# Welcome to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

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

## Christ the King
## November 22, 2026

*On this final Sunday of the church year our gospel is Jesus' great story of judgment. In the end, the faithful are those who served Christ by ministering to those who are poor, hungry, naked, sick, or estranged. We gather this day to celebrate the reign of Christ and his victory over death, yet we await the consummation of all things yet to come. Acknowledging Christ as our merciful ruler, we go forth that his reign may be known in our loving words and deeds.*

**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 basket on the Welcome/resource table or hand it to an usher.

**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/giving. Today's flowers are sponsored by Heidi and Ken Cooper in celebration of their wedding anniversary.

# SUNDAY/PRAISE

## GATHERING SONG "Open Up the Heavens"

We've waited for this day
We're gathered in Your Name
Calling out to You
Your glory like a fire awakening desire
Will burn our hearts with truth

You're the reason we're here
You're the reason we're singing

*Chorus:*
*Open up the heavens we want to see You*
*Open up the floodgates a mighty river*
*Flowing from Your heart*
*Filling every part of our praise*

Oh oh oh oh oh

Your presence in this place
Your glory on our face

We're looking to the sky
Descending like a cloud
You're standing with us now
Lord unveil our eyes

You're the reason we're here
You're the reason we're singing

*Chorus (2x)*

Show us show us Your glory
Show us show us Your power
Show us show us Your glory Lord
(Repeat)

Oh oh oh oh oh

*Chorus (2x)*

Oh oh oh oh oh

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## WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

## SHARING OF GOD'S PEACE

## SONG OF PRAISE "Glorious Day (Living He Loved Me)"

One day when heaven was filled with His praises
One day when sin was as black as could be
Jesus came forth to be born of a virgin
Dwelt among men my example is He
The Word became flesh
And the light shined among us
His glory revealed

*Chorus:*
*Living He loved me dying He saved me*
*Buried He carried my sins far away*
*Rising He justified freely forever*
*One day He's coming*
*O glorious day (glorious day)*

One day the grave could conceal Him no longer
One day the stone rolled away from the door
Then He arose over death He had conquered
Now is ascended my Lord evermore
Death could not hold Him
The grave could not keep Him
From rising again

*Chorus*

One day the trumpet will sound for His coming
One day the skies with His glories will shine

Wonderful day my beloved one bringing
My Savior Jesus is mine

*Chorus*

O glorious day glorious day
O glorious day

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## RESPONSIVE READING FROM GOD'S WORD — Psalm 95:1-7a

P: Come, let us sing to the LORD; let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.
**C: Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to the LORD with psalms.**
P: For you, LORD, are a great God, and a great ruler above all gods.
**C: In your hand are the caverns of the earth; the heights of the hills are also yours.**
P: The sea is yours, for you made it, and your hands have molded the dry land.
**C: Come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the LORD our maker.**
P: For the LORD is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand.

## READING FROM GOD'S WORD — Matthew 25:31-46

[Jesus said to the disciples:] 31 "When the Son of Man comes in his glory and all the angels with
him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. 32 All the nations will be gathered before him,
and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the
goats, 33 and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. 34 Then the king
will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the
kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world, 35 for I was hungry and you gave
me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed
me, 36 I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison
and you visited me.' 37 Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you
hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink? 38 And when was it that
we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing? 39 And when was it
that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' 40 And the king will answer them, 'Truly I
tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to
me.' 41 Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You who are accursed, depart from me into
the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels, 42 for I was hungry and you gave me no
food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, 43 I was a stranger and you did not
welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit
me.' 44 Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a
stranger or naked or sick or in prison and did not take care of you?' 45 Then he will answer
them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not
do it to me.' 46 And these will go away into eternal punishment but the righteous into eternal
life."

## RESPONSE SONG: "Blessed Assurance (My King Is Coming Soon)"

Blessed assurance Jesus is mine
Oh what a foretaste of glory divine
Heir of salvation purchase of God
Born of His Spirit and washed in His blood

*Chorus: 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*

Perfect submission all is at rest
I in my Savior am happy and blessed
Watching and waiting looking above
Filled with His goodness and lost in His love

*Chorus*

My King is coming soon
He will roll the clouds away
Light of heaven bursting through
Oh what a glorious day

My King is coming soon
He will roll the clouds away
Light of heaven bursting through
(And) Until that glorious day

*Chorus*

This is my story this is my song
My King is coming soon
He will roll the clouds away
Light of heaven bursting through
Until that glorious day

This is my story
This is my story this is my song

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## SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Meyer James Newby

P: As this child is received into the Christian Church, let us make confession of the faith into which we baptize.
P: Do you renounce the forces of evil, the devil, and all his empty promises?
**C: Yes, I do renounce them.**
P: Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?
**C: Yes, I believe in God the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**
P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son?
**C: Yes, I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**
P: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?
**C: Yes, 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.**

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P: Through Baptism God has added Meyer to His own people to declare the wonderful deeds of our Savior, who has called us out of darkness into His marvelous light.
**C: We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as a fellow member of the body of Christ, a child of the same heavenly Father, to work with us in His kingdom.**

P: And you, Meyer, the Lord bless you in all your ways from this time forth and even forevermore.

**C: Amen.**

## MESSAGE "Kindness to Persecuted Messengers" Pastor Johann

## MUSICAL REFLECTION

## OFFERINGS & OPPORTUNITIES Communications Director Jeff Donahue

*Please fill out the Welcome Card in your bulletin and place it in the offering basket.*

## PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*After the pastor says "Lord, hear our prayer," we respond by singing:*

Band: You hear us calling, You hear us calling, Abba Father
You hear us calling, You hear us calling, Abba Father

***People:*** ***Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy***
***Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy***

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

## CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

[We confess together] **God of grace and mercy, we confess that we have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions; time and time again we have failed to love You with all that we have; we have failed to love our neighbors and those in need. Forgive the wrong we have done, and the good we have left undone. For our sins we deserve separation from you. But Lord, You are overflowing with mercy. Bring back to life within us the joy of Your saving grace; heal our brokenness, give light to our path, and rest to our souls. Give us the desire and the power to grow in Your image, through Jesus Christ, the Light of the world. Amen.**

## COMMUNION

***Some notes about Holy Communion***

**We believe** that Jesus 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 received their First Communion, examined themselves, acknowledge the true body and blood of Jesus Christ in the sacrament for the forgiveness of their sins, and sincerely seek to amend their lives to join us in this holy meal.

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

## COMMUNION SONG "Even If"

They say sometimes you win some
Sometimes you lose some
And right now right now I'm losing bad
I've stood on this stage night after night
Reminding the broken it'll be alright
But right now oh right now I just can't

*Pre-Chorus 1:*
*It's easy to sing*
*When there's nothing to bring me down*
*But what will I say*
*When I'm held to the flame like I am right now*

*Chorus 1:*
*I know You're able and I know You can*
*Save through the fire with Your mighty hand*
*But even if You don't*
*My hope is You alone*

They say it only takes a little faith
To move a mountain
Well good thing
A little faith is all I have right now

*Pre-Chorus 2:*
*But God when You choose*
*To leave mountains unmovable*
*Oh give me the strength to be able to sing*
*It is well with my soul*

*Chorus 1*

*Chorus 2:*
*I know the sorrow and I know the hurt*
*Would all go away if You just say the word*
*But even if You don't*
*My hope is You alone*

You've been faithful
You've been good all of my days
Jesus I will cling to You
Come what may
'Cause I know You're able
I know You care

*Chorus 1*

*Chorus 2*

It is well with my soul
It is well it is well with my soul

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## BLESSING & SENDING

## SENDING SONG "Praise"

I'll praise in the valley
Praise on the mountain
I'll praise when I'm sure
Praise when I'm doubting
I'll praise when outnumbered
Praise when surrounded
'Cause praise is the water
My enemies drown in

*Pre-Chorus:*
*As long as I'm breathing*
*I've got a reason to*

*Chorus 1:*
*Praise the Lord oh my soul*
*Praise the Lord oh my soul*

I'll praise when I feel it
And I'll praise when I don't
I'll praise 'cause I know
You're still in control
'Cause my praise is a weapon
It's more than a sound
My praise is the shout

That brings Jericho down

*Pre-Chorus:*
*As long as I'm breathing*
*I've got a reason to*

*Chorus 2:*
*Praise the Lord oh my soul*
*Praise the Lord oh my soul*
*I won't be quiet*
*My God is alive*
*How could I keep it inside*
*Praise the Lord oh my soul*

I'll praise 'cause You're sovereign
Praise 'cause You reign
Praise 'cause You rose and defeated the grave
I'll praise 'cause You're faithful
Praise 'cause You're true
Praise 'cause there's nobody greater than You
(Repeat)

*Chorus 3:*
*Praise the Lord oh my soul*
*Praise the Lord oh my soul*
*Praise the Lord oh my soul*
*Praise the Lord oh my soul*

I won't be quiet
My God is alive
How could I keep it inside
I won't be quiet
My God is alive
How could I keep it inside
I won't be quiet
My God is alive
How could I keep it inside
Praise the Lord oh my soul

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| Serving Today | |
|---|---|
| **Worship Leader** | Pastor James |
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| **Kitchen Cleanup** | * |

* = unfilled as of November 18

**Be a part** of the SUNDAY/PRAISE community by serving in our worship gatherings as greeters, ushers, singers, instrumentalists, AV support, and others. Interested? Contact us by emailing gslc@gslcva.org or calling 703-437-5020.

## Board of Servant Leaders

Tony Esse, chair
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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 this core ministry area, Good Shepherd supports a variety of mission efforts: financial and prayerful partnering with missionaries, worldwide and local (Randy and Melanie Stockman); synod/district, social ministry, and community service (Holly Vanderhoof); evangelism, publicity, media, and social media (Jeff Donahue).

### 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) 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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# ADDITIONAL READINGS FOR THIS WEEK FROM GOD'S WORD

## From the Old Testament — Ezekiel 34:11–16, 20–24

*Because Israel's kings proved to be bad shepherds, Ezekiel declares that the Lord will assume the role of shepherd in Israel. The Lord will also set over them a shepherd-messiah, "my servant David," who will feed and care for the people.*

11 Thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep and will sort them out. 12 As shepherds
sort out their flocks when they are among scattered sheep, so I will sort out my sheep. I will rescue
them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness.
13 I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries and bring them into
their own land, and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the
inhabited parts of the land. 14 I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel
shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich
pasture on the mountains of Israel. 15 I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make
them lie down, says the Lord God. 16 I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strays, and I will
bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will
feed them with justice.

20 Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the
lean sheep. 21 Because you pushed with flank and shoulder and butted at all the weak animals with
your horns until you scattered them far and wide, 22 I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be
ravaged, and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

23 I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them; he shall feed
them and be their shepherd. 24 And I the Lord will be their God, and my servant David shall be
prince among them; I the Lord have spoken.

## From the New Testament — Ephesians 1:15–23

*In this passage, God is praised for revealing ultimate divine power in raising Jesus from the dead. The resurrected, exalted Christ is Lord of both the church and the entire universe, now and in the age to come.*

15 I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason
16 I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, 17 that the God of our Lord
Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to
know him, 18 so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive what is the hope to
which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, 19 and
what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of
his great power. 20 God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and
seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, 21 far above all rule and authority and power
and dominion and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come.
22 And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church,
23 which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.