 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 the VA Food Pantry.

NOISY OFFERING – The fifth Sunday in November, 11/30/25, is another opportunity for our congregation to show their support of an organization chosen by the GSLC children to receive the coins (the noisier, the better), bills and checks contributed for the noisy offering. The children chose Pawmetto Lifeline to benefit from this month's noisy offering. This organization's mission is to create a community in which no healthy, adoptable pet dies because it is homeless. Pawmetto Lifeline is the only organization with a comprehensive plan to solve the problem of homelessness as it relates to our companion pets through education, legislation, adoptions, and an aggressive spay/neuter program. Please send your contributions to the church office any time during the month, make an online contribution or, best of all, give directly to the excited children showing their compassion for other living beings on the fifth Sunday. Checks should be payable to Good Shepherd and designated for Noisy Offering or Pawmetto Lifeline.

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 14. 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 late Christmas Eve 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@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.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

GREETER:	Pat Quattlebaum
USHERS:	Mike Weaver, Jason Fowler, Steve Fink, Pat Quattlebaum, Mike Brown
LECTOR:	Karin Culp
COMMUNION ASST:	Stacy Gross
ACOLYTE:	Jackson Nabors
CRUCIFER:	Blake Gross
ALTAR GUILD:	Gaye Tucker, Debi Powell, Ellen Brown
TABULATORS:	Rebecca Richardson, Becky Shealy
CC PERSON OF MONTH:	Mary Margaret Hoy

THIS WEEK AT GSLC

November 9	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-113) 11:05 – 11:25 a.m. Preschool Music (E-115) 11:25 – 11:45 a.m. Children’s Choir (E-115)
November 10	11:00 a.m. Funeral – Pamela Holmes Dickens Visitation in the FAB following service 3:00 p.m. Executive Committee meeting (Conference Room) 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. [private event] Beta Sigma Phi Council meeting (Conf Rm) 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. GSLC Foundation Board meeting (CL 2)
November 11	11:30 a.m. Bible Study (Conference Room) 5:30 p.m. Social Ministry meeting (CL 2)
November 12	8:15 a.m. Wednesday Virtual Bible Study 12:00 noon POGS luncheon & meeting (FAB) 4:00-5:00 p.m. Grounding in Gratitude (CL 1) 5:30 p.m. Mutual Ministry meeting (Conference Room) 5:30 p.m. WELCA Board meeting (Parlor) 5:30 p.m. Worship Life Committee meeting (CL 2) 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice (Choir Room)
November 13	5:30 p.m. Parish Life Committee meeting (Conference Room)
November 15	December Newsletter Deadline
November 16	Food Pantry 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-113) 11:05 – 11:25 a.m. Preschool Music (E-115) 11:25 – 11:45 a.m. Children’s Choir (E-115) 6:30 p.m. Council meeting (Conference Room)

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