

Worship
Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

November 14, 2021
8:30 & 9:45am



Good Shepherd
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Welcome to Worship

Whether one's feet are big or small, fresh or worn, running or crawling
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church is:
Together on the Journey, Sharing God's Love

PRELUDE *"You and Me"* Mark Wilmot

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS
Temple Talk: Social Ministry Team

GREETING

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

L. In the name of the Creator, and of the Savior, and of the Holy Spirit.

C. Amen.

SONG *"God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"*

God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store: nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door, gifted by you, we turn to you, offering up ourselves in praise; thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.

Skills and time are ours for pressing toward the goals of Christ, your Son: all at peace in health and freedom, races joined, the church made one. Now direct our daily labor, lest we strive for self alone; born with talents, make us servants fit to answer at your throne.

Treasure, too, you have entrusted, gain through pow'rs your grace conferred; ours to use for home and kindred, and to spread the gospel word. Open wide our hands in sharing, as we heed Christ's ageless call, healing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving you by loving all.

GATHERING LITANY (Based on Acts 4, Luke 2 & Mark 12)

L 1. Jesus looked up and saw the rich putting their gifts into the treasury:

L 2. Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common.

C. Gather us in, Holy One, show us the way home.

L 1. And Jesus saw a poor widow put in two copper coins.

L 2. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold.

C. Gather us in, Compassionate Christ, help us to see safety and hear welcome.

L 1. Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them; for they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all the living that she had.

L 2. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

C. Gather us in, Sustaining Spirit, enable us to open our arms and extend the circle.

SPECIAL MUSIC *"Auction Day"* Mark Wilmot

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L. The Grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the Love of God and the Communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

C. And also with you.

L. Let us pray together,

C. God of Compassion, you love the world with a complete, joyful, and selfless love. You call us to love you and our neighbor in the same way. Teach us to be generous in love and ready to serve. Inspire us to share our talents and our time. Help us to live with such passion and purpose, that we may one day look back and smile at what we have given to others in the name of your love. Amen.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God. For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God. For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us, most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

BIBLE READING Mark 12:38-44

As he was teaching, he said, "Watch out for the legal experts. They like to walk around in long robes. They want to be greeted with honor in the markets. They long for places of honor in the synagogues and at banquets. They are the ones who cheat widows out of their homes, and to show off they say long prayers. They will be judged most harshly." Jesus sat across from the collection box for the temple treasury and observed how the crowd gave their money. Many rich people were throwing in lots of money. One poor widow came forward and put in two small copper coins worth a penny. Jesus called his disciples to him and said, "I assure you that this poor widow has put in more than everyone who's been putting money in the treasury. All of them are giving out of their spare change. But she from her hopeless poverty has given everything she had, even what she needed to live on."

The Word of the Lord

C. Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE Pastor Leesa Soderlind

SONG *"There Are Many Ways of Sharing"*

There are many ways of sharing, but God's Spirit gives each one. There are different ways of caring; it's one Lord whose work is done. God, whose gifts are overflowing, may we hear you when you call. Keep us serving, keep us growing, for the common good of all.

We've been baptized in the waters! We've been given work to do. When you call your sons and daughters, you give gifts for serving you. God, we join in celebration of the talents you impart. Bless each baptized one's vocation; give each one a servant's heart.

All are blest by gifts you give us; some are set apart to lead. Give us Jesus' love within us as we care for those in need. Give us faith to make decisions; give us joy to share your Word. Give us unity and vision as we serve your church and world.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: Gifts of the Spirit

**Jesus stays with us in the Spirit,
who renews our hearts,
moves us to faith,**

**leads us in the truth,
stands by us in our need,
and makes our obedience fresh and vibrant.**

**The Spirit's gifts are here to stay
in rich variety – fitting responses to timely needs.
We thankfully see each other
as gifted members of the body of Christ
which delights in the creative Spirit's work.
We are given more than enough
for God's praise and our neighbor's welfare.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Spirit intercedes for us with sighs too deep for words to express oh, oh, oh (x2)

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.

(9:45) WORSHIP MOMENT WITH THE CHILDREN

OFFERING *You can place your offering in the plate upon entering or leaving worship. Or you may give online at our website.
Thank you for your generosity.*

OFFERING SONG

**We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering.
Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our lives, they are yours: we are an offering. All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you. We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering, we are an offering.**

OFFERING PRAYER

Dear Lord, you give to us generously and joyfully. In loving response, we offer these gifts and our hearts back to you. May we seize the opportunity to befriend the lonely, provide for the needy, and rejoice together, each and every day we are blessed to live. Amen.

FAREWELL & GOD'S SPEED PASTOR JERRY STORM

BLESSING

SONG *"Go Walk with God"*
**Go walk with God in all you do and may God's love bring joy to you.
May gifts of peace fill all your days and may God's truth guide you always.**

**O may the grace of Christ our Lord, the wondrous love that comes from God,
the Spirit's fellowship now be God's gifts to you eternally.**

**We thank you, Lord, for life we share in learning, serving, praise and prayer.
And when we say good-bye to friends, we thank you, Lord: Love never ends.**

DISMISSAL

P. Go in Peace, Serve the Lord.

C. Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE *"The Gift of Love"*

This week, please pray for:

Healing:

Emily Glass, chemo before January surgery (Breast Cancer)

Dave Johnson, cancer, brother of Lisa Langton

Richard Hanson, hospice, uncle of Lisa Langton

Kayley Gillson, healing/anticipating another surgery

Colin Runnoe, recovering from burns, nephew of Sandra Klinkhammer

Evan Adamson, strength

Grief:

Those facing the holidays without their loved one

Other:

Pastor Courtney Steitz and Good Shepherd, as we prepare for ministry together

Pastor Jerry Storm, as he prepares to retire

First Communion Class

All Ages - Wednesday, November 24 @ 5:00-6:30pm

This class taught by Pastor Leesa regarding the Sacrament of Holy Communion is open to people of all ages, which is current with the ELCA's communication regarding First Communion. A meal will be provided followed by an overview for those receiving the Sacrament for the first time and others wanting a refresher on its message. Participants are asked to stay to celebrate their 1st Communion at the 6:30 Thanksgiving Eve service. A parent should attend this class with children younger than grade 5. To sign up for this class contact Karen @ children@goodshepherdigh.com

Engage, Enlighten, Execute Stewardship Appeal 2021 is celebrated in worship next week on November 21. Please bring your Statement of Intent cards for a blessing of our intended 2022 contributions. You may also mail them to GSLC or send an email to 2022giving@goodshepherdigh.com with your intended 2022 contributions.

Congregational Meeting – November 21 – 9:15-9:30 & 10:30-10:45

We will vote on calling Pastor Courtney Steitz as our Associate Pastor. We invite you to ask the Call Committee questions about Pastor Courtney as a way to get to know her through their meetings and interviews.

GriefShare

Good Shepherd is offering a new grief support program called GriefShare. The sessions are on Monday evenings from 6-8 pm which will include a video featuring leading grief recovery experts, small group discussion (you don't have to talk if you choose not to), refreshments and weekly handouts. Each session is "self-contained" and therefore it is not problematic if you cannot attend one. Free will donations are accepted at each session. We are excited to implement this encouraging series of comfort, support and valuable resources and hope you will participate. Brochures are available at the welcome center. Walk-ins are Welcome!

The Season of Advent begins on Sunday, November 28

We are looking for people of all ages to help decorate the Sanctuary by participating in the "Hanging of the Greens" worship services on this day. Sign up at the Welcome Desk or with Karen @ children@goodshepherdigh.com.

It's time to order your Christmas Poinsettias!

Plants are \$25.00. You can sign up on the yellow Sign-Up Central sheet handed out before worship. Completed sheets can be placed in the basket at the Welcome Center. Please include payment in the offering plate or online when you sign up. Plants may be picked up starting December 28.