

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church of South Hills

*September 13, 2026 // 10:15 am Worship Service
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

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



As we gather together for worship today, we remember...

"In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit"

~Ephesians 2:21-22

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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 or Elder.

~PRESERVICE MUSIC

~WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand

~INVOCATION

~OPENING HYMN **Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing** **LSB 924**

~CALL TO WORSHIP **Psalm 32:1-7**

- P: Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.
- C: Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**
- P: For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away
through my groaning all day long.
- C: For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.**
- P: I acknowledged my sin to you,
and I did not cover my iniquity;
- C: I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,"
and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.**
- P: Therefore let everyone who is godly
offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found;
surely in the rush of great waters,
they shall not reach him.
- C: You are a hiding place for me;
you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.**

~CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

- P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen.**
- 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.**

(our silent confession)

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.

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 of your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Please be seated

~HYMN OF PRAISE

This is the Feast

Refrain



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

A: Good and gracious Heavenly Father. You are compassionate and merciful to us all.

C: **allow us, filled with Your Holy Spirit, to be the same to those around us. In Jesus' name. Amen!**

~OLD TESTAMENT Genesis 50:15-21 (God's Good Purposes)

¹⁵ When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." ¹⁶ So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died: ¹⁷ 'Say to Joseph, "Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.'" And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸ His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." ¹⁹ But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? ²⁰ As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people^[a] should be kept alive, as they are today. ²¹ So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

~EPISTLE Romans 14:1-12 (Do Not Pass Judgement on One Another)

As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. ² One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. ³ Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him. ⁴ Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another?

It is before his own master^[a] that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand.

⁵One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. ⁶The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God. ⁷For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. ⁸For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

¹⁰Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; ¹¹for it is written,

*"As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall confess^[b] to God."*

¹²So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

~GOSPEL *Matthew 18:21-35*
(The Parable of the Unforgiving Servant)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eighteenth chapter.

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

²¹Then Peter came up and said to him, "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" ²²Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times.

²³"Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. ²⁵And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. ²⁶So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' ²⁷And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, 'Pay what you owe.' ²⁹So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him,

'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' ³⁰ He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. ³¹ When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. ³² Then his master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³ And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' ³⁴ And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers,[f] until he should pay all his debt. ³⁵ So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Please be seated

~CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

~HYMN OF THE DAY

Oh, Blest the House

LSB 862

Verses 1-3

~MESSAGE

"Am I In the Place of God?

Genesis 50:15-21

~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

LSB Back Cover

A: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray..

++ THE LORD'S SUPPER ++

~PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you

C: **And also with you**

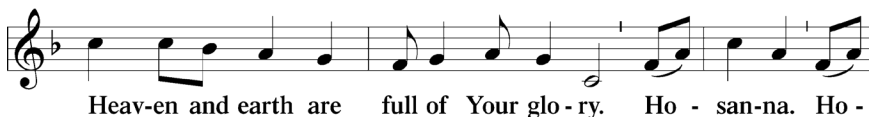
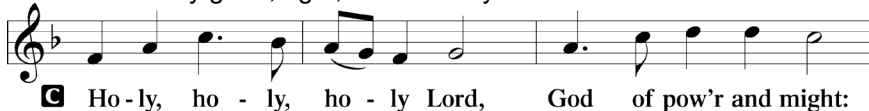
P: Lift up your hearts

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...





~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

Shepherd of Tender Youth

LSB 684

Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise

LSB 680

~POST COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

~BENEDICTION

~CLOSING SONG Go My Children, with my Blessing

LSB 922

~POST SERVICE MUSIC



Thanks for worshiping with us!
See you next week!