

So the
last will be
first,
and the **first**
will be
last.

Matthew 20:16

17th Sunday after Pentecost/Lectionary 25

September 24, 2023 10:00 a.m.

The Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

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Live on Zoom: Meeting ID: 707 611 3829 Passcode: 4316

*** WORSHIP NOTES ***

- * *Welcome to worship at Good Shepherd. We warmly greet you in the name of the Lord and give God thanks for your presence today.*
- * *Most hymns are found in the Hymnal located in the pews. Hymns from other hymnals will be printed and provided in the insert.*
- * ***All baptized believing Christians are welcome to gather at the altar for Holy Communion. Grape juice and low gluten wafers are available. Please see a greeter prior to the beginning of service.***
- * *When it comes time for sharing of the peace, you may pass the peace by sign or physically to your neighbors as you are comfortable.*
- * *After receiving communion, you may kneel at the altar or return to your seat for silent prayer or singing the communion hymn.*

SETTING ONE—EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP

+ + + GATHERING + + +

Please maintain silence in the Sanctuary as we prepare for worship

PRELUDE

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be God,
the one who forms us,
✠ Jesus who bears the cross,
the Spirit who makes our joy complete.

C: Amen.

P: Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hid:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you
and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Let us bow before God in humility, confessing our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Steadfast and faithful God,

**C: you have revealed the ways of justice,
yet we fail to follow you.**

We are overwhelmed

by the world's violence and suffering.

**We are afraid to risk what we have
for the sake of others.**

For the harm we have caused,

known and unknown, forgive us.

**For the unjust demands we place on others
and your creation, forgive us.**

**For the ways we turn away
from you and our neighbor, forgive us.**

**Lead us back to you and set us on the right path;
in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior.**

Amen.

P: Beloved in Christ,

God's justice stretches beyond all understanding.

God's compassion is beyond compare.

In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us.

In **✝** Christ, you are already and always forgiven.

C: Amen.

Gathering Hymn **"Come, We That Love the Lord"** **ELW 625**

APOSTOLIC GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray...

C: Amen.

+++ WORD +++

We sit

FIRST READING

Celebrate Insert

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Celebrate Insert

(Spoken or chanted responsively)

SECOND READING

Celebrate Insert

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

We stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

P: The holy gospel according to ...

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL

Celebrate Insert

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

We stand

Hymn of the Day "Great God Your Love has Called Us" ELW 358

APOSTLES' CREED

P: Let us confess our faith, in the words of the Apostles' Creed:

C: 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 INTERCESSION

Celebrate Insert

PEACE *(a time set aside for sharing only God's peace)*

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

We stand

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray.

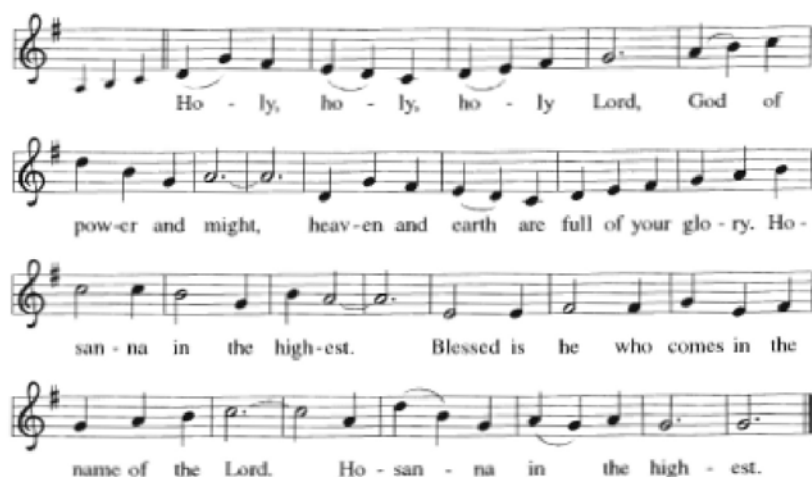
**C: God of power, God of plenty,
all things belong to you.
We bring your gifts to the table,
that all might be fed.
Form us into the body of your Beloved,
Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. Each staff contains a melody line with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "The Lord be with you. And al - so with you. Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise."

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to
you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; ...we
praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out your Holy Spirit,
that by this Holy Communion
we may know the unity
we share with all your people
in the body of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, with him, in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours,
almighty Father, now and forever.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**C: 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

P: Jesus invites you to this table. Come, eat and live.

After receiving communion, you may kneel around the altar for silent prayer.

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

and each person may respond

Amen.

LAMB OF GOD (AGNUS DEI)



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion Hymn

“All Who Hunger”

ELW 461

We stand

BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: **Amen.**

CANTICLE (NUNC DIMITIS)

ELW #113



Now, Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace: your word has been ful -
filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre-pared in the
sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: a light to re-veal you to the na - tions
and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.
Now, Lord, you let your ser - vant go in peace.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER**A:** Let us pray.

Blessed be your name, O God,
for we have feasted on your Word,
Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts.
Strengthened by this food,
send us to gather the world to your banquet,
where none are left out and all are satisfied.
In Jesus' name we pray.

C: Amen.

+ + + SENDING + + +

We sit

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

We stand

BLESSING

P: The God of Glory,
+ Jesus Christ, name above all names,
and the Spirit who lives in you,
bless you now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Sending Hymn “God of Grace and God of Glory” ELW 705

DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. God is at work in you.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

REMINDERS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The altar flowers are given by the Kubis family to the Glory of God!

Communion Assistant: Matt Bergstresser

Communion Setup: Wylene Hinkle

Counters: Jan and Larry Wallingford

Grass Cutting: Barry Pochron

Guest Pastor/Celebrant: Rev. Steve Werner

Guest Pastor/Homilist: Rev. Bob Schefter

Lector: Cody Nelson

Organist/Choir: Karoline Van Horn

Pianist: Sara Poovey

Zoom: Shannon Hancock



WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER



Members

Healing, comfort & strength

Sara Poovey

Ric Van Horn

Jan Wallingford, *comfort in time of sorrow*

Ed & Judy Skorski, *comfort in time of sorrow*

Carroll Allen

Jack Lowe

Pastor Bob Schefter

Elizabeth Schefter

Josh & Bergen Gray, *God's guidance*

Carolyn Absher

Darlene Kline

Juanita Reynolds

Our congregation & future pastor – *that we are guided by the Holy Spirit as we go through the call process*

Family & Friends

Healing, comfort, strength & peace

Phillip Lindsey, *friend of Melanie Sheaf*

Family and Friends of Jeanne Remillard, *Jan Wallingford's sister, comfort in sorrow*

Carol Yohn (*brain cancer*), *Carroll & Sally Allen's friend*

Whitney Dixon (*pancreatic cancer*), *step-daughter of Dee Dee Talley Dixon & Wayne Dixon (cards may be sent to 430 N. Hill Street, Morristown 37814)*

Rev. George Martzen, *friend of Cody Nelson*

Family & Friends of Sue Zokoe, *Ed & Judy Skorski's daughter, comfort in sorrow.*

Amy Anderson, *Alan Anderson's niece*

Jackie & Dwayne Collins, *Nancy McLoughlin's friends*

Mary Jean Wesche, *Ed & Judy Skorski's friend*

In The Community

Mary Sampson, *strength, hope, comfort, and peace*

Relay Itchite and Family, *strength, hope, comfort, and peace*

Rita Caffey and Family, *strength, hope, comfort, and peace*

Military Serving our Country
Protection, comfort & strength

John Gray, *Joshua Gray's brother*
Ian Anderson, *Alan Anderson's nephew*
Joshua Sheaf, *Good Shepherd member*

Coming up at Good Shepherd

Sunday, September 24	Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 am Worship Service 1:30 pm Christ News
Tuesday, September 26	5:30 pm Christ News
Sunday, October 1	Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 am Worship Service 1:30 pm Christ News
Tuesday, October 3	5:30 pm Christ News 6:00 pm American Legion
Sunday, October 8	Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 am Worship Service 1:30 pm Christ News
Tuesday, October 10	5:30 pm Christ News
Thursday, October 12	6:30 pm Church Council Meeting
Sunday, October 15	Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 am Worship Service 1:30 pm Christ News
Tuesday, October 17	5:30 pm Christ News
Friday, October 20	Deborah Circle
Friday, October 27	Quilters
Sunday, October 22	Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 am Worship Service 1:30 pm Christ News
Tuesday, October 24	5:30 pm Christ News
Sunday, October 29	Reformation Sunday 10:00 am Worship Service 1:30 pm Christ News