

Welcome to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Building up God's people through His word for His world

All Saints Sunday
November 3, 2024

Of all three years of the lectionary cycle, this year's All Saints readings have the most tears. Isaiah and Revelation look forward to the day when God will wipe away all tears; in John's gospel, Jesus weeps along with Mary and the gathered mourners before he demonstrates his power over death. On All Saints Day we celebrate the victory won for all the faithful dead, but we grieve also for our beloved dead, knowing that God honors our tears. We bring our grief to the table and find there a foretaste of Isaiah's feast to come.

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 Ken and Cheryl Uffelman in memory of Daniel Uffelman.

Prelude "Chorale in E Major" César Franck
Welcome Pastor Johann

Please stand

Opening Hymn "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name" **Hymn No. 940**
Verses 1-4

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, our refuge, our delight, our beginning and our end.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us come in truth before the one who loves us and has freed us from our sin.

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

P: Eternal One, robed in majesty and mercy,

C: **we confess that sin has taken hold of us and we are complicit in its power. We are disturbed in spirit and our hearts cannot rest. Unbind us and set us free. Lead us again to the waters of rebirth, that we may live just and generous lives for the good of your world and the care of our neighbors, following in the servant way of Jesus. Amen.**

P: These words are trustworthy and true: Christ bore our sins once, for all, on the cross, swallowing up death forever. For his sake, you are † forgiven and God remembers your sin no more. Let your heart be glad again, and rejoice in your salvation.

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 **Music in hymnal, page 156**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Please sit

First Reading

Isaiah 25:6-9

Isaiah sees a vision of the end of days, when God will gather all people on God's holy mountain and will prepare for them a rich feast. At this banquet God will wipe the tears from all eyes. And there will be no more sorrow, for God will destroy death itself.

- L: ⁶On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.
⁷And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;
⁸he will swallow up death forever.
Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.
⁹It will be said on that day,
Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.
This is the LORD for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Revelation 21:1-6a

Here is a vision of the new heaven and new earth in which God resides fully with God's people so that mourning, despair, and pain have been eradicated. These renewing words from the God who spans all of time are trustworthy and true.

- L: ¹I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,
"See, the home of God is among mortals.
He will dwell with them;
they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them;
⁴he will wipe every tear from their eyes.
Death will be no more;
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
for the first things have passed away."
⁵And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." ^{6a}Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end."

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

Alleluia

Music in hymnal, page 156

Holy Gospel

John 11:32-44

P: The Holy Gospel, according to St. John, the eleventh chapter.

C: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Music in hymnal, page 157

*Through the raising of Lazarus, Jesus offers the world a vision of the life to come,
when death and weeping will be no more.*

P: ³²When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." ³³When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." ³⁵Jesus began to weep. ³⁶So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" ³⁷But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

³⁸Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." ⁴⁰Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" ⁴¹So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴²I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." ⁴³When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" ⁴⁴The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Music in hymnal, page 157

Please sit

COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Prayer

P: Gracious Father in Jesus Christ, we remember with thanksgiving before you all those who rejoice with us, but upon another shore, and in a greater light, that multitude which no man can number, whose hope was the Word made flesh, and with whom in the Lord Jesus we are one forevermore. As you have received our brothers and sisters who have gone to their rest in the hope of the resurrection to eternal life, bring us at last with them into the light of your presence, that in union with all your saints, we may laud and magnify your name forever, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: We remember those who together with us stood at the foot of the cross, who heard the Easter truths at the empty tomb, who have gone before us into the heavenly mansions.

+ MEMBERS AND FORMER MEMBERS +

Hymn "For All the Saints" **Hymn No. 677**
Verse 1

+ FIRST-DEGREE RELATIVES OF MEMBERS +

Hymn "For All the Saints" **Hymn No. 677**
Verse 2

+ OTHER RELATIVES AND FRIENDS OF MEMBERS +

The loved ones of those departed prior to last year's All Saints Day service will be prayed for by our prayer team, and those departed will be remembered.

Please stand

Prayer

P: O Lord, support us all the day long of this troubled life, until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes and the busy world is hushed, the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then, in your mercy, grant us a safe lodging, and a holy rest, and peace at the last, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Please sit

Hymn of the Day "For All the Saints" **Hymn No. 677**
Verses 3-4

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 "Unbind Him" 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)

“Pie Jesu”

Gabriel Fauré

Evelyn Tsen, soprano

Pie Jesu, Domine, dona eis requiem

(Merciful Lord Jesus, grant them peace

Dona eis requiem

Grant them peace

Dona eis, Domine, dona eis requiem

Grant them, Lord, grant them peace

Sempiternam requiem

Eternal peace

Pie Jesu, Jesu

Merciful Jesus, Jesus

Pie Jesu, Domine

Merciful Lord Jesus

Dona eis, dona eis

Grant them, grant them

sempiternam requiem

Eternal peace)

Anthem (11:00)

“Prayer of St. Francis”

Allen Pote/arr. Robert Delgado

Sanctuary Choir

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace

Where there is darkness, let there be light

Where there is hatred, let me sow love

Where there is sadness, let there be joy

Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord

O Divine Master, grant that I may not seek

Where there is doubt, let there be faith

To be consoled as to console

Oh Lord, make me an instrument of thy

To be understood as to understand

peace

To be loved as to love

Where there's despair, let me bring hope

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace
Where there's despair, let me bring hope
Where there is hatred, let me sow love
For it is in giving that we receive
And it is in pardoning that we are pardoned

And it is in dying that we are born to
eternal life, to eternal life
Lord make me an instrument of thy peace
Amen

Please stand

Offertory Prayer

C: Lord Jesus, our portion and our cup, you offered yourself in love for the world, and in this meal you nourish us with your life. Fill us with your abundance, that we may feed the hungry and welcome the stranger, trusting in your name. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

At the end of each petition, the prayer leader will say, "Merciful God, . . ."

The congregation responds, "receive our prayer."

Please see the News and Announcements sheet for a listing of intercessions.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Preface and Proper Preface

Sanctus [Holy, Holy, Holy]

Music in hymnal, page 160

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 Hymn	“Christ Sits at God’s Right Hand”	Hymn No. 564
Distribution Hymn	“Not What These Hands Have Done”	Hymn No. 567

Please stand

Post-Communion Collect

P: Faithful God, you have spread before us a feast of rich food and drink in the body and blood of your Son. Now send us out to labor with you, in service to the world you have made, and among the people you have made your home, in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

Blessing

P: The Ancient One, enthroned, the Crucified One, now risen, the Indwelling One, poured out, + bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn	“Built on the Rock”	Hymn No. 645 Verses 1-4
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Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude	“Choral in E Major”	César Franck
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As your schedule permits, please be seated during the postlude for a time of prayer and reflection.

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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 James	Pastor James
Preacher	Pastor James	Pastor James
Crucifer	Thatcher Hoplin	*
Acolyte	EJ Hoplin	*
Scripture Reader	Henry Eickelberg	Michael Drzal
Prayer Leader	Gary Budzier	Andrew Otterbacher
Cantor	Evelyn Tsen	Sarah Damers
Communion Assistants	Pastor James (host) Pastor Johann (host) Chris Miller (tray) Walt Peter (tray)	Pastor James (host) Pastor Johann (host) Jeff Peterson (tray) Brian Vanderhoof (tray)
Ushers	Gary Budzier (lead) Dean Thorsell Jim Christian Jim Smith	Goodwyn Morgan (lead) Paul Devine Jim Ellis Rob Fekete
Choir Director		Anne Lee
Organist	Anne Lee	Anne Lee
Altar Guild	Kristi Nickerson	Linda Fekete
Projectionist	Jeff Donahue	Jeff Donahue
Audio Engineer	Matt Hardy	Adam Sherman
Livestream Manager		Matt Hardy
Greeter	Kristi Nickerson (door) Ric Nickerson (door) Janet Lillestolen (welcome center)	Karen Kidwell (door) June McGurn (welcome center)
Guest Welcome	Deanine Thrash	Heidi Cooper
Engagement	Heidi Cooper	Heidi Cooper
Opener	Ric Nickerson	
Closer		Martin Farley
Coffee Setup	Wenda Smith	
Kitchen Cleanup		Mia Millman

* = unfilled as of October 30

Board of Servant Leaders

Laura Blackburn, chair
Rob Fekete, vice-chair
Drew Lipman, secretary

Larry Austin
Paul Kasulis
Jennifer Pelletier
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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 Ruppert) 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), and technology (Gary Budzier).

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