

Worship  
Fruit of the Spirit Sunday

November 17, 2024  
8:30am



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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**

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism.*

- P. The Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives:
- C. Love that leads to joy and peace,**
- P. Along with patience, kindness, and goodness,
- C. Faithfulness, gentleness, and patience, and self-control.**
- P. God gives us many gifts, let us begin worship giving thanks to God.
- C. Amen.**

SONG            *"O God of Mercy, God of Light"*

**O God of mercy, God of light, in love and mercy infinite, teach us, as ever in your sight, to live our lives in you.**

**And may your Holy Spirit move all those who live to live in love, till you receive in heav'n above all those who live in you.**

#### CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

- P. Gracious Lord, you call us to be people who follow your way of love, joy, and peace. Yet too often we choose our own way. Choosing to love ourselves and overlook the needs of our neighbors. We turn from your way and pursue our own, ignoring the fruit of the Spirit that you have promised us.

*Silence for reflection*

- P. The fruit of the Spirit is freely given by God, to be freely shared with others. You are loved and forgiven, blessed and treasured today and always.
- C. Amen.**

SONG OF PRAISE    *"God, Your Blessings Overflow" -to the tune of "For the Beauty of the Earth"*  
**God, your blessings overflow! What can we begin to say? How can we begin to show all our gratitude this day? God, we join to worship you, giving thanks for all you do.**

#### 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. Sustainer of all, grant that your love and goodness which we proclaim today may enter into our hearts through your grace, that it may produce in us the fruit of the Spirit for witness and service in the world you have made. Amen.**

(Those who are able, please stand)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

BIBLE READING Galatians 5:13-15, 22-25

You were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only don't let this freedom be an opportunity to indulge your selfish impulses, but serve each other through love. All the Law has been fulfilled in a single statement: *Love your neighbor as yourself.* But if you bite and devour each other, be careful that you don't get eaten up by each other!

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against things like this. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the self with its passions and its desires. If we live by the Spirit, let's follow the Spirit.

The Word of the Lord

**C. Thanks be to God**

MESSAGE Pastor Courtney Steitz

SONG *"Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil"*

**Lord, let my heart be good soil, open to the seed of your word. Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is understood.**

**When my heart is hard, break the stone away. When my heart is cold, warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way. Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.**

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*The following is said after each prayer petition*

L. Lord in your mercy

**C. Hear our prayer**

OFFERING RECEIVED

(Those who are able, please stand)

OFFERTORY SONG *"We Give Thee But Thine Own"*

**We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be;  
All that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.**

OFFERING PRAYER

**God of power, God of plenty, all things belong to you. We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed. Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

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.**

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

SONG *"Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"*

**Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise, the glories of my God and king, the triumphs of his grace!**

**My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim, to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of your name.**

**The name of Jesus charms our fears and bids our sorrows cease, sings music in the sinner's ears, brings life and health and peace.**

**He speaks, and list'ning to his voice, new life the dead receive; the mournful, broken hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe.**

**Look unto him, your Savior own, O fallen human race! Look and be saved through faith alone, be justified by grace!**

**To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever giv'n by saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heav'n.**

SONG *"All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly"*

**All who hunger, gather gladly; holy manna is our bread. Come from wilderness and wand'ring. Here in truth we will be fed. You that yearn for days of fullness, all around us is our food. Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.**

**All who hunger, never strangers; seeker, be a welcome guest. Come from restlessness and roaming. Here in joy we keep the feast. We that once were lost and scattered in communion's love have stood. Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.**

**All who hunger, sing together, Jesus Christ is living bread. Come from loneliness and longing. Here in peace we have been fed. Blest are those who from this table live their days in gratitude. Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.**

COMMUNION BLESSING

COMMUNION PRAYER

**Blessed be your name, O God, for we have feasted on your Word, Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts. Strengthened by this food, send us to gather the world to your banquet, where none are left out and all are satisfied. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

BLESSING

L. May you experience the Fruit of the Spirit blossoming within you. May you be granted the wisdom and courage to share this fruit with everyone around you. Wherever you go and in all that you do, may the Holy Spirit always remind you that you are a blessed and beloved child of God.

C. **Amen.**

SONG            *“Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”*

**Lord, dismiss us with your blessing, fill our hearts with joy and peace, let us each, your love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace. Oh, refresh us; oh, refresh us, trav’ling through this wilderness.**

**Thanks we give and adoration for your gospel’s joyful sound. May the fruits of your salvation in our hearts and lives abound. Ever faithful, ever faithful to your truth may we be found.**

DISMISSAL

L. Let us go forth, Together on the Journey

C. **Sharing God’s Love!**

POSTLUDE

**This Week Please Pray For:**

**Members:**

Carol Derby and Family grieving the death of her husband Dan Derby  
Wally Schmidt and Bieze Family grieving the death of Keri Bieze

**Friends and Family of Members:**

David, hospitalized/ICU, friend of Kristin & Kenndal Johnson