



Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

AUGUST 31, 2025 | 10:30 AM

Holy Communion will be at the Rail today.

Gluten Free Communion Wafers are available upon request.

Holy Communion is...

- † The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ received “in, with, and under” the bread and wine for God’s People. *Matthew 26:26, 28*
- † Coming to the table believing the words “given and shed FOR YOU.”
Preparation might involve three questions:
Do I believe in the Lord Jesus Christ? Am I sorry for my sins?
Am I ready to lead a new life?
- † God’s grace in “forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation.”
Matthew 26:28; 1 Peter 1:18-19; Romans 6:8-9; Romans 8:31-32



Alleluia. Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted. Alleluia.

Luke 14:11



Welcome to worship at the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd. Please scan the QR Code to register as our guest. You can also sign the Guest Registry located at the entrance to our Sanctuary.

Please turn off all electronic devices during our worship together, so that we can give glory to God without distraction.

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Welcome

Prelude

Confession and Absolution

Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Exhortation

LSB 151

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.

Confession of Sins

LSB 151

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.

Absolution

LSB 151

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.

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, On Your peo - ple
 2 Lo, the hosts of e - vil round us Scorn the Christ, as -
 3 Cure Your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; Bend our pride to
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion To the e - vils

pour Your pow'r; Crown Your an - cient Church's sto - ry;
 sail His ways! From the fears that long have bound us
 Your con - trol; Shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
 we de - plore; Let the gift of Your sal - va - tion

Bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom,
 Free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom,
 Rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom,
 Be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom,

grant us cour - age For the fac - ing of this
 grant us cour - age For the liv - ing of these
 grant us cour - age Lest we miss Your king - dom's
 grant us cour - age, Serv - ing You whom we a -

hour, For the fac - ing of this hour.
 days, For the liv - ing of these days.
 goal, Lest we miss Your king - dom's goal.
 dore, Serv - ing You whom we a - dore.

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Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 75:1–2, 6, 9; antiphon: v. 7

It is God who executes judgment,
 putting down one and lifting up another.

We give thanks to you, O God; we give thanks, for your name is near.

We recount your wondrous deeds.

At the set time that I appoint
 I will judge with equity.

**For not from the east or from the west
and not from the wilderness comes lifting up.**

But I will declare it forever;

I will sing praises to the God of Jacob.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;**

as it was in the beginning,

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

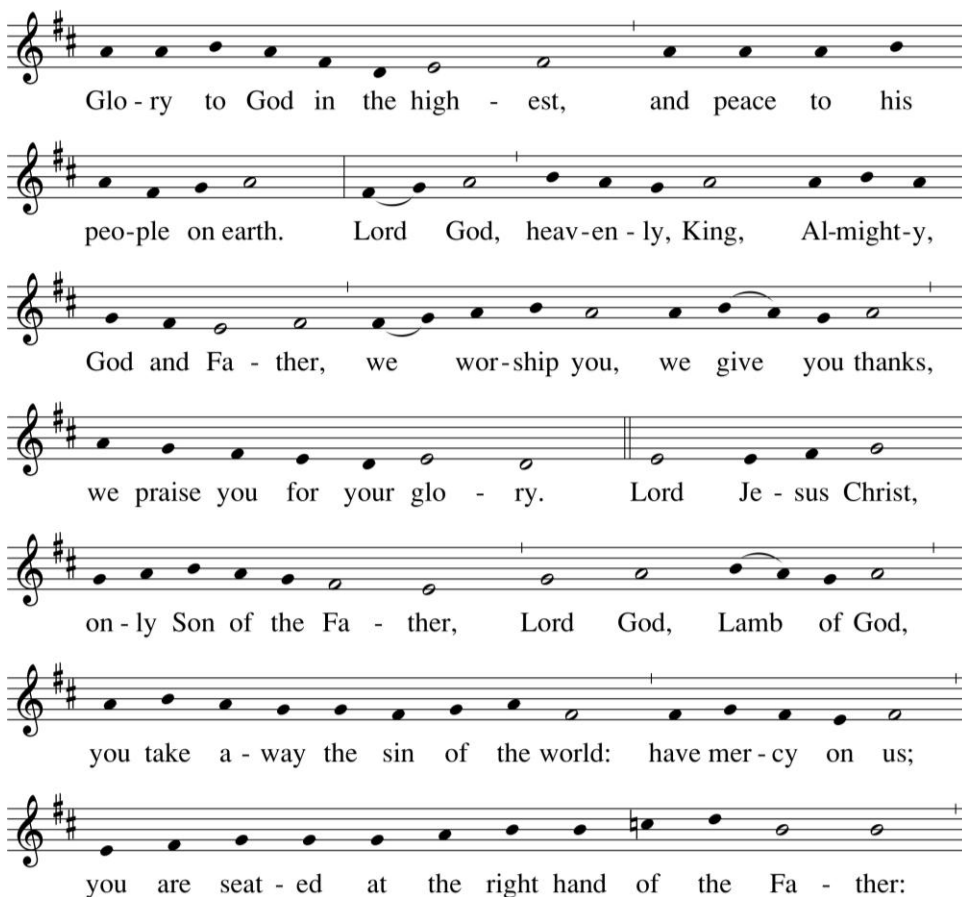
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Kyrie

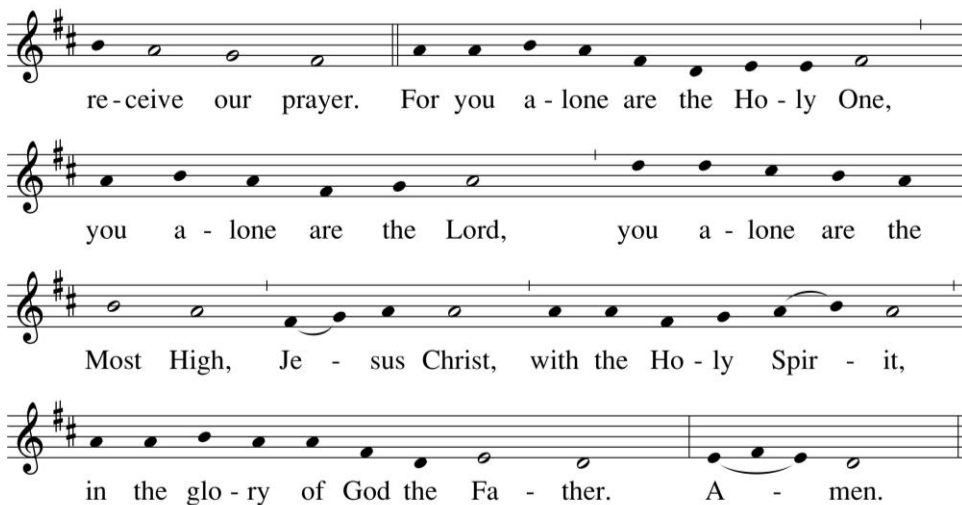
P Lord, have mercy upon us.

C **Christ, have mercy upon us.**
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Hymn of Praise



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his
peo - ple on earth. Lord God, heav - en - ly, King, Al - might - y,
God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ,
on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;
you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther:



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Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

O Lord of grace and mercy, teach us by Your Holy Spirit to follow the example of Your Son in true humility, that we may withstand the temptations of the devil and with pure hearts and minds avoid ungodly pride; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Proverbs 25:2–10

- ²It is the glory of God to conceal things,
 but the glory of kings is to search things out.
- ³As the heavens for height, and the earth for depth,
 so the heart of kings is unsearchable.
- ⁴Take away the dross from the silver,
 and the smith has material for a vessel;
- ⁵take away the wicked from the presence of the king,
 and his throne will be established in righteousness.
- ⁶Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence
 or stand in the place of the great,
- ⁷for it is better to be told, "Come up here,"

than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.
What your eyes have seen
 ⁸do not hastily bring into court,
for what will you do in the end,
 when your neighbor puts you to shame?
⁹Argue your case with your neighbor himself,
 and do not reveal another's secret,
¹⁰lest he who hears you bring shame upon you,
 and your ill repute have no end.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 131; antiphon: v. 2

¹O LORD, my heart is not lifted up;
 my eyes are not raised too high;
I do not occupy myself with things
 too great and too marvelous for me.
**²But I have calmed and quieted my soul,
 like a weaned child with its mother;
 like a weaned child is my soul within me.**

³O Israel, hope in the LORD
 from this time forth and forevermore.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
 and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
 is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Epistle

Hebrews 13:1-17

¹Let brotherly love continue. ²Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. ³Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them, and those who are mistreated, since you also are in the body. ⁴Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous. ⁵Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." ⁶So we can confidently say,

 "The Lord is my helper;
 I will not fear;
 what can man do to me?"

⁷Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸Jesus

Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. ⁹Do not be led away by diverse and strange teachings, for it is good for the heart to be strengthened by grace, not by foods, which have not benefited those devoted to them. ¹⁰We have an altar from which those who serve the tent have no right to eat. ¹¹For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the holy places by the high priest as a sacrifice for sin are burned outside the camp. ¹²So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through his own blood. ¹³Therefore let us go to him outside the camp and bear the reproach he endured. ¹⁴For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come. ¹⁵Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. ¹⁶Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

¹⁷Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Alleluia



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Holy Gospel

Luke 14:1-14

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

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹One Sabbath, when [Jesus] went to dine at the house of a ruler of the Pharisees, they were watching him carefully. ²And behold, there was a man before him who had dropsy. ³And Jesus responded to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, “Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath, or not?” ⁴But they remained silent. Then he took him and healed him and sent him away. ⁵And he said to them, “Which of you, having a son or an ox that has fallen into a well on a Sabbath day, will not immediately pull him out?” ⁶And they could not reply to these things.

⁷Now he told a parable to those who were invited, when he noticed how they chose the places of honor, saying to them, ⁸“When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in a place of honor, lest

someone more distinguished than you be invited by him, ⁹and he who invited you both will come and say to you, 'Give your place to this person,' and then you will begin with shame to take the lowest place. ¹⁰But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher.' Then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at table with you. ¹¹For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

¹²He said also to the man who had invited him, "When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid. ¹³But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, ¹⁴and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. You will be repaid at the resurrection of the just."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

Children's Message





1 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, Source of life and
 2 As You, Lord, have lived for oth - ers, So may we for
 3 Come, O Christ, and reign a - mong us, King of love and
 4 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, Source of life and



truth and grace, Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us
 oth - ers live. Free - ly have Your gifts been grant - ed;
 Prince of Peace; Hush the storm of strife and pas - sion,
 truth and grace, Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us



Hal - lows all our hu - man race, You our Head, who, throned in
 Free - ly may Your ser - vants give. Yours the gold and Yours the
 Bid its cru - el dis - cords cease. By Your pa - tient years of
 Hal - lows all our hu - man race: By Your pray - ing, by Your



glo - ry, For Your own will ev - er plead: Fill us with Your
 sil - ver, Yours the wealth of land and sea; We but stew - ards
 toil - ing, By Your si - lent hours of pain, Quench our fe - vered
 will - ing That Your peo - ple should be one, Grant, O grant our



love and pit - y, Heal our wrongs, and help our need.
 of Your boun - ty Held in sol - emn trust will be.
 thirst of plea - sure, Stem our self - ish greed of gain.
 hope's fru - i - tion: Here on earth Your will be done.

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Sermon

Pastor Timothy Boerger

Stand

Apostles' Creed

**☐ 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.**

Sit

Musical Offering

Offering

Stand

Offertory

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

LSB 805

△ Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all
 crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly
 host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711

Tune: Trente quatre Pseaumes de David, 1551, Geneva, ed. Louis Bourgeois

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Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

LSB 160

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

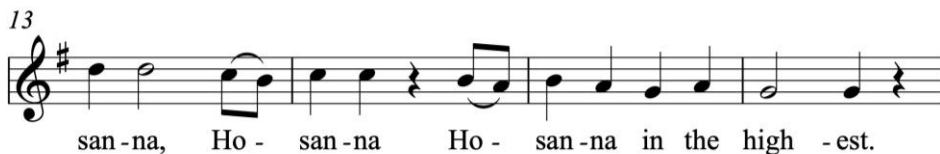
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Proper Preface (Full)

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus



17

Blest is He who comes - in the name - of the Lord - Ho -

21

san-na, Ho - san-na Ho - san-na in the high - est. Ho -

25

san-na, Ho - san-na Ho - san-na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer

LSB 162

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

- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

LSB 163

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei

Lamb- of God, You take a - way the sin of the world,
5 have - mercy up - on us have - mer-cy up - on us.
9 Lamb- of God, You take a - way the sin of the world,
13 Grant us - peace, Grant us - peace,
17 Grant us, Grant us, Grant us your peace.
21 Grant us. Grant us. Grant us your peace.

Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

Amen.

Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins.

Amen.



1 Not for tongues of heav-en's an - gels, Not for wis-dom to dis -
 2 Love is hum - ble, love is gen - tle, Love is ten - der, true, and
 3 Nev - er jeal - ous, nev - er self - ish, Love will not re - joice in
 4 In the day this world is fad - ing Faith and hope will play their



cern, Not for faith that mas-ters moun - tains, For this
 kind; Love is gra - cious, ev - er pa - tient, Gen - er -
 wrong; Nev - er boast - ful, nor re - sent - ful, Love be -
 part; But when Christ is seen in glo - ry Love shall



bet - ter gift we yearn: May love be ours, O Lord.
 ous of heart and mind: May love be ours, O Lord.
 lieves and suf - fers long: May love be ours, O Lord.
 reign in ev - 'ry heart: May love be ours, O Lord.

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In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

The Dismissal

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

C Amen.

Stand

1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless - ing; fill our hearts with
2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for your gos - pel's

joy and peace; let us each, your love pos - sess - ing,
joy - ful sound; may the fruits of your sal - va - tion

tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace; O di - rect us
in our hearts and lives a - bound; ev - er faith - ful,

and pro - tect us trav - eling through this wil - der - ness.
ev - er faith - ful to your truth may we be found.

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Post-Communion Collect

A

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 in 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

LSB 166

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

C Amen.



Léon Augustin Lhermitte, *Among the Humble*

Hymn to Depart

God of Day and God of Darkness



1. God of day and God of dark - ness, Now we
 2. Still the na - tions curse the dark - ness, Still the
 3. Show us Christ in one an - oth - er, Make us
 4. You shall be the path that guides us, You the
 5. Praise to you in day and dark - ness, You our



stand be - fore the night; As the shad - ows stretch and
 rich op - press the poor; Still the earth is bruised and
 ser - vants strong and true; Give us all your love of
 light that in us burns; Shin - ing deep with - in all
 source and you our end; Praise to you who love and



deep - en, Come and make our dark - ness bright. All cre -
 bro - ken By the ones who still want more. Come and
 jus - tice So we do what you would do. Let us
 peo - ple, Yours the love that we must learn. For our
 nur - ture As a fa - ther, moth - er, friend. Grant us



a - tion still is groan - ing For the dawn - ing of your
 wake us from our sleep - ing, So our hearts can - not ig -
 call all peo - ple ho - ly, Let us pledge our lives a -
 hearts shall wan - der rest - less 'Til they safe to you re -
 all a peace - ful rest - ing, Let each mind and bod - y



might, When the Sun of peace and jus - tice
 nore All your peo - ple lost and bro - ken,
 new; Make us one with all the low - ly,
 turn; Find - ing you in one an - oth - er,
 mend, So we rise re - freshed to - mor - row,



Fills the earth with ra - dian light.
 All your chil - dren at our door.
 Let us all be one in you.
 We shall all your face dis - cern.
 Hearts re - newed to King - dom tend.

Announcements

Dismissal

Postlude

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