

Worship
Stewardship
November 16, 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 *"Great is Thy Faithfulness"*

**Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father; there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not; as thou hast been, thou forever wilt
be.**

Refrain: **Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning
new mercies I see; all I have needed thy hand hath provided; great is thy
faithfulness Lord, unto me.**

**Summer and winter and springtime and harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their courses
above join with all nature in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and
love. *Refrain***

**Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine own dear presence to cheer and to
guide; strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine, with ten
thousand beside! *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. **Generous God, you fill us with hope, joy, and peace through the power of your Spirit. Remind us that we are not empty, but abundant people – overflowing with your grace and called to share your love. We pray through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

WORSHIP MOMENT WITH THE CHILDREN

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 Romans 15:1-2, 13

We who are powerful need to be patient with the weakness of those who don't have power, and not please ourselves. Each of us should please our neighbors for their good in order to build them up.

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in faith so that you overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

The Word of the Lord

C. **Thanks be to God!**

MESSAGE Pastor Leesa Soderlind

SONG *"God Whose Giving Knows No Ending"* *sung to the tune of Love Divine, all Loves Excelling*

God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store: nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door, gifted by you, we turn to you, offering up ourselves in praise; thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.

Skills and time are ours for pressing toward the goals of Christ, your Son: all at peace in hearth and freedom, races joined, the church made one. Now direct our daily labor, lest we strive for self alone; born with talents, make us servants fit to answer at your throne.

Treasure too, you have entrusted, gain through pow'rs your grace conferred; ours to use for home and kindred, and to spread the gospel word. Open wide our hands in sharing, as we heed Christ's ageless call, healing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving you by loving all.

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 our 2026 giving commitment, 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

"Praise and Thanksgiving"

Praise and thanksgiving, God, we would offer for all things living, you have made good: harvest of sown fields, fruits of the orchard, hay from the mown fields, blossom and wood.

God, bless the labor we bring to serve you, that with our neighbor we may be fed. Sowing or tilling, we would work with you, harvesting, milling our daily bread.

Father, providing food for your children, by Wisdom's guiding teach us to share one with another, so that, rejoicing with us, all others may know your care.

Then will your blessing reach ev'ry people, freely confessing your gracious hand. Where you are reigning, no one will hunger; your love sustaining showers the land.

"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.

For all are kindred, far and wide, since Jesus Christ for all has died; grant us the will, and grace provide, to love them all in you.

In sickness, sorrow, want, or care, may we each other's burdens share; may we, where help is needed, there give help as though to you.

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 *"Let All Things Now Living"*

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving to God the creator triumphantly raise, who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us, who still guides us on to the end of our days. God's banners are o'er us, God's light goes before us, a pillar of fire shining forth in the night, till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished, as forward we travel from light into light.

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