

Welcome to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

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

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
October 16, 2022

Pray always. Do not lose heart. This is Christ's encouragement in the gospel today. Wrestle with the word. Remember your baptism again and again. Come regularly to Christ's table. Persistence in our every encounter with the divine will be blessed.

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 hear 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 in all indoor services (8 and 11 a.m.) on the first, third, and fifth Sundays. Our informal worship service, Sunday/PRAISE, features contemporary music and is held in the Fellowship Hall at 11 a.m. on the second and fourth Sundays of the month, with communion celebrated on fourth Sundays. Holy Communion is part of every outdoor worship service, each Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

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 during the fall, winter and spring. All Sunday School classes will meet at 9:30 a.m.

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/ministries/worship, under "Flower Sponsorships." Today's flowers are sponsored by Allan and Caroline Ruppar in celebration of their seventh wedding anniversary.

We welcome guest organist Roger Schumacher. Roger holds a degree in Organ Performance from the University of Oregon. He is a retired U.S. Army Lieutenant Colonel, having served abroad and in the Pentagon as a Communications Officer and a Soviet/Russia intelligence analyst. He lives in Fairfax.

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| Prelude (8:00) | " <i>Sarabande</i> " (based on " <i>Jerusalem My Happy Home</i> ") "Aria" | Gerald Near Paul Manz |
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>Welcome Pastor James

(Please stand)

Opening Hymn “Praise the Almighty”

Hymn No. 797 verses 1-3, 5

Invocation, Confession, and Forgiveness

(The sign of the cross \dagger may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism)

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who is eager to forgive and who loves us beyond our days.

C: Amen.

P: Dear friends, together let us acknowledge our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

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

P: God of mercy and forgiveness,

C: we confess that sin still has a hold on us. We have harmed your good creation. We have failed to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. Turn us in a new direction. Show us the path that leads to life. Be our refuge and strength on the journey, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend. Amen.

P: Beloved of God: your sins are forgiven \dagger and you are made whole. God points the way to new life in Christ, who meets us on the road. Journey now in God's abiding love through the power of the Holy Spirit.

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: O Lord God, tireless guardian of your people, you are always ready to hear our cries. Teach us to rely day and night on your care. Inspire us to seek your enduring justice for all this suffering world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

(Please sit)

First Reading**Genesis 32:22-31**

Returning to the home he had fled many years before after stealing his brother's birthright and his father's blessing, Jacob wrestles all night long with a divine adversary who ultimately blesses him and changes his name to "Israel," a name that means "he wrestles with God."

L: 22The same night [Jacob] got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. 23He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. 24Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. 25When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. 26Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." 27So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." 28Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." 29Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. 30So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." 31The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading**2 Timothy 3:14-4:5**

The writer of this letter continues his instruction of Timothy, his younger colleague in ministry, by emphasizing the importance of faithful teaching despite opposition.

L: 14But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, 15and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. 16All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, 17so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

^{4:1}In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: ²proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. ³For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, ⁴and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. ⁵As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

(Please stand)

Alleluia Verse

Music in hymnal, page 156

Holy Gospel

Luke 18:1-8

P: The Holy Gospel, according to St. Luke, the eighteenth chapter.

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

Music in hymnal, page 157

Jesus tells a parable of an unjust judge who is worn down by a widow's pleas. Jesus is calling God's people to cry out for justice and deliverance. For if an unethical judge will ultimately grant the plea of a persistent widow, how much more will God respond to those who call.

P: ¹Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. ²He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. ³In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' ⁴For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, ⁵yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.' " ⁶And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? ⁸I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Music in hymnal, page 157

(Please sit)

Kids' Message

"Give Me Justice!"

Preschool Director Colleen Judson

Hymn of the Day**"Christ Be My Leader"****Hymn No. 861**

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**"The Way We Pray"**

Pastor Johann

*(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 remission of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

*(Please sit)***Announcements**

Pastor James

Please fill out a Welcome card and place it in the offering plate near the sanctuary doors after the service, or hand it to an usher as you leave.

Anthem (8:00)**"Cavatina"***Tatiana Loisha, piano; Maryanne Perkel, cello*

Joseph Joachim Raff

Anthem (11:00)

"All the Way My Savior Leads Me"
Sanctuary Choir

arr. John Carter

All the way my Savior leads me
What have I to ask beside?
Can I doubt His tender mercy
Who through life has been my guide?
Heav'nly peace, divinest comfort
Here by faith in Him to dwell
For I know whate'er befall me
Jesus doeth all things well
For I know whate'er befall me
Jesus doeth all things well

All the way my Savior leads me
Cheers each winding path I tread
Gives me grace for ev'ry trial
Feeds me with the living bread
Though my weary steps may falter
And my soul athirst may be

Gushing from the Rock before me
Lo! a spring of joy I see
Gushing from the Rock before me
Lo! a spring of joy I see

All the way my Savior leads me
Oh, the fullness of His love!
Perfect rest to me is promised
In my Father's house above
When my spirit clothed immortal
Wings its flight to realms of day
This my song through endless ages:
Jesus led me all the way
This my song through endless ages:
Jesus led me all the way

(Please stand)

Offertory Prayer

C: Gracious God, in your great love you richly provide for our needs. Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing, and make us ready to share with all in need; through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

At the end of each petition, the prayer leader will say, "Hear us, O God."

The congregation responds, "Your mercy is great."

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

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT**Preface and Proper Preface**

Music in hymnal, page 160

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.

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)

The Words of Our Lord

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: Holy Communion will be distributed in two ways. For those who will commune using the pre-packaged elements, the officiant will instruct communicants on this procedure.

Communion will also be distributed in a continuous walking fashion. At the direction of the ushers, walk toward the front of the church in a single-file line. The pastor will distribute the host (communion wafers). Receive the host in hand, consume it, and then take the wine from the tray (held by the communion assistant). After you have drunk the wine, place the empty cup in the bowl and return to your pew. If you are not receiving communion, please fold your arms across your chest with hands toward your shoulders (St. Andrew's cross) and approach to receive a blessing. There will be a single dismissal blessing after all have communed.

Please note that the cups in the innermost circle of the communion tray contain juice for those who do not wish to drink wine.

Distribution Hymns "Come, Let Us Eat"

Hymn No. 626

"Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray"

Hymn No. 623

(Please stand)

Post-Communion Collect

P: God of the abundant table, you have refreshed our hearts in this meal with bread for the journey. Give us your grace on the road that we might serve our neighbors with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

Blessing

P: God, who gives life to all things and frees us from despair, bless you with truth and peace. And may the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, guide you always in faith, hope, and love.

C: **Amen.**

Closing Hymn "Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me"

Hymn No. 722

Dismissal

P: Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude "Grand Choeur"

Cesar Franck

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 | | |
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| | 8:00 | 11:00 |
| Worship Leader | Pastor James | Pastor James |
| Preacher | Pastor Johann | Pastor Johann |
| Crucifer | Mark Frohm | Kara Gilbreath |
| Acolyte | * | * |
| Scripture Reader | Melinda DeWan | Don Kidwell |
| Prayer Leader | Andrew Otterbacher | Jerry Johnson |
| Cantor | | Kathy Otterbacher |
| Communion Assistants | Pastor Johann (host) Pastor James (tray) *(runner) | Pastor Johann (host) Pastor James (tray) John Purtilo (runner) |
| Ushers | Jim Smith (lead) Debra Stolar | Paul Devine (lead) Rob Fekete |
| Choir Director | | Alison Carlson |
| Handbell Choir | | Matt Hardy |
| Guest Director | | |
| Organist | Roger Schumacher | Roger Schumacher |
| Pianist | | Tatiana Loisha |
| Altar Guild | Michelle Tenhaeff | Linda Fekete |
| Projectionist | Jeff Donahue | Jeff Donahue |
| Audio Engineer | Matt Hardy | Scott Shepherd |
| Livestream Manager | | Matt Hardy |
| Greeter | Deanine Thrash (door) Donna Harper (welcome center) | Karen Kidwell (door) June McGurn (welcome center) |
| Guest Welcome | Donna Shebat | Malcolm Gilbreath |
| Opener | Jim Smith | |
| Closer | | Martin Farley |
| Coffee Setup | Janet Lillestolen | |
| Kitchen Cleanup | | * |

* = unfilled as of October 13

Board of Servant Leaders

June McGurn, chair
 Linda Terlecki, vice-chair
 Kathy Eickelberg, secretary
 Paul Kasulis

Goodwyn Morgan
 John Stoothoff
 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 (Alison Carlson), Children's Choir (Laura Owens), Handbell Choir (Laura Owens), traditional and contemporary worship (Dan LaMaestra), the worship spaces, and support personnel (e.g., ushers, greeters, acolytes).

Discipleship

Team Leader: Pastor James (temporary)

The Discipleship Team oversees adult education, Sunday school, Vacation Bible School, children's ministry, 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 (John and Deborah Linn), synod/district, social ministry and community service (Holly Vanderhoof). Evangelism, publicity, media, and social media (Jeff Donahue) support these efforts.

Congregational Care

Team Leader: Vacant; Staff Liaison: Pastor Johann

The Congregational Care Team organizes member care visits, emergency transportation, and support for memorial services and receptions, and provides and delivers food to the infirm, pregnant, etc. It also maintains a roster of those willing to help in these capacities.

Administration

Team Leader: Pastor Johann

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

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