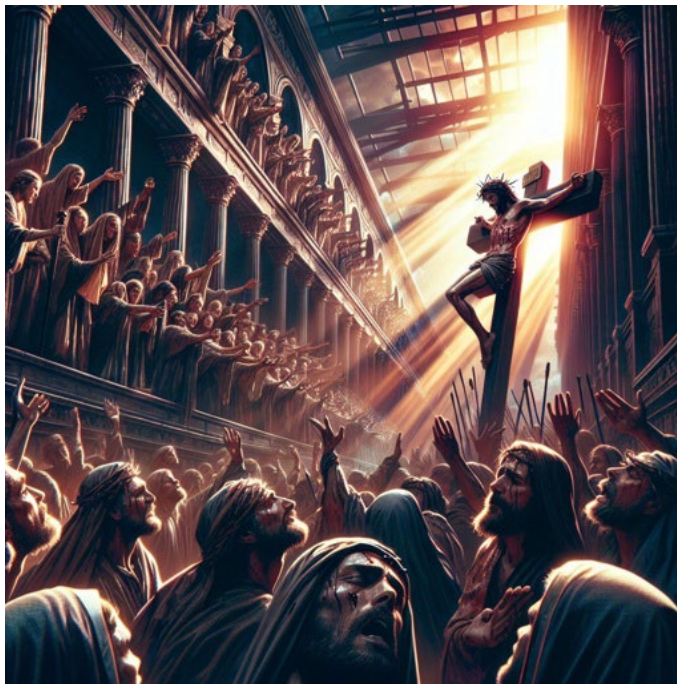


Good Shepherd Lutheran Church of South Hills

November, 17th 2024 / 10:15 am Worship Service

The mission of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church is to know and praise Christ, to grow in Christ and to share Christ with others.



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AS WE GATHER

The ending of a liturgical year speaks of the end of all things. Our Lord spoke plainly about the end of the world. There are signs the end is coming. Jesus' teaching seems to elicit only question marks on our part. "When?" "What?" "How?" The signs He speaks of include false teachers in the church, wars, rumors of wars, and earthquakes as "but the beginning of the birth pains" (Mark 13:8). The Jewish people of Jesus' time on earth would be alarmed at His prediction of the destruction of the temple as it would mean the end of their faith and hope in God. The world is to see, however, that the loving, saving God is closer than ever in the new temple of the flesh and blood of Jesus Christ, crucified and risen again for the life of the world. As the beloved hymn says, our "hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness." No merit of our own can prepare us "when darkness veils, . . . in every high and stormy gale, . . . in the raging flood; when every earthly prop gives way." No matter what comes we are "clothed in His righteousness alone, redeemed to stand before His throne! On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand" (LSB 575/576).

~WELCOME AND PRESERVICE MUSIC

✕ PREPARATION ✕

~OPENING HYMN

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

LSB 733

Stanzas 1, 4, 5 & 6

~INVOCATION

~ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that**

we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

✠ WORD ✠

~PSALM *Psalm 54:1, 2, 4 & 7*

P: Preserve me, O God,

C: **for in you I take refuge.**

A: I bless the LORD who gives me counsel;

C: **in the night also my heart instructs me.**

A: I have set the LORD always before me;

C: **because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**

A: Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices;

C: **my flesh also dwells secure.**

~KYRIE

LSB 152

A: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

A: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

A: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

A: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

A: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: **Amen.**

~ HYMN OF PRAISE

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 154

P: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.



Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,



You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

~SALUTATION

A: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

~ PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

O Lord, by Your bountiful goodness release us from the bonds of our sins, which by reason of our weakness we have brought upon ourselves, that we may stand firm until the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

~ OLD TESTAMENT READING *Daniel 12:1–3* (The time of the end)

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

~ EPISTLE *1 Thessalonians 4:13-18* (The Coming of the Lord)

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**Please stand.*

~ HOLY GOSPEL *Mark 13:1–13* (*Signs of the end of the age*)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the thirteenth chapter.

C: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

(The Gospel is read.)

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**Please be seated.*

~ HYMN OF THE DAY *Jerusalem, My Happy Home*

LSB 673
Stanzas 1, 2 & 6

~MESSAGE

**Please stand.*

~ APOSTLE'S CREED

LSB Back Cover

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
The resurrection of the body,
And the life everlasting. Amen.**

**Please be seated.*

~OFFERING

**Please stand.*

~ OFFERTORY

LSB 159

What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to

me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will



call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-
 va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
 vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the
 courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

~PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**Following each additional petition the response will be:*

- P: Let us pray to the LORD.
- C: LORD, have mercy.

~LORD'S PRAYER

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**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.

~BENEDICTION

~ CLOSING HYMN

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

LSB 575
Stanzas 1, 2 & 4

Verse 1 My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
No merit of my own I claim
But wholly lean on Jesus' name. Refrain

Refrain On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.

Verse 2 When darkness veils His lovely face,
I rest on His unchanging grace;
In ev'ry high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil. Refrain

Verse 4 When He shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh, may I then in Him be found,
Clothed in His righteousness alone,
Redeemed to stand before His throne! Refrain

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