## Welcome to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Building up God's people through His word for His world

# Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost October 20, 2024

Today's gospel starts with disciples obsessing over who will be closest to Jesus, leading to Jesus teaching his followers about God's take on importance and power. Here Jesus makes it explicit that the reversal of values in God's community is a direct challenge to the values of the dominant culture, where wielding power over others is what makes you great. When we pray "your kingdom come" we are praying for an end to tyranny and oppression. We pray this gathered around the cross, a sign of great shame transformed to be the sign of great honor and service.

We especially welcome our guests who are worshipping here today. What a privilege to greet you! If you have no church home in the area, we invite you to participate in the life and ministry of Good Shepherd. For information about our congregation, visit gslcva.org. Also, please fill out a Welcome card, which you'll find near the hymnals, and place it in the offering plate near the doors to the sanctuary.

**Our worship reflects the liturgical tradition of the Christian church.** Holy Communion is celebrated on the first, third, and fifth Sundays at 8:00 and 11:00 a.m. Our informal worship service features contemporary music and is held in the Fellowship Hall at 11:00 a.m. on the second and fourth Sundays of the month, with communion celebrated on fourth Sundays.

**To all worshippers:** The presence of children in worship is a gift to the Body of Christ and a reminder that our congregation is growing. Remember that Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me." Please welcome our young ones and give their parents a smile of encouragement or a helping hand, if needed.

To the parents of young ones, here are a few suggestions for worshipping with your children: Relax! God put the wiggles and giggles in kids; don't feel that you have to suppress them in His house. All are welcome! Sit toward the front, where it is easier to see and hear what's going on. Quietly explain the parts of the worship service and actions of the pastor, ushers, communion assistants, etc. Sing the hymns and songs, pray, and voice the responses aloud. Children learn worshipful behavior by copying you. If you have to leave the worship service with your child or stand up and walk around the back of the sanctuary, feel free to do so, but please come back! And finally, if you so choose, . . .

**You are welcome to use our nursery**, as well as our parents' room next to the nursery, if your young ones need a break from the service. The Parents' Room is also a comfortable place where mothers may nurse their babies. The worship service is livestreamed to a monitor in the Parents' Room.

**We offer Sunday School** and a variety of Bible studies and spiritual growth opportunities for children, youth, and adults on Sunday mornings. All Sunday School classes meet at 9:30 a.m. See News and Announcements for class information.

**Flowers and plants in our worship areas** are supported by financial donations to the Flower Fund. These floral offerings beautify the church, uplift service participants, and remind us of God's good creation. You can find information about being a flower sponsor on the bulletin board near the Fellowship Hall and at gslcva.org (enter "flowers" in the search area on the homepage). Today's flowers are sponsored by Allan and Caroline Ruppar in honor of their wedding anniversary.

**Prelude** "I Will Arise and Go to Jesus" arr. Don Hustad

**Welcome** Pastor Johann

Please stand

Opening Hymn "Rise, Shine, You People" Hymn No. 825

## **Invocation, Confession, and Forgiveness**

The sign of the cross + may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

- C: Amen.
- P: Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

Silence for reflection on God's word and for self-examination. You may kneel or remain standing.

- P: Gracious God.
- C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have honored you with our lips, but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues. The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes. In our desire to be first we make distinctions among ourselves. We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last. In your great mercy, forgive us our sins. Draw near to us with grace in time of need, and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.
- P: God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven.
- C: Amen.

Please stand

#### SERVICE OF THE WORD

**Kyrie** [Lord, have mercy] **Music in hymnal, pages 152-53** 

**Hymn of Praise** "This Is the Feast" **Music in hymnal, page 155** 

## Salutation and Prayer of the Day

- P: The Lord be with you.
- C: And also with you.
- P: Let us pray.

Sovereign God, you turn your greatness into goodness for all the peoples on earth. Shape us into willing servants of your kingdom, and make us desire always and only your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Music in hymnal, page 156

C: Amen.

Please sit

First Reading Isaiah 53:4-12

This reading is from the last of four passages in Isaiah that are often called "servant songs." Christians are probably most familiar with this servant song. In light of Christian faith, the servant's healing ministry and redemptive suffering are understood to be fulfilled in the life and death of Christ.

4Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted.
5But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed.
6All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

L:

<sup>7</sup>He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth.
<sup>8</sup>By a perversion of justice he was taken away. Who could have imagined his future?
For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people.
<sup>9</sup>They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.

10Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him with pain.
When you make his life an offering for sin,
he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days;
through him the will of the LORD shall prosper.
11Out of his anguish he shall see light;
he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge.
The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities.
12Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong;
because he poured out himself to death,

and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

- L: This is the Word of the Lord.
- C: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading Hebrews 5:1-10

Using imagery from scripture and from Jewish worship practices, Jesus is presented as the great high priest who was obedient to God's saving plan. Through his suffering and death he has become the source of eternal salvation.

L: <sup>1</sup>Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. <sup>2</sup>He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; <sup>3</sup>and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. <sup>4</sup>And one does not presume to take this honor, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

<sup>5</sup>So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

"You are my Son, today I have begotten you";

<sup>6</sup>as he says also in another place,

"You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek."

<sup>7</sup>In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. <sup>8</sup>Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; <sup>9</sup>and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, <sup>10</sup>having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

- L: This is the Word of the Lord.
- C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Alleluia

Music in hymnal, page 156

Holy Gospel Mark 10:35-45

- P: The Holy Gospel, according to St. Mark, the tenth chapter.
- C: Glory to You, O Lord.

Music in hymnal, page 157

On the way to Jerusalem the disciples ask Jesus to grant them seats of honor. Jesus responds by announcing that he and his followers will "rule" through self-giving service.

P: 35 James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." 36 And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" 37 And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." 38 But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" 39 They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; 40 but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared."

<sup>41</sup>When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. <sup>42</sup>So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. <sup>43</sup>But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, <sup>44</sup>and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. <sup>45</sup>For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

- P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Music in hymnal, page 157

Please sit

Hymn of the Day

"Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service"

**Hymn No. 848** 

If you think your child might be unable to sit through the entire service, this would be an appropriate time to take him/her to the nursery.

Message

"Serve"

Pastor James

#### **Musical Reflection**

Please stand

#### Nicene Creed

C: 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; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary and was made man.

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.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He 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.

Please sit

**Announcements** Pastor Johann

Please fill out a Welcome card and place it in the offering plate.

**Anthem (8:00)** "Psalm 42 (As the Deer Longs)" *Stephanie Batchelder, soprano* 

arr. John Purifoy

As the deer longs for flowing streams So longs my soul for you, O God My soul does thirst for the living God When shall I come to see your face?

My tears have fed me day and night While some have said, "Where is your God?"

**Anthem (11:00)** "On Eagle's Wings" *Sanctuary Choir* 

You, who dwell in the shelter of the Lord Who abide in his shadow for life Say to the Lord: "My refuge, My Rock, in whom I trust!"

Refrain:

And he will raise you up on eagle's wings Bear you on the breath of dawn Make you to shine like the sun But I recall as my soul pours dry The days of praise within your house.

Why do I mourn and toil within When it is mine to hope in God? I shall again sing praise to him He is my help, he is my God He is my God

Joncas/arr. Craig Kingsbury

And hold you in the palm of his hand

The snare of the fowler will never capture you

And famine will bring you no fear Under his wings your refuge His faithfulness your shield

Refrain

You need not fear the terror of the night Nor the arrow that flies by day Though thousands fall about you Near you it shall not come Refrain For to his angels he's given a command To guard you in all of your ways Upon their hands they will bear you up Lest you dash your foot against a stone Refrain

Please stand

## **Offertory Prayer**

C: 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.

## **Prayer of the Church**

At the end of each petition, the prayer leader will say, "God of grace..." The congregation responds, "hear our prayer." Please see the News and Announcements sheet for a listing of intercessions.

## SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

## **Preface and Proper Preface**

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**Sanctus** [Holy, Holy, Holy]

Music in hymnal, page 161

## Lord's Prayer

C: 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.

The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini [The peace of the Lord]

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Agnus Dei [Lamb of God]

Music in hymnal, page 163

Please sit

#### Distribution

**We believe** that Christ is truly present in the bread and wine, according to His Word: "This is My Body... this is My blood" (Matthew 26:26-27), and that in this sacrament our Lord gives us forgiveness of our sins, unity with God, and strength for a life of service.

**We invite** all baptized Christians who have made their First Communion, examined themselves, discern the body and blood of Christ in the sacrament for the forgiveness of their sins, and sincerely seek to amend their lives to join us at His Table.

**Distribution procedure:** Please come forward by the center aisle or as instructed by the usher. Fill the rail, beginning at the end near the wall. Kneel. Cup your hands to receive the bread. Then, take an individual cup from the tray as it is passed. **Cups in the innermost circle of the communion tray contain juice** for those who do not wish to drink wine. **For those who need gluten-free wafers:** Bring with you one of the brightly colored pieces of paper from the pews and hand it to the communion assistant who is distributing the wafers. That person will bring a gluten-free wafer to you.

**Return to your seat via the aisle next to the windows.** Place your empty communion cup in the bowl near the end of the rail. If you are unable to walk to the communion rail, please speak to an usher, and we will bring the sacrament to you.

**Distribution Hymns** 

"Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray"

Hymn No. 623

"Come, Let Us Eat"

Hymn No. 626

Note: In this hymn, the Cantor sings a line, and the congregation echoes it.

Please stand

#### **Post-Communion Collect**

P: Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

## **Blessing**

P: God all mighty, God most merciful + bless you, keep you, and give you peace.

C: Amen.

**Closing Hymn** 

"Saints, See the Cloud of Witnesses"

Hymn No. 667

Verses 1, 4-6

#### **Dismissal**

P: Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

C: Thanks be to God.

**Postlude** 

"Trumpet Voluntary"

John Stanley/arr. Willcocks

As your schedule permits, please be seated during the postlude for a time of prayer and reflection.

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 ${\it Please join us for coffee and conversation in the Fellowship Hall following the service.}$ 

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## Serving Today

	8:00	11:00
Worship Leader	Pastor Johann	Pastor Johann
Preacher	Pastor James	Pastor James
Crucifer	Thatcher Hoplin	Ryder Morgan
Acolyte	EJ Hoplin	Sophia Ellis
Scripture Reader	Reginia Benjamin	Jerry Johnson
Prayer Leader	Kirsten Bates	Don Kidwell
Cantor	Stephanie Batchelder	Stephanie Batchelder
Communion	Pastor James (host)	Pastor James (host)
Assistants	Pastor Johann (host)	Pastor Johann (host)
	Henry Eickelberg (tray)	Brian Vanderhoof (tray)
	Jamie Ellor (tray)	Nancy McGarry (tray)
Ushers	Ric Nickerson (lead)	Ron Voigt (lead)
	Dean Thorsell	Goodwyn Morgan
	Gary Budzier	Jeff Peterson
	Jim Christian	John Purtilo
Choir Director		Anne Lee
Organist	Anne Lee	Anne Lee
Altar Guild	Dian Ellor	Joey Tempel
Projectionist	Matt Hardy	Adam Sherman
Audio Engineer	Matt Hardy	Adam Sherman
Livestream Manager		Matt Hardy
Greeter	Donna Harper (door)	• (door)
	Deanine Thrash	June McGurn
	(welcome center)	(welcome center)
Guest Welcome	Paul Kasulis	Georgia Thorstenson
Engagement	Heidi Cooper	Heidi Cooper
Opener	Ric Nickerson	
Closer		Martin Farley
Coffee Setup	Drew Lipman	
Kitchen Cleanup		Jan Morgan

<sup>\* =</sup> unfilled as of October 17

## **Board of Servant Leaders**

Laura Blackburn, chair Rob Fekete, vice-chair Drew Lipman, secretary Larry Austin Paul Kasulis Jennifer Pelletier Deanine Thrash

#### **Core Ministry Areas**

#### Worship

Team Leaders: Georgia Thorstenson and Julie Schorfheide; Staff Liaison: Pastor Johann The Worship Team encompasses music, seasonal celebrations, arts, worship schedule, Sanctuary Choir (Anne Lee), Handbell Choir (Anne Lee), traditional worship, and contemporary worship (Matt Hardy), the worship spaces, and support personnel (e.g., ushers, greeters, acolytes).

## Discipleship

Team Leader: Pastor James

The Discipleship Team oversees adult education, Sunday school, Vacation Bible School, children's ministry (Michelle Tenhaeff), and youth ministry (Holly Vanderhoof).

#### **Parish Life**

Team Leader: Brian Cors; Staff Liaison: Heidi Cooper

The Parish Life Team helps foster our community through Life Groups, member engagement, fellowship events, new member inclusion, concerts, public events, picnics, and intergenerational events, and reaches out to guests who worship at Good Shepherd.

#### Mission

Team Leader: Pastor Johann

Through the Mission Team, Good Shepherd supports a variety of mission efforts: world and local (Bill and Lisa Schuler), synod/district, social ministry and community service (Holly Vanderhoof). Evangelism, publicity, media, and social media (Jeff Donahue) support these efforts.

## **Congregational Care and Nurture**

Team Leader: June McGurn; Staff Liaison: Pastor Johann

The Congregational Care and Nurture Team helps support the mental, physical, emotional, and spiritual health of the congregation through literature, programs, and opportunities to serve others at Good Shepherd. This ministry's volunteers help in many ways: at memorial services and receptions; through member care visits and transportation; by sending cards for life events; and by arranging meals ("Take Them a Meal" team, Caroline Ruppar) for the sick and infirm, for their families, and for families with newborns.

#### Administration

Team Leader: Pastor Johann

This team is in charge of property and contracts (Roger Thorstenson), financing the mission (Mike DeWan), stewardship (Don Kidwell), human resources/personnel (Matt Franker), communications (Jeff Donahue), technology (Gary Budzier).

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