Worship All Saints' Day November 10, 2024 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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

- L. We gather today to remember who we are.
- C. We are beloved children of God!
- L. We gather today to remember those who have died and have gone before us.
- C. They are beloved children of God!
- L. We gather today to be reminded of whose we are.
- C. We belong to the God of love and grace!

SONG *"For All the Saints"*

For all the saints who from their labors rest, who thee by faith before the world confessed, thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine, we feebly struggle, they in glory shine; yet all are one in thee, for all are thine. Alleluia!

But then there breaks a yet more glorious day: the saints triumphant rise in bright array; the King of glory passes on his way. Alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, through gates of pearl streams in the countless host, singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost: Alleluia! Alleluia!

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

- L. In the name of the Creator, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C. Amen.
- L. Forgiving God, it is easy to forget who we are.
- C. We confess that we often let fear and guilt and shame overcome us. Wash us clean in your forgiving love. Remind us again, gracious God, that we belong to you and have been marked with the cross forever.
- L. Children of God, hear the promise that God is "making all things new." You are forgiven through the cross of Christ. Live in confidence knowing that you belong to God!
- C. Amen.

SONG "Beautiful Savior"

Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations, Son of God and Son of Man! Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be thine!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- L. The Lord be with you.
- C. And also with you.
- L. Let us pray together,

C. Loving God, we thank you for the faithful witness of your saints in every time and place. Like them, may we, your beloved children, grow in trust of you, becoming agents of your love, kindness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our beautiful Savior. Amen.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! Praise eternal as his love; Alleluia! Praise him, all you heav'nly host, Alleluia! Father, Son and Holy Ghost, Alleluia!

BIBLE READING Revelation 7:9-12

After this I looked, and there was a great crowd that no one could number. They were from every nation, tribe, people, and language. They were standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They wore white robes and held palm branches in their hands. They cried out with a loud voice: "Victory belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb." All the angels stood in a circle around the throne, and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell facedown before the throne and worshipped God, saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and always. Amen."

The Word of the Lord

C. Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE Pastor Leesa Soderlind

SONG "Ye Watchers & Ye Holy Ones"

Ye watchers and ye holy ones, bright seraphs, cherubim, and thrones, raise the glad strain: "Alleluia!" Cry out, dominions, princedoms, pow'rs, archangels, virtues, angel choirs:

Refrain: "Alleluia! Alleluia!" Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

O higher than the cherubim, more glorious than the seraphim, lead their praises: "Alleluia!" Thou bearer of the eternal Word, most gracious, magnify the Lord: *Refrain*

Respond, ye souls in endless rest, ye patriarchs and prophets blest: "Alleluia! Alleluia!" Ye holy twelve, ye martyrs strong, all saints triumphant, raise the song: *Refrain*

O friends, in gladness let us sing, supernal anthems echoing: "Alleluia! Alleluia!" To God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit, Three in One: *Refrain*

REMEMBERING THE SAINTS

- L. Let us pray,
- C. God of ages, we give you thanks for saints; those of our day and of days before, who nurtured us in faith, who told us the stories of Jesus, and who cultivated among us the sense of our own vocation to follow God's path. Help us not only to remember them, but also to follow their example. Thank you, God, for the gift of saints.
- L. Today we especially remember members of Good Shepherd who have died in the last year: Joanne Banach, Bruce Bentson, Joan Bierman, Kerry Bieze, Al Brodd, Gary Erdman, Evelyn Fisher, Sandra Gundry, Bonnie Kuehn, Connie LaVenture, Jeri Palechek, Kenneth Peterson, Howard Register, Faith Reitan, Pat Reppe, Lois Rice, Anne Wiederhold.

A bell will toll and a candle is lit following the reading of each name.

L. We acknowledge others who have served as saints and have now died – parents, teachers, mentors and friends who have challenged us to be all God created us to be.

Silence for Reflection – A Bell is tolled

C. Keep us grateful for the witness of the saints of all generations, and make us, like them, eager to follow in the way of Christ. Then at the last, bring us with them to share in the inheritance of the saints of life. Amen.

Bell tolls three times

OFFERING RECEIVED

(All who are able, please stand) OFFERTORY SONG *"Doxology"* **Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

DISTRIBUTION SONGS

"You Are Mine"

I will come to you in the silence, I will lift you from all your fear. You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice. Be still and know I am here.

Refrain: **Do not be afraid, I am with you. I have called you each by name. Come and follow me, I will bring you home; I love you and you are mine.**

I am hope for all who are hopeless, I am eyes for all who long to see. In the shadows of the night, I will be your light. Come and rest in me. *Refrain*

I am strength for all the despairing, healing for the ones who dwell in shame. All the blind will see, the lame will all run free, and all will know my name. *Refrain*

I am the Word that leads all to freedom, I am the peace the world cannot give. I will call your name, embracing all your pain. Stand up, now walk and live! *Refrain*

"Of the Father's Love Begotten"

Of the Father's love begotten ere the worlds began to be, he is Alpha and Omega, he the source, the ending he, of the things that are, that have been, and that future years shall see, evermore and evermore.

This is he whom seers in old time chanted of with one accord, whom the voices of the prophets promised in their faithful word; now he shines, the long-expected; let creation praise its Lord evermore and evermore.

Christ, to thee, with God the Father, and, O Holy Ghost, to thee, hymn and chant and high thanksgiving and unwearied praises be: honor, glory, and dominion, and eternal victory evermore and evermore!

"Blessed Assurance"

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine! Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Refrain: 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, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight; angels descending bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love. *Refrain*

Perfect submission, all is at rest; I in my Savior am happy and blest, watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love. *Refrain*

COMMUNION BLESSING

BLESSING

- P. May the Lord our God the Alpha and Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end – be with you this day and forevermore.
- C. Alleluia!

SONG "O Day Full of Grace"

O day full of grace that now we see appearing on earth's horizon, bring light from our God that we may be abundant in joy this season. God, shine for us now in this dark place; your name on our hearts emblazon.

When we on that final journey go that Christ is for us preparing, we'll gather in song, our hearts aglow, all joy of the heavens sharing, and there we will join God's endless praise, with angels and saints adoring.

DISMISSAL

- P. Let us go forth Together on the Journey
- C. Sharing God's Love!

POSTLUDE