

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



**October 4, 2020**  
**Eighteenth 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**

**STEWARDSHIP TEMPLE TALK**

**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, + 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

## “How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord”

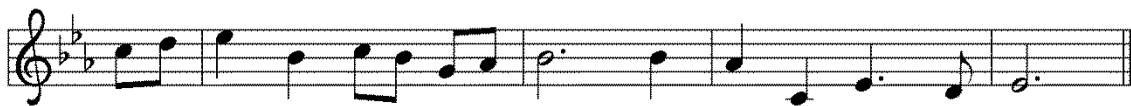
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- 1 How clear is our vo - ca - tion, Lord, when once we heed your call
- 2 But if, for - get - ful, we should find your yoke is hard to bear;
- 3 We mar - vel how your saints be - come in hin - dranc - es more sure;
- 4 In what you give us, Lord, to do, to - geth - er or a - lone,



to live ac - cord - ing to your word and dai - ly learn, re - freshed, re - stored,  
 if world - ly pres - sures fray the mind and love it - self can - not un - wind  
 whose joy - ful vir - tues put to shame the ca - sual way we wear your name,  
 in old rou - tines or ven - tures new, may we not cease to look to you,



that you are Lord of all and will not let us fall.  
 its tan - gled skein of care: our in - ward life re - pair.  
 and by our faults ob - scure your pow'r to cleanse and cure.  
 the cross you hung up - on, all you en - deav - ored done.

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000

Music: REPTON, C. Hubert H. Parry, 1848–1918

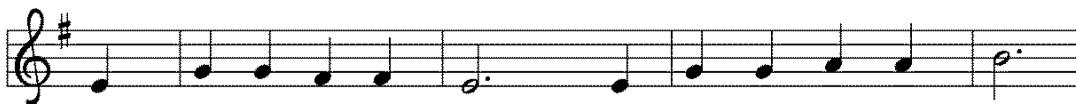
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## APOSTOLIC GREETING

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.**

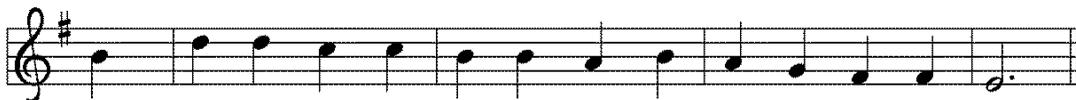
## KYRIE



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

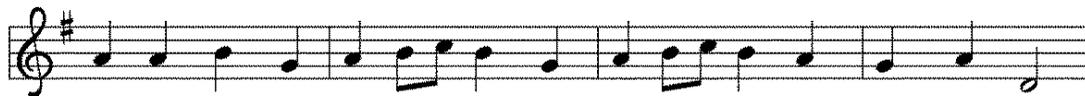
## “Glory Be to God in Heaven”



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

Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## First Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7

<sup>1</sup>Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard:  
My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill.

<sup>2</sup>He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines;  
he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it;  
he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes.

<sup>3</sup>And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah,  
judge between me and my vineyard.

<sup>4</sup>What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it?  
When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes?

<sup>5</sup>And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard.

I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured;

I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down.

<sup>6</sup>I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be  
overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds  
that they rain no rain upon it.

<sup>7</sup>For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel,  
and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting;

he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

## Psalm: Psalm 80:7-15

<sup>7</sup>Restore us, O God of hosts;

let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

<sup>8</sup>**You have brought a vine out of Egypt;**

**you cast out the nations and planted it.**

<sup>9</sup>You cleared the ground for it;

it took root and filled the land.

<sup>10</sup>**The mountains were covered by its shadow  
and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.**

<sup>11</sup>You stretched out its tendrils to the sea

and its branches to the river.

<sup>12</sup>**Why have you broken down its wall,  
so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?**  
<sup>13</sup>The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it,  
and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.  
<sup>14</sup>**Turn now, O God of hosts,  
look down from heaven;**  
<sup>15</sup>behold and tend this vine;  
preserve what your right hand has planted.

### **Epistle Reading: Philippians 3:4b-14**

[Paul writes:] <sup>4b</sup>If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: <sup>5</sup>circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; <sup>6</sup>as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

<sup>7</sup>Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. <sup>8</sup>More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup>and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. <sup>10</sup>I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup>if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

<sup>12</sup>Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own.

<sup>13</sup>Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, <sup>14</sup>I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

## 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 21<sup>st</sup> chapter.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

### **Gospel: Matthew 21: 33-46**

[Jesus said to the people:] <sup>33</sup>“Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. <sup>34</sup>When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. <sup>35</sup>But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. <sup>36</sup>Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. <sup>37</sup>Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ <sup>38</sup>But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.’ <sup>39</sup>So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. <sup>40</sup>Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?’” <sup>41</sup>They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.”

<sup>42</sup>Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures:  
‘The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone;  
this was the Lord’s doing,  
and it is amazing in our eyes’?”

<sup>43</sup>Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. <sup>44</sup>The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.” <sup>45</sup>When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. <sup>46</sup>They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

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

## **SERMON**

**Musical Offering      “Build Us Up Lord”      The Flock**

## **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**

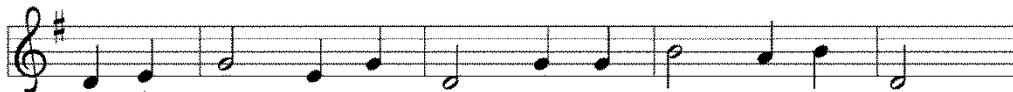
We give you thanks, gracious God,  
that you have once again fed us with food beyond compare,  
the body and blood of Christ.

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**



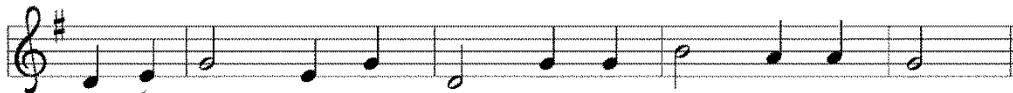
1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,  
 2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,  
 3 "When through fi - 'ry tri - als your path - way shall lie,  
 4 "Through - out all their life - time my peo - ple shall prove



is laid for your faith in Christ Je - sus, the Word!  
 for I am your God and will still give you aid;  
 my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply.  
 my sov - reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;



What more can he say than to you he has said,  
 I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
 The flames shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign  
 and then, when gray hairs shall their tem - ples a - dorn,



who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?  
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand."  
 your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine."  
 like lambs they shall still in my bo - som be borne."

Text: J. Rippon, *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787, alt.

Music: FOUNDATION, Early American

## 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 Ann Neville. Our sincere thanks to all!

**FLOWERS** in the sanctuary today are given by Terry Lucente in memory of loved ones.

**MUSICAL OFFERING TODAY**  
“Build Us Up Lord” – The Flock

**KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS**

Pr. Dennis, Linda and Michael Koch, Sheila Mandell, Barbara Lauer, Linda Lepore, Ralph & Eloise Mongardi, Sylvia Hartsfield, Maria Thomas, Ray & Maxine Whitcomb, Jeanette Jimenez, Karen Benefiel, Diane Pawelko, Dawn Clark, Isabelle Amundsen, Dave Boerger, Carol Lee Johnson, Carolyn & Ray Creager, Lucille Hoell, Barb Johnson, Tom & Sue Fowler, Margaret Hehn, Lucille Hoell, Rowen, Denise, Steve & Kitty Barber, Louise Burgess, David Stroble, Rosalie & Edward Wierzel, Sam Stewart, Robert Blunt, Tom Farmer, John Bourdeaux, Jean Thatcher.

*Attendance last Sunday*

*Total: Facebook Live & You Tube: 94*

*General Offering \$2, 160.00*

**THIS WEEK AT GSLC**

**SUNDAY**

10:00 a.m. – FB Live & YouTube Worship  
Temple Talk–Lynn Bechdolt

**MONDAY**

10:00 a.m. – Zoom Bible Study

**TUESDAY**

10:00 a.m. – Zoom Worship & Music  
6:00 p.m. – Bell Choir

**WEDNESDAY**

8:00 a.m. – SOS  
9:00 a.m. – Zoom Executive Council  
6:30 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal

**THURSDAY**

8:30 a.m. – SOS  
3:00 p.m. - Zoom Council

**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.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES** to all who are celebrating birthdays in the month of October.

**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.

**THE BELL CHOIR and CHOIR** have resumed rehearsing. The bell choir meets Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. and the choir meets Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. If you are interested in joining us as we prepare for our annual Christmas program, please get in touch with Renate Williams Slick at 228-7809 or Roger Johnson at 746-7321.

**WORSHIP & MUSIC** will meet Tuesday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom. Please contact Roger Johnson at 746-7321 if you are unable to attend.

**EXECUTIVE COUNCIL** will meet Wednesday, October 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. via Zoom.

**CONGREGATION COUNCIL MEETING** is scheduled for Thursday, October 8<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. via Zoom. Please contact Dan Cashman at 419-4356 if you are unable to attend.

**VIRTUAL COFFEE HOUR** – Join us on Zoom each Sunday morning for our virtual “coffee hour” from 9:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. just before worship on Facebook Live and YouTube. Visit [www.zoom.com](http://www.zoom.com), click “Join a Meeting” and enter the meeting ID (738 5682 6821) and passcode (GSLC).