

Welcome in the Name of Christ  
**Good Shepherd Lutheran Church**

439 E. Norvell Bryant Hwy  
Hernando, FL 34442



**“Is it lawful for a husband  
to divorce his wife?” MARK 10:2**

**The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
October 3, 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

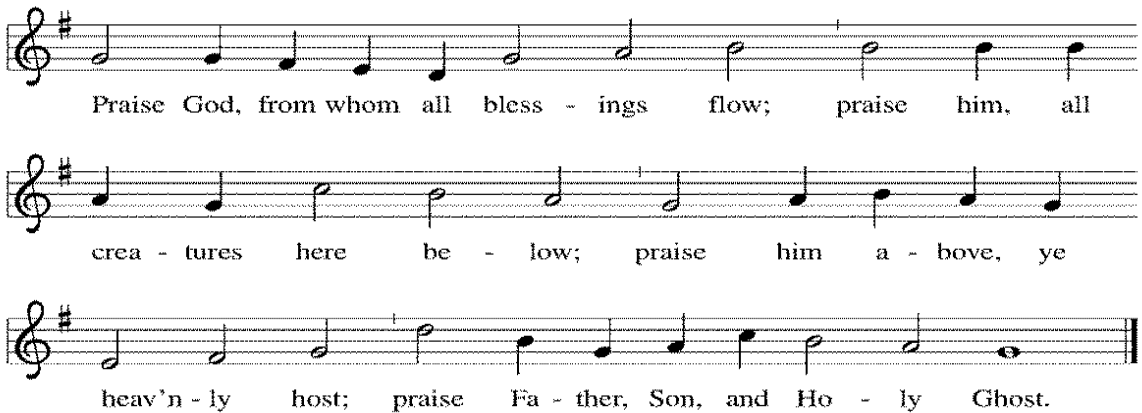
(Congregation responses are in bold print)

## 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 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!

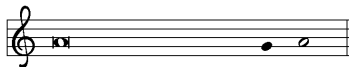
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## APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

**And also with you.**

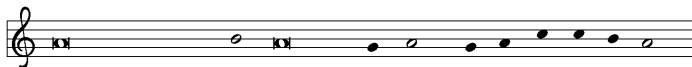
# KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



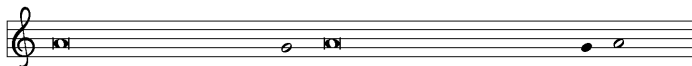
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



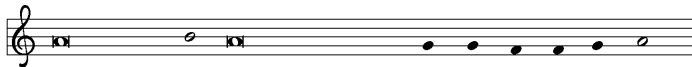
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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:

Sovereign God, you have created us to live in loving community with one another. Form us for life that is faithful and steadfast, and teach us to trust like little children, that we may reflect the image of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## **TEMPLE TALK – Anne Storan**

### **WORD**

#### **FIRST READING: GENESIS 2:18-24**

<sup>18</sup>The LORD God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.” <sup>19</sup>So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. <sup>20</sup>The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. <sup>21</sup>So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. <sup>22</sup>And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. <sup>23</sup>Then the man said,

“This at last is bone of my bones  
and flesh of my flesh;  
this one shall be called Woman,  
for out of Man this one was taken.”

<sup>24</sup>Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

## PSALM: PSALM 8

<sup>1</sup>O LORD our Lord,

how majestic is your name in all the earth!—

<sup>2</sup>**you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of infants and children;**

**you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe and avenger.**

<sup>3</sup>When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars you have set <sup>1</sup> in their courses,

<sup>4</sup>**what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them,  
human beings that you should care for them?**

<sup>5</sup>Yet you have made them little less than divine;  
with glory and honor you crown them.

<sup>6</sup>**You have made them rule over the works of your hands;  
you have put all things un der their feet:**

<sup>7</sup>all flocks and cattle,  
even the wild beasts of the field,

<sup>8</sup>**the birds of the air, the fish of the sea,  
and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.**

<sup>9</sup>O LORD our Lord,

how majestic is your name in all the earth!

## SECOND READING: HEBREWS 1:1-4; 2:5-12

<sup>1</sup>Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, <sup>2</sup>but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. <sup>3</sup>He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he



sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, <sup>4</sup>having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

<sup>2,5</sup>Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. <sup>6</sup>But someone has testified somewhere,

“What are human beings that you are mindful of them,  
or mortals, that you care for them?

<sup>7</sup>You have made them for a little while lower than the angels;  
you have crowned them with glory and honor,  
<sup>8</sup>subjecting all things under their feet.”

Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them,<sup>9</sup>but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

<sup>10</sup>It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. <sup>11</sup>For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, <sup>12</sup>saying,

“I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters,  
in the midst of the congregation I will praise 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 10<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Glory to You, O Lord.**

### **GOSPEL: MARK 10:2-16**

<sup>2</sup>Some Pharisees came, and to test [Jesus] they asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?” <sup>3</sup>He answered them, “What did Moses command you?” <sup>4</sup>They said, “Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.” <sup>5</sup>But Jesus said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. <sup>6</sup>But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’ <sup>7</sup>‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, <sup>8</sup>and the two shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two, but one flesh. <sup>9</sup>Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.” <sup>10</sup>Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this

matter. <sup>11</sup>He said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; <sup>12</sup>and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.”

<sup>13</sup>People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. <sup>14</sup>But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. <sup>15</sup>Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.” <sup>16</sup>And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

This is the gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you O Christ.**

**SERMON**

HYMN OF THE DAY      “Blest Be the Tie That Binds”      ELW #656



1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris-tian love;  
2 Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne we pour our ar - dent prayers;  
3 We share our mu - tual woes, our mu - tual bur - dens bear,  
4 From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;



the u - ni - ty of heart and mind is like to that a - bove.  
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.  
and of - ten for each oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.  
and per - fect love and friend - ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: John Fawcett, 1740–1817, alt.  
Music: DENNIS, Johann G. Nägeli, 1773–1836, adapt.

## 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. – “**How Long Will It Be**” – Ann Neville, soloist

11:00 a.m. – “**Lord, Come Reign**” – 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



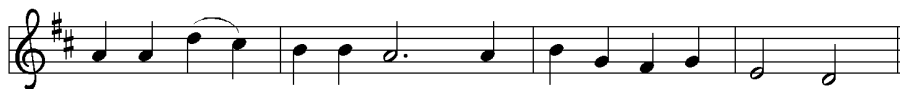
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



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.





HYMN

“Go, My Children , with My Blessings”

ELW 543



- 1 “Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.
- 2 “Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
- 3 “Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.  
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
 Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love’s bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.  
 Here you heard my dear Son’s sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.  
 Here my Spir - it’s pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com - fort stilled you.



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own.”  
 Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.”  
 Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free.”

Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda, b. 1919, alt.  
 Music: AR HYD Y NOS, Welsh traditional  
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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 Bob Bonomo, David Sottrines and Vera Swade.  
Our Sincere thanks to all!

**FLOWERS** in the sanctuary today are given by Beverly Brockschmidt in memory of the birthday of Fredric Brockschmidt, her husband.

**MUSICAL OFFERING TODAY**

**8:30 a.m.** “How Long Will It Be” – Ann Neville, soloist

**11:00 a.m.** –“Lord, Come Reign”– Chancel Choir

**KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS**

Rick Mainster, Harv Johnson, Carolyn Wall, 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: 150*

*General Offering: \$3,366.00*

**THIS WEEK AT GSLC**

**SUNDAY**

**8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.**

Worship

**8:30 a.m.** – Solo by Ann Neville

**11:00 a.m.**– Chancel Choir  
**Temple Talk – Anne Storan**

**MONDAY**

**10:00 a.m.**– Bible Study

**1:00 p.m.** – W/ELCA Board  
via Zoom

**TUESDAY**

**6:30 p.m.** -- Cub Scouts

**6:30 p.m.** -- Bells

**WEDNESDAY**

**8:00 a.m.** – SOS

**10:00 a.m.** – Quilters

**6:30 p.m.** – Choir

**THURSDAY**

**8:00 a.m.** – SOS

**9:30 a.m.** – Executive Council

**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 “**How Long Will It Be**” – Soloist, Ann Neville at the early service and “**Lord, Come Reign**” 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](mailto:gslcpastor@outlook.com).

**W/ELCA BOARD** will meet via Zoom Monday, October 4 at 1:00 p.m. Please contact Anne Storan at 740-507-7504 for the Zoom link or more information. All are welcome.

**THE QUILTERS** will meet at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, October 6. please contact Gerry Kauth at 637-2412 for more information or if you are unable to attend.

**EXECUTIVE COUNCIL** will meet Thursday, October 7 via Zoom. Please contact Dan Cashman at 419-4356 if you are unable to attend.

### **Fulfilling God’s Purpose!**

The theme for the first week of *Fulfilling God’s Purpose!* is “Building Relationships.” God’s Word tells us, “*We love because he first loved us*” (1 John 4:19). All meaningful relationships are based on love. Jesus’ relationship with his heavenly Father, his relationship with the disciples, our relationships with him, and our relationships with others are made possible through love. God’s love for us compels us to show that love through what we do and say to others (2 Corinthians 5:14). Please join us next week in worship and Bible study as we focus on “Witnessing for Jesus.”

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