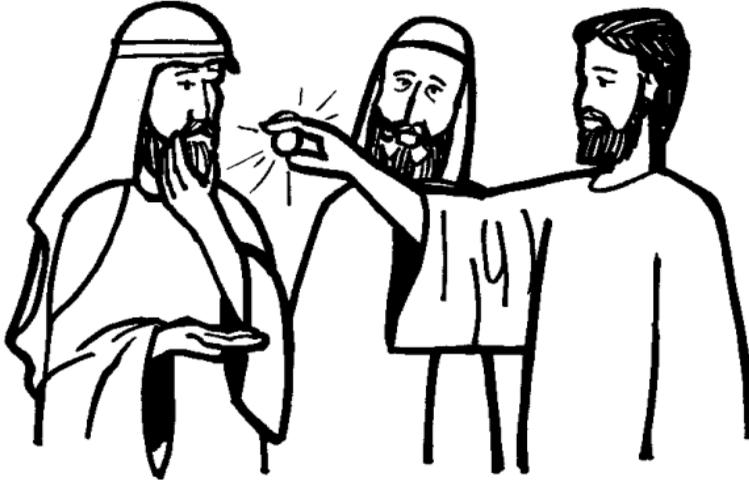


Welcome in the Name of Christ
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
439 E. Norvell Bryant Hwy
Hernando, FL 34442



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October 18, 2020
Twentieth 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 – Mike Busler

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.



1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer
 2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our life - long
 3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's
 4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an age of



praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure
 need of grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;
 flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en,
 change and doubt, keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;



what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the
 here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es -
 Christ sus - tains us as of old. Here the ser - vants
 help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's



world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts
 ty of preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,
 of the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore
 ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;



wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
 here, in new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
 what it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.
 we, who can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

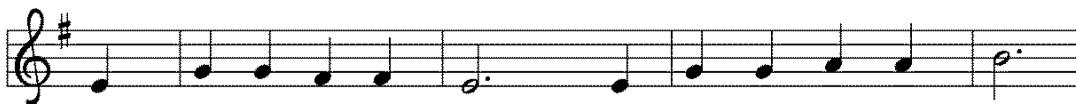
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APOSTOLIC GREETING

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.

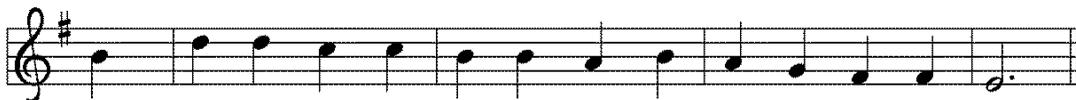
KYRIE



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

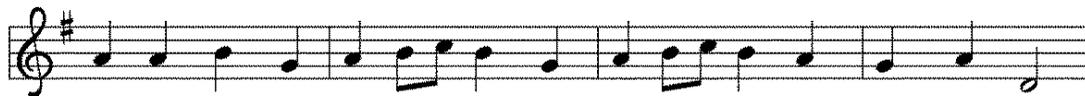
“Glory Be to God in Heaven”



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

Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

First Reading: Isaiah 25:1-9

¹O LORD, you are my God;

I will exalt you, I will praise your name;
for you have done wonderful things,
plans formed of old, faithful and sure.

²For you have made the city a heap,
the fortified city a ruin;
the palace of aliens is a city no more,
it will never be rebuilt.

³Therefore strong peoples will glorify you;
cities of ruthless nations will fear you.

⁴For you have been a refuge to the poor,
a refuge to the needy in their distress,
a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.

When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm,

⁵the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place,
you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds;
the song of the ruthless was stilled.

⁶On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

⁷And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;

⁸he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.

⁹It will be said on that day,

Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.

This is the LORD for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Psalm: Psalm 96:1-9 [10-13]

¹Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth.

²**Sing to the LORD, bless the name of the LORD;
proclaim God's salvation from day to day.**

³Declare God's glory among the nations
and God's wonders among all peoples.

⁴**For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised,
more to be feared | than all gods.**

⁵As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols;
but you, O LORD, have made the heavens.

⁶**Majesty and magnificence are in your presence;
power and splendor are in your sanctuary.**

⁷Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples,
ascribe to the LORD honor and power.

⁸**Ascribe to the LORD the honor due the holy name;
bring offerings and enter the courts|of the LORD.**

⁹Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness;
tremble before the LORD, all the earth.

[¹⁰**Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is king!
The one who made the world so firm that it cannot be moved will
judge the peoples with equity."**

¹¹Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;
let the sea thunder and all that is in it; let the field be joyful and all that is
therein.

¹²**Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy at your coming, O
LORD, for you come to judge the earth.**

¹³You will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with your
truth.]

Epistle Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

¹Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

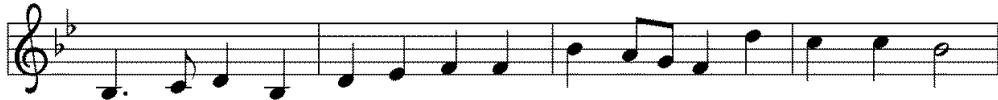
Grace to you and peace.

²We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly ³remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, ⁷so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. ⁹For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, ¹⁰and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

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 22nd chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Matthew 22: 15-22

¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. ¹⁶So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality.

¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?”

¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰Then he said to them, “Whose head is this, and whose title?” ²¹They answered, “The emperor’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” ²²When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

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

SERMON

Musical Offering “How Great Thou Art” 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.

FAREWELL AND GODSPEED

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...

...and led by the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

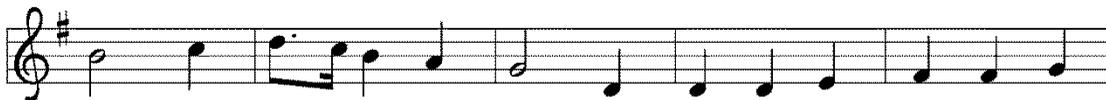
Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

HYMN**“You Servants of God”****ELW 825**

1 You ser-vants of God, your Mas-ter pro-claim, and pub-lish a -
 2 As-cend-ed on high, al-might-y to save, yet still he is
 3 Sal-va-tion to God who sits on the throne! Let all cry a -
 4 Then let us a-dore and give him his right, all glo-ry and



broad his won-der-ful name; the name, all-vic-to-rious, of
 nigh, his pres-ence we have. The great con-gre-ga-tion his
 loud and hon-or the Son. The prais-es of Je-sus the
 pow'r and wis-dom and might, all hon-or and bless-ing, with



Je-sus ex-tol; his king-dom is glo-rious and rules o-ver all!
 tri-umph shall sing, as-crib-ing sal-va-tion to Je-sus, our king!
 an-gels pro-claim, fall down on their fac-es, and wor-ship the Lamb.
 an-gels a-bove, and thanks nev-er ceas-ing, and in-fin-ite love!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.

Music: LYONS, attr. Johann Michael Haydn, 1737–1806

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 Ann Neville. Our sincere thanks to all!

FLOWERS in the sanctuary today are given by Mary Wagner in memory of her son, Randy and grandson, Wes.

MUSICAL OFFERING TODAY
“How Great Thou Art” – Bell Choir

KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS

Pr. Dennis, Linda and Michael Koch, Roger Johnson, Doris Herp, 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, Rowen, Denise, Steve & Kitty Barber, Louise Burgess, David Stroble, Rosalie & Edward Wierzel, Sam Stewart, Robert Blunt, Tom Farmer, Jean Thatcher, Kevin King & family.

Attendance last Sunday

Total: Facebook Live & You Tube: 89

General Offering \$3, 865.00

THIS WEEK AT GSLC

SUNDAY

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

MONDAY

10:00 a.m. – Zoom Bible Study
1:30 p.m. – Social Ministry

TUESDAY

6:00 p.m. – Bell Choir

WEDNESDAY

8:00 a.m. – SOS
6:30 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal

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 must be received by noon tomorrow for publication in the upcoming edition of The Shepherd's Voice. Please submit your article/information to gschurch@live.com.

FAREWELL AND GODSPEED – Today we bid farewell and Godspeed to Shirley Uherchik, who is relocating to Pennsylvania to be closer to family, and to Barbara Driest, a charter member of this congregation, who is relocating to Georgia to be closer to family. We wish them well as they begin the next chapter of their lives. We will miss you both!

OUR ANGEL TREE will start on Sunday, November 1. Names and information will be available at 11:30 a.m., following the worship service. Please look for our table in the west parking lot beneath the carport where you will be able to choose an “angel” to receive your holiday blessing. Volunteers needed. If you are able to help please contact Phyllis Powell at 352-270-4495.

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 CHURCH REOPENING is planned for Sunday, November 1. There will be *one service* at 10:00 a.m. and mask are required, if you plan to attend. We encourage you to watch your email/mailbox for updates or information. Until then, please stay safe and continue to join us weekly in worship on Facebook Live or YouTube.

THAKSGIVING TAKE OUT DINNER plans in the works for our members who may be unable to cook a traditional meal. More information to follow.