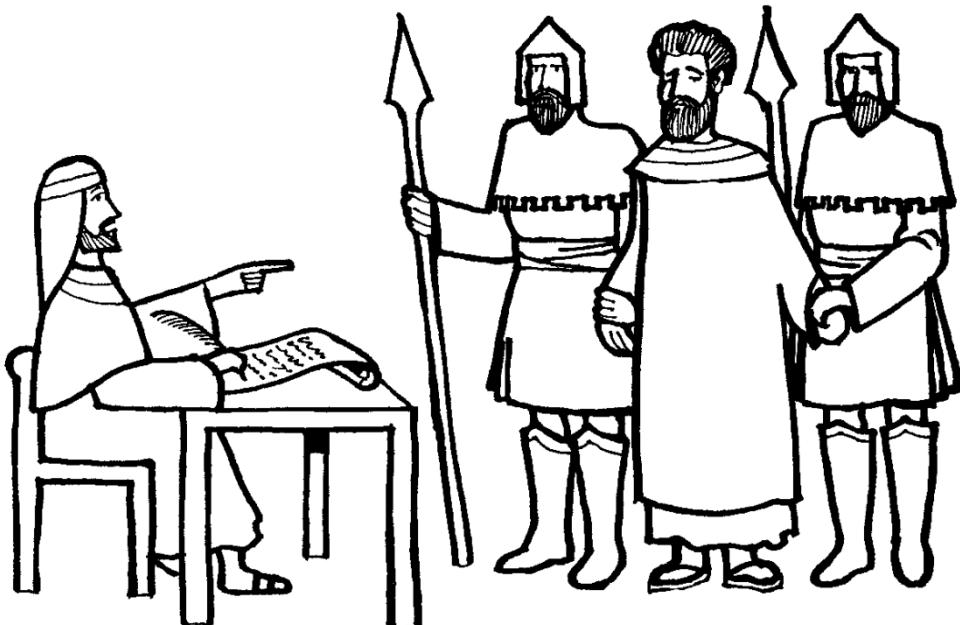


Welcome in the Name of Christ  
**Good Shepherd Lutheran Church**  
439 E. Norvell Bryant Hwy  
Hernando, FL 34442



**A DEBTOR WAS BROUGHT BEFORE HIM...**  
**MT. 18:24**

**September 13, 2020**  
**Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**The Reverend Dennis W. Koch, Pastor**  
Reverend William Barrett, Visitation Pastor  
Renate Williams Slick, Director of Music, Organist & Pianist  
Roger Johnson, Choir Conductor

(Congregation responses are in bold print)

## **WELCOME ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRELUDE**

### **TRINITARIAN INVOCATION**

In the name of the Father,  
and of the + Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

### **CONFSSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☉ one God,  
who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.

**Amen.**

Tutting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection*

Faithful God,  
**have mercy on us.**  
**We confess that we are captive to sin**  
**and cannot free ourselves.**  
**We turn from your loving embrace**  
**and go our own ways.**  
**We pass judgment on one another**  
**before examining ourselves.**  
**We place our own needs before those of our neighbors.**

**We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves.  
Make us humble, cast away our transgressions,  
and turn us again to life in you through  
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

God hears the cries of all who call out in need,  
and through his death and resurrection,  
Christ has made us his own.

Hear the truth that God proclaims:  
Your sins are forgiven in the name of <sup>☩</sup> Jesus Christ.  
Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness  
to do God's work in the world.

**Amen.**

## HYMN

## “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

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1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
 3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small;  
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light;



in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;  
 in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;  
 thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;



most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
 thy jus - tice like moun-tains high soar - ing a - bove  
 we blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,  
 all laud we would ren - der; oh, help us to see



al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise!  
 thy clouds which are foun-tains of good - ness and love.  
 and with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth thee.  
 'tis on - ly the splen-dor of light hid - eth thee!

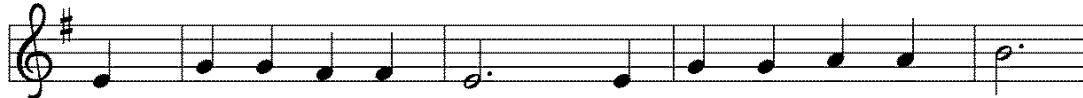
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 Music: ST. DENIO, Welsh traditional

## APOSTOLIC 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.**

## KYRIE



- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
- 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.  
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.  
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

## HYMN OF PRAISE

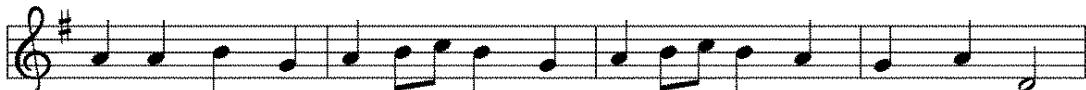
## “Glory Be to God in Heaven”



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.  
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.  
3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:  
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;  
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.  
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.  
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.  
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.  
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## **First Reading: Genesis 50:15-21**

<sup>15</sup>Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" <sup>16</sup>So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, <sup>17</sup>'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. <sup>18</sup>Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." <sup>19</sup>But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? <sup>20</sup>Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. <sup>21</sup>So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

## **Psalm: Psalm 103:[1-7] 8-13**

[ <sup>1</sup>Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

<sup>2</sup>**Bless the LORD, O my soul,**  
**and forget not all God's benefits—**

<sup>3</sup>who forgives all your sins  
and heals all your diseases;

<sup>4</sup>**who redeems your life from the grave**  
**and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy;**

<sup>5</sup>who satisfies your desires with good things  
so that your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

<sup>6</sup>**O LORD, you provide vindication**  
**and justice for all who are oppressed.**

<sup>7</sup>You made known your ways to Moses  
and your works to the children of Israel.]

<sup>8</sup>**LORD, you are full of compassion and mercy,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love;**

<sup>9</sup>you will not always accuse us,  
nor will you keep your anger forever.

<sup>10</sup>**You have not dealt with us according to our sins,  
nor repaid us according to our iniquities.**

<sup>11</sup>For as the heavens are high above the earth,  
so great is your steadfast love for those who fear you.

<sup>12</sup>**As far as the east is from the west,  
so far have you removed our transgressions from us.**

<sup>13</sup>As a father has compassion for his children,  
so you have compassion for those who fear you, O LORD.

### **Epistle Reading: Romans 14:1-12**

<sup>1</sup>Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. <sup>2</sup>Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. <sup>3</sup>Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. <sup>4</sup>Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

<sup>5</sup>Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. <sup>6</sup>Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

<sup>7</sup>We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. <sup>8</sup>If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. <sup>9</sup>For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

<sup>10</sup>Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. <sup>11</sup>For it is written,

“As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,  
and every tongue shall give praise to God.”

<sup>12</sup>So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 18th chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

### Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

<sup>21</sup>Peter came and said to [Jesus], “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” <sup>22</sup>Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

<sup>23</sup>“For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. <sup>24</sup>When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; <sup>25</sup>and, as he could not

pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made.<sup>26</sup> So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’<sup>27</sup> And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt.<sup>28</sup> But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’<sup>29</sup> Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’<sup>30</sup> But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt.<sup>31</sup> When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place.<sup>32</sup> Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me.<sup>33</sup> Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’<sup>34</sup> And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt.<sup>35</sup> So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

*After the gospel is read,*

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

**Musical Offering            “I Love To Tell The Story”      Choir Ensemble**

## 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 t 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.**

\*Or, "he descended into hell."

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*The prayers are led by the assisting minister. Each portion ends with these words:*

Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

*At the conclusion of the prayers,*

**Amen.**

## **MEAL**

### **DIALOG**

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**

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;  
who on this day overcame death and the grave,  
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

### Holy, Holy, Holy

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might.

heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

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

### EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord...

... the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
who further taught us to pray...

### THE 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.

## **COMMUNION**

*All persons (regardless of denomination) who are baptized and believe that Jesus Christ is Lord of all are welcome to celebrate Communion with us.*

*When giving the bread and cup, the communion servers will say:*

*The body of Christ, given for you.*

*The blood of Christ, shed for you.*

*And each person may respond:*

**Amen.**

## **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

We give you thanks, gracious God,  
that you have once again fed us with food beyond compare,  
the body and blood of Christ.

Lead us from this place, nourished and forgiven,  
into your beloved vineyard  
to wipe away the tears of all who hunger and thirst,  
guided by the example of the same Jesus Christ  
and led by the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **SENDING**

## **BLESSING**

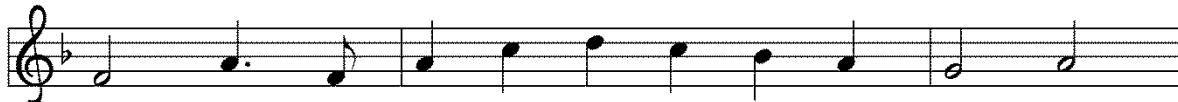
And the Lord God,  
Father, <sup>☩</sup> Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you and lead you into the way of truth and life.

**Amen.**

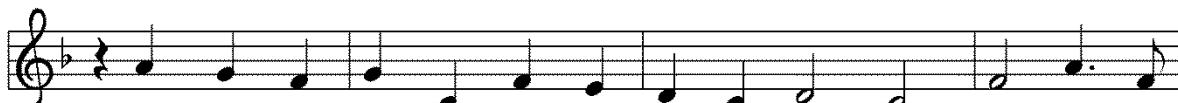
## HYMN

## “Rise, Shine, You People!”

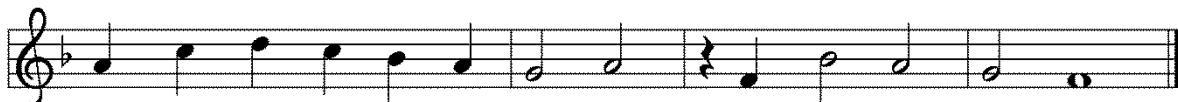
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1 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has en - tered  
 2 See how he sends the pow'rs of e - vil reel - ing;  
 3 Come, cel - e - brate; your ban - ners high un - furl - ing,  
 4 Tell how the Fa - ther sent the Son to save us.



our hu - man sto - ry; God in him is cen - tered. He comes to  
 he brings us free - dom, light and life and heal - ing. All men and  
 your songs and prayers a - gainst the dark-ness hurl - ing. To all the  
 Tell of the Son, who life and free - dom gave us. Tell how the



us, by death and sin sur - round - ed, with grace un - bound - ed.  
 wom - en, who by guilt are driv - en, now are for - giv - en.  
 world go out and tell the sto - ry of Je - sus' glo - ry.  
 Spir - it calls from ev - 'ry na - tion God's new cre - a - tion.

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## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord, and have fun doing it!

**Thanks be to God.**

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**WELCOME VISITORS.** We extend a warm welcome to all who are visiting and hope you will return to worship with us again.

**WE ARE EQUIPPED WITH A HEARING LOOP** Assistive Listening System. Please switch your hearing aid or cochlear implant to “T” during worship. [Additional hearing devices are available from the Media Center.](#)

**TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS** Deacon Bob Bonomo and Lisbeth Goetter. Our sincere thanks to all!

**FLOWERS** in the sanctuary today are given by Harv Johnson in honor of the birthday of his wife, Barb Johnson.

**MUSICAL OFFERING TODAY**  
“I Love To Tell The Story” – Choir Ensemble

**KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS**  
Pr. Dennis, Linda and Michael Koch, Sylvia Hartsfield, Maria Thomas, Betty Thomas, Ray & Maxine Whitcomb, Jeanette Jimenez, Karen Benefiel, Diane Pawelko, Dawn Clark, Isabelle Amundsen, Dave Boerger, Carol Lee Johnson, Carolyn & Ray Creager, Barb Johnson, Tom & Sue Fowler, Margaret Hehn, Lucille Hoell, Rowen, Denise, Steve & Kitty Barber, Louise Burgess, Lynda Cashman, David Stroble, Rosalee Wierzel, Sam Stewart, Robert & Jean Blunt, Tom Farmer, John Bourdeaux.

*Attendance last Sunday*

**Total:** Facebook Live & You Tube: 107

**General Offering** \$9, 007.00

## **THIS WEEK AT GSLC**

### **SUNDAY**

10:00 a.m. – FB Live &  
You Tube Worship

### **MONDAY**

10:00 a.m. – Zoom Bible Study

### **TUESDAY**

### **WEDNESDAY**

8:00 a.m. – SOS

### **THURSDAY**

8:30 a.m. – SOS

### **FRIDAY**

8:00 a.m. – Property Workday

**Happy  
Grandparents  
Day**

**Zoom Coffee Hour**  
**Sundays 9:30 a.m.- 9:45 a.m.**

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**REMINDER TO ALL** – As you enter the sanctuary, please lower your voices so as not to disturb those who are meditating and praying in preparation for worship.

**BIBLE STUDY** – Pastor Koch's Bible study continues on Monday mornings. Join in the discussion via Zoom at 10:00 a.m. Contact Pastor Koch for more information or call the church office at 746-7161.

**CONGREGATIONAL VOTE FOR COUNCIL MEMBERS** –The deadline to submit your ballot for the 2021 council members is Tuesday, September 15. Please email your selections to [gslctreasurer@outlook.com](mailto:gslctreasurer@outlook.com) or drop off your paper ballot to the church office. Please choose no more than **4** of the **5** candidates running for office: Joe Adams, Shelly Fortin, Pat Ouwerkerk, Dell Peterson, Randy Wagner.



... how often should  
**I forgive?**  
"Not **SEVEN** times,  
but, I tell you,  
**SEVENTY-**  
**SEVEN**  
times."

Matthew 18:21-22, NRSV