Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
All Saints Sunday

10:45 AM November 1, 2026

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Good Shepherd's Statement of Welcome
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church invites you to join us on a journey of faith. We welcome the participation of all ages, races, religious backgrounds, sexual orientations, gender identities, socioeconomic, marital, and family statuses, abilities, political affiliations, and national origins. Ministry is strengthened by diversity, and we welcome all to join us in worship, fellowship, learning, and service. You are a child of God; you are welcome here.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE ***Shall We Gather at the River*** **John Carter**

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM
Please rise.
Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth,
our light and our salvation. **Amen.**
Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.
Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.
At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.
By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons,
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,
and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.
Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

PEACE
The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**
Let us share a sign of peace and greet our neighbors.

OFFERING INSTRUCTIONS
Please be seated. Children are invited to help collect the offering.

The offering is a gift of thanks which is used to support the ministries of the church locally and globally. Please feel free to put cash/checks/online giving cards in the offering plate or donate here: www.gslutheran.net/give

OFFERING SONG Take my Life, That I May Be ELW 583, verses 1 & 2

Refrain
Take my life, that I may be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

1 Take my hands and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee.
Refrain

2 Take my silver and my gold,
not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect and use
ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.
Refrain

LITANY FOR ALL THE SAINTS

We are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses: the saints who have gone before us, the saints who worship beside us, and the saints whose lives are still unfolding.

In baptism, we are joined to Christ and to one another.
In death, we are held in God's eternal care.
And in the promise of resurrection,
we trust that nothing- not even death-
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

We remember before God those of our congregation who have died this year:

George Rasmussen +
Janice Foley +
Elaine Haase +
Betty Dols +
Robert Waterbury +
Karl and Penny Johnson +
Al Anderson +
Joan Lange +
John Bowlen +

We remember those in our families, communities, workplaces, and schools who have died this year (*we read each name as we toll the bell)…* +

We remember all saints dear to us, those we carry in our hearts, saints of today and saints who have gone before us, as we share their names together now…. +

God of mercy, receive those we love into the fullness of your presence. Hold us in our sorrow and remind us that in life and in death we belong to you. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN ***Shall We Gather at the River*** **ELW 423**
During the hymn, you are invited to come forward to light a candle in honor or in memory of the saints in your life.

GREETING
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY
Let us pray. Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

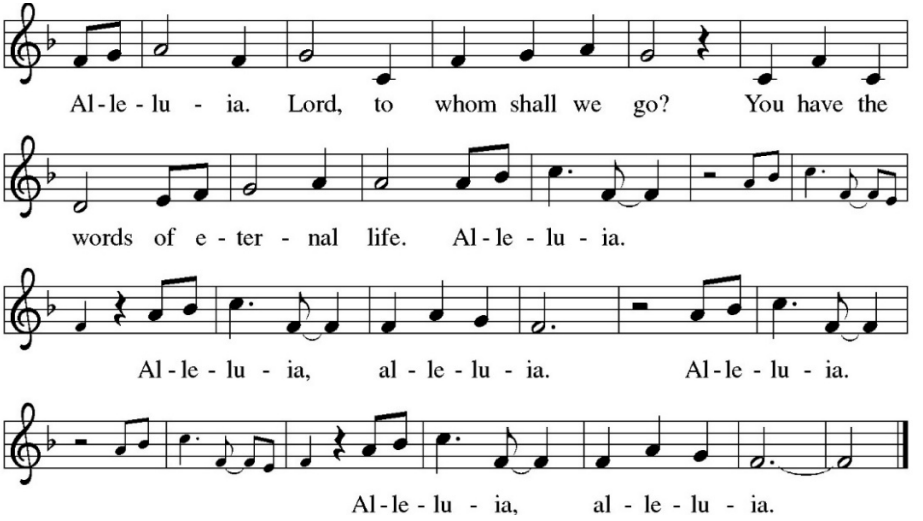
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
Please sign the pew pad and pass it down so that all in your pew can sign in. Before or after the service, and during the sharing of the peace, we invite you to get to know those near you.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

Please rise.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Mathew 5:1-12

The holy gospel according to Mathew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

1 When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples
came to him. 2 And he began to speak and taught them, saying:
3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
4 "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
5 "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
6 "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
7 "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
8 "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
9 "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
10 "Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the
kingdom of heaven.
11 "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil
against you falsely on my account. 12 Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in
heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S SERMON *Mrs. Denise Steene*

As children go to Sunday School, we sing:
This is the Day **WP 141 (**purple book)

This is the day (this is the day), that the Lord has made, (that the Lord has made);
We will rejoice (we will rejoice) and be glad in it (and be glad in it.)
This is the day that the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day (this the day), that the Lord has made.

FIRST READING: Revelation 7:9-17
A reading from Revelation

9 After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every
nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before
the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands.
10 They cried out in a loud voice, saying,
"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!"
11 And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living
creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God,
12 singing,
"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen."
13 Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where
have they come from?"
14 I said to him, "Sir, you are the one who knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who
have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in
the blood of the Lamb.
15 For this reason they are before the throne of God
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
16 They will hunger no more and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat,
17 for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."
Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 34:1-10, 22
We read the psalm responsively.

1 I will bless the LORD at all times;
the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth.
2 **I will glory in the LORD;**
let the lowly hear and rejoice.
3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD;
let us exalt God's name together.
4 **I sought the LORD, who answered me**
and delivered me from all my terrors.
5 Look upon the LORD and be radiant,
and let not your faces be ashamed.
6 **I called in my affliction, and the LORD heard me**
and saved me from all my troubles.
7 The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear the LORD
and de-livers them.
8 **Taste and see that the LORD is good;**
happy are they who take refuge in God!
9 Fear the LORD, you saints of the LORD,
for those who fear the LORD lack nothing.
10 **The lions are in want and suffer hunger,**
but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.
22 O LORD, you redeem the life of your servants,
and those who put their trust in you will not be punished.

SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1-3
A reading from 1 John.
1 See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God, and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.
2 Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is.
3 And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.
Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON ***The Rev. Kate Costa***

HYMN OF THE DAY ***Give Thanks for Saints*** **ELW 428**

CREED
Let us confess our faith using the words of the Apostles' Creed.
I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

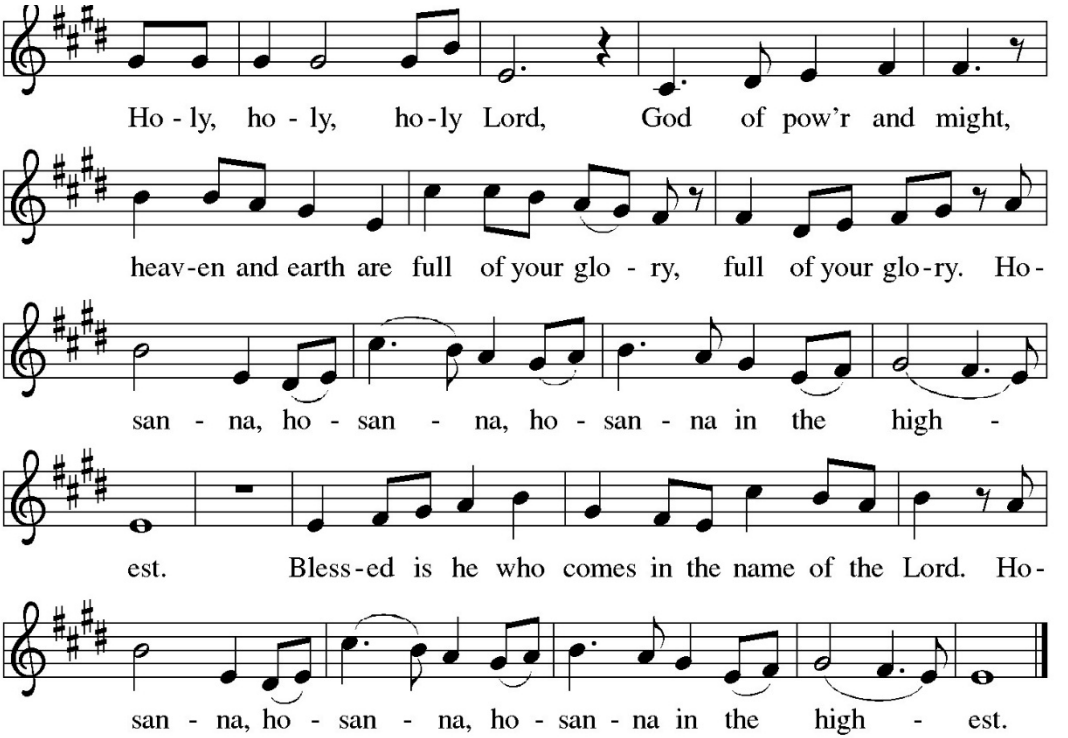
PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION
Each petition will end with "Hear us O God,"
and we will respond with **"Your mercy is great."**
Please be seated.

MUSICAL REFLECTION M. Alexander Gray

GREAT THANKSGIVING
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ.
By the witness of your saints, you show us the hope of our calling
and strengthen us to run the race set before us,
that we may delight in your mercy and rejoice with them in glory.

And so, with our beloved dead and all the saints,
with the choirs of angels and all the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

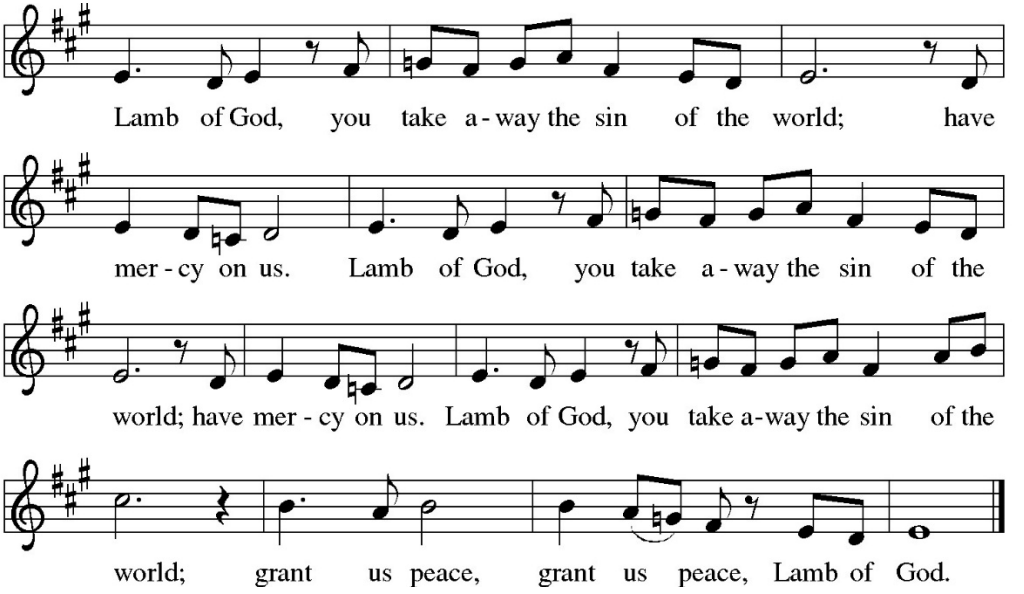
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. Come to this meal of mercy. **Amen.**

COMMUNION INSTRUCTIONS

This is Christ's table, and all are welcome here! An usher will invite you to the communion rail. You will first receive the bread (gluten-free wafers are available) and then take a glass of wine or grape juice from the tray. If you (or your child) do not yet commune, please let the pastor know and they will give a blessing. Children may commune at any age; we offer communion instruction for those in the second grade or older.

LAMB OF GOD



COMMUNION HYMN ***Blest Are They*** **ELW 728**
Holy, Holy, Holy **ELW 413**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER
Please rise in body or in spirit.

Let us pray. O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

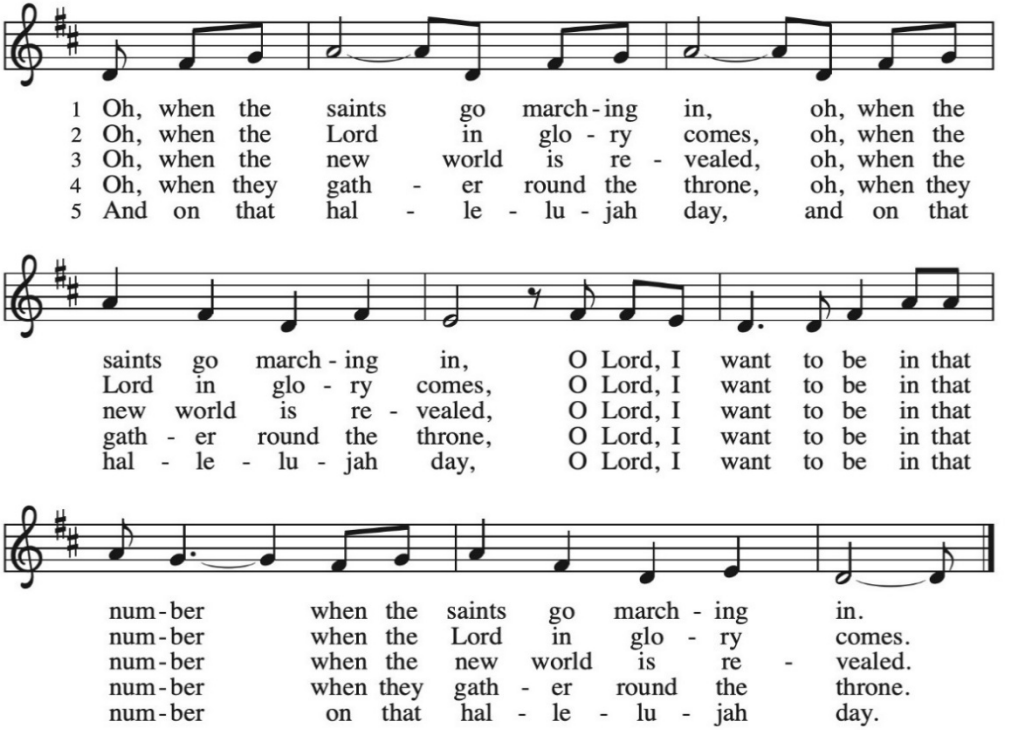
SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

May the God of love, hope, and grace bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG **Oh, When the Saints** **ACS 950**



Text: African American spiritual
Music: WHEN THE SAINTS, African American spiritual

DISMISSAL
Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE *For All the Saints* **Keith Kolander**

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