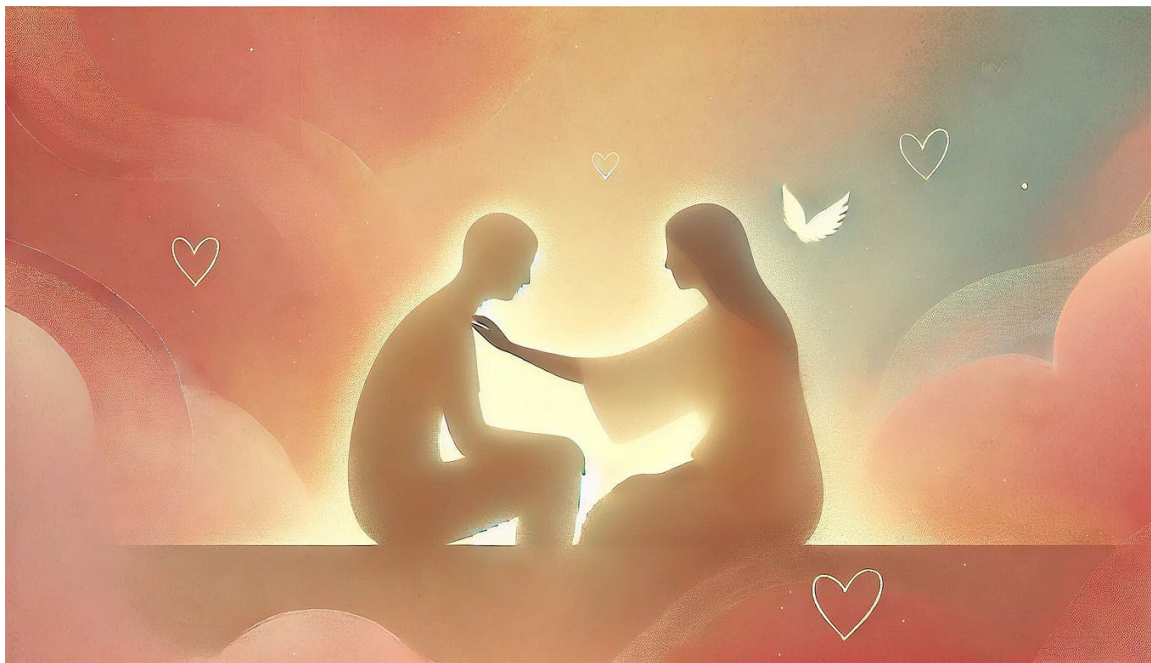


Good Shepherd Lutheran Church of South Hills

February 23 2025 // 10:15 am Worship Service

Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

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 together for worship, we remember...

"let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water"
- Hebrews 10:22

Jesus invites his followers to participate in **The Lord's Supper**. He gives His very body and blood in, with and under the bread and wine (Matthew 26:26-28). Paul encourages us to **examine** our hearts and our relationships as we prepare to share in this meal together (I Corinthians 11:27-29). For those unable to drink wine, the center ring holds cups intinctured with wine. If you have any questions, feel free to talk to Pastor.

- Psalm 139:23-24

~WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

~INVOCATION

~OPENING HYMN

Rise Shine, You People

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~OPENING RESPONSE

Psalm 103:1-5

A: Bless the Lord, O my soul,
And all that is within me,
Bless his holy name!

C: **Bless the Lord, O my soul,
And forget not all his benefits**

A: who forgives all your iniquity
Who heals all your diseases,

C: **who redeems your life from the pit,
Who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy**

A: who satisfies you with good
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

~CONFESSION OF OUR SINS

C: **O Lord, my heart yearns to reflect Your boundless love, even to those who may seem like enemies, for You have taught us to love our enemies and do good to those who hate us; grant me the grace to break free from the chains of resentment, to bless those who curse me, and to pray for those who despitefully use me, that through my actions, Your merciful light may shine in the darkest corners of the world. May I not merely love those who love me, but may I extend Your grace to all, just as You have extended it to me, a sinner, so that my life may become a testament to Your boundless compassion. Amen.**

(Silent confession)

~ABSOLUTION

Please be seated

~HYMN OF PRAISE

This is the Feast

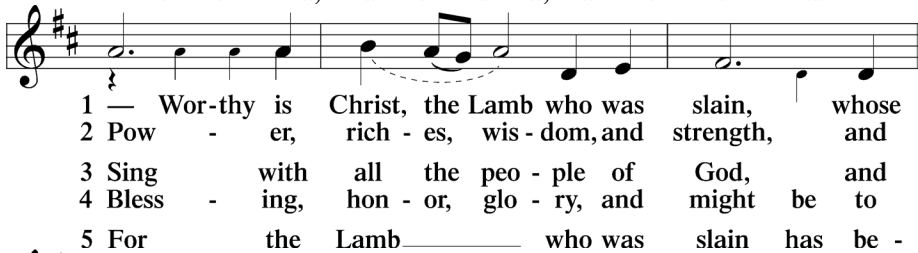
Refrain



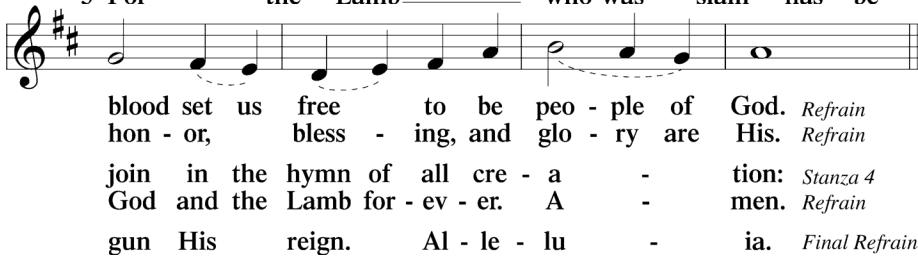
C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



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



1 — Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

Final Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



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

~PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

All: Heavenly Father, source of holiness and compassion, guide my heart to love those who resent, curse, and mistreat me. Fill me with a spirit of humility and gentleness, reflecting your own, so that my life may reflect your grace. May my words and actions extend your mercy to others. I ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.

~OLD TESTAMENT *Genesis 45:3-15*

³ And Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph! Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, for they were dismayed at his presence.

⁴ So Joseph said to his brothers, "Come near to me, please." And they came near. And he said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. ⁵ And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁶ For the famine has been in the land these two years, and there are yet five years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. ⁷ And God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. ⁸ So it was not you who sent me here, but God. He has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. ⁹ Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me; do not tarry. ¹⁰ You shall dwell in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, and your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. ¹¹ There I will provide for you, for there are yet five years of famine to come, so that you and your household, and all that you have, do not come to poverty.' ¹² And now your eyes see, and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see, that it is my mouth that speaks to you. ¹³ You must tell my father of all my honor in Egypt, and of all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here." ¹⁴ Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, and Benjamin wept upon his neck. ¹⁵ And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them. After that his brothers talked with him.

~EPISTLE *1 Corinthians 15:21-26, 30-42*

²¹ For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. ²² For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. ²³ But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴ Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. ²⁵ For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶ The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

³⁰ Why are we in danger every hour? ³¹ I protest, brothers, by my pride in you, which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die every day! ³² What do I gain if, humanly speaking, I fought with beasts at Ephesus? If the dead are not raised, "Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die." ³³ Do not be deceived: "Bad company ruins good morals." [a] ³⁴ Wake up from your drunken stupor, as is right, and do not go on sinning. For some have no knowledge of God. I say this to your shame.

³⁵ But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" ³⁶ You foolish person! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. ³⁷ And what you sow is not the body that is to be, but a bare kernel, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. ³⁸ But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. ³⁹ For not all flesh is the same, but there is one kind for humans, another for animals, another for birds, and another for fish. ⁴⁰ There are heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of the heavenly is of one kind, and the glory of the earthly is of another. ⁴¹ There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for star differs from star in glory.

⁴² So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

~**GOSPEL** *Luke 6:27-38 (Love your enemies)*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the sixth chapter.

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

²⁷ "But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸ bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹ To one who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from one who takes away your cloak do not withhold your tunic[a] either. ³⁰ Give to everyone who begs from you, and from one who takes away your goods do not demand them back. ³¹ And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them.

³² "If you love those who love you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them ³³ And if you do good to those who do good to you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. ³⁴ And if you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to get back the same amount ³⁵ But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil. ³⁶ Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.

Judging Others

³⁷ "Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven; ³⁸ give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please be seated

~**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

~**HYMN OF THE DAY**

O Bless the Lord, Oh my soul

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Verse 3 – Women

Verse 4 – Men

~**MESSAGE**

"Love without Expecting"

Luke 6:27-38

~**Nicene Creed**

C **I believe in one God,
 the Father Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth
 and of all things visible and invisible.**

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

~OFFERING

Please stand

~PRAYERS

**following all prayers, the response will be:*

P: Lord in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

~LORD'S PRAYER

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++ THE LORD'S SUPPER ++

~PREFACE

~WORDS OF INSTITUTION

~PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20

P: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

**Please be seated.*

~DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

**The usher will direct you down the center aisle.*

~DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

O Come to the Altar

Verse 1 Are you hurting and broken within
Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin
Jesus is calling
Have you come to the end of yourself
Do you thirst for a drink from the well
Jesus is calling

Chorus O come to the altar
The Father's arms are open wide
Forgiveness was bought with
The precious blood of Jesus Christ

Verse 2 Leave behind your regrets and mistakes
Come today there's no reason to wait
Jesus is calling
Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy
From the ashes a new life is born
Jesus is calling;

Chorus O come to the altar
The Father's arms are open wide
Forgiveness was bought with
The precious blood of Jesus Christ
Forgiveness was bought with
The precious blood of Jesus Christ

Bridge Oh, what a Savior
Isn't He wonderful?
Sing hallelujah, Christ is risen

Bow down before Him
For He is Lord of all
Sing hallelujah, Christ is risen

Bow down before Him
For He is Lord of all
Sing hallelujah, Christ is risen

Chorus x2

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Who you Say I am

Verse 1 Who am I that the highest King
 Would welcome me
 I was lost but He brought me in
 Oh His love for me
 Oh His love for me

Chorus 1 Who the Son sets free
 Oh is free indeed
 I'm a child of God
 Yes I am

Verse 2 Free at last
 He has ransomed me
 His grace runs deep
 While I was a slave to sin
 Jesus died for me
 Yes He died for me;

Chorus 1

Chorus 2 In my Father's house
 There's a place for me
 I'm a child of God
 Yes I am

Bridge I am chosen not forsaken
 I am who You say I am
 You are for me not against me
 I am who You say I am;

I am chosen not forsaken

I am who You say I am
You are for me not against me
I am who You say I am;
I am who You say I am;

Chorus 1

Chorus 2 x2

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~POST COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P: Let us pray.

Holy Father, we ask You now, by this blessed food and drink, to deliver Your church from every evil, to teach it to love You perfectly, and to make it truly one, even as this bread was made from many grains of wheat to become the carrier of the body of our Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

C: **Amen.**

~BENEDICTION

~CLOSING SONG

Child of Love

Verse 1 I was walking the wayside
Lost on a lonely road
I was chasing the high life
Trying to satisfy my soul

Verse 2 All the lies I believed in
Left me crying like the rain
Then I saw lightning from heaven
And I've never been the same

Chorus I'm gonna climb a mountain
I'm gonna shout about it
I am a child of love
I found a world of freedom
I found a friend in Jesus
I am a child of love

Verse 3 I've felt the sting of the fire
But I saw You in the flames
Just when I thought it was over

You broke me out of the grave;

Chorus 2 I'm gonna climb a mountain
I'm gonna shout about it
I am a child of love
I found a world of freedom
I found a friend in Jesus
I am a child of love
Yeah, oh, I am a child of love
Yeah, oh, I am a child of love

Bridge Nothing can change the way You love me
Nothing can change the way I belong to You
Yes I do Nothing can separate; (repeat)

I'm gonna climb a mountain
I am a child of love
I found a world of freedom
I am a child of love

Chorus 2

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*Thanks for worshipping with us!
See you next week!*