

Worship
Stewardship
November 9, 2025
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 *All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism*

- L. Come, all who are thirsty –
Come and be filled with God's overflowing love.
- L. We gather as one community,
ready to receive and share God's grace.
- C. Our hearts are full to overflowing with God's goodness.
We come to worship, to give, and to receive –
united in Christ's love.**
- L. Let us worship the God whose love is limitless,
- L. whose grace overflows into our lives.

SONG *"For the Beauty of the Earth"*

**For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies, for the love which from our
birth over and around us lies:**

Refrain: **Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.**

**For each perfect gift of thine, peace on earth and joy in heav'n; for thyself, best gift
divine, to our world so freely giv'n: *Refrain***

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

- L. We come before God, aware that we sometimes live in fear of scarcity.
We focus on what we lack and forget the abundance of God's provision.
We hold tightly to our time, our resources, and our hearts.
Afraid that sharing will leave us with less.

Silence for Reflection

- C. God, we confess that we often live with a mindset of scarcity.
We have held back from sharing, from loving, from trusting Your abundance.
Forgive us for living in fear instead of faith,
and help us to live in the overflow of Your grace.
Help us see that when we live generously, we are all enriched.**
- L. Hear the good news:
In Christ, we are forgiven.
His mercy fills us to overflowing,
freeing us to share God's abundant grace.
- C. Amen.**

(9:45) Children come forward during Song of Praise

SONG OF PRAISE *"God, Your Blessings Overflow"*

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 is with you all.

C. And also with you.

L. Let us pray together,

C. Provider of all, You have created a world of abundance and you fill our cups until they overflow. Give us hearts of generosity that recognize everything we have as a gift from you and a blessing to be shared with others. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

I will enter his gates with thanksgiving in my heart, I will enter his courts with praise. I will say this is the day that the Lord has made; I will rejoice for he has made me glad. He has made me glad, he has made me glad, I will rejoice for he has made me glad. He has made me glad, he has made me glad, I will rejoice for he has made me glad.

BIBLE READING Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd.

I lack nothing.

He lets me rest in grassy meadows;

he leads me to restful waters;

he keeps me alive.

He guides me in proper paths

for the sake of his good name.

Even when I walk through the darkest valley,

I fear no danger because you are with me.

Your rod and your staff –

they protect me.

You set a table for me

right in front of my enemies.

You bathe my head in oil;

my cup is so full it overflows!

Yes, goodness and faithful love

will pursue me all the days of my life,

and I will live in the LORD's house

as long as I live.

The Word of the Lord

C. Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE Pastor Courtney Steitz

SONG *"For the Fruit of All Creation"*

For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God. For these gifts to ev'ry nation, thanks be to God. For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping, future needs in earth's safe-keeping, thanks be to God.

For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God. For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God. For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us, most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The following is said after each prayer petition

P. God of overflowing grace

C. Hear our prayer

OFFERING RECEIVED

(All who are able, please stand)

OFFERTORY SONG

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

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Gracious God, we bring our gifts to you today not out of obligation, but out of gratitude for all that you have given us. Bless these offerings and the hands that give them, that they may be used to share Your overflowing love and grace with the world. Amen.

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

"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.

All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heav'n reflect thy rays, stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise. Field and forest, vale and mountain, flow'ry meadow, flashing sea, chanting bird, and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in thee.

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!

"Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"

Let us talents and tongues employ, reaching out with a shout of joy: bread is broken the wine is poured, Christ is spoken and seen and heard.

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

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 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*

COMMUNION BLESSING

BLESSING *(Romans 15:13)*

P. May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

SONG *"Praise the Lord, the Almighty"*

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation! O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation! Let all who hear now to his temple draw near, joining in glad adoration!

SENDING

P. Go in peace, knowing God's grace is overflowing in your life.

P. Go with joy, ready to share the abundance of God's love with the world.

C. We go, trusting that God is filling us with what we need.

POSTLUDE

This Week Please Pray for:

Healing Members:

Delane Smith, cancer treatment

Nancy Duerschler, cancer

Melanie Benter, hospitalized

Marilyn Dwelly, hospitalized (sister of Ginger Johnson)

Healing Family & Friends of Members:

Mark Andrew, on kidney transplant list (brother of Judy Fritz)

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:

- Thanksgiving for veterans.
- For the people of Ukraine for an end to conflict, may God bring peace.
- For all people impacted by the government shutdown and missing paychecks and services, especially those worried about the loss of SNAP benefits.
- For Neighbors Inc, food shelves, and all who provide food to people who are hungry.
- For the people of Jamaica and the Caribbean and all who are impacted by hurricane Melissa.