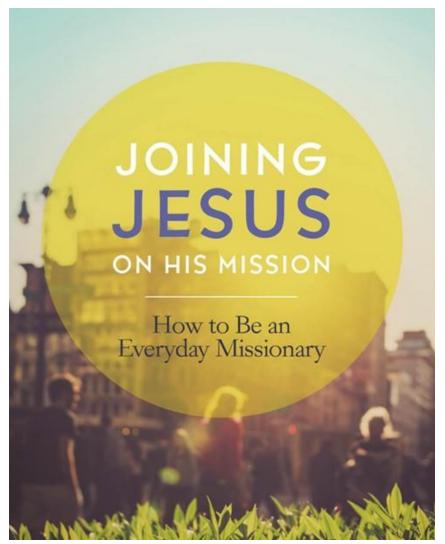
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

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Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost October 22, 2023 - 8:15AM

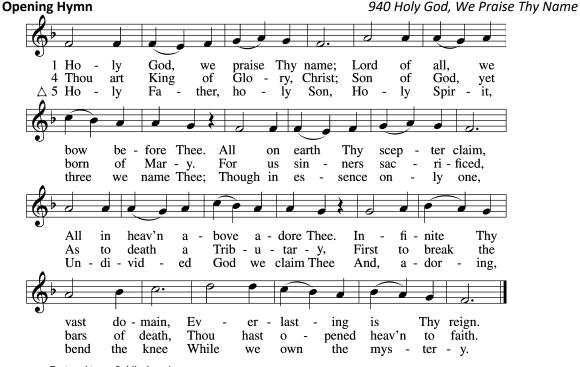
(Please note this service is being livestreamed.)

The Holy Lord's Supper: We will celebrate Holy Communion today during worship. In this meal God promises to give us his true body and blood together with the bread and wine. Through his body and blood he forgives our sins and strengthens our relationship with him and with one another. Jesus invites those who trust in his Word, repent of all sins, and set aside any refusal to forgive others. Because participation in this meal is a confession of the faith of this congregation (1 Corinthians 11:26), and because those who eat and drink Christ's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm (1 Corinthians 11:27), it is important that all Christians examine themselves before communing (1 Corinthians 11:28). We invite you to speak with the pastor after the service if you have any questions or concerns.

Gluten Free Communion Wafers available: For those with sensitivity to gluten, we offer gluten free communion wafers. They come from a reliable, commercially available source and care is taken to prevent any contamination with the other communion hosts. When approached by the pastor, just say "gluten free" and he will provide a host from a protected container.

Welcome & Announcements

(Please stand)



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Invocation

- In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Opening Sentences

- **P** My help comes from the LORD,
- **C** who made heaven and earth.
- **P** The LORD will keep you from all evil;
- **G** He will keep your life.

Confession and Absolution

Silence is kept for meditation and reflection.

- P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
- I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.
- Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

P He who began this good work within you will bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C Amen.

Service of the Word



Salutation

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, Your Word and will are accomplished despite the enemies of Your purpose and through the unlikely means of those indifferent to You. Encourage us when we are quick to judge and slow to believe, that we may never forget the triumph of Your saving purpose in Your Son; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

(You may be seated)

First Reading

If one gives an answer before he hears, it is his folly and shame.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Galatians 6:1-9

Proverbs 18:13

Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. For if anyone thinks he is something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. But let each one test his own work, and then his reason to boast will be in himself alone and not in his neighbor. For each will have to bear his own load.

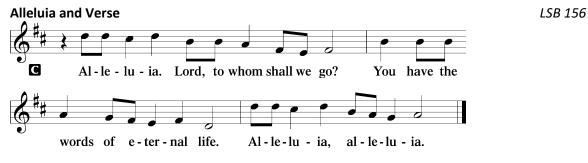
One who is taught the word must share all good things with the one who teaches. Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Children's Message

(Please stand)



Holy Gospel

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the ninth chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

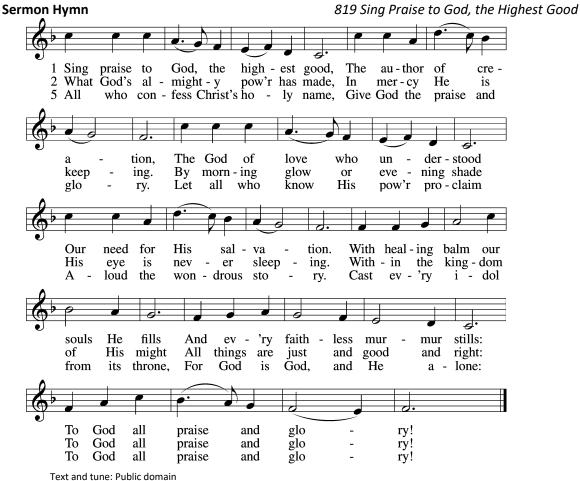
And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

(You may be seated)

Matthew 9:35–38



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Sermon

(Please stand)

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life
+ everlasting. Amen.

(You may be seated)

Offering

Ushers will collect offerings and prayer cards

Pastor Ted Diedrick

(Please stand)



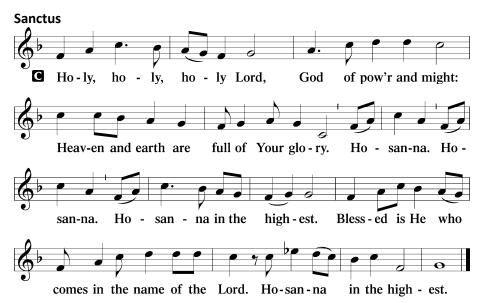
- A Lord, in Your mercy,
- С hear our prayer.

Service of the Sacrament

- P The Lord be with you.
- С And also with you.
- P Lift up your hearts.
- С We lift them to the Lord.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- С It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Proper Preface

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who sends to us Your Holy Spirit that with our hearts we believe in You and with our mouths we confess Your saving name. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:



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Prayer of Thanksgiving

- God of all mercy and grace, in patience You bore with us sinners who deserved nothing of Your kindness and at the time of Your bidding revealed to us Your love in Your Son, Jesus Christ, born of the Virgin by the Holy Spirit. As He has accomplished all things for our salvation, grant us Your Holy Spirit so that we may believe in Him with all our hearts, bodies, souls, and minds, and confess Him boldly before the world. Be with us as we approach now His Table there to receive His own testament of His flesh in bread and His blood in wine, for the forgiveness of our sins and as the foretaste of the eternal to come.
- C Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

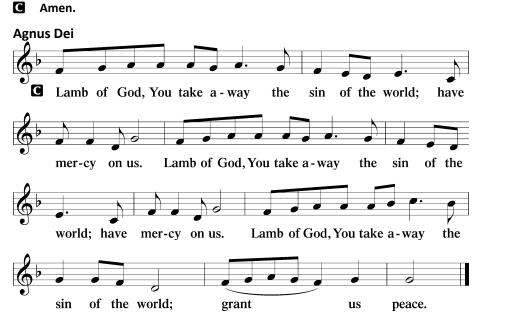
O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

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P The peace of the Lord be with you always.



(You may be seated)

Distribution of the Holy Lord's Supper



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.

Post-Communion Collect

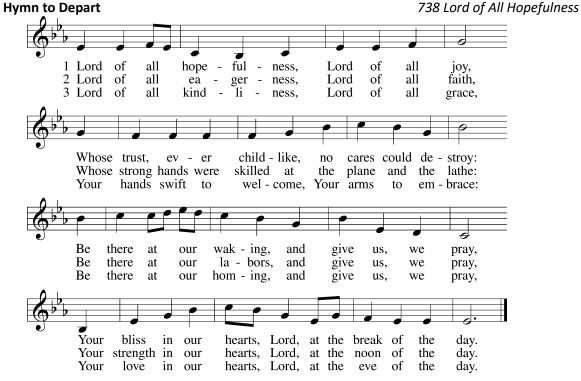
A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benediction

- P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and
 + give you peace.
- C Amen.



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