

**GOOD
Shepherd**
Lutheran Church & School



Good Shepherd Lutheran Church & School is a welcoming, Christ-centered family, dedicated to sharing our love and faith.

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

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LORD'S SUPPER - As Lutherans, in joyful obedience to the clear teaching of our Lord Jesus, we invite to His table at Good Shepherd those who trust His Word, repent of their sins, and set aside refusal to forgive and love just as we have been loved and forgiven by God. If you are unsure about whether you should commune or not, speak to an usher prior to the service. Thank you and welcome!

PRESERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" LSB 802

THE SERVICE OF CONFESSION AND 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.

(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

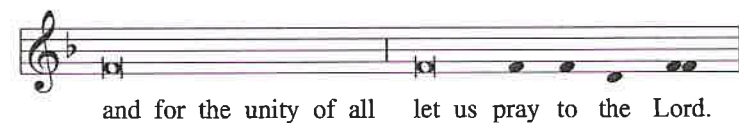
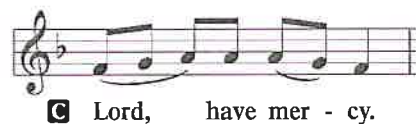
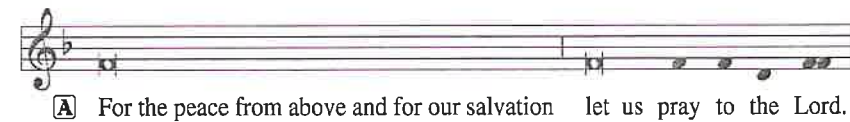
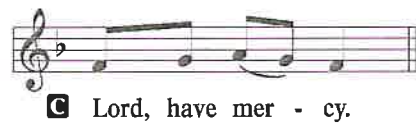
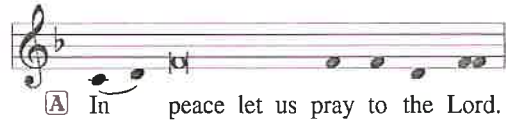
have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

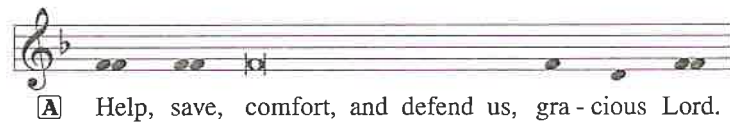
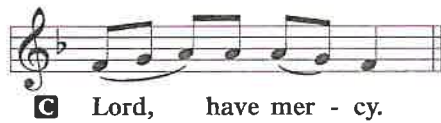
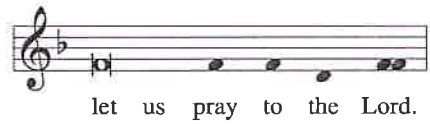
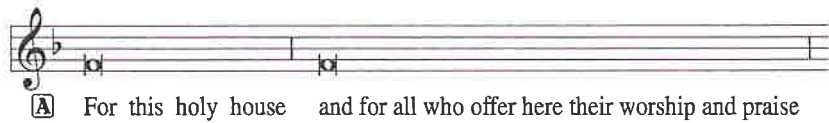
P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

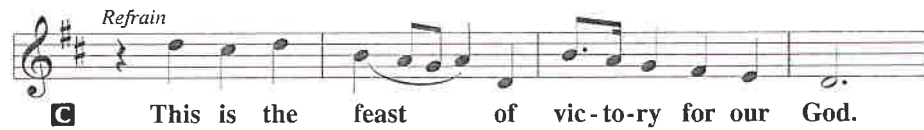
KYRIE


LSB 152






THIS IS THE FEAST *LSB 155*






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.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY



P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray. Lord Jesus, You are the Good Shepherd, without whom nothing is secure. Rescue and preserve us that we may not be lost forever but follow You, rejoicing in the way that leads to eternal life; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Ezekiel 34:11-24

"For thus says the Lord God: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. 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. 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. 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. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord God. 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. I will feed them in justice. "As for you, my flock, thus says the Lord God: Behold, I judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and male goats. 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? And must my sheep eat what you have trodden with your feet, and drink what you have muddied with your feet? "Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: Behold, I, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad, I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. 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. And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the Lord; I have spoken."

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

EPISTLE

1 Timothy 1:12-17

I thank him who has given me strength, Christ Jesus our Lord, **because he judged me faithful, appointing me to his service,** though formerly I was a blasphemer, persecutor, and insolent opponent. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. 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. 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. To the King of ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA and VERSE

LSB 156



HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 15:1-10

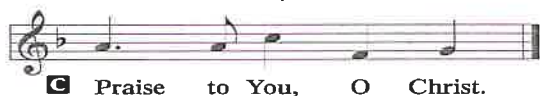
P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fifteenth chapter.



Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear [Jesus]. And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, "This man receives sinners and eats with them." So he told them this parable: "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? And when he has

found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. 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.' 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. "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? 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.' 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.



HYMN OF THE DAY "Amazing Grace" LSB 744

SERMON Luke 15:1-10; "Suppose One of You"

APOSTLES' CREED

C 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.

INSTALLATION OF SUNDAY SCHOOL STAFF

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Each prayer petition concludes:

P Lord, in Your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

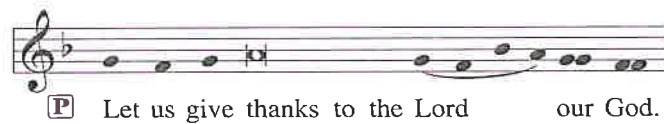
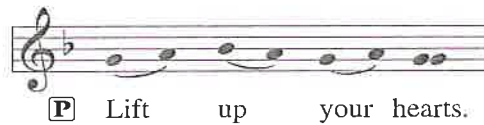
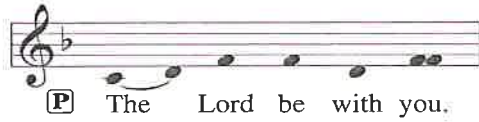
THE OFFERING

While we gather the offering today you are invited to fill out the red "Record of Fellowship" forms located at the end of the pew. If you would, please pass the red pad down the pew so everyone can complete the record. Thanks

+SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

PREFACE

LSB 160



LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
C 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.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C And also with you.

AGNUS DEI *LSB 163*



Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.



THE DISTRIBUTION

As Lutherans, in joyful obedience to the clear teaching of Lord Jesus, we now invite to His table those who trust His Word, repent of their sins, and set aside refusal to forgive and love just as we have been loved and forgiven by God. You will receive the host and then will have a choice of either the individual cups or the common cup. If you would like the common cup, place your hands FLAT on the rail while the individual cups are offered. This way Pastor will know that you desire the common cup. If for medical or other reasons you would prefer a non-alcoholic individual cup, they are located in the center of each tray. If you would like to receive communion in the pew, please inform an Usher and what your preference would be – either common or individual cup. Thank you.

HYMNS DURING THE DISTRIBUTION:

"The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want"	LSB710
"Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us"	LSB 711
"Chief of Sinners Though I Be"	LSB 611
"We Give Thee But Thine Own"	LSB 781

THANK THE LORD LSB 164



☐ Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT LSB 166

P Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that
You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore
You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the
same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another;
through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns
with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C Amen.

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be
gracious unto you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you
peace.
C Amen.

P Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.
C Thanks be to God!

CLOSING HYMN “Now Thank We All Our God” LSB 895

POSTLUDE

Next Week's Scripture Reading
Amos 8:4–7, Psalm 113, 1 Timothy 2, Luke 16:1–15

Join us for Sunday bible study after worship.

Wednesday Bible Study Begins
November 5th 10AM

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Come and See what God is Doing in our Midst; Come Grow With Us!

SEPTEMBER

- 14-Installation Sunday School Staff
- 18- Fellowship Dinner 5:30 PM Der Dutchmen
- 21- Sunday School Begins 9:15 AM
- 22-Council Mtg 6 PM
- 23-School Board Mtg 5:45 PM

October

- 4- School Construction Ground Breaking
- 12- Installation Church Council
- 24- Truck or Treat 6 PM
- 26- Reformation Concert & Dinner

November

- 2- Daylight Savings
- 5- Wednesday Bible Study 10 AM
- 11- Veterans Day
- 20- Fellowship Dinner 5:30 PM Location TBD
- 27- Thanksgiving Day

For more information please visit our website :
goodshepherdsarasota.org

**Just a
reminder...**



Reformation Concert & Dinner

Sunday, October 26th 4 PM Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Join us for a powerful worship experience featuring the combined choirs of Lakeside Lutheran Church and Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

Directed by: • Linda Petersen • Dr. John A. Behnke

Then join us for a fun-filled evening of German food, drinks & fellowship in the fellowship hall! Sign-up in the Narthex to bring your favorite German or classic potato salad, sauerkraut or German desserts. For questions, see **Wanda Barthlomew or Cheryl Anderson** Thank you



Be the Heart of GSLCS—Join the Visitation Team!

Feel called to serve? The Visitation Team connects with our shut-in members through calls and visits, reminding them they're loved and never alone. If you enjoy sharing conversation, prayer, and compassion, this ministry might be a perfect fit. Interested? Contact Pastor Anderson or Phyllis Hoffman to learn more. Let's bring the love of Christ beyond the church walls—one visit at a time.



We're Updating the MILITARY BULLETIN BOARD



Do you have a family member currently serving in the military and would like our church to acknowledge their contribution to our country? If so, please provide a 4x6 photo, along with their name, rank, branch of service, and how they are related to you in an envelope marked "Military" and place it in the patriotic themed basket in the narthex; and we'll take it from there.—Chris Dermody



Helping Those in Need

We always encourage members to provide Gift Cards that the church, in turn, gives to people in need when requested. There are 3 places that we commonly give gift cards to: Publix (most popular), Wa-Wa, and Walgreens. Gift cards in the amounts of either \$20 or \$25 are always greatly appreciated. Thanks so much for helping those in need in our community!



Help Continue the Giving Tree Tradition

After 23 years of coordinating our Giving Tree, I'm retiring. This project has brought joy to many children, especially those at GSLS, and I hope someone will carry it forward. A box in the ladies' restroom closet contains instructions and blank card backs. Choose a group to support and begin outreach by mid to late October. Please don't let our Giving Tree blessings to children fade away. Questions? Please see me at church or email LBDICKANDJANE@verizon.net.

THANK YOU! Jane Pettit

Altar Flowers

We are blessed this week by the beautiful altar flowers generously given by Bob and Linda Barnes in celebration of Linda's birthday. Their thoughtful gift brings joy and beauty to our worship space.

Happy birthday, Linda!



September

Birthdays

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

Cheryl Anderson	09/03
Carolyn McCrum	09/04
Linda Barnes	09/13
Robert Weber	09/14
Richard Dies	09/16
MaryLou Imhoff	09/20
Carolyn Weber	09/21
Connie Reitmeyer	09/23

MAJOR FUND RAISER BEGINS NOW

Leave a legacy while helping hundreds of children and parents find a quality place for pre-school education. The commitment pledge forms can be found in the narthex. GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY OCT. 4TH

September 6-7, 2025 Tithes & Offering: \$ 5237
Attendance

Saturday 8/30: 14 Sunday 8/31: 91

*****More Ways to Give*****

1st is Joyful Response- sign up from your checking or savings account to the church on a recurring basis. There is no cost for either the member or church to participate in this program.
2nd is Zelle- sign into your bank via your cell phones and initiate a on time transfer from your account to the church checking account. There is no cost for the member, however, the church must pay a 1% fee to the bank.