

November 15, 2026

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

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Our Mission: Created, saved and strengthened through God's grace, we give, share, love and care for all people.

Gathering

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Please stand as able

Confession and forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who pours love into our hearts and healing upon the earth. **Amen.**

Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sin.

Compassionate God, **we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness in the world and in our own hearts. Creation groans from overuse. Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships. Indifference keeps us from seeking justice. Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others. Turn our hearts back to you. Restore our world and reconcile us to one another. Renew us to live as your holy people, following the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

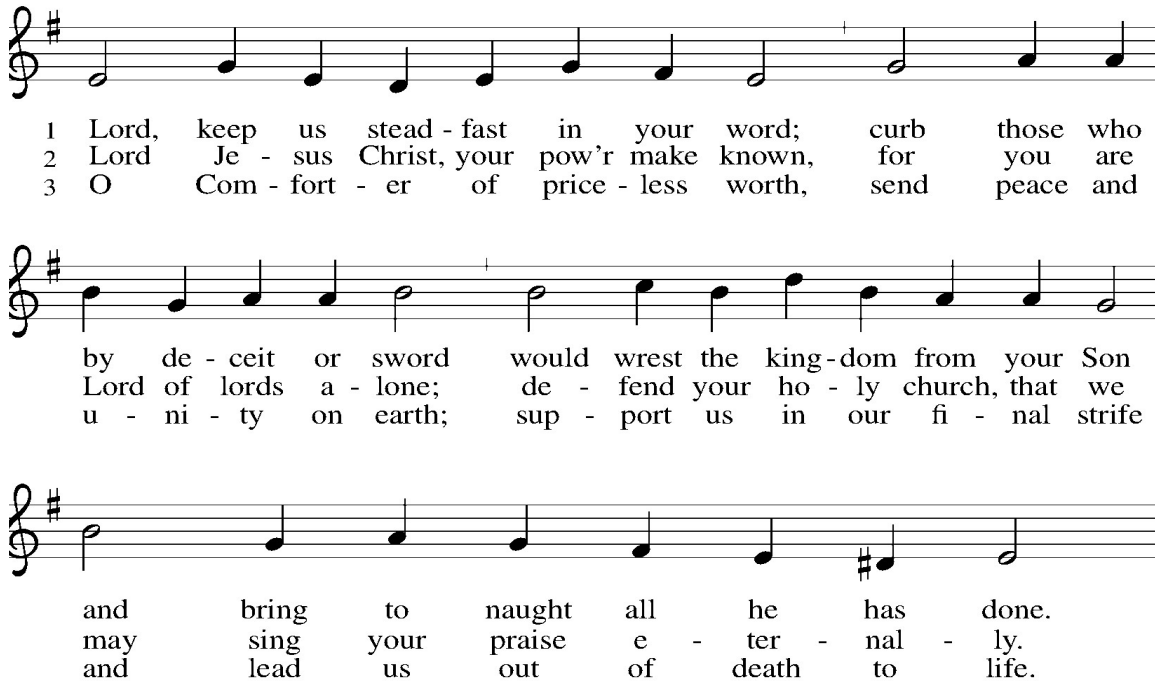
Hear this good news: We have peace with God through Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation, but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. Receive freely this healing gift of grace**. Amen**.

Hymn O God, Our Help in Ages Past ELW 632

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.

Canticle of Praise



xt: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.
usic: ERHALT UNS, HERR, J. Klug, *Geistliche Lieder*, 1543

Prayer of the Day

Response: ***Amen.***

Word

Please be seated

First Reading

Zephaniah 1:7,12-18

Be silent before the Lord God, for the day of the Lord is at hand! The Lord has prepared a sacrifice; he has consecrated his guests. At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who settle like dregs in wine, those who say in their hearts, "The Lord will not do good, nor will he do harm." Their wealth 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. The great day of the

Lord is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter; the warrior cries aloud there. That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the Lord, their blood shall be poured out like dust and their flesh like dung. Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the Lord's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed, for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

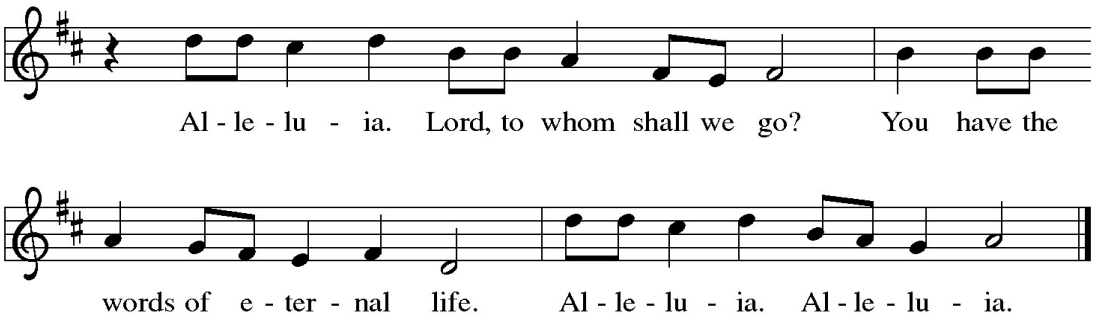
Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So, then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober, for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober and put on the breastplate of faith and love and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand if able at the introduction

Gospel Acclamation



Gospel Matthew 25:14-30

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 25th chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to the disciples: "For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. At once the one who had received the five talents went off and traded with them and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow and gathering where you did not scatter, so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance, but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' "

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

Please be seated through the Offering
Homily Parable of the Bags of Gold (Talents) Pastor Eli

Response to the Word

Hymn of the Day Rejoice, for Christ Is King! ELW 430

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

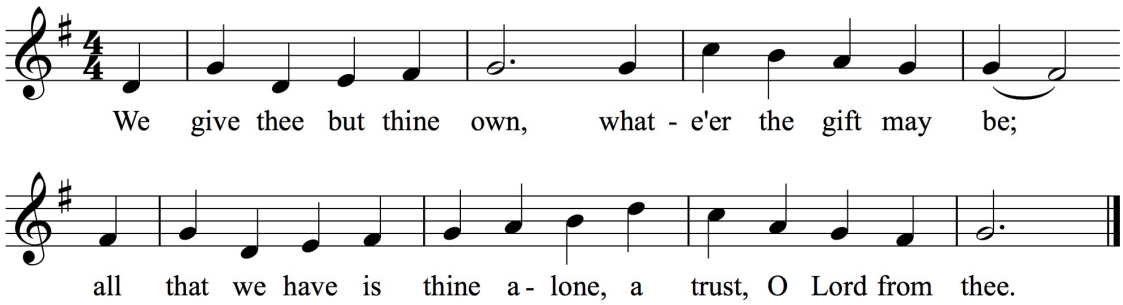
United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers ...*God, in your mercy.* ***Hear our prayer***
....we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved. ***Amen.***

Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Greet those near you.

Offering

Please stand as able through the Holy, Holy
Offering Response



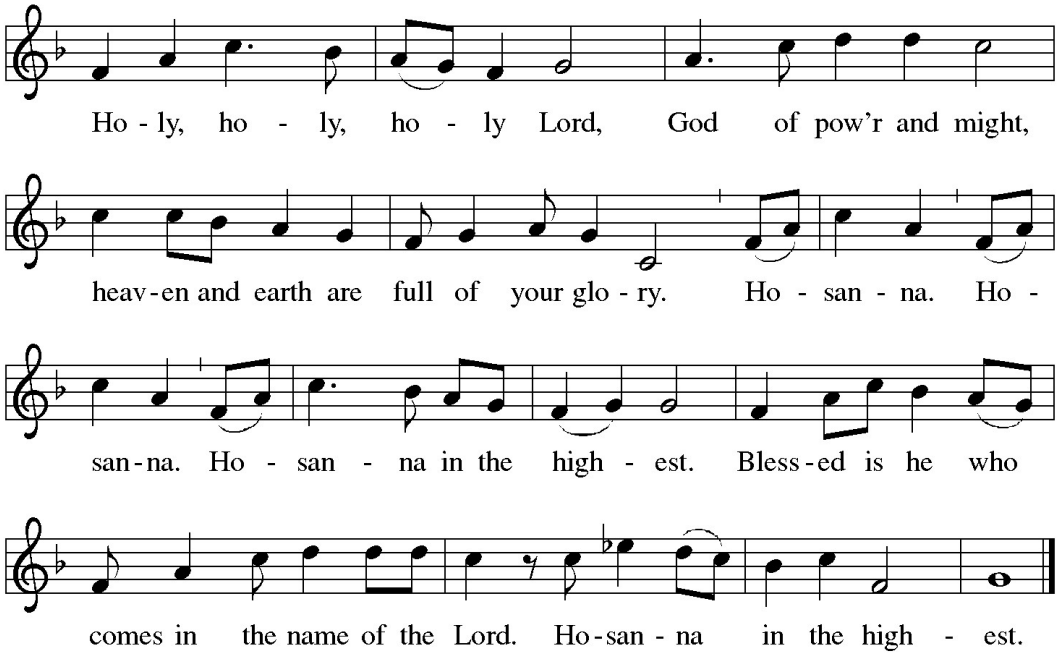
Offering Prayer

Meal

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.

Preface *join their unending hymn…*



Please be seated

Thanksgiving at the Table

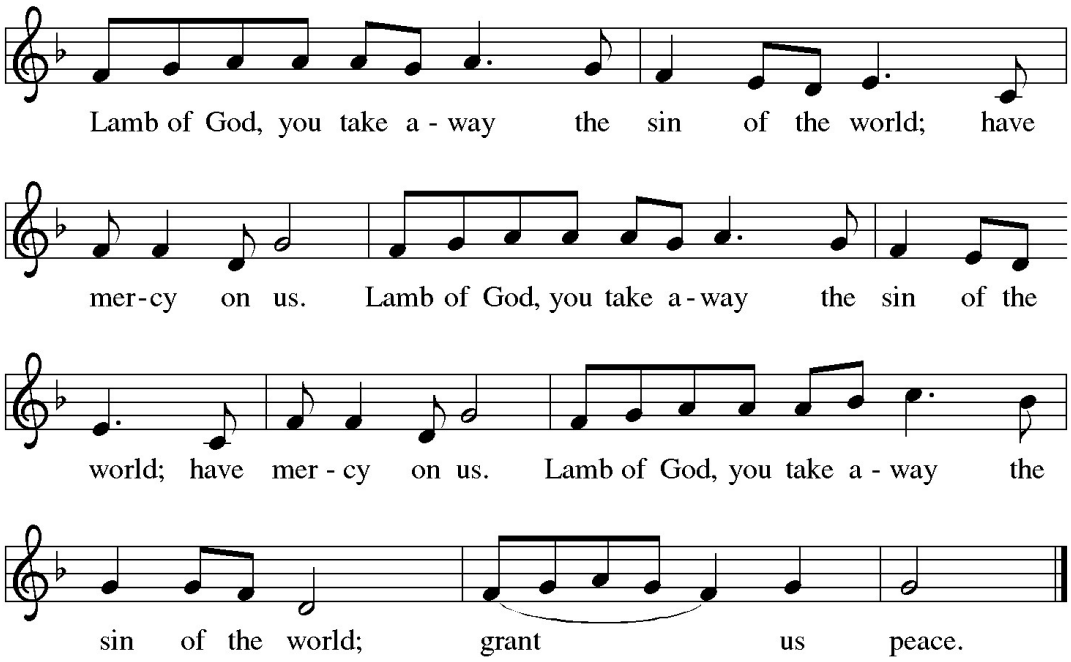
Lord's Prayer

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

In bread and cup the reign of Christ is breaking in. **Come, receive what Christ has prepared.**

Lamb of God



Communion

Communion is being served at the altar rail.

*Ushers will direct you to come forward **after** the Lamb of God to receive communion at the altar rail. You may kneel or stand to receive. When receiving the host, place hands on top of each other, **palms up**, and Pastor will place a host in your open palm. If you are gluten intolerant, please let Pastor know; we have gluten free host. After you have received the host, the communion assistant will offer you the cup (wine or white grape juice). We practice open communion, therefore anyone who is baptized and believes in Jesus as Savior is welcome to communion.*

Prayer after Communion
Response: ***Amen***

Sending

Blessing
Response: ***Amen.***

Hymn Lead On, O King Eternal! ELW 805

Dismissal
Go in peace. Encourage one another. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Worship Assistants

Homilist
Rev. Eli Klingensmith

Lector
Pat Long

Greeter
Linda Burgess

Ushers
Judy Flading & Rod Swartz

Main Camera/Production
Carl & Anne Fahrner

Organist/Pianist
Pat Hoffman/Linda Miller

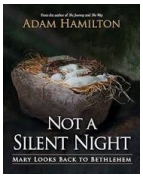
Today's altar flowers are given by Gloria Kohl to the glory of God and in appreciation of all of my friends, my family and my church family.

Shh..today's Gloria's birthday too!

November Concerns of the Month

Monetary donations for Thanksgiving Food gift cards and Monetary donations for Community Christmas





Pastor Eli's Advent Study will begin on Tuesday, November 24th at 6:30pm. Books are in the office if you still need to pick yours up. The cost is $5 per book



Christmas Luncheon at the Massillon Woman's Club

Tuesday, December 1st
Musical Program at 11am
Lunch and private tour afterwards
Cost: $31.50
Make checks payable to Good Shepherd
Last day to sign up is November 22nd

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Worship Assistants



Date	Usher	Lector	Greeter	Flower Wrapper	Pew Racks	Opening
11/15	Judy Flading/Rod Swartz	Pat Long	Linda Burgess	Gay Rankin	Gloria Kohl	Robinson
11/22	Nancy & TJ Miller	Shirley Dobry	Pat Long	Gay Rankin	Gloria Kohl	Davenport
11/29	Connie Hausenfleck/Jill Toy	Gale Nagel	Gloria Kohl	Karen Pressler	Gloria Kohl	Hoffman
12/6	Judy & Wil Baum	Shirley Dobry	Lee Deem	Karen Pressler	Linda Burgess	Miller
12/13	Linda Burgess/Annick Schrader	Cindy Leasure	Linda Lautenschlager	Judy Flading	Linda Burgess	Burgess
12/20	Linda & Gary Miller	Jen Lowry	Donna Jakmides	Judy Flading	Linda Burgess	Robinson
12/24	Cindy & Howard Leasure	Anne Fahrner	Nancy Miller	None	Linda Burgess	Hoffman
12/27	Kathy & Dave Schmidt	Nancy Miller	Connie Hausenfleck	Jill & Bill Toy	Linda Burgess	Davenport
1/3	Nancy & TJ Miller	Pat Long	Howard Leasure	Jill & Bill Toy	Donna Jakmides	Miller
1/10	Jill & Bill Toy	Gary Miller	Neil Carlson	Kathy Schmidt	Donna Jakmides	Burgess
1/17	Lorelei & Rod Lopick	TJ Miller	Annick Schrader	Kathy Schmidt	Donna Jakmides	Robinson
1/24	Karen & Chuck Pressler	Pat Hoffman	Linda Miller	Linda Lautenschlager	Donna Jakmides	Davenport
1/31	Jan & Neil Carlson	Rod Swartz	Judy Flading	Linda Lautenschlager	Donna Jakmides	Hoffman

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Lei Worship 9:15a Choir Practice Sunday School	2	3 Dominoes 7p	4 AA 7p	5 Yoga 10a	6 Quilting & Crafts 10a	7
8 Pastor Eli Worship 9:15a Choir Practice	9	10 Lunch Away Hartville 1p	11 AA 7p Council 7p	12 Yoga 10a	13 Crafts & Conversation 10a	14
15 Pastor Eli Worship 9:15a Choir Practice Sunday School	16	17	18 AA 7p	19 Yoga 10a	20 Quilting & Crafts 10a	21
22 Lei Worship 9:15a Choir Practice Decorate	23	24 Advent Book Study 6:30p	25 AA 7p	26 	27	28
29 Pastor Eli Worship 9:15a Choir Practice Sunday School	30					