

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



**"Whoever receives one child such as this
receives me." MARK 9:37**

**The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 19, 2021**

The Reverend Dennis W. Koch, Pastor
Robert Bonomo and Rick Mainster, Deacons
Renate Williams Slick, Director of Music, Organist & Pianist
Roger Johnson, Choir Conductor

(Congregation responses are in bold print)

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

DOXOLOGY #884

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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.**

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711

Music: OLD HUNDREDDTH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510–1561

INVOCATION

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

Amen.

Confession and Absolution

All may make the sign, of the cross, the sign, marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
whose teaching is life,
whose presence is sure,
and whose love is endless.

Amen.

Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God our comforter:

like lost sheep, we have gone astray.

We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity.

We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression.

We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed.

Free us from our sin, gracious God.

Listen when we call out to you for help.

Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves.

Amen.

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

By the gift of grace in † Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous.

Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.

Amen.



1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer - cy, like the wide-ness of the sea;
 2 There is wel - come for the sin - ner, and a prom - ised grace made good;
 3 For the love of God is broad - er than the mea - sures of our mind;
 4 'Tis not all we owe to Je - sus; it is some - thing more than all:



there's a kind - ness in God's jus - tice which is more than lib - er - ty.
 there is mer - cy with the Sav - ior; there is heal - ing in his blood.
 and the heart of the E - ter - nal is most won - der - ful - ly kind.
 great - er good be - cause of e - vil, larg - er mer - cy through the fall.



There is no place where earth's sor - rows are more felt than up in heav'n.
 There is grace e - nough for thou - sands of new worlds as great as this;
 But we make this love too nar - row by false lim - its of our own;
 Make our love, O God, more faith - ful; let us take you at your word,



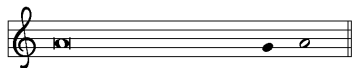
There is no place where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment giv'n.
 there is room for fresh cre - a - tions in that up - per home of bliss.
 and we mag - ni - fy its strict - ness with a zeal God will not own.
 and our lives will be thanks - giv - ing for the good - ness of the Lord.

APOSTOLIC GREETING

The grace of our risen Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



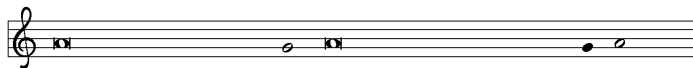
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



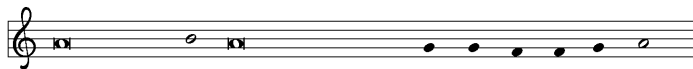
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. **A - men.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

THIS IS THE FEAST

Refrain
Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray:

O God, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING: JEREMIAH 11:18-20

¹⁸It was the Lord who made it known to me, and I knew;
then you showed me their evil deeds.

¹⁹But I was like a gentle lamb
led to the slaughter.

And I did not know it was against me
that they devised schemes, saying,

“Let us destroy the tree with its fruit,
let us cut him off from the land of the living,
so that his name will no longer be remembered!”

²⁰But you, O Lord of hosts, who judge righteously,
who try the heart and the mind,
let me see your retribution upon them,
for to you I have committed my cause.

PSALM: PSALM 54

¹Save me, O God, by your name;
in your might, defend my cause.

²**Hear my prayer, O God;
give ear to the words of my mouth.**

³For strangers have risen up against me, and the ruthless have sought my
life, those who have no regard for God.

⁴**Behold, God is my helper;
it is the Lord who sustains my life.**

⁵Render evil to those who spy on me;
in your faithfulness, destroy them.

⁶**I will offer you a freewill sacrifice
and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.**

⁷For you have rescued me from every trouble,
and my eye looks down on my enemies.

SECOND READING: JAMES 3:13-- 4:3, 7-8a

¹³Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. ¹⁵Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. ¹⁶For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. ¹⁷But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. ¹⁸And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace

¹Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do

they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? ²You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. ⁷Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ^{8a}Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

The assembly stands and sings to welcome the gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL

The assembly stands and sings to welcome the gospel.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 9th chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

GOSPEL: MARK 9:30-37

³⁰[Jesus and the disciples went on] and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it,³¹ for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.”³² But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

³³Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way?”³⁴ But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest.³⁵ He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.”³⁶ Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them,³⁷ “Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you O Christ.

SERMON



- 1 Lov - ing Spir-it, lov - ing Spir - it, you have cho - sen me to be—
- 2 Like a moth-er you en - fold me, hold my life with - in your own,
- 3 Like a fa - ther you pro - tect me, teach me the dis - cern - ing eye,
- 4 Friend and lov - er, in your close - ness I am known and held and blessed:
- 5 Lov - ing Spir-it, lov - ing Spir - it, you have cho - sen me to be—



you have drawn me to your won - der, you have set your sign on me.
 feed me with your ver - y bod - y, form me of your flesh and bone.
 hoist me up up - on your shoul - der, let me see the world from high.
 in your prom - ise is my com - fort, in your pres - ence I may rest.
 you have drawn me to your won - der, you have set your sign on me.

Text: Shirley Erena Murray, b. 1931

Music: RESTORATION, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

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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.

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.

MUSICAL OFFERING

8:30 a.m. **“Morning Has Broken”** – Bell Choir

11:00 a.m. – **“My Lord Is Like A Shepherd”**– Chancel Choir

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



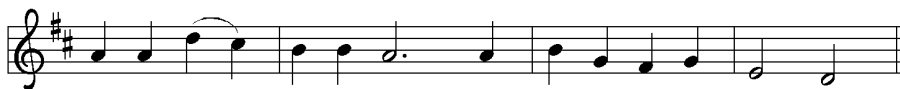
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



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.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

We give you thanks, Father...

... with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, both now and forever.

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All who hunger and thirst, come.

The table is ready.

LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMNS: 638, 824, 759, 492

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord of life,
in the gift of your body and blood
you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation.

Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy,
bearing witness to the abundance of your love
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

People of God, you are Christ's body, bringing new life to a suffering world.
The holy Trinity, † one God, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

HYMN "Children of The Heavenly Father" ELW 781



Tryg - ga - re kan ing - en va - ra än Guds lil - la bar - na - ska - ra,
1 Chil - dren of the heav'n-ly Fa - ther safe - ly in his bo - som gath - er;
2 God his own doth tend and nour-ish, in his ho - ly courts they flour - ish.
3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er from the Lord his chil - dren sev - er;
4 Though he giv - eth or he tak - eth, God his chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth;



stjär - nan ej på him - la - fäs - tet, få - geln ej i kän - da näs - tet.
nest - ling bird nor star in heav - en such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
From all e - vil things he spares them, in his might - y arms he bears them.
un - to them his grace he show - eth, and their sor - rows all he know - eth.
his the lov - ing pur - pose sole - ly to pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832–1903; tr. Ernst W. Olson, 1870–1958

Music: TRYGGARE KAN INGEN VARA, Swedish folk tune

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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*Welcome visitors! We rejoice in the presence of each worshiper.
Please visit 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 Rick Mainster, Deacon Bob Bonomo, Joann Frost, and Ginny Gopadze. Our sincere thanks to all!

FLOWERS in the sanctuary today are given by Amy Gilbert in honor of her 73rd birthday.

MUSICAL OFFERING TODAY

8:30 a.m. “Morning Has Broken” – Bell Choir
11:00 a.m. – “My Lord Is Like A Shepherd” – Chancel Choir

KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS

Bob Moll, Sauny Williams, Susan Fowler, Frank Wheatley, Gerri Fallanca, Gene Yoho, Todd Gaertner, Dorothy Mensing, Jeremy Page-Wood, Pr. Dennis, Linda & Michael Koch, Pam Dionne, Ilse Miles, Sheila Mandell, Maria Thomas, Ray & Maxine Whitcomb, Dawn Clark, Isabelle Amundsen, Dave Boerger, Carolyn Creager, Barb Johnson, Margaret Hehn, Bill Graham, Mireya Vera, Luna Bradford, Tommy & Rita Sillen, Karl Hertel, Joseph Dorwart, Alejandra Vukelich, Harper Wood, Pastor Felice Johnson, Pastor Frederick Ohseik, Pr. Bill Barrett, Heidi Rothmeyer, Steve Serafin, Adisynn Vincent, Tom Rice, Donna and Brian Brockschmidt, Billie Jean Chester, Jacqui Watkins, Nancy & Mike Kamm, Luna Jade Gonzalez, Nikki Robinette and Roberta Rivera

Attendance last Sunday

Total: In-Person, Facebook Live & You Tube: 137

General Offering: \$4, 721.00

**THIS WEEK AT GSLC
SUNDAY**

8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. –
Worship

8:30 a.m. – Bell Choir

11:00 a.m. – Chancel Choir

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

MONDAY

10:00 a.m. – Bible Study

1:30 p.m. - Social Ministry

TUESDAY

6:30 p.m. – Cub Scouts

6:30 p.m. -- Bells

WEDNESDAY

8:00 a.m. – SOS

6:30 p.m. – Choir

THURSDAY

8:00 a.m. – SOS

FRIDAY

8:00 a.m. – Property Workday
on grounds

SATURDAY

8:00 a.m. – Adopt-A-
Highway Trash
Pick-Up Day

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.

COVID CHURCH PLANS UPDATE- Due to the current rise in the number of COVID related illnesses in Citrus County *it is requested by our church council* that everyone please wear a mask while in the building, regardless of your vaccination status.

TODAY’S MUSICAL OFFERING is “**Morning Has Broken**” played by the bell choir at the early service and “**My Lord Is Like A Shepherd**” by the chancel choir at the late service.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE is today. All articles/information for publication must be received no later than noon tomorrow for publication in the upcoming edition of The Shepherd’s Voice. Please send your article/information to gschurch@live.com,

BIBLE STUDY with Pastor Koch continues tomorrow morning at 10:00 a.m. Join him in-person and on Zoom as you continue to explore biblical Parables. For more information, please contact pastor at gslcpastor@outlook.com.

SOCIAL MINISTRY will meet Monday, September 20 at 1:30 p.m. Please contact Vera Swade at 637-5308 if you are unable to attend or for more information.

THE SOCIAL MINISTRY COMMITTEE thanks everyone for their donations. We donated 418 pounds of food and a \$100 check to Citrus United Basket. Many thanks for everything donated to celebrate God’s Work, Our Hands on the 34th Anniversary of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

OUR NEXT ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY TRASH PICK-UP – Join us on Saturday, September 25 from 8:00 a.m. until approximately 10:00 a.m. We will meet in the church parking lot at 8:00 am, get instructions, split into 3 groups, and pick-up trash 1.1 miles east and 1.1 miles west of Good Shepherd along Norvell Bryant Highway. Email Linda Koch at LCK1164@gmail.com or text her at 386-589-4727 if you would like to participate or if you have any questions. We’ll be out cleaning up our community and having fun doing it in the process!