

Worship  
Consecration of Gifts Sunday

November 24, 2024  
8:30 & 9:45am



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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

TEMPLE TALK      Brian Hogenson

### CALL TO WORSHIP

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

- P. This is a day of thanksgiving.  
Our Lord has been very good to us.  
C. **Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

SONG              *"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"*

**Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love! Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee, praising thee, their sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the gloom of doubt away. Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.**

**Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest, well-spring of the joy of living, ocean-depth of happy rest! Thou our Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are thine, teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine!**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

- L. The Lord be with you.  
C. **And also with you.**  
L. Let us pray together,  
C. **Almighty God, your Holy Spirit equips the church with a rich variety of gifts. Grant that we may use them to bear witness to Christ in lives that are built on faith and love. Make us ready to live the gospel and eager to do your will so that through us lives are changed and that we may share with all the church in the joys of bringing forth your kingdom here on earth; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### THROUGH CARE, PRAYER & SUPPORT OUR CHURCH CHANGES LIVES

BIBLE READING      Matthew 9:35-38, 10:1      Lori Howard

REFLECTION              Pastor Leesa Soderlind

SONG              *"Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service"*

**Lord, whose love in humble service bore the weight of human need, who upon the cross, forsaken, worked your mercy's perfect deed: we, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart; consecrating to your purpose ev'ry gift which you impart.**

**Still your children wander homeless; still the hungry cry for bread; still the captives long for freedom; still in grief we mourn our dead. As you, Lord, in deep compassion healed the sick and freed the soul, by your Spirit send your power to our world to make it whole.**

**As we worship, grant us vision, till your love's revealing light in its height and depth and greatness dawns upon our quickened sight, making known the needs and burdens your compassion bids us bear, stirring us to ardent service, your abundant life to share.**

THROUGH INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY OUR CHURCH CHANGES LIVES

BIBLE READING      2 Timothy 1:5                      Jen Baglio

REFLECTION              Pastor Courtney Steitz

SONG                      *"Gather Us In"*

**We are the young, our lives are a myst'ry, we are the old who yearn for your face; we have been sung throughout all of hist'ry, called to be light for the whole human race. Gather us in, the rich and the haughty, gather us in, the proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so lowly, give us the courage to enter the song.**

**Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven, light years away - here in this place the new light is shining, now is the kingdom, and now is the day. Gather us in and hold us forever, gather us in and make us your own; gather us in, all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.**

THROUGH HOSPITALITY OUR CHURCH CHANGES LIVES

BIBLE READING      Hebrews 13:1-2                      Heidi Dzieweczynski

REFLECTION              Pastor Leesa Soderlind

SONG                      *"All Are Welcome"*

**Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live, a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive. Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of Christ shall end divisions: All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.**

**Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known. Here the outcast and the stranger, bear the image of God's face; let us bring an end to fear and danger: All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.**

THROUGH ADULT MINISTRY OUR CHURCH CHANGES LIVES

BIBLE READING      Colossians 3:12,14                      Rex Schultrich

REFLECTION              Pastor Courtney Steitz

SONG                      *"Come as You Are"*

**Come out of sadness from wherever you've been. Come broken-hearted, let rescue begin. Come find your mercy, oh sinner come kneel. Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal. Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal.**

*Chorus:*              **Lay down your burdens, lay down your shame. All who are broken, lift up your face. Oh wanderer come home, you're not too far. So lay down your hurt, lay down your heart. Come as you are.**

**There's hope for the hopeless and all those who've strayed. Come sit at the table, come taste the grace. There's hope for the weary, rest that endures. Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't cure. So, *Chorus***

**Come as you are. Fall in his arms. Come as you are.**

**There's joy for the morning, oh sinner be still. Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal. Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal. So, *Chorus***

**Come as you are. Come as you are. Come as you are.**

THROUGH SOCIAL MINISTRY OUR CHURCH CHANGES LIVES

BIBLE READING      Proverbs 31:8-9                      Bonnie Penn

REFLECTION              Pastor Leesa Soderlind

SONG                      *"Canticle of the Turning"*

**Though I am small, my God, my all, you work great things in me, and your mercy will last from the depths of the past to the end of the age to be. Your very name puts the proud to shame, and to those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the strong to flight, for the world is about to turn.**

*Refrain:*              **My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your justice burn. Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is about to turn.**

**From the halls of pow'r to the fortress tow'r, not a stone will be left on stone. Let the king beware for your justice tears ev'ry tyrant from his throne. The hungry poor shall weep no more, for the food they can never earn; there are tables spread, ev'ry mouth be fed, for the world is about to turn. *Chorus***

THROUGH STEWARDSHIP OUR CHURCH CHANGES LIVES

BIBLE READING      I Peter 4:10-11                      Nick Juarez

REFLECTION              Judy Fritz

SONG                      *"Take My Life, That I May Be"*

*Refrain:*              **Take my life that I may be consecrated, Lord, to thee;  
take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

**Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love; take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee. *Refrain***

**Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold; take my intellect and use ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose. *Refrain***

**Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine; take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne. *Refrain***

OFFERING RECEIVED

(Those who are able, please stand)

OFFERTORY 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.**

**Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine; Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine; Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

BLESSING OF GIFTS

P. Paul writes, "God is able to provide us with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, we may share abundantly in every good work."  
(2 Corinthians 9:8)

People of God, today you have been invited to return to God commitment of time, talents and treasures for the purpose of changing lives through the power of the Holy Spirit as you share God's love through various ministries. Let us pray,

C. **Accept, O God, the tokens of our love and signs of commitment which we have brought forward today. By your word of blessing and grace, may they assist you in bringing forth the kingdom of heaven here on earth. Amen.**

BENEDICTION

C. **The Lord bless us and keep us.**

**The Lord's face shine upon us and be gracious to us.**

**The Lord look upon us with favor and give us peace.**

L. In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, we pray.

C. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

L. Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C. **Thanks be to God!**

SONG *"We Are Called"*

**Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord! We are called to be light for the kingdom, to live in the freedom of the city of God.**

*Refrain:* **We are called to act with justice, we are called to love tenderly; we are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.**

POSTLUDE