

*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 "Before You, Lord, We Bow"      LSB 966**

#### **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

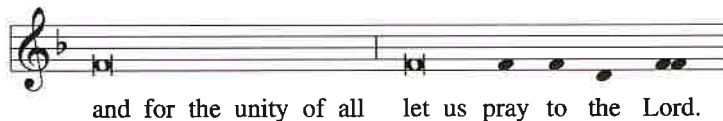
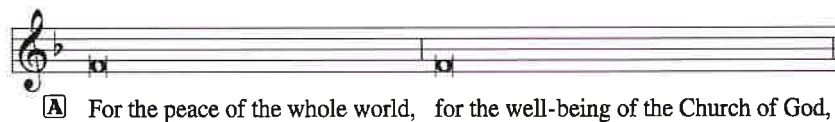
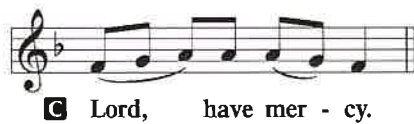
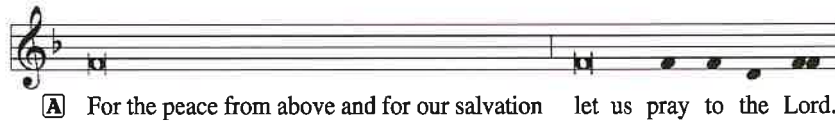
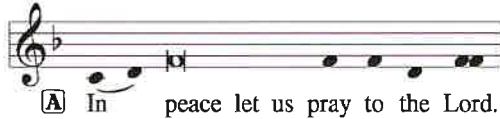
have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory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

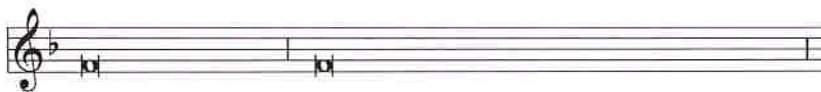
## KYRIE

*LSB 152*





**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



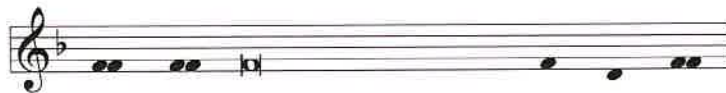
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



**C** A - men.

## THIS IS THE FEAST


LSB 155




**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.

## SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al - so with you.

**P** Let us pray. O Lord, keep Your Church in Your perpetual mercy; and because without You we cannot but fall, preserve us from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

*This Week's Theme...The Lord Is Rich in His Grace and Mercy*

**OLD TESTAMENT READING                      Amos 8:4-7**

"Hear this, you who trample on the needy and bring the poor of the land to an end, saying, "When will the new moon be over, that we may sell grain? And the Sabbath, that we may offer wheat for sale, that we may make the ephah small and the shekel great and deal deceitfully with false balances, that we may buy the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals and sell the chaff of the wheat?" The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob: "Surely I will never forget any of their deeds."

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

**C**        **Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE    1 Timothy 2:1-15**

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time. For this I was appointed a preacher and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth. I desire then that in every place the men should pray, lifting holy hands without anger or quarreling; likewise also that women should adorn themselves in respectable apparel, with modesty and self-control, not with braided hair and gold or pearls or costly attire, but with what is proper for women who profess godliness—with good works. Let a woman learn quietly with all submissiveness. I do not permit a woman to teach or to exercise authority over a man; rather, she is to remain quiet. For Adam was formed first, then Eve; and Adam was not deceived, but the woman was deceived and became a transgressor. Yet she will be saved through childbearing—if they continue in faith and love and holiness, with self-control.

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

**C**        **Thanks be to God.**

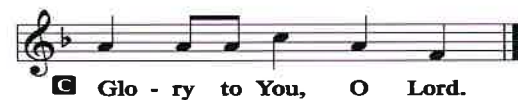
**ALLELUIA and VERSE**

LSB 156

**HOLY GOSPEL**

Luke 16:1-15

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

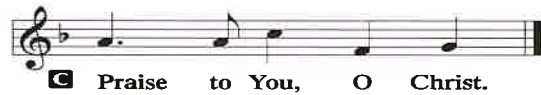


[Jesus] also said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his possessions. And he called him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your management, for you can no longer be manager.' And the manager said to himself, 'What shall I do, since my master is taking the management away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do, so that when I am removed from management, people may receive me into their houses.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he said to the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He said, 'A hundred measures of oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.' Then he said to another, 'And how much do you owe?' He said, 'A hundred measures of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, and write eighty.' The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings. "One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful in that which is another's, who will give



you that which is your own? No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money. The Pharisees, who were lovers of money, heard all these things, and they ridiculed him. And he said to them, "You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts. For what is exalted among men is an abomination in the sight of God."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



## CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

**HYMN OF THE DAY "You Are the Way, through You Alone"**  
**LSB 526**

**SERMON Luke 16:1-15; "Your Money or Your Life"**

## 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.**

## THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Each prayer petition concludes:

**P Lord, in Your mercy,**

**C Hear our prayer.**



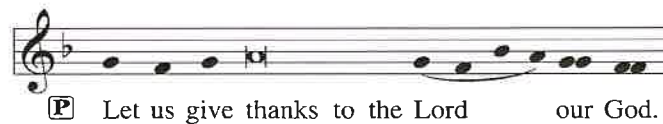
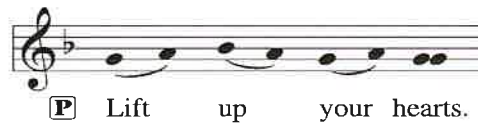
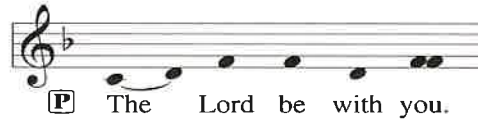
## THE OFFERING

*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:

"What Is This Bread"	LSB 629
"For the Fruits of His Creation"	LSB 894
"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"	LSB 427
"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"	LSB 793

## 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 “Son of God, Eternal Savior”    LSB 842**

**POSTLUDE**

Next Week’s Scripture Reading  
Amos 6:1–7, Psalm 146,  
1 Timothy 3:1–13 Luke 16:19–31

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!**



**Just a  
reminder...**



**SEPTEMBER**

- 21– Sunday School Begins 9:15 AM
- 23– School Board Mtg 5:45 PM
- 24– Church Spring Cleaning begins 9 AM

**October**

- 4– School Construction Ground Breaking
- 5– Lutheran Women's Missionary League Sunday Service
- 12– Installation Church Council
- 24– Trunk or Treat 6 PM
- 26– Reformation Concert 4PM & German Food to follow

**November**

- 2– Daylight Savings
- 5– Wednesday Bible Study 10 AM
- 11– Veterans Day
- 20– Fellowship Dinner 5:30 PM Olive Garden in Sarasota
- 26– Thanksgiving Eve Worship 7 PM
- 27– Thanksgiving Day

For more information please visit our website :  
[goodshepherdsarasota.org](http://goodshepherdsarasota.org)

### 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.

### ★ ★ ★ Honoring Ensign Jacey Tippman ★ ★ ★ A Grateful Salute to Her Service

We lift up our prayers for Ensign Jacey Tippman - 2025 graduate of the U.S Coast Guard Academy - currently stationed in Atlantic Beach, NC on US Coast Guard Cutter Richard Snyder. Jacey is the daughter of Brian and Michele Tippman and we thank her for her service. (You can see Jacey's picture on our Military Bulletin Board in the narthex.)



### SPRING CLEANING IN THE FALL?????

Yes, indeed!

We live in Florida And This is How

We Roll.....

Join us on Wednesday, Sept. 24th

Help us beautify our church sanctuary for the upcoming Reformation service on Sunday, October 26th. We have approved a carpet cleaner to remove all stains and clean the carpet in the sanctuary and brick floors in the narthex. Additionally we are getting estimates to paint the narthex and washrooms. But we also need YOU. We have designated Wednesday, September 24th starting at 9:00 as a work day to wash/ polish the wooden pews and furniture at the altar, wipe off the pew cushions, dust the hymnals & Bibles and straighten the pew cards. As the saying goes, "Many hands make light work." And we need yours. If you can join us on Sept. 24th, please bring your favorite bucket and cleaning cloths and towels. Any amount of time you can donate would be greatly appreciated. Hope to see you there.

Thank you, Sandy Dion and Bill & Chris Dermod

### 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!



# September

## Birthdays

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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 10AM

### September 13-14, 2025 Tithes & Offering: \$2804 Attendance

Saturday 9/13: 18 Sunday 9/14: 57

#### \*\*\*\*\*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.