



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

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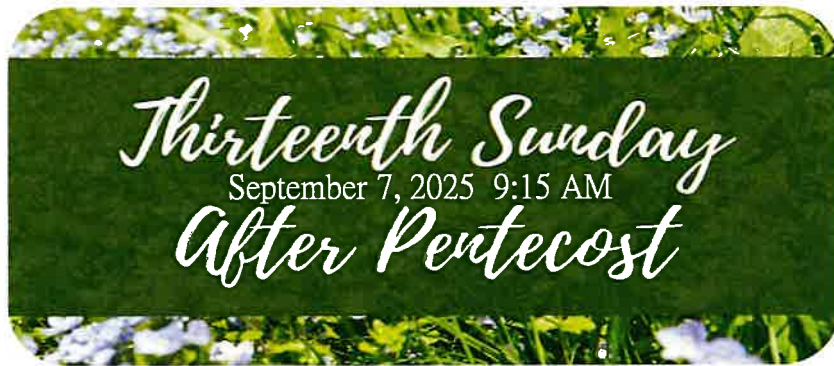
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LORD'S SUPPER - As Lutherans, in joyful obedience to the clear teaching of our Lord Jesus, we invite to His table at Good Shepherd those who trust His Word, repent of their sins, and set aside refusal to forgive and love just as we have been loved 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 "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee" LSB 803

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

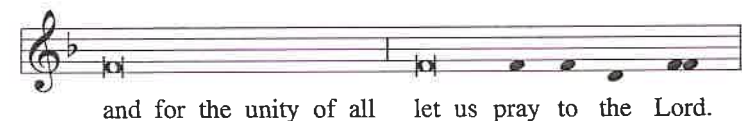
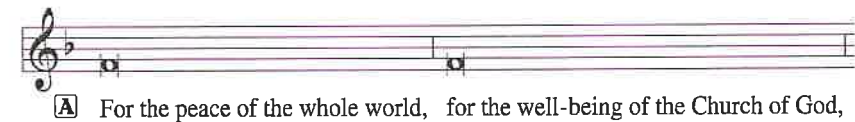
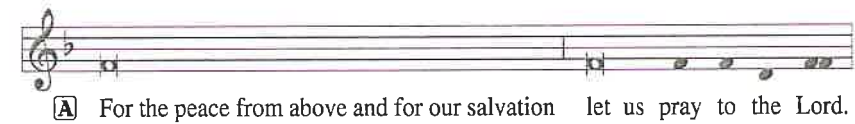
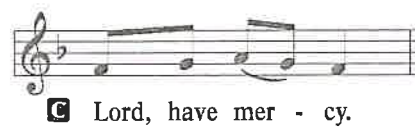
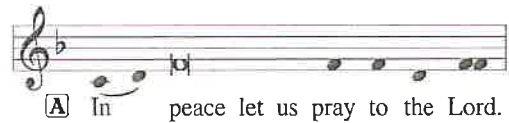
neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

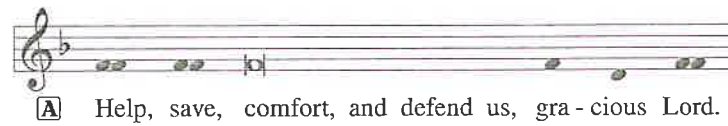
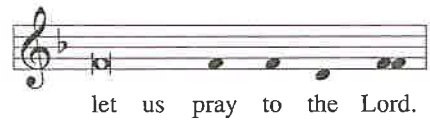
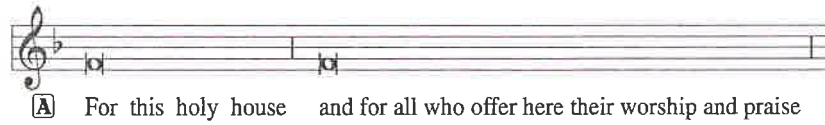
P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

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. O merciful Lord, You did not spare Your only Son but delivered Him up for us all. Grant us courage and strength to take up the cross and follow Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

This Week's Theme...Christ Jesus Has Paid the Cost of Discipleship for You

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Deuteronomy 30:15–20

"See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I command you today, by loving the Lord your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the Lord swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

Philemon 1–21

Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our beloved fellow worker and Apphia our sister and Archippus our fellow soldier, and the church in your house: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I thank my God always when I remember you in my prayers, because I hear of your love and of the faith that you have toward the Lord Jesus and all the saints, and I pray that the sharing of your faith **may become effective for the full knowledge of every good thing that** is in us for the sake of Christ. For I have derived much joy and comfort from your love, my brother, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you. Accordingly, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do what is required, yet for love's sake I prefer to appeal to you—I, Paul, an old man and now a prisoner also for Christ Jesus— I appeal to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I became in my imprisonment. (Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me.) I am sending him back to you, sending my very heart. I would have

been glad to keep him with me, in order that he might serve me on your behalf during my imprisonment for the gospel, but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your goodness might not be by compulsion but of your own free will. For this perhaps is why he was parted from you for a while, that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, as a beloved brother—especially to me, but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. So if you consider me your partner, receive him as you would receive me. If he has wronged you at all, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, write this with my own hand: I will repay it—to say nothing of your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, I want some benefit from you in the Lord. Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

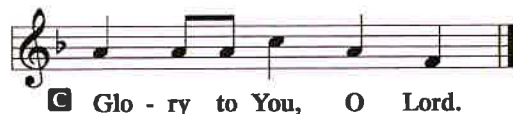
L This is the Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA and VERSE LSB 156



HOLY GOSPEL Luke 14:25-35

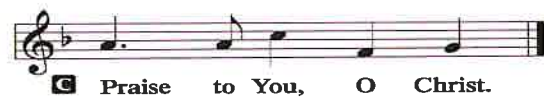
P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fourteenth chapter.



Now great crowds accompanied [Jesus], and he turned and said to them, "If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. Whoever

does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? **Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish,** all who see it begin to mock him, saying, 'This man began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? And if not, while the other is yet **a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace.** So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple. "Salt is good, but if salt has lost its taste, how **shall its saltiness be restored?** It is of no use either for the soil or for the manure pile. It is thrown away. He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



HYMN OF THE DAY "Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service"
LSB 848

SERMON Luke 14:25-35; "What does it cost"

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 2025-2026 SCHOOL STAFF

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Each prayer petition concludes:

P Lord, in Your mercy,
C Hear our prayer.

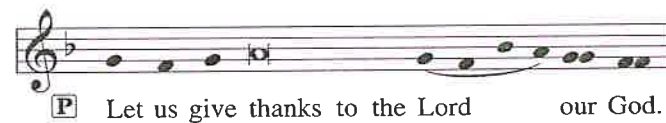
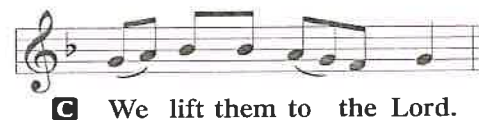
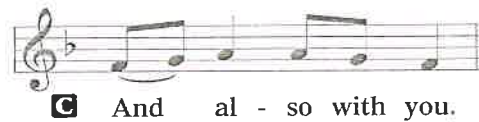
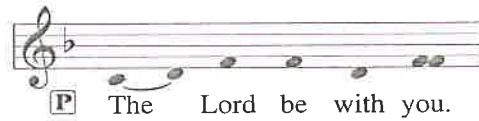
THE OFFERING

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*

G 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 King of Love My Shepherd Is"	LSB 709
"The Man Is Ever Blessed"	LSB 705
"Praise to You and Adoration"	LSB 692
"Take My Life and Let It Be"	LSB 783

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 - jice 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 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer" LSB 918

POSTLUDE

Join us for Sunday bible study after worship.



Next Week's Scripture Reading

Ezekiel 34:11–24; Psalm 119:169–176

1 Timothy 1:5–17; Luke 15:1–10

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

SEPTEMBER

- 1- Labor Day
- 7- Installation School Staff
- 11-LWML Fall Kickoff Meeting 10 AM
- 14-Installation Sunday School Staff Church
- 18- Fellowship Dinner 5:30 PM Der Dutchmen
- 21- Sunday School Begins 9:15 AM
- 22-Council Mtg 6PM
- 23-School Board Mtg 5:45 PM

October

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

November

- 2- Daylight Savings
- 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





LWML Fall Kickoff Meeting
Thursday, Sept. 11 at 10 AM Altar Guild Room



All women of Good Shepherd are invited! We'll be **sewing crosses on pockets for hospice patients**—please bring a yarn needle and scissors. Members and guests welcome!

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. Questions? Please see me at church or email LBDICKANDJANE@verizon.net. THANK YOU! Jane Pettit

Altar Flowers

Please consider choosing a weekend to provide Altar Flowers in celebration or in memory of a loved one. To sign-up please visit the flower chart in the church entry hall. Arrangements for the flowers are \$70 and the cost may be shared with others wishing to make a donation.

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

August 30-31, 2025 Tithes & Offering: \$ 3299
Attendance

Saturday 8/30: 19 Sunday 8/31: 48

*****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.