

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

10 AM

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Greeters



Welcome to Good Shepherd!

- You are in the right place! If you have any questions or need anything, please feel free to ask an usher or the pastor and we will be glad to help.
- Please sign in. Pew Pads are located at the end of each pew. Please sign in and pass them down to the end of the row. If you are a visitor, please include contact information - you will receive a single email/note from Pastor Kate but don't worry - we won't send you further emails unless you wish!
- You are invited to write a prayer request on the white podium situated at the entrance to the worship space which will be included and spoken in worship today, or share a prayer request inside the pew pads.
- There is one gender-neutral bathroom located on this level. Additional restrooms are located downstairs.

Children in Worship

Children (and their noise and wiggles) are always welcome in worship and are an important part of our church. But, if you need a break, the service audio is played in the lounge, and there is a staffed nursery located downstairs.

Changing rooms are located in the downstairs bathrooms. There are worship bags and books for children located in the back of the sanctuary. During the school year, Sunday School is held during the 10:45 AM worship service, for ages 3 - 12th grade. If you have questions about Sunday School, First Communion, or Confirmation classes, please contact Denise Steene at education@gsclutheran.net

Good Shepherd's Statement of Welcome

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church invites you on a journey of faith. We welcome the participation of all ages, races, religious backgrounds, sexual orientations, gender identities, socioeconomic, marital, and family statuses, abilities, political affiliations, and national origins. Ministry is strengthened by diversity, and we welcome all in worship, fellowship, learning, and service. You are a child of God; you are welcome here.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship

Cindy Berry

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God, **you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.**

You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.

You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right.

In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life.

Amen.

You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith. In the cross of ☩ Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

All Are Welcome

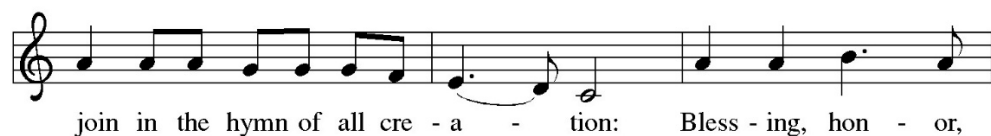
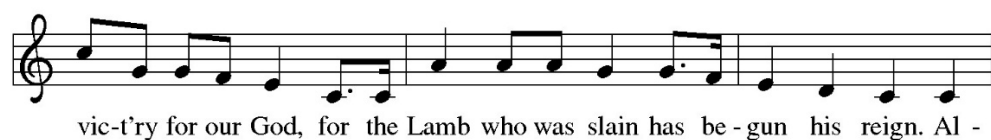
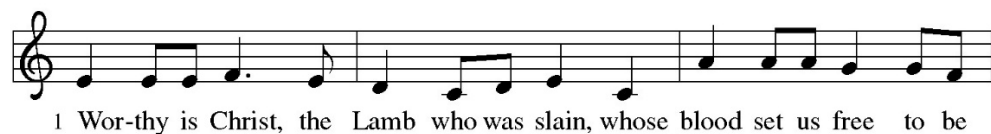
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GREETING

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.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Eternal God, you draw near to us in Christ, and you make yourself our guest. Amid the cares of our lives, make us attentive to your presence, that we may treasure your word above all else, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please sign the pew pad and pass it down so that all in your pew can sign in. Before or after the service, and during the sharing of the peace, we invite you to get to know those near you in worship.

MISSION MOMENT

Carlton Willis- Chair of the Board of Directors of ALIVE!

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: Genesis 18:1-10a

A reading from Genesis.

¹The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. ²He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them and bowed down to the ground. ³He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. ⁴Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. ⁵Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So, they said, "Do as you have said." ⁶And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." ⁷Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. ⁸Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared and set it before them, and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

⁹They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." ^{10a}Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

PSALM: Psalm 15

We will read Psalm 15 together.

¹ **LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle?**

Who may abide upon your holy hill?

² **Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right,
who speak the truth from their heart;**

³ **they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends;
they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.**

⁴ **In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who fear the LORD.
They have sworn upon their health and do not take back their word.**

⁵ **They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes against the innocent.
Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.**

SECOND READING: Colossians 1:15-28

A reading from Colossians.

¹⁵[Christ Jesus] is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation,¹⁶ for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through

him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

²¹ And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²² he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him, ²³ provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a minister of this gospel.

²⁴ I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. ²⁵ I became its minister according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, ²⁶ the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. ²⁷ To them God chose to make known how great among the gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. ²⁸ It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: Luke 10:38-42

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁸ Now as [Jesus and his disciples] went on their way, he entered a certain village where a woman named Martha welcomed him. ³⁹ She had a sister named Mary, who sat at Jesus's feet and listened to what he was saying. ⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted by her many tasks, so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her, then, to help me." ⁴¹ But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things, ⁴² but few things are needed—indeed only one. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Denise Steene

Jesus loves the little children,
All the children of the world.
Stranger, friend, and neighbor too,
God loves them as God loves you.
Jesus loves the little children of the world.

SERMON

Pastor Kate Costa

HYMN OF THE DAY

Lord Speak to Us, That We May Speak

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APOSTLES' CREED

We confess our faith using the words of the Apostles' Creed.

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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each petition will end with "Hear us, O God" with the response **"Your mercy is great."**

PEACE

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

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING INSTRUCTIONS



*The offering is a gift of thanks which is used to support the ministries of the church locally and globally.
Please feel free to put cash/checks/online giving cards in the offering plate or donate here:*

www.gslutheran.net/give

OFFERING MUSIC

Alex Gray

OFFERING



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

OFFERING PRAYER

Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful.
Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **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:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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.

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

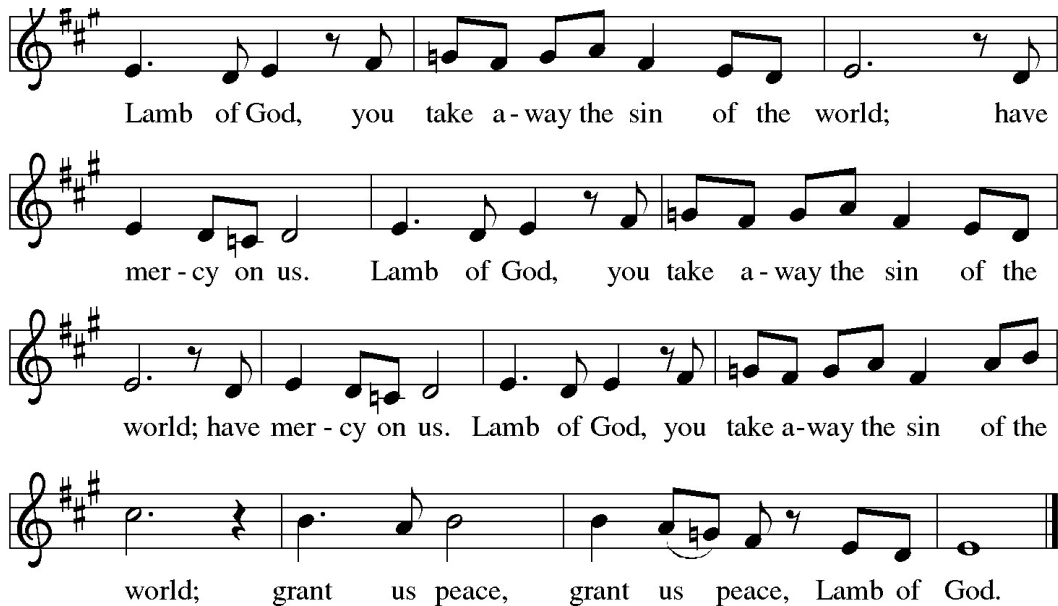
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The kingdom of God is set before you. Come, eat and rejoice. **Amen.**

COMMUNION INSTRUCTIONS

This is Christ's table, and all are welcome here! An usher will direct you to the communion rail where you may kneel or stand. You will first receive the bread (gluten-free wafers are available) and then take a glass of wine or grape juice from the tray. Please remain at the rail until the blessing is said and then return to your seat by the outside aisle. If you (or your child) do not yet commune, please let the pastor know and they will share a blessing. Children may commune at any age; we offer communion instruction for those in the second grade or older.

LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

COMMUNION HYMNS

*Jesu, Jesu
Here Is Bread*

ELW 708
ELW 483

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. Mothering God, you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts; and the life of the Spirit ✠ bless you and give you peace. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

The Spirit Sends Us Forth To Serve

ELW 551

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Postlude on "Chesterfield"

Don Hodell Chilcote

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All the people of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

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