

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

NOVEMBER 8, 2026

9:30 A.M.

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

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



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 those around you; we 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 12:30 to 2:00 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 Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays. Office hours are Monday – Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. In the event of an emergency, call the church office at (803) 787-4413 or Interim Pastor Jane Mitcham at (803) 530-2045.

✢ 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 ***BLESSED ASSURANCE*** **CARLSON**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *Congregation stands.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✢ one God,
our dwelling place for all generations,
whose compassion never slumbers.
Amen.
Let us confess our sin in the presence of God
and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection.
Holy God,
we confess that we have trusted in our preparation
instead of your invitation.
We prioritize our piety over care for your beloved.
We trust the voice of our shame and fear,
which keeps us from entering fully
into relationship with you and others.
We are not awake to the coming of your reign.
Rouse us and rescue us,
that we may enter into your joy.
Amen.
Inherit the riches of God's grace.
✢ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy.
You are forgiven.
Blessed are you.
Amen.

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

GATHERING HYMN 441 ***OH, HAPPY DAY WHEN WE SHALL STAND***

1 Oh, happy day when we shall stand
amid the heav'nly throng;
and sing with hosts from ev'ry land
the new celestial song,
the new celestial song.

2 Oh, blessed day when Christ shall come
and show himself as Lord,
and thousands meet in their new home
which Jesus has prepared,
which Jesus has prepared.

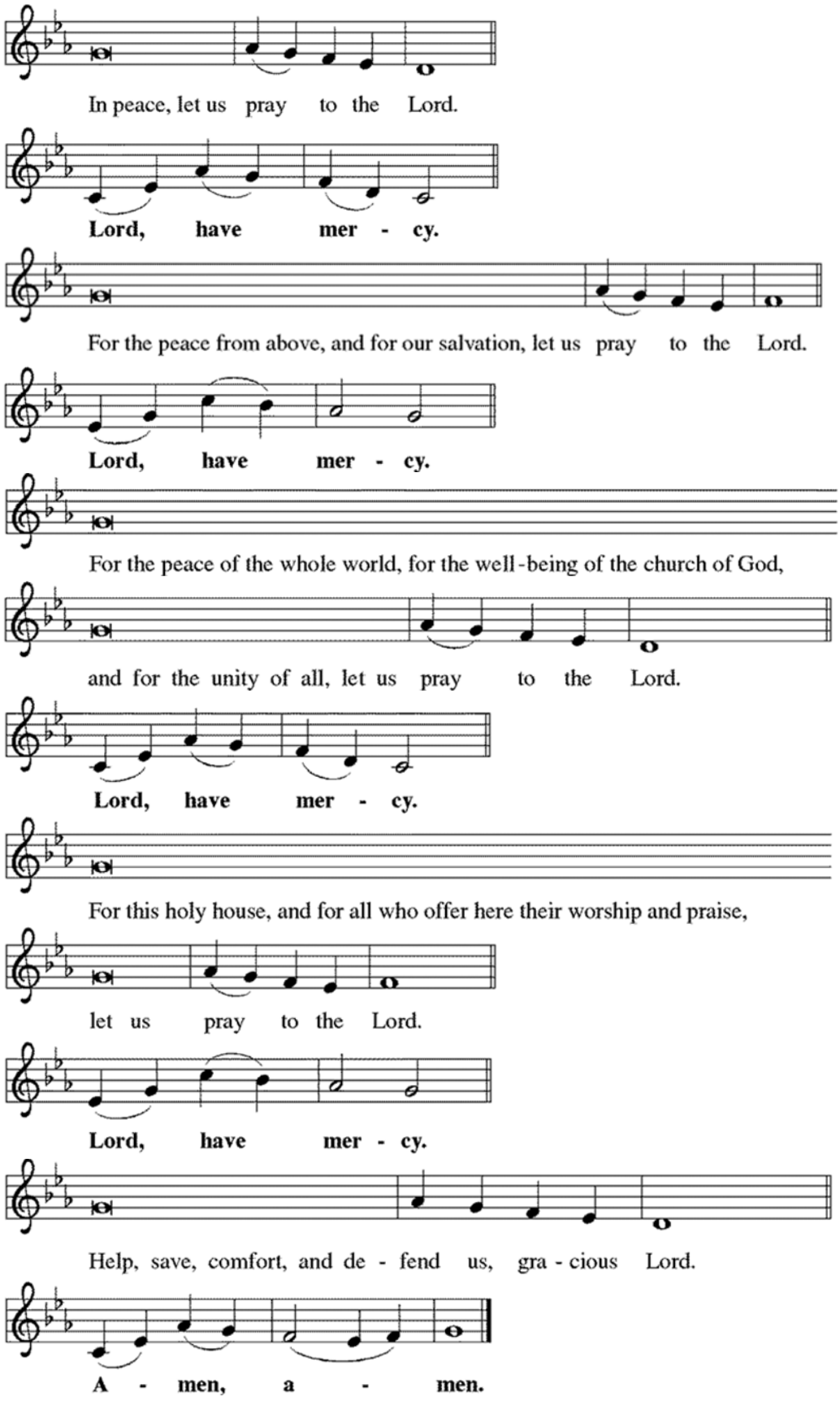
3 Oh, what a mighty rushing flood
of joy and love and peace
will roll down over us with good
and blessedness and grace,
and blessedness and grace.

4 O Lord, your grace is ev'rything;
your love has made us free
to stand among the saints and sing
the glory that we see,
the glory that we see.

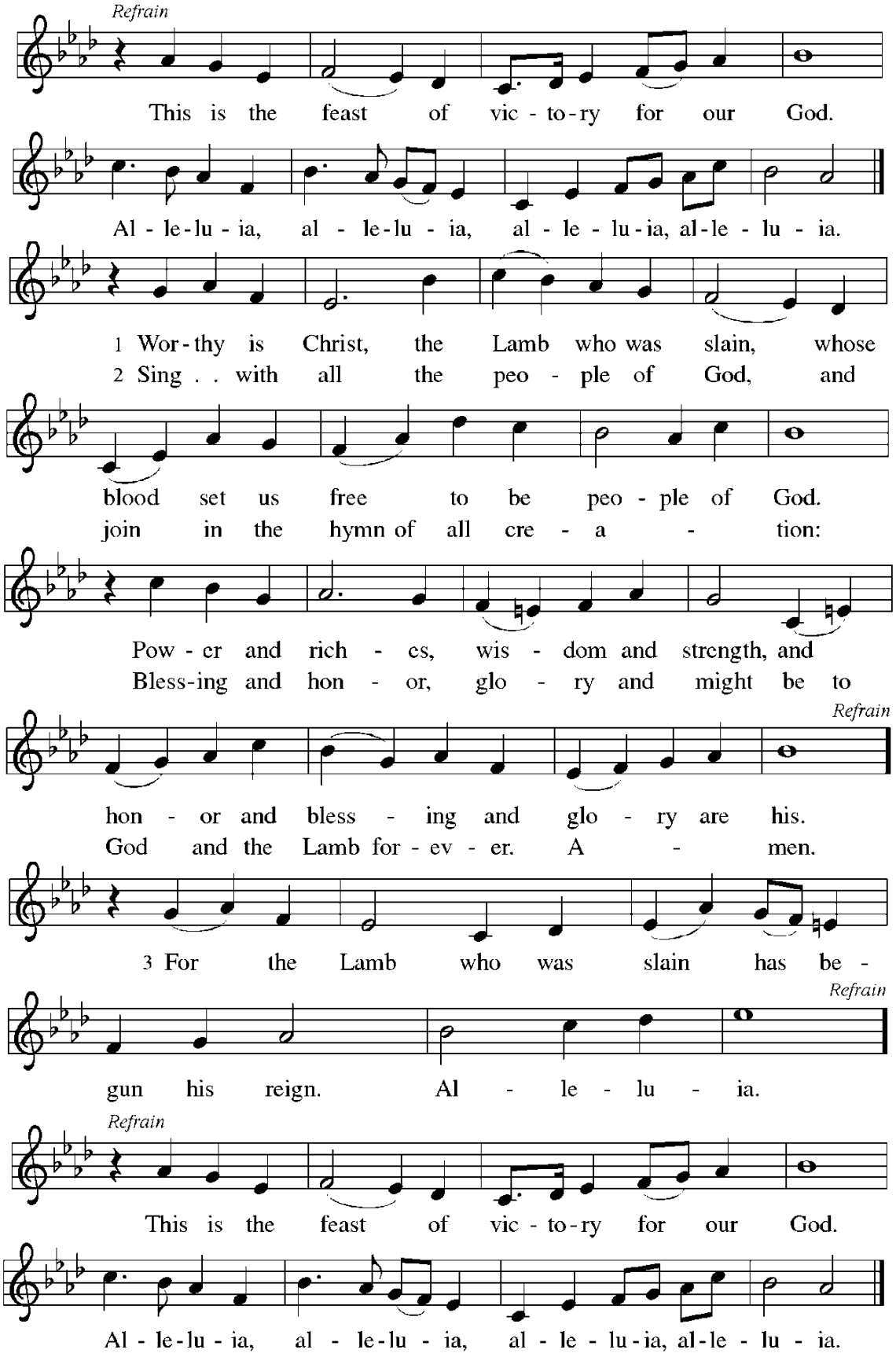
GREETING

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 *Congregation sings all.*



PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

✢ WORD ✢

FIRST READING *Congregation sits.* **AMOS 5:18-24**

A reading from Amos.

18 Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD! Why do you want the day of the LORD? It is darkness,
not light, 19 as if someone fled from a lion and was met by a bear or went into the house and rested a
hand against the wall and was bitten by a snake. 20 Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light, and
gloom with no brightness in it? 21 I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn
assemblies. 22 Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept
them, and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon. 23 Take away from
me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps. 24 But let justice roll down
like water and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 70

1 Be pleased, O God, to de- | liver me;
O LORD, make | haste to help me.
2 **Let those who seek my life be put to shame | and confounded;**
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and | be disgraced.
3 Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat | over me
turn back because | of their shame.
4 **Let all who seek you rejoice and be | glad in you;**
let those who love your salvation say forever, "Great | is the LORD!"
5 But as for me, I am poor and needy; come to me quick- | ly, O God.
You are my helper and my deliverer; O LORD, | do not tarry.

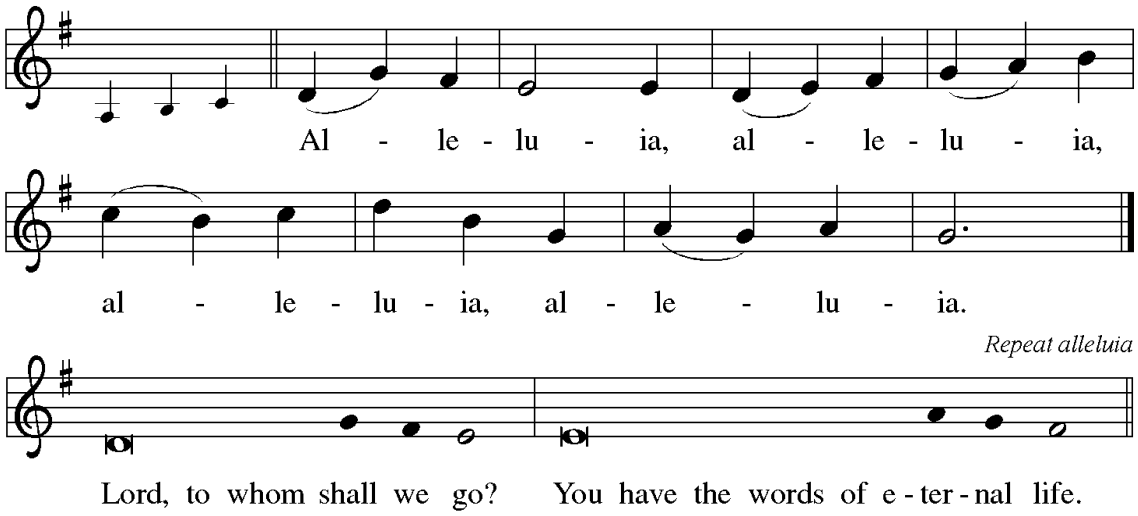
SECOND READING **1 THESSALONIANS 4:13-18**

A reading from Thessalonians.

13 We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you
may not grieve as others do who have no hope. 14 For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again,
even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. 15 For this we declare to you by
the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no
means precede those who have died. 16 For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the
archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in
Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together
with them to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will be with the Lord forever. 18 Therefore encourage
one another with these words.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Congregation stands.*



GOSPEL **MATTHEW 25:1-13**

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] [1] "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten young women took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. [2] Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. [3] When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, [4] but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. [5] As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. [6] But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' [7] Then all those young women got up and trimmed their lamps. [8] The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' [9] But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' [10] And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet, and the door was shut. [11] Later the other young women came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' [12] But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' [13] Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Congregation sits.

CHILDREN'S SERMON **PASTOR JANE MITCHAM**

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HYMN OF THE DAY 798 *Congregation stands.*

WILL YOU COME AND FOLLOW ME

1 "Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown
in you and you in me?

2 "Will you leave yourself behind
if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind
and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare,
should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer pray'r
in you and you in me?

3 "Will you let the blinded see
if I but call your name?
Will you set the pris'ners free
and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean,
and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean
in you and you in me?

4 "Will you love the you you hide
if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside
and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found
to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound
in you and you in me?"

5 Lord, your summons echoes true
when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you
and never be the same.
In your company I'll go
where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow
in you and you in me.

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.

Congregation kneels or sits.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

You illumine the church with the hope of your new day. Prepare our hearts and minds for the inbreaking of your kingdom, that we might awaken to your transforming love at work all around us. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

You create and sustain the earth's natural rhythms so that all life might thrive. Show us the wisdom and wonder of nature's balance; make us careful stewards of our common home. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

You make justice roll down in all places and among all nations. Encourage all who protect vulnerable communities and help rebuild in the aftermath of conflict. Uphold veterans and those who care for them. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

You hasten to heal our wounds and make whole what is broken. Comfort individuals facing a difficult diagnosis, receiving palliative care, or facing uncertain treatment options. (*We pray especially for . . .*)
God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.
You give rest to weary hearts and bodies. As the days grow shorter in the north, help us to move more slowly and intentionally through our days, honoring the need for quiet and stillness. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.
Here other intercessions may be offered.
You welcome those who have come before us in faith into the joys of heaven. Sustain us by your grace and guide us into the promise of everlasting life. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.
Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved.
Amen.

PEACE *Congregation stands.*

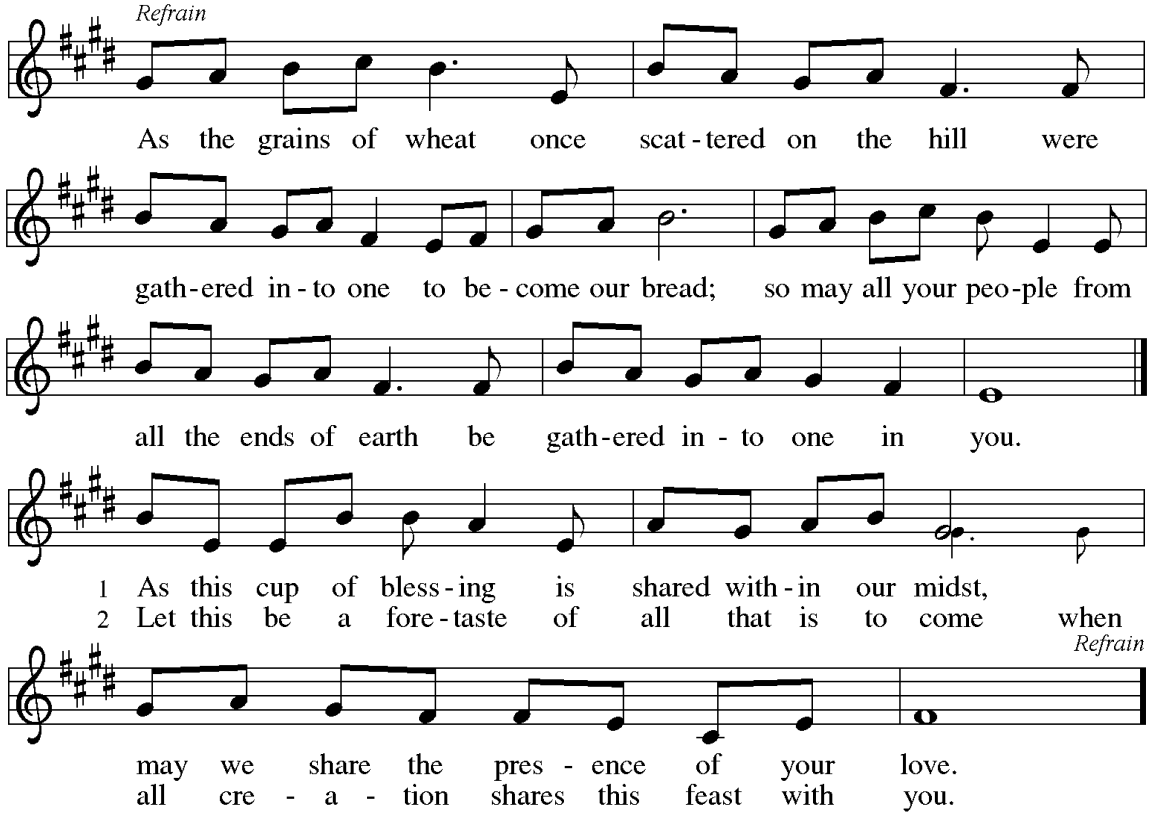
The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

✢ MEAL ✢

OFFERING *Congregation sits.*

ANTHEM ***KEEP YOUR LAMPS TRIMMED AND BURNING*** **THOMAS**

OFFERING SONG *Congregation stands.*



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OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.
Eternal God, our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you. Receive what we offer, and all that your entrust to us, until hungry no more, all the world is fed, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

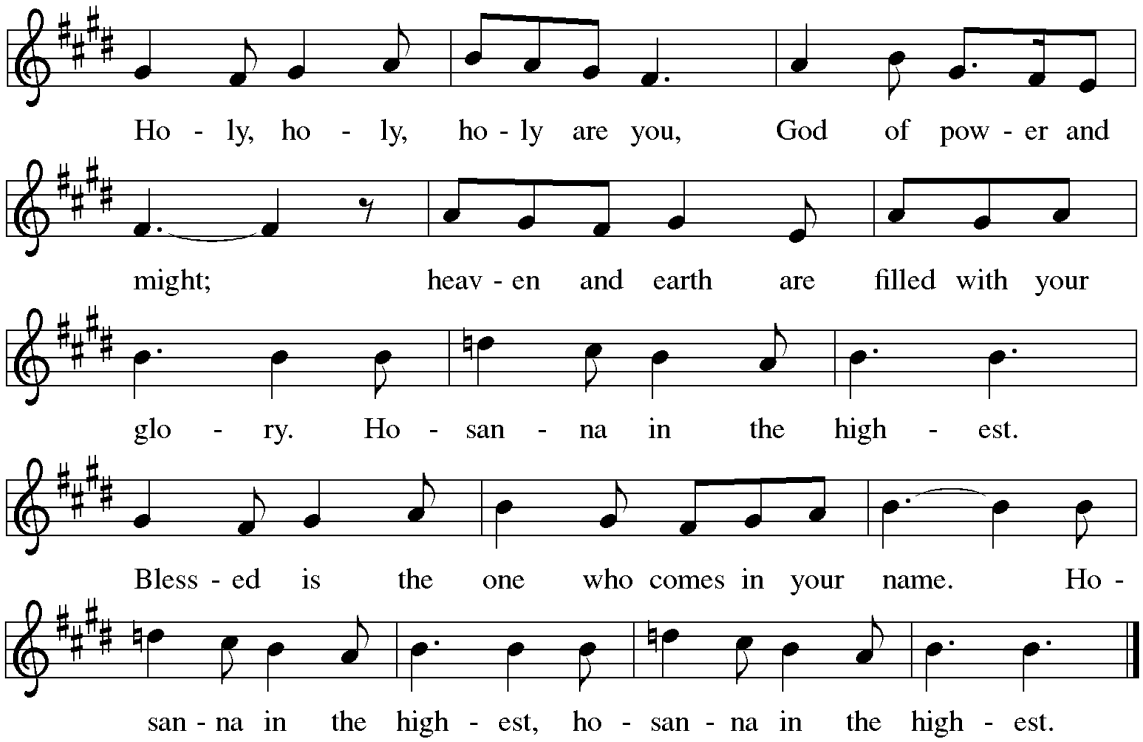
GREAT THANKSGIVING

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:



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EUCHARISTIC 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

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:
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.

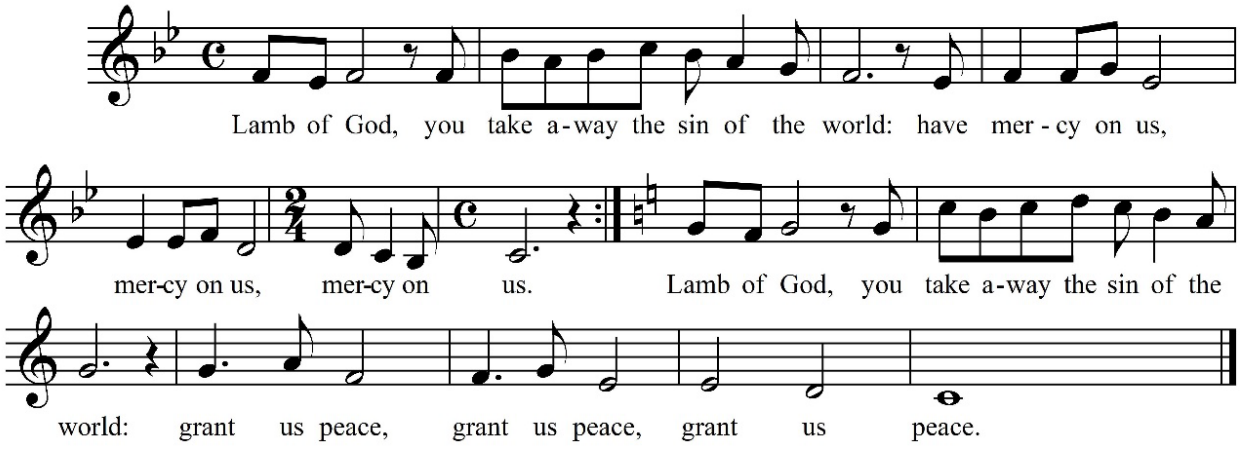
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

In bread and cup the reign of Christ is breaking in.
Come, receive what Christ has prepared.
Thanks be to God.

COMMUNION *Congregation sits.*

All 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. If you are unable to come to the altar, please notify an usher so that communion may be brought to you.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION



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COMMUNION HYMN 785 ***Congregation sings.*** ***WHEN PEACE LIKE A RIVER***

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, we have received your never-ending mercy in this meal. You continuously seek the lost, bind the injured, and feed your people abundantly. Now send us out, awake to your presence, now and forever. **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 638 ***BLESSED ASSURANCE***

1 Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Refrain
This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior, all the day long:
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.

2 Perfect submission, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love. *Refrain*

3 Perfect submission, all is at rest;
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love.
Refrain

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Encourage one another. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE ***OH, HAPPY DAY WHEN WE SHALL STAND*** **WALTHER**

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LET US REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

The Heritage at Lowman – Violet Fetner
NHC – 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, Bonnie Hammond, Joyce Mobley, Justine Parker, Terri Tokaz, Charlie Sigel

NOVEMBER 1, 2026 ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS

9:30 a.m. Worship Service: **98** 10:45 a.m. Sunday School: **33**

***Budgeted Weekly Benevolence Collections needed: $9,371**
***Current Expenses & Benevolences Received: $8,700**

OTHER MISCELLANEOUS OFFERINGS

Food Pantry	$80	Social Ministry November Emphasis: VA Food Pantry	$150
Altar, Narthex Flowers, Altar Rose	$180	Seasonal Flowers	$15

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given by Don Caughman to the Glory of God and in honor of Sara Loyd for her 99th birthday (November 4), in honor of William Snodgrass for his 15th birthday (November 3), and in honor of Ray and Katherine Frierson for the birth of their daughter Jane (October 28).

THE ALTAR ROSE is given by Virginia Morris to the Glory of God and in memory of her sister Dorothy Newman.

THE NARTHEX FLOWERS are given by Lisa Sanchez to the Glory of God and in honor of Mike Sanchez and all Veterans who have served in the Armed Forces.

HELP WANTED - We are still seeking a teacher for our High School Sunday School class! We also need substitutes and assistants to help us fulfill the Child Protection Policy that requires 2 adults in each classroom. Please contact Lisa Sanchez if you are willing to help.

FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY – Next Sunday (11/15/2026) is Food Pantry Sunday. The pantry particularly needs **peanut butter, jelly, vegetable beef soup, canned chicken, macaroni and cheese, peaches, pears, black-eyed peas, and oatmeal packets**, but any shelf-stable food items that have not expired are welcome. Monetary contributions are also very much appreciated because an average of at least $1,000.00 a month is needed to support our food pantry clients. Checks may be written to Good Shepherd designated for the Food Pantry and placed in a pink envelope in the offering. Thanks always for your donations!

SOCIAL MINISTRY MONTHLY EMPHASIS –As is our tradition, the Social Ministry committee has chosen the Food Pantry at Dorn VA Hospital to receive our November monthly emphasis contributions to honor our veterans. 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 a pink envelope 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.

ADVENT SMALL GROUPS – The Learning Committee invites you to come together during Advent to participate in a Small Group. We have 4 groups, and the leaders and times the groups will meet are listed below. Groups will begin the week of November 29th. Look for a flyer in the Sunday Bulletin in November to sign up.
Don Caughman: Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m. in the Parlor
Anna-Marie Plyer: Mondays at 11:00 a.m. in the Parlor
Bruce Shealy: Mondays at 4:00 p.m. at the Shealy Residence
Amanda Snodgrass: Sundays at 5:00 p.m. at a location in Forest Acres

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 13. 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY bulletins are due by 12 noon each Wednesday. Email your announcements to Emily Stolba, 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:	Nancy Hyatt
USHERS:	Greg Sox, Lennae Sox, Dick Sturkie
LECTOR:	Karin Culp
COMMUNION ASST.:	Becky Shealy
ACOLYTE:	Anna-Marie Plyler
CRUCIFER:	Becky Shealy
ALTAR GUILD:	Gaye Tucker, Ellen & Tom Brown, Debi Powell
TABULATORS:	Mary Margaret Hoy, Karen Lucas
CC PERSON OF MONTH:	Mary Margaret Hoy

THIS WEEK AT GSLC

November 8	**Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**
	9:30 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	10:45-11:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School classes (CL 1 & 2)
	10:45-11:45 a.m. Youth Sunday School (Youth Room)
	10:45-11:45 a.m. Confirmation Class (E-112)
	10:45-11:45 a.m. Children's Sunday School (E-113)
	11:05-11:20 a.m. Preschool Music (E-115)
	11:25-11:45 a.m. Children's Music (E-115)
November 9	5:30 p.m. GSLC Foundation Meeting (CL 1)
	5:30 p.m. Parish Life Committee Meeting (CL 2)
	6:00 – 8:00 p.m. [private event] Beta Sigma Phi Council Meeting (Conf. Room)
November 10	11:00 a.m. Bible Study with Pastor Jane (CL 1)
	3:00 p.m. Executive Committee Meeting (Conf. Room)
	5:00 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting (Conf. Room)
	6:00 p.m. Social Ministry Committee Meeting (CL 2)
November 11	11:30-2:30 p.m. Food Pantry (CL 2)
	12:00 – 2:00 p.m. POGS Luncheon & Meeting (FAB)
	3:00 p.m. Worship Life Committee Meeting (CL 2)
	7:00 p.m. Choir Practice (Choir Room)
November 15	**Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**
	Food Pantry Sunday
	Newsletter Deadline
	9:30 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	10:45-11:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School classes (CL 1 & 2)
	10:45-11:45 a.m. Youth Sunday School (Youth Room)
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	10:45-11:45 a.m. Children's Sunday School (E-113)
	11:05-11:20 a.m. Preschool Music (E-115)
	11:25-11:45 a.m. Children's Music (E-115)
	6:30 p.m. Council Meeting (Conf. Room)

2026 CONGREGATION COUNCIL

OFFICERS

David Lucas	President
Becky Shealy	Vice-President
Jan Haigler	Treasurer
Karen Lucas	Secretary

MEMBERS	COMMITTEE	TERM ENDS
Kate Ferlauto	Communication	2026
Gaye Tucker	Evangelism	2027
David Lucas	Finance	2026
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