

Hymn Festival Worship
Celebrating God's Blessings in Song

November 21, 2021
8:30 & 9:45am



Good Shepherd

LUTHERAN CHURCH

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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 *"Gather Us In", "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN FEST INTRODUCTION

SONG *"Just a Closer Walk with Thee"*

Refrain: **Just a closer walk with thee, grant it Jesus, is my plea:
daily walking close to thee, let it be, dear Lord, let it be.**

**I am weak but thou art strong: Jesus, keep me from all wrong;
I'll be satisfied as long as I walk, let me walk close to thee. *Refrain***

SONG *"Majesty"*

Majesty, worship his majesty: unto Jesus be all glory, honor, and praise. Majesty, kingdom authority flows from his throne unto his own; his anthem raise. So, exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus. Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus the king. Majesty, worship his majesty: Jesus who died, now glorified, King of all kings.

SONG *"Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"*

Lord, I lift your name on high; Lord, I love to sing your praises. I'm so glad you're in my life, I'm so glad you came to save us. You came from heaven to earth to show the way, from the earth to the cross, my debt to pay, from the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky; Lord, I lift your name on high.

SONG *"I Love to Tell the Story"*

I love to tell the story of unseen things above, of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love. I love to tell the story, because I know it's true; it satisfies my longings as nothing else would do. I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

CALL TO WORSHIP

L. Spread your open hands toward heaven.

C. Make a joyful noise to the Lord!

L. The Lord is like no other God.

C. Let us worship the Lord with gladness!

L. Come together with dance and song:

C. The Lord has made us, Hallelujah!

To the Lord we belong, forever!

SONG *"Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord"*

Introduction by Exaltation Ringers

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, open the eyes of my heart; I want to see You, I want to see you. Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, open the eyes of my heart; I want to see you. I want to see you.

To see you high and lifted up, shining in the light of your glory. Pour out your pow'r and love as we sing, "Holy, holy, holy." Holy, holy, holy. Holy, holy, holy. Holy, holy, holy. I want to see you. Holy, holy, holy. Holy, holy, holy. Holy, holy, holy. I want to see you.

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. LORD, we thank you for the many ways we can express ourselves including through the gift of song lyrics and musical melodies.

Lectern Side:

We thank you for the way music can describe every emotion: joy and delight; melancholy and sadness; wonder and worship; love and adoration.

Pulpit Side:

We thank you that music can soothe the soul and bring solace to those who mourn.

All:

**We thank you that we can make merry before you and show our joy in music and song, singing and making melody in our heart, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

SONG STORY Joseph M. Scriven (1819-1886)

SONG *"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"*

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear! What a privilege to carry ev'rything to God in prayer! Oh, what peace we often forfeit; oh, what needless pain we bear - all because we do not carry ev'rything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere? We should never be discouraged - take it to the Lord in prayer. Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share? Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness - take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy-laden, cumbered with a load of care? Precious Savior, still our refuge - take it to the Lord in prayer. Do your friends despise, forsake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer. In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a solace there.

SONG STORY Chris Tomlin (1972 -)

SONG *"Amazing Grace, My Chains are Gone"*

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a soul like me. I once was lost, but now I'm found, was blind, but now I see.

Refrain: **My chains are gone, I've been set free. My God, my Savior, has ransomed me. And like a flood His mercy reigns. Unending love, Amazing grace.**

The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures. He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures. *Refrain*

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow, the sun forbear to shine. But God who called me here below, will be forever mine. Will be forever mine. You are forever mine.

BIBLE READING Psalm 98

L. Sing to the LORD a new song,

C. for he has done marvelous things.

L. With his right hand and his holy arm

C. has he won for himself the victory.

L. The LORD has made known his victory.

C. His righteousness he has openly shown in the sight of the nations.

L. He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel,

C. and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

L. Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands;

C. lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

L. Sing to the LORD with the harp,

C. with the harp and the voice of song.

L. With trumpets and the sound of the horn,

C. shout with joy before the king, the LORD.

L. Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it,

C. the lands and those who dwell therein.

L. Let the rivers clap their hands,

**C. and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,
when he comes to judge the earth.**

L. In righteousness shall he judge the world

C. and the peoples with equity.

SONG *"This Little Light of Mine"*

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine; this little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine; this little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine; ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine; ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

SPECIAL MUSIC *"This Little Light of Mine"* Exaltation Ringers

SONG STORY Carl Boberg (1859-1940)

SONG *"How Great Thou Art"*

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder consider all the works thy hands hath made, I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder, thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed: Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee, how great thou art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul my Savior God, to thee, how great thou art! How great thou art!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SONG *"How Great Thou Art"*

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation, and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in humble adoration and there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art!" Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee, how great thou art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul my Savior God, to thee, how great thou art! How great thou art!

OFFERING INTENTION 2022

Cole Kelly, Council President

BLESSING OF GIFTS

L. Creator of all, the earth is yours,
the world and all who live in it.

**C. You have entrusted us with gifts –
time, talent, energy, money –
and asked us to use them to build your kingdom.
With thanks and praise we respond to your call.**

L. We bring our intention for giving in 2022,
returning your generosity, paying it forward.

**C. We offer ourselves, our lives, our hopes and fears,
our dollars and our hours.
We commit ourselves to work for your world,
to love and serve wherever you call.**

L. We ask your blessing on Good Shepherd Lutheran Church,
as we seek to follow you with heart, mind, and soul.

**C. Bless also these gifts, our investment in your future,
that they may multiply in faith, hope, and love.
Amen.**

OFFERTORY SONG *"Come, Thou Fount"*

**Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace; streams of mercy,
never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. While the hope of endless glory fills
my heart with joy and love, teach me ever to adore thee; may I still thy goodness
prove.**

HOLY COMMUNION

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.**

SONG STORY Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

SONG *"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross/The Wonderful Cross"*

**When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of Glory died, my richest gain,
I count but loss and pour contempt on all my pride.**

Oh the wonderful cross, oh the wonderful cross bids me come and die and find that I may truly live. Oh the wonderful cross, or the wonderful cross. All who gather here by grace, draw near and bless Your name. When I survey the wonderful cross.

BENEDICTION

L. The Spirit blesses us all with a new song:

C. Let our joy be complete!

L. Gifts for the good of all, are poured out to teach us a new song:

C. Love one another!

L. Strangers and neighbors, foreigners and family join in the new song:

C. No longer servants but friends!

L. You are sent to make a joyful noise.

C. Rejoicing in the friendship of God.

SONG OF BLESSING

May the peace of Christ our Lord be with you today and now as we go on our way. May the journey on this earth to our home in heav'n above, be filled with all the promises of God's unending love. And may we share God's Word, may we share God's peace. May we share God's love, always!

SENDING

P. Let us go forth Together on the Journey

C. Sharing God's Love!

SONG *"Holy, Holy, Holy"*

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee. Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

CONGREGATIONAL VOTE TO CALL PASTOR COURTNEY STEITZ

This week, please pray for:

Healing:

Emily Glass, radiation and 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

Associate Pastor Call Committee Recommends Pastor Courtney Steitz

Courtney grew up in the metro area of Minnesota but most recently has been living in Colorado with her husband and daughter. She earned her Master of Arts from Luther Seminary in 2019. She has led various outreach programs, spent time in different denominations and worked as a director of refugee ministry in Colorado. She enjoys trying new things, working with youth and is committed to justice. She received glowing recommendations from her past positions and it was said she has great vision and gently guides others toward the church's mission. She enjoys the outdoors and spends time with nature each day. Courtney sees a need for both silo and intergenerational ministry and creating resources for faith formation at home. She believes that faith is deepened and transformed by engagement with our neighbors. Good Shepherd would be Courtney's second call. The Associate Call committee gladly provides Good Shepherd's church council this recommendation and is excited about Courtney and what she will be able to do for and with the Good Shepherd congregation.

Thanksgiving Eve Worship & Pie Dessert

Celebrate God's glory and the many gifts given to us at our annual Thanksgiving Eve worship on Wednesday, November 24 at 6:30. Our children will be receiving their First Communion during this celebratory service. Sign Up Central to bring a store-bought pie for our fellowship feast following worship. Yellow Sign-Up Central sheets can be placed in the basket at the Welcome Center

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

GriefShare - One More Discussion for this Series on Monday, November 29

No Grief-Share tomorrow, Monday, November 22. We will meet for one more session in this series on Monday, November 29. Then on Monday, December 6 at 6:00pm will be our very special Service of Healing.

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.

Welcome Visitors on Sunday Mornings

The Hospitality Team invites you to sign up to welcome new visitors to our church family on Sunday mornings, after one or both services. Bring your smile and warm welcome. Invite visitor(s) to stay for coffee, cookies and conversation. Be available to answer any questions they might have about Good Shepherd or jot them down for Pastor Leesa. Name tags will be available at the Welcome Center for you to wear along with some info for you to give our visitor(s). If you have any questions, please contact: Solveig Bentson @ 651-592-4663. You may sign up on the Sign-Up Central yellow sheet or visit the hospitality page of our website to access the Sign-Up Genius.