

Welcome in the Name of Christ
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

439 E. Norvell Bryant Hwy
Hernando, FL 34442



ANYONE WHO GIVES YOU A CUP OF WATER TO DRINK...
MK.9:41

**The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 26, 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

The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major, common time, with a key signature of one sharp. The first staff begins with a quarter note followed by eighth notes. The lyrics "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;" are written below the notes. The second staff begins with a quarter note followed by eighth notes. The lyrics "praise him, all crea - tures here be - low;" are written below the notes. The third staff begins with a quarter note followed by eighth notes. The lyrics "him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost." are written below the notes.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711

Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, 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, \dagger 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 \dagger Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous.

Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.

Amen.

HYMN**“How Small Our Span of Life”**

ELW #636



1 How small our span of life, O God, our years from birth till death:
2 And yet our speck of life is spanned by your in - fin - i - ty;
3 O Christ, you left e - ter - ni - ty to plunge in time's swift stream,
4 We thank you, God, for kind-ling faith that lights our tran - sient years,



a sin - gle beat with - in the heart, the catch-ing of a breath,
our tick of time on earth is caught in your e - ter - ni - ty.
to share the short-ness of our span, our mor - tal lives re - deem.
il - lu - min - ing our pil-grim-age through mists of doubt and fears;



a drop with-in the o-cean's deep, a grain up - on the shore,
While suns and stars spin end - less - ly through depths of cos-mic space.
You filled your cross-closed years with love; you loved us to the end
for hope that sees a life be-yond the swift - ly pass-ing days;



a flash of light be - fore we sleep to see the sun no more.
while ae - ons roll and ag - es pass, you hold us in your grace.
and touch us with your ris - en life that ours may time trans-cend.
for love, both hu - man and di - vine, that lifts our hearts to praise.

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., b. 1923

Music: KINGSFOLD, English traditional

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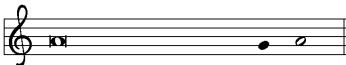
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APOSTOLIC GREETING

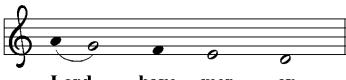
The grace of our risen Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



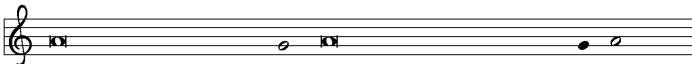
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



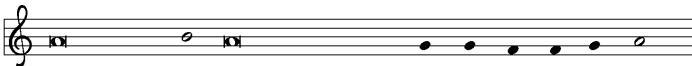
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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:

Generous God, your Son gave his life that we might come to peace with you. Give us a share of your Spirit, and in all we do empower us to bear the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING: NUMBERS 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

⁴The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, “If only we had meat to eat! ⁵We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; ⁶but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at.”

¹⁰Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the Lord became very angry, and Moses was displeased. ¹¹So Moses said to the Lord, “Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? ¹²Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, ‘Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child, to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors’? ¹³Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, ‘Give us meat to eat!’ ¹⁴I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. ¹⁵If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery.”

¹⁶So the Lord said to Moses, “Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring

them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you.”

²⁴So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. ²⁵Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

²⁶Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. ²⁷And a young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.” ²⁸And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, “My lord Moses, stop them!” ²⁹But Moses said to him, “Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord’s people were prophets, and that the Lord would put his spirit on them!”

PSALM: PSALM 19:7-14

⁷The teaching of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.

⁸**The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart;
the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.**

⁹The fear of the Lord is clean and endures forever;
the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

¹⁰**More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.**

¹¹By them also is your servant enlightened,
and in keeping them there is great reward.

¹²**Who can detect one’s own offenses?**

Cleanse me from my secret faults.

¹³Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

¹⁴**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.**

SECOND READING: JAMES 5:13-20

¹³Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. ¹⁴Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. ¹⁶Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. ¹⁷Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. ¹⁸Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

¹⁹My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, ²⁰you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

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 9:38-50

³⁸John said to [Jesus,] “Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.” ³⁹But Jesus said, “Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. ⁴⁰Whoever is not against us is for us. ⁴¹For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

⁴²“If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who

believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea.⁴³ If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire.⁴⁵ And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell.⁴⁷ And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell,⁴⁸ where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

⁴⁹“For everyone will be salted with fire.⁵⁰ Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY “Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service” ELW #712



1 Lord, whose love in hum - ble ser - vice bore the weight of hu-man need,
2 Still your chil - dren wan - der home-less; still the hun - gry cry for bread;
3 As we wor - ship, grant us vi - sion, till your love's re - veal-ing light
4 Called by wor - ship to your ser - vice, forth in your dear name we go,



who up - on the cross, for - sak - en, worked your mer-cy's per - fect deed:
still the cap - tives long for free - dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
in its height and depth and great-ness dawns up - on our quick-ened sight,
to the child, the youth, the a - ged, love in liv - ing deeds to show;



we, your ser - vants, bring the wor - ship not of voice a - lone, but heart;
As you, Lord, in deep com-pas - sion healed the sick and freed the soul,
mak - ing known the needs and bur - dens your com-pas-sion bids us bear,
hope and health, good-will and com - fort, coun - sel, aid, and peace we give,



con - se - crat - ing to your pur - pose ev - 'ry gift which you im - part.
by your Spir - it send your pow - er to our world to make it whole.
stir - ring us to ar - dent ser - vice, your a - bun - dant life to share.
that your ser - vants, Lord, in free - dom may your mer - cy know and live.

Text: Albert F. Bayly, 1901–1984

Music: BEACH SPRING, *The Sacred Harp*, Philadelphia, 1844

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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. “**You Are Holy**” – Lynn Bechdolt and Linda Koch
11:00 a.m. – “**Standing in The Need of Prayer**”– Chancel Choir

You Are Holy

Du är helig

1*

Du är he - lig, du är hel. Du är all - tid myck - et mer
You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more

än vi nän - sin kan för - stå, du är nä - ra än - då.
than we ev - er un-der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.

Väl - sig - nad va - re du som kom - mer hit just nu,
Bless-ed are you com-ing near. Bless - ed are you com-ing here

väl - sig - na - de vår jord, blir till bröd på vår jord.
to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.

2

Du är he - lig, du är hel - het,
You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,

du är nä - het he - la kos - mos lo - var dig!
you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!

Ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na,
Sing ho - san - na in the high - est!

ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na vår Gud.
Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our God!

* May be sung in canon.

Text: Per Harling, b. 1945

Music: DU ÄR HELIG, Per Harling

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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.

EUCHARISTIC 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: 824, 759, 492, 638

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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.

Thanks be to God.

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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 Ann Neville and Linda Koch. Our Sincere thanks to all!

FLOWERS in the sanctuary today are given by Diane & Steve Spengler in honor of their 57th wedding anniversary and by Ann Serafin in memory of Rosemary Bell, her sister-in-law.

MUSICAL OFFERING TODAY

8:30 a.m. "You Are Holy" – Duet by Lynn Bechdolt & Linda Koch 11:00 a.m. – "Standing in The Need of Prayer" – 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, 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, Charlotte Clarke, Kent Gaertner and Roberta Rivera

Attendance last Sunday

Total: In-Person, Facebook Live & You Tube: 139

General Offering: \$3,232.00

THIS WEEK AT GSLC

SUNDAY

8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.– Worship
8:30 a.m. – Duet by Lynn Bechdolt & Linda Koch
11:00 a.m.– Chancel Choir

MONDAY

10:00 a.m.– Bible Study

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

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 “**You Are Holy**” - Duet by Lynn Bechdolt and Linda Koch at the early service and “**Standing in The Need of Prayer**” by the chancel choir at the late service.

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.

Coming Soon! ... Fulfilling God's Purpose!

Next Sunday we will begin our four-week stewardship program called *Fulfilling God's Purpose!* Christian stewardship is the free and joyous activity of managing our lives and blessings according to God's will. Stewardship refers to all the activities of our lives. We are stewards in our homes, workplaces, schools, and in our neighborhoods. Stewardship is a daily, ongoing lifestyle that determines how we use all the gifts our Creator has given us.

Next Sunday, our focus will be on “Building Relationships.” You will be receiving a Bible Study and other devotional materials by email a few days in advance. If you do not have email, your materials will be sent to you by regular mail.

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