

Worship
Thanksgiving Sunday
November 23, 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

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP *(Psalm 100)*

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

- L. Come with joy – let's shout praise to God, all the earth!
Let's worship with glad hearts and sing with energy and hope.
- C. **We know this deep truth: God is the One who made us.**
We belong to the Divine.
We are God's people – deeply known, deeply loved.
- L. So let's enter this space with gratitude,
let's fill this time with praise.
- C. **Because God is good –**
Love that never quits,
Faithfulness that carries through every generation.

SONG *"Shout to the Lord"*

My Jesus, my Savior, Lord, there is none like you. All of my days I want to praise the wonders of your mighty love. My comfort, my shelter, tower of refuge and strength; let ev'ry breath, all that I am never cease to worship you.

Shout to the Lord, all the earth; let us sing power and majesty, praise to the King. Mountains bow down and the seas will roar at the sound of your name. I sing for joy at the work of your hands; forever I'll love you, forever I'll stand. Nothing compares to the promise I have in you.

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. **Faithful and loving God,**
we come before You with thankful hearts,
ready to praise You with joy.
You made us – we are Yours,
the sheep of Your pasture.
We enter Your presence with gratitude,
remembering Your goodness and unfailing love.

**Thank You for the blessings of this day:
for food, for family, for community,
and for Your steadfast faithfulness
through every season of life.**

**May our lives reflect Your grace,
and may our worship be filled with gratitude. Amen.**

STORY with Rock Distribution

L. May this rock be a reminder of God's blessings in every moment.

SONG *Chorus of 10,000 Reasons*

**Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul. Worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul, I'll worship Your holy name.**

BIBLE READING Philippians 4:4-7

Be glad in the Lord always! Again I say, be glad! Let your gentles show in your treatment of all people. The Lord is near. Don't be anxious about anything; rather, bring up all of your requests to God in your prayers and petitions, along with giving thanks. Then the peace of God that exceeds all understanding will keep your hearts and minds safe in Christ Jesus.

REFLECTION

What's one thing you're worried about? Is it possible to give your concern to God in thankful trust? Why or why not?

SONG *Chorus of 10,000 Reasons*

**Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul. Worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul, I'll worship Your holy name.**

BIBLE READING 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Rejoice always. Pray continually. Give thanks in every situation because this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

REFLECTION

What does it look like for you to 'rejoice always, pray continually, and give thanks in all circumstances'? Which one of those is hardest for you right now? Why?

SONG *Chorus of 10,000 Reasons*

**Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul. Worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul, I'll worship Your holy name.**

BIBLE READING Colossians 3:15-17

The peace of Christ must control your hearts – a peace into which you were called in one body. And be thankful people. The word of Christ must live in you richly. Teach and warn each other with all wisdom by singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs. Sing to God with gratitude in your hearts. Whatever you do, whether in speech or action, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus and give thanks to God the Father through him.

REFLECTION

What are some ways you can stay peaceful and thankful during your day?

SONG *"10,000 Reasons"*

Chorus: **Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul. Worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul, I'll worship Your holy name.**

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning, it's time to sing Your song again. Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me, let me be singing when the evening comes.

Chorus

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger. Your name is great and Your heart is kind. For all your goodness, I will keep on singing; ten thousand reasons for my heart to find. *Chorus*

And on that day, when my strength is failing, the end draws near, and my time has come; still, my soul will sing Your praise unending, ten thousand years and then forevermore! *Chorus x2*

Worship Your holy name, Lord, I'll worship Your holy name.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

P. For family, friends and community...

C. We give thanks to You, O Lord.

P. For food on the table and shelter at night...

C. We give thanks to You, O Lord.

P. For healing, hope and second chances...

C. We give thanks to You, O Lord.

P. For salvation through Jesus Christ...

C. We give thanks to You, O Lord.

P. For You are good,

C. And Your love endures forever!

OFFERING RECEIVED *Offering remains in the back*

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

"Goodness of God"

I love You, Lord, oh Your mercy never fails me. All my days I've been held in Your hands. From the moment that I wake up until I lay my head I will sing of the goodness of God.

Chorus: All my life You have been faithful. All my life You have been so, so good.
With every breath that I am able I will sing of the goodness of God.

I love your voice You have led me through the fire. In darkest night You are close like no other. I've known You as a father I've known you as a friend. I have lived in the goodness of God. *Chorus*

Your goodness is running after it's running after me. Your goodness is running after it's running after me. With my life laid down I'm surrendered now I give You everything. Your goodness is running after it's running after me. Your goodness is running after it's running after me. Your goodness is running after it's running after me. With my life laid down I'm surrendered now I give You everything. Your goodness is running after it's running after me. *Chorus*

I will sing of the goodness of God.

"Great are You Lord"

You give life, You are love. You bring light to the darkness. You give hope, You restore ev'ry heart that is broken. Great are You, Lord.

It's Your breath in our lungs. So we pour out our praise, we pour out our praise. It's Your breath in our lungs so we pour out our praise to You only.

And all the earth will shout Your praise. Our hearts will cry, these bones will sing. Great are You, Lord. And all the earth will shout Your praise. Our hearts will cry, these bones will sing. Great are You, Lord.

It's Your breath in our lungs. So we pour out our praise, we pour out our praise. It's Your breath in our lungs so we pour out our praise to You only. We pour out our praise to You only. We pour out our praise to You only.

"How Great Thou Art"

O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder consider all the works thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder, thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed.

Chorus: Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee, how great thou art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee, how great thou art! How great thou art!

When through the woods and forest glades I wander, I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees; when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze. *Chorus*

But when I think that God, his Son not sparing, sent him to die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross my burden gladly bearing he bled and died to take away my sin.

Chorus

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation, and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in humble adoration and there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art!" *Chorus*

BLESSING OF COMMUNION CLASS

COMMUNION BLESSING

BLESSING

C. May the Lord bless us and keep us.

May the Lord's face shine upon us and be gracious to us.

May the Lord look upon us with favor and give us peace. Amen.

SONG "Forever".

Give thanks to the Lord our God and King. His love endures forever. For He is good, He is above all things. His love endures forever. Sing praise! Sing praise!

With a mighty hand and outstretched arm His love endures forever. For the life that's been reborn His love endures forever. Sing praise, sing praise! Sing praise, sing praise!

Chorus: **Forever God is faithful. Forever God is strong. Forever God is with us. Forever. Forever.**

From the rising to the setting sun His love endures forever. By the grace of God, we will carry on. His love endures forever. Sing praise, sing praise! Sing praise, sing praise! *Chorus x2*

SENDING

P. Go with joyful hearts, giving thanks to God.

C. We will serve the Lord with gladness!

P. The Lord's love endures forever.

C. Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

This Week Please Pray for:

Healing Members:

Delane Smith, cancer treatment

Nancy Duerscherl, cancer treatment

Melanie Benter, transitional care

Jim Dorothy, hospitalized

Healing Family & Friends of Members:

Kirsten Lundquist for strength in fighting stage 4 cancer and husband Jack (friend of Andrea Bonner)

Nancy Johnson, cancer treatment (mother of Kris Johnson)

The Needs of the World:

- For the people of Ukraine for an end to conflict, may God bring peace.
- For Neighbors Inc, food shelves, and all who provide food to people who are hungry
- Thanksgiving for all of the blessings God has given this year.