

# **Good Shepherd Lutheran Church of South Hills**

**September 14, 2025 // 10:15 am Worship Service  
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

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*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...**

*God of mercy, you promised never to break your covenant with us. Amid all the changing words of our generation, speak your eternal Word that does not change. Then may we respond to your gracious promises with faithful and obedient lives; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.*

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 (1 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**

*\*Please stand\**

## **~INVOCATION**

## **~OPENING HYMN    The King of Love my Shepherd Is    LSB 709**

## **~CALL TO WORSHIP    Psalm 23**

- P:     The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.  
C:     He makes me lie down in green pastures.  
P:     He leads me beside still waters.  
C:     He restores my soul  
P:     He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.  
C:     Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I  
       will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they  
       comfort me.  
P:     You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;  
       you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.  
C:     Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my  
       life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

## **~CONFESSION**

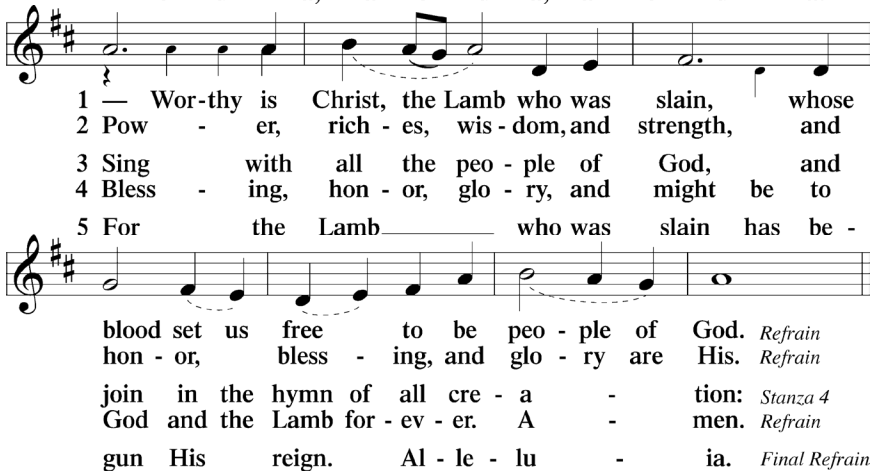
- P:     Lord,  
C:     **We would follow You wherever you might lead.**  
P:     Lord,  
C:     **we would follow You. Forgive us when we stumble and when  
       we stray. Forgive us when, distracted we lose our way.  
       Be the one to whom we turn, whose hand we hold, the  
       Shepherd who leads us safely to the fold.**  
P:     Lord,  
C:     **We would follow You wherever you might lead.**  
P:     Lord,  
C:     **we would follow You. Amen.**

(our silent confession)

~ABSOLUTION

~HYMN OF PRAISE

This is the Feast



\*Please be seated\*

~PRAYER

**All:** How incredible is your love, O God! We have been made new in your love and reconciled to you and to each other in peace and joy. Be with us this day as we hear

**your words of comfort and hope. Guide our lives that we may serve you more fully all of our days. Amen.**

**~OLD TESTAMENT**      *Ezekiel 34:11-24*

*(The Lord God Will Seek Them Out)*

<sup>11</sup> “For thus says the Lord God: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. <sup>12</sup> As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. <sup>13</sup> And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. <sup>14</sup> I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. <sup>15</sup> I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord God. <sup>16</sup> I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. <sup>[a]</sup> I will feed them in justice.

<sup>17</sup> “As for you, my flock, thus says the Lord God: Behold, I judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and male goats. <sup>18</sup> Is it not enough for you to feed on the good pasture, that you must tread down with your feet the rest of your pasture; and to drink of clear water, that you must muddy the rest of the water with your feet? <sup>19</sup> And must my sheep eat what you have trodden with your feet, and drink what you have muddied with your feet?

<sup>20</sup> “Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: Behold, I, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. <sup>21</sup> Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad, <sup>22</sup> I will rescue <sup>[b]</sup> my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. <sup>23</sup> And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. <sup>24</sup> And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the Lord; I have spoken.

**~EPISTLE**      *1 Timothy 1:12-17 (Christ Jesus Came to Save Sinners)*

<sup>12</sup> I thank him who has given me strength, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he judged me faithful, appointing me to his service, <sup>13</sup> though formerly I was a blasphemer, persecutor, and insolent opponent. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, <sup>14</sup> and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. <sup>15</sup> The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. <sup>16</sup> But I received mercy for this reason, that

*in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. <sup>17</sup> To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. [a] Amen.*

**L:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C:** **Thanks be to God.**

*\*Please stand\**

**~GOSPEL**      *Luke 15:1-10 (The Parable of the Lost Sheep)*

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

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

*Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him. <sup>2</sup> And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, "This man receives sinners and eats with them."*

*<sup>3</sup> So he told them this parable: <sup>4</sup> "What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it? <sup>5</sup> And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. <sup>6</sup> And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' <sup>7</sup> Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.*

*<sup>8</sup> "Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and seek diligently until she finds it? <sup>9</sup> And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' <sup>10</sup> Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents."*

**P:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

*\*Please be seated\**

**~CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

*(Sunday school age children (preschool – 6<sup>th</sup> grade) will leave after the children's message to go to a classroom for Sunday School)*

**~HYMN OF THE DAY**      **I am Jesus' Little Lamb**      **LSB 740**

**~MESSAGE**

**"Lost & Found in Jesus Christ"**  
**Luke 15:1-10**

**~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\**

**~DOXOLOGY** *(sung)*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;

**Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.  
Amen.**

**~PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**A:** Come, let us celebrate the forgiving, reconciling love of God.

**C:** **for once we were lost and felt so far away; now we have been found and welcomed home.**

**A:** Know that God's love is lavished upon you forever.

**C:** **We rejoice at the news of forgiveness and hope!**

**A:** Come, let us celebrate and praise the God of Love runs to greet us in his grace and fatherly love.

**C:** **Amen.**

**~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**

**P:** The Lord be with you

**C:** **And also with you**

**P:** Lift up your hearts

**C:** **We lift them to the Lord**

**P:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

**C:** **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

**P:** It is truly good, right, and salutary...

**C:** **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of power and might; Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who come in the name of the Lord.**

**~WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**~PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST**

**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**

**Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us**

**LSB 711**

**I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table**

**LSB 618**

**~POST COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

**~BENEDICTION**

**~CLOSING SONG**

**Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing**

**LSB 686**

**~POST SERVICE MUSIC**



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