

Worship  
World Hunger Day

October 26, 2025  
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

CALL TO WORSHIP *(John 6:1-14)*

- L. Come, all who hunger –  
for food, for justice, for hope.
- C. **We come, bringing what we have, even when it feels small.**
- L. There was once a boy with five loaves and two fish –  
just enough for one lunch,  
but more than enough in the hands of Jesus.
- C. **We bring our gifts, our time, our hearts.**  
**God can do great things with what we offer.**
- L. Let us worship the One who feeds the hungry,  
who multiplies mercy,  
and who calls us to do the same.
- C. **We come with open hands and open hearts.**  
**Let us worship God together!**

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.**

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

- L. James, Chapter 2. Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food.  
If one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and well fed,"  
but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it?  
In the same way, faith by itself, if not accompanied by action, is dead.

*Silent Reflection*

- C. **Loving God,**  
**we confess that we don't always live what we believe.**  
**We see people in need,**  
**but we don't always respond.**  
**We hold on to what we have,**  
**and forget that everything comes from you.**  
**Forgive us.**  
**Change our hearts.**  
**Help us to love, give, and act, just as Jesus taught us.**  
**Amen.**

- L. God is full of mercy.  
In Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.  
You are made new,  
and called to live your faith in love.
- C. **Amen.**

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

- L. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit, is with you all.
- C. **And also with you.**
- L. Let us pray together,
- C. **Precious Lord, we are in awe of your power. Scripture rings with the wonders of your love in action; creating, blessing, restoring, forgiving, calling. Throughout history and still today your compassion meets needs, heals and restores with undeserved mercy. Make us ready to join you in acting with compassionate love and mercy. Amen.**

#### (9:45) WORSHIP MOMENT WITH THE CHILDREN

##### BIBLE READING                      John 6:5-13

Jesus looked up and saw the large crowd coming toward him. He asked Philip, "Where will we buy food to feed these people?" Jesus said this to test him, for he already knew what he was going to do.

Philip replied, "More than a half year's salary worth of food wouldn't be enough for each person to have even a little bit."

One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said, "A youth here has five barley loaves and two fish. But what good is that for a crowd like this?"

Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." There was plenty of grass there. They sat down, about five thousand of them. Then Jesus took the bread. When he had given thanks, he distributed it to those who were sitting there. He did the same with the fish, each getting as much as they wanted. When they had plenty to eat, he said to his disciples, "Gather up the leftover pieces, so that nothing will be wasted." So they gathered them and filled twelve baskets with the pieces of the five barley loaves that had been left over by those who had eaten.

- L. The Word of the Lord,
- C. **Thanks be to God.**

(Please be seated)

MESSAGE      Pastor Courtney Steitz

##### SONG                      *"Baptized and Set Free"*

**We are people created, chosen by God. Then we're washed, ever gently, in mercy and love. Sin has power no more. Jesus opened the door to a fountain bringing healing, and wholeness and more.**

**We are fed and we're nourished, filled and refreshed. Then our hunger returns and again we are blessed. For whatever the need, God is greater indeed: endless ocean, always deeper than all of our need.**

**Now with praise and thanksgiving, we join the song. All are welcome! We gather to sing loud and strong. Not enslaved, but set free! From now on, all will be one in Jesus, one in water, baptized and set free!**

(9:45) RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

OFFERING RECEIVED      *"Dream Small"*      *(Offering remains in back)*

**It's a momma singing songs about the Lord. It's a daddy spending family time the world said he cannot afford. These simple moments change the world. It's a pastor at a tiny little church. Forty years of lovin' on the broken and the hurt. These simple moments change the world.**

*Refrain:*      **Dream small. Don't bother like you've gotta do it all. Just let Jesus use you where you are, one day at a time. Live well, loving God and others as yourself. Find little ways where only you can help. With His great love, a tiny rock can make a giant fall. Dream small.**

**It's visiting the widow down the street. Or dancing on a Friday with your friend with special needs. These simple moments change the world. Of course, there's nothing wrong with bigger dreams; just don't miss the minutes on your way to bigger things. 'Cause these simple moments change the world. *Refrain***

**Keep loving, keep serving, keep list'ning, keep learning, keep praying, keep hoping, keep seeking, keep searching. Add up the small things and watch them grow bigger. The God who does all things makes oceans from rivers.**

**So dream small. Don't bother like you've gotta do it all. Just let Jesus use you where you are, one day at a time. Live well, loving God and others as yourself. Find little ways where only you can help. With His great love, a tiny rock can make a giant fall. Yeah, five loaves and two fish could feed them all, so dream small. Dream small.**

MINUTE FOR MISSION      Food on the Fourth

(Those who are able, please stand)

BLESSING OF THE BAGS

**Loving God,  
we send these empty bags out today,  
trusting that they will return full -  
filled with nutritious food,  
and with love and care for our neighbors.**

**Bless each person who takes a bag,  
each item that will be placed inside,  
and each household that will receive.**

**May these bags bring nourishment,  
hope, and a reminder of Your abundant grace.**

**In Jesus' name we pray,  
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           *"Canticle of the Turning"*

**My soul cries out with a joyful shout that the God of my heart is great, and my spirit sings of the wondrous things that you bring to the ones who wait. You fixed your sight on your servant's plight, and my weakness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my name be blest. Could the world be 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.**

**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*

**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.** *Refrain*

**Though the nations rage from age to age, we remember who holds us fast: God's mercy must deliver us from the conqueror's crushing grasp. This saving word that our forebears heard is the promise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be crushed by God, who is turning the world around.** *Refrain*

### BLESSING

- L.   Having been fed and strengthened at the Lord's table,  
      Go with mercy. Give thanks.  
      Turn to God and one another.

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

- L.   May the love of God shape you,  
      the mercy of Christ direct you,  
      and the power of the Holy Spirit grant courage to you this day and always.  
C.   **Amen.**

#### SONG   *"Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"*

**Christ is able to make us one, at the table he sets the tone, teaching people to live to bless, love in word and in deed express.**

*Refrain:*   **Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,  
              pass the Word around: loaves abound!**

**Jesus calls us in, sends us out bearing fruit in a world of doubt, gives us love to tell, bread to share God (Immanuel) ev'rywhere! Refrain**

DISMISSAL *John 6:1-14*

- L. Today we remember the boy who gave what little he had and Jesus used it to feed thousands.
- L. Go now, not in fear of scarcity, but in the courage of generosity. Even the smallest gift, offered in love, can become a feast in God's hands.
- C. We go to share, to serve, and to trust in God's abundance. Amen.**

POSTLUDE

*This Week Please Pray For:*

**Healing Members:**

Anne Kelly, continued cancer treatment  
Delane Smith, cancer treatment  
Fran Smeby, healing  
Nancy Duerschler, cancer  
Judy Adamson, physical therapy after knee surgery  
Melanie Benter, testing this week  
The family and friends of Diane Dunn grieving her death (mother of Michelle Bintliff)

**Healing Family & Friends of Members:**

Mark Andrew, on kidney transplant list (brother of Judy Fritz)  
Doris Mae, advanced dementia (mother of Judy Fritz)  
Lewis Anderson Sr., transitional care following heart attack, (family of Bobbie Radi)  
Chris Jessesky, healing after liver transplant (son-in-law of Fran and Jim Smeby)  
Kirsten Lundquist for strength in fighting stage 4 cancer and husband Jack (friend of Andrea Bonner)  
Jody Michlitsch, healing (daughter of Carol Michlitsch)  
Sherry Scherer, breast cancer (daughter of Dick Schintz)

**The Needs of the World:**

For the people of Ukraine for an end to conflict, may God bring peace.  
Thanksgiving for a ceasefire between Palestine and Israel--may peace and justice prevail.  
For all people impacted by the government shutdown and missing paychecks and services.  
Those experiencing food insecurity.

**Giving Thanks:**

Youth being confirmed.  
New Members being received.