Good Shepherd Lutheran Church of South Hills

November 15, 2026 // 10:15 am Worship Service
Twenty-fifth 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…

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places."
~Ephesians 1:3

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~PRESERVICE MUSIC

~WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand

~OPENING HYMN **Bless the Lord**

Chorus **Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul**
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name

Verse 1 **The sun comes up it's a new day dawning**
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes

Chorus

Verse 2 **You're rich in love and You're slow to anger**
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

Chorus

Verse 3 **And on that day when my strength is failing**
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

Chorus

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~CALL TO WORSHIP **Psalm 90:1-6**

P: Lord, you have been our dwelling place
in all generations.

C: Before the mountains were brought forth,
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

P: You return man to dust
and say, “Return, O children of man!”

C: For a thousand years in your sight
are but as yesterday when it is past,
or as a watch in the night.

P: You sweep them away as with a flood; they are like a dream,
like grass that is renewed in the morning:

C: **in the morning it flourishes and is renewed;**
in the evening it fades and withers.

~INVOCATION

~CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Please be seated

~HYMN OF PRAISE — Earth & All Stars — LSB 817

Verses 1, 2, 5, 6

~PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

All: **Lord God heavenly Father, we gather this morning knowing that You are good and gracious to us all. You bless us with all that we need and more. Help us to recognize this reality in our lives and always be ready to give You thanks and praise and bless others in response. In Jesus name. AMEN!**

~OLD TESTAMENT — *Zephaniah 1:7-16 (The Day of the Lord is Near)*

7 Be silent before the Lord God!
For the day of the Lord is near;
the Lord has prepared a sacrifice
and consecrated his guests.
8 And on the day of the Lord's sacrifice—
"I will punish the officials and the king's sons
and all who array themselves in foreign attire.
9 On that day I will punish
everyone who leaps over the threshold,
and those who fill their master's[a] house
with violence and fraud.
10 "On that day," declares the Lord,
"a cry will be heard from the Fish Gate,
a wail from the Second Quarter,
a loud crash from the hills.
11 Wail, O inhabitants of the Mortar!
For all the traders[b] are no more;
all who weigh out silver are cut off.
12 At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,
and I will punish the men
who are complacent,[c]
those who say in their hearts,
'The Lord will not do good,
nor will he do ill.'

13 Their goods shall be plundered,
and their houses laid waste.
Though they build houses,
they shall not inhabit them;
though they plant vineyards,
they shall not drink wine from them."
14 The great day of the Lord is near,
near and hastening fast;
the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter;
the mighty man cries aloud there.
15 A day of wrath is that day,
a day of distress and anguish,
a day of ruin and devastation,
a day of darkness and gloom,
a day of clouds and thick darkness,
16 a day of trumpet blast and battle cry
against the fortified cities
and against the lofty battlements.

~EPISTLE *1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 (The Day of the Lord)*

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers,[a] you have no need to have anything written to you. 2 For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. 3 While people are saying, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. 4 But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. 5 For you are all children[b] of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. 6 So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. 7 For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. 8 But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. 9 For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, 10 who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. 11 Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand

~GOSPEL *Matthew 25:14-30 (The Parable of the Talents)*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

14 "For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. 15 To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. 16 He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. 17 So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. 18 But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. 19 Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. 20 And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me five talents; here, I have made five talents more.' 21 His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' 22 And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me two talents; here, I have made two talents more.' 23 His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' 24 He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, 25 so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here, you have what is yours.' 26 But his master answered him, 'You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I scattered no seed? 27 Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. 28 So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. 29 For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. 30 And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Please be seated

Sunday School age children can leave and go to Sunday School in room 6. Children will return to their families after the prayers

~HYMN OF THE DAY **When Peace, like a River** **LSB** 763

~MESSAGE *"Use Your Blessings Wisely"*

~APOSTLES' CREED

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.

~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..

~BENEDICTION

~CLOSING SONG **Take My Life and Let It Be** **LSB** 783
Verses 1, 2, 5, 6

~POST SERVICE MUSIC

Sermon Notes:



Thanks for worshiping with us!
See you next week!