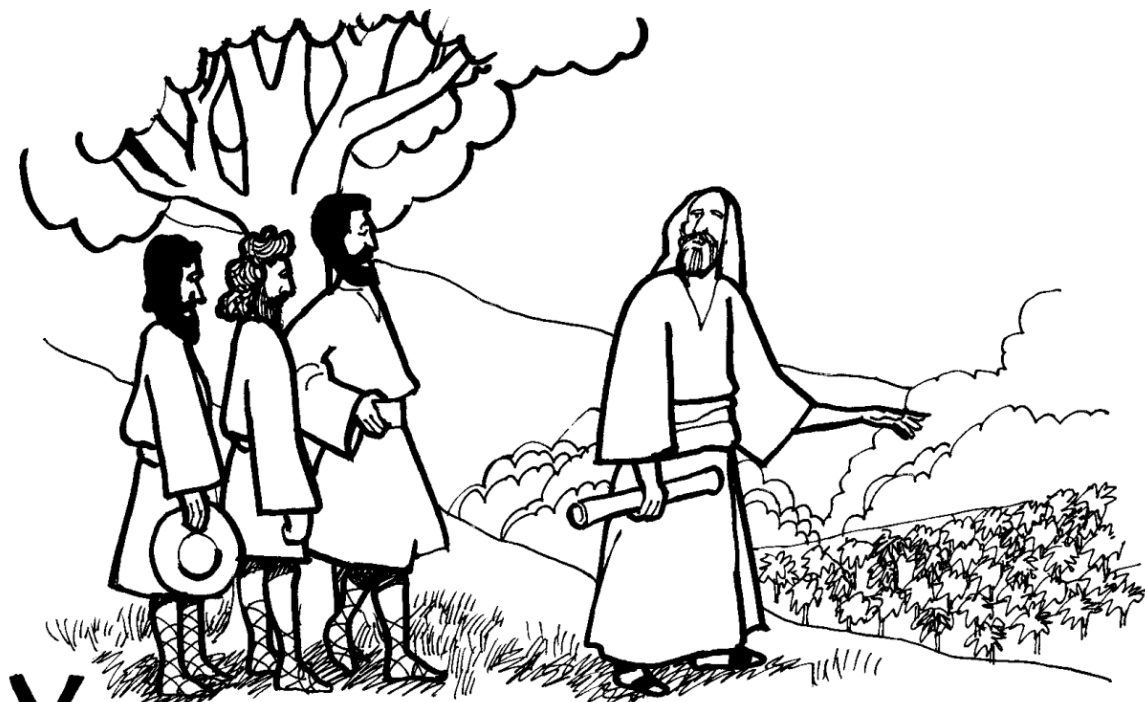


Welcome in the Name of Christ
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
439 E. Norvell Bryant Hwy
Hernando, FL 34442



You too go into my vineyard
MT.20:7

September 20, 2020
Sixteenth 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.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

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

Amen.

Trusting 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 ✠ Jesus Christ.

Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness
to do God's work in the world.

Amen.

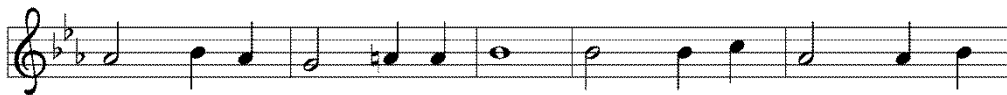
HYMN

“Blessing and Honor”

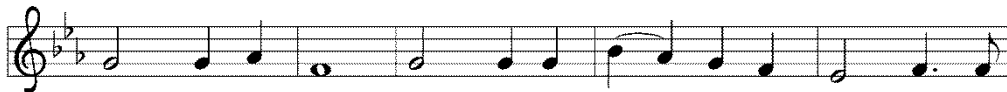
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1 Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and pow'r, wis - dom and
 2 Let all the heav - ens sound forth Je - sus' name; let all the
 3 Ev - er as - cend - ing the song and the joy, ev - er de -
 4 Give we the glo - ry and praise to the Lamb! Take we the



rich - es and strength ev - er - more, be to the Lamb who our
 earth sing his glo - ry and fame. O - cean and moun - tain, stream,
 scend - ing the love from on high; bless - ing and hon - or and
 robe and the harp and the palm; sing we the song of the



bat - tle has won, whose are the king - dom, the crown, and the
 for - est, and flow'r ech - o his prais - es and tell of his
 glo - ry and praise— this is the theme of the hymns that we
 Lamb who was slain, dy - ing in weak - ness and ris - ing to



throne; whose are the king - dom, the crown, and the throne!
 pow'r; ech - o his prais - es and tell of his pow'r.
 raise; this is the theme of the hymns that we raise.
 reign; dy - ing in weak - ness and ris - ing to reign!

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808–1889, alt.

Music: AMERICAN HYMN, Matthias Keller, 1813–1875

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

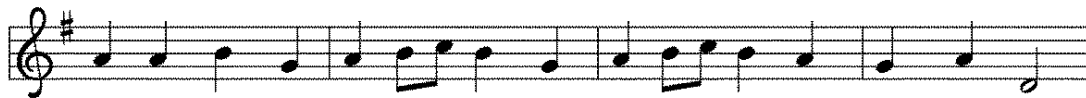
“Glory Be to God in Heaven”



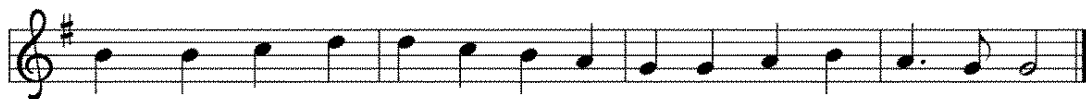
1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



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

Almighty and eternal God, you show perpetual lovingkindness to us your servants. Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgment, and train us to embody the generosity of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

First Reading: Jonah 3:10--4:11

¹⁰When God saw what [the people of Ninevah] did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

^{4:1}But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. ²He prayed to the LORD and said, “O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. ³And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.” ⁴And the LORD said, “Is it right for you to be angry?” ⁵Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

⁶The LORD God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. ⁷But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. ⁸When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, “It is better for me to die than to live.”

⁹But God said to Jonah, “Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?” And he said, “Yes, angry enough to die.” ¹⁰Then the LORD said, “You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. ¹¹And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?”

Psalm: Psalm 145:1-8

¹I will exalt you, my God and king,
and bless your name forever and ever.

²Every day will I bless you

and praise your name forever and ever.

³Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised!

There is no end to your greatness.

**⁴One generation shall praise your works to another
and shall declare your power.**

**⁵I will speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty
and all your marvelous works.**

**⁶They shall tell of the might of your wondrous acts,
and I will recount your greatness.**

**⁷They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness;
they shall sing joyfully of your righteousness.**

**⁸The Lord is gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

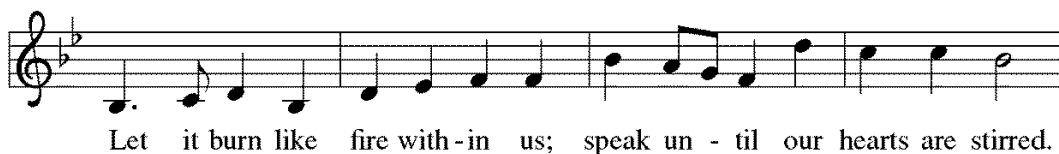
Epistle Reading: Philippians 1:21-30

²¹For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. ²²If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. ²³I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; ²⁴but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. ²⁵Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, ²⁶so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

²⁷Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. ²⁹For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of

believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well—³⁰since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 20th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹“The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard.

³When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; ⁴and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. ⁵When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. ⁶And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ ⁷They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to

them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ ⁸When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ ⁹When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. ¹⁰Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. ¹¹And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹²saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ ¹³But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage?’ ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ ¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

After the gospel is read,
The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Musical Offering **“Jesus Medley”** Bell Choir

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.

**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.

EUCCHARISTIC 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

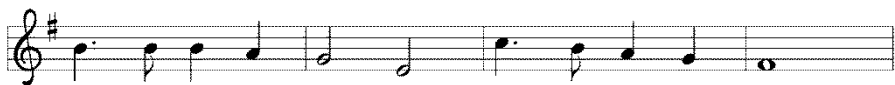
And the Lord God,
Father, ✙ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you and lead you into the way of truth and life.

Amen.

HYMN

“On Our Way Rejoicing”

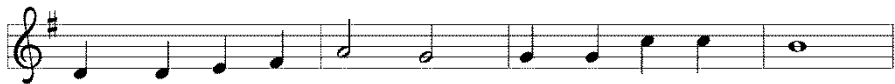
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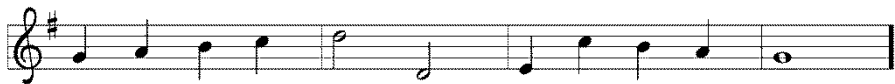
1 On our way re - joic - ing glad - ly let us go.
2 Un - to God the Fa - ther joy - ful songs we sing;



Christ our Lord has con - quered; van - quished is the foe.
un - to God the Sav - ior thank - ful hearts we bring;



Christ with - out, our safe - ty; Christ with - in, our joy;
un - to God the Spir - it bow we and a - dore,



who, if we be faith - ful, can our hope de - stroy?
on our way re - joic - ing now and ev - er - more.

Refrain



On our way re - joic - ing; as we for - ward move,



hear - ken to our prais - es, O blest God of love!

Text: John S. B. Monsell, 1811–1875, alt.
Music: HERMAS, Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879

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.

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

FLOWERS in the sanctuary today are given by Nancy Gomes in memory of Alan Mendel.

MUSICAL OFFERING TODAY
“Jesus Medley” – Bell Choir

KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS
Pr. Dennis, Linda and Michael Koch, Ralph & Eloise Mongardi, 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, David Stroble, Rosalee Wierzel, Sam Stewart, Robert & Jean Blunt, Tom Farmer, John Bourdeaux.

Attendance last Sunday

Total: Facebook Live & You Tube: 94

General Offering \$4, 504.00

THIS WEEK AT GSLC

SUNDAY

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

MONDAY

10:00 a.m. – Zoom Bible Study

TUESDAY

12:00 p.m. – Madelyn Hickey
Funeral Service

WEDNESDAY

8:00 a.m. – SOS

THURSDAY

8:30 a.m. – SOS

FRIDAY

8:00 a.m. – Property
Workday

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.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE is today. All articles/information for the upcoming publication must be received by noon tomorrow. Please submit your article or information to gschurch@live.com or drop it at the church office.

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.

MADELYN HICKEY FUNERAL SERVICE has been rescheduled for Tuesday, September 22, 2020 at Fero Funeral Home in Beverly Hills. Visitation at 12:00 p.m. followed by a brief memorial service and interment.

2021 COUNCIL ELECTION RESULTS - CONGREGATION

OFFICERS: President: Dan Cashman, Vice President: Michael Busler, Secretary: Gladys Kean. **COUNCIL MEMBERS:** Joe Adams, Shelly Fortin, Pat Ouwerkerk, Randy Wagner and Jane Isenstead, Ann Neville, Phyllis Powell and Cathy Heaps Stetson.

