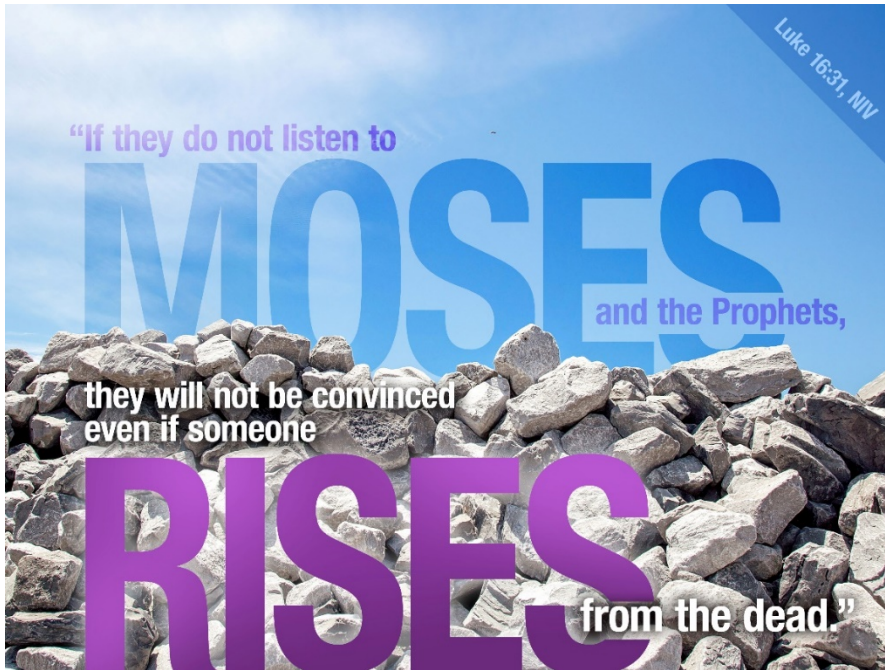


**Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Contemporary Worship**  
**September 28, 2025**



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## **INTRODUCTION**

*Consideration of and care for those in need (especially those “at our gate,” visible to us, of whom we are aware) is an essential component of good stewardship. It is in the sharing of wealth that we avoid the snare of wealth. It is the one whom death could not hold—who comes to us risen from the dead—who can free us from the death grip of greed.*

## **WELCOME**

*Please stand*

## **CALL TO WORSHIP – From Psalm 146**

Praise the LORD, O my soul!

**I will praise the LORD as long as I live!**

Our hope is not in kings, or any other thing,

**Our hope is in the the LORD!**

The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down,

**The LORD sets the prisoners free!**

**CALLED BY YOUR GRACE**

*by Rick Stuart*

**We gather together, called by Your  
grace  
Welcomed and cherished, each in our  
place  
Hearing Your promise, trusting Your  
Word  
Saved by Christ Jesus, hope is restored**

**One faith, one family, joined by Your  
Son  
United in Spirit, Your will be done**

**We gather to praise, rejoicing as one  
Singing salvation, the work You have  
done  
Bread and the wine, mercy so free  
Grace at Your table, for you and for me**

**Baptized and chosen, washed in Your  
love  
Marked with the cross, claimed from  
above  
Sharing the story, ancient and true  
Rooted in Scripture, made ever new**

**One faith, one family, joined by Your  
Son  
United in Spirit, Your will be done**

**We gather to praise, rejoicing as one  
Singing salvation, the work You have  
done  
Bread and the wine, mercy so free  
Grace at Your table, for you and for me**

**Word and Sacrament, gifts from Your  
hand  
Strength for the journey, firm we will  
stand  
Sent to serve others, sharing Your  
peace  
Living Your gospel, love will increase**

**We gather to praise, rejoicing as one  
Singing salvation, the work You have  
done  
Bread and the wine, mercy so free  
Grace at Your table, for you and for me**

**Grace at Your table, for you and for me  
We gather to praise, eternally**

## **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.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray. O God, rich in mercy, you look with compassion on this troubled world. Feed us with your grace, and grant us the treasure that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

*Please sit*

## **FIRST READING: Amos 6:1a, 4-7**

<sup>1a</sup> Alas for those who are at ease in Zion, and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria,

<sup>4</sup> Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory, and lounge on their couches, and eat lambs from the flock, and calves from the stall; <sup>5</sup> who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp, and like David improvise on instruments of music; <sup>6</sup> who drink wine from bowls, and anoint themselves with the finest oils, but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!

<sup>7</sup> Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile, and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: 146**

<sup>1</sup> Hallelujah!

Praise the LORD, O my soul!

<sup>2</sup> **I will praise the LORD as long as I live;**

**I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**

<sup>3</sup> Put not your trust in rulers,

in mortals in whom there is no help.

<sup>4</sup> **When they breathe their last, they return to earth,**

**and in that day their thoughts perish.**

<sup>5</sup> Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help,

whose hope is in the LORD their God;

<sup>6</sup> **who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;**

**who keeps promises forever;**

<sup>7</sup> who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger.

The LORD sets the captive free.

<sup>8</sup> **The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;**

**the LORD loves the righteous.**

<sup>9</sup> The LORD cares for the stranger;

the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

<sup>10</sup> **The LORD shall reign forever,**

**your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!**

## **SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 6:6-19**

<sup>6</sup> Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; <sup>7</sup> for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; <sup>8</sup> but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. <sup>9</sup> But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. <sup>10</sup> For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

<sup>11</sup> But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. <sup>12</sup> Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. <sup>13</sup> In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you <sup>14</sup> to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>15</sup> which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. <sup>16</sup> It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

<sup>17</sup> As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. <sup>18</sup> They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, <sup>19</sup> thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand*

## **GOSPEL: Luke 16:19-31**

The holy gospel according Luke. **Glory to You, O Lord!**

Jesus said: <sup>19</sup> “There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. <sup>20</sup> And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, <sup>21</sup> who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. <sup>22</sup> The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. <sup>23</sup> In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. <sup>24</sup> He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.’ <sup>25</sup> But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. <sup>26</sup> Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ <sup>27</sup> He said, ‘Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father’s house—<sup>28</sup> for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ <sup>29</sup> Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ <sup>30</sup> He said, ‘No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ <sup>31</sup> He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’”

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ**

## **HOMILY**

*Please stand*

## ***Shared Blessings***

*by Rick Stuart*

**In a world where treasures shine,  
We often chase what's not divine.  
But in the quiet of the heart,  
True riches find their place to start.**

**With open hands and open hearts,  
We tear the worldly chains apart.  
For in the love we freely share,  
We find the riches that we bear.**

**For every gift that we receive,  
Is meant to share, not to deceive.  
In giving more, we find our gain,  
And break free from the selfish chain.**

**It is in the sharing of wealth,  
We find the measure of our true self.  
Beyond the gold, beyond the glare,  
Our hearts find joy beyond compare.**

**It is in the sharing of wealth,  
We find the measure of our true self.  
Beyond the gold, beyond the glare,  
Our hearts find joy beyond compare.**

**Let us be the hands that heal,  
Let us share the love that's real.  
In the giving, we shall find,  
A greater peace within our mind.**

**The silver linings in the sky,  
Remind us of the reasons why.  
We're called to love, to lift, to give,  
In these acts, we truly live.**

**It is in the sharing of wealth,  
We find the measure of our true self.  
Beyond the gold, beyond the glare,  
Our hearts find joy beyond compare.**

**So let us give, and let us see,  
The beauty in our unity.  
For in each act of selfless grace,  
We find the light in every place.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Gracious God, we come to you in prayer for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

We pray for the church, that it would remain faithful to the gospel, always striving to serve the needs of those who are oppressed and rejecting the complacency that comes from wealth. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for creation, that the nations work together to protect and restore the earth, preserving the beauty of the planet for future generations and honoring the gift of your creation. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for those in positions of authority, that they govern with justice and compassion, recognizing the dignity of all people and working to promote peace and prosperity for all. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for people in any need. Give them your assurance and courage when the path forward is not clear. Liberate us from all that binds us, lift us up when we are bowed down, and show us your love. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for this congregation, that we would be strengthened to build a world where all can thrive. Incite us to advocate for fair wages and just policies, and guide us in building a community of mutual support. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

We remember in thanksgiving the faithful departed. Inspire us by their example to love and serve our neighbors, and bring us to eternal life. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

We entrust these prayers to you, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend. **Amen.**

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

## OFFERING

*The gifts we use and share matter! Thank you for sharing your gifts for the sake of the world. Use the green Give button on our church's website to support our mission of nurturing lives for following Christ. Offering baskets will be passed by the ushers.*

## **SPECIAL MUSIC**

*Grace Overflowing*

### **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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.**

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**

*by Rick Steuart*

**Holy, holy, holy  
God of strength and endless grace  
Every heart and every voice  
Lifts Your name in this place**

**Hosanna in the highest  
We welcome You with praise  
Blessed is the One who brings us hope  
We stand in awe, amazed**

**You are here among us now  
Your glory fills this room**

**We honor You, we worship You,  
Our lives belong to You.**

**Hosanna in the highest  
We welcome You with praise  
Blessed is the One who brings us hope  
We stand in awe, amazed**

**Hosanna in the highest  
We welcome You with praise  
Blessed is the One who brings us hope  
We stand in awe, amazed**

## **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

*Please sit*

## LAMB of GOD

Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;  
O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .

ten pie-dad de no - so - tros, ten pie-dad de no - so - tros.  
have . . mer-cy up - on us, have . . mer-cy up - on us.

Cor-de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;  
O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .

ten pie-dad de no - so - tros, ten pie-dad de no - so - tros.  
have . . mer-cy up - on us, have . . mer-cy up - on us.

Cor-de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;  
O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .

da - nos tu paz, da - nos tu paz.  
grant us your peace, grant us your peace.

## MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

### SENDING OF COMMUNION

Gracious God, when your Son Jesus gathered a crowd and blessed the loaves and fish, all ate and were filled. And still there was more. In your love and care, extend this meal to all who will receive it. Give us all the comfort of your abiding presence and the courage to be the body of our Lord, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **FAMILY TIME**

## **BLESSING**

The God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry, who sets the prisoners free, ✝️ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

*Please stand*

**NURTURING LIVES FOR FOLLOWING CHRIST**

*by Rick Steuart*

**We're planting seeds of hope,  
Watered by His grace,  
Walking in His footsteps,  
Shining in this place.  
Every heart awakened,  
Every soul inspired,  
We're building up the future,  
With holy fire!**

**Every voice, every hand,  
Let's stand side by side—  
We're called to be the difference,  
With Jesus as our guide!**

**Nurturing lives for following Christ,  
Lifting each other, walking in light.  
Hand in hand, we're growing strong,  
Singing His praises all day long.  
Nurturing lives for following Christ,  
Hearts on fire, shining bright!**

**We teach with compassion,  
We lead with love,  
Pointing to the Savior,  
Our hope from above.  
Encouraging the weary,  
Lifting up the weak,  
We're living out the gospel,  
In the words we speak.**

**Every voice, every hand,  
Let's stand side by side—  
We're called to be the difference,  
With Jesus as our guide!**

**Nurturing lives for following Christ,  
Lifting each other, walking in light.  
Hand in hand, we're growing strong,  
Singing His praises all day long.  
Nurturing lives for following Christ,  
Hearts on fire, shining bright!**

**We're sowing seeds of kindness,  
We're reaching out in love,  
Empowered by the Spirit,  
And guided from above.  
Let's raise up a people,  
Let's answer the call—  
Nurturing lives for following Christ,  
Giving our all!**

**Say "nurturing lives!" (Nurturing lives!)  
Say "following Christ!" (Following  
Christ!)  
We're building His kingdom,  
We're shining His light!**

**Nurturing lives for following Christ,  
Lifting each other, walking in light.  
Hand in hand, we're growing strong,  
Singing His praises all day long.  
Nurturing lives for following Christ,  
Hearts on fire, shining bright!**

**Nurturing lives for following Christ,  
We're walking in love, we're shining His  
light!**

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace, nurturing lives for following Christ.

**Thanks be to God!**

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## Care Team

A Care Team has formed at Good Shepherd with the purpose of connecting one another, especially those who are unable to worship in person. Please consider how you may be called to be a part of this ministry. There will be a meeting at 11:00 am on October 8, 2025 in church library, followed by a light luncheon. For more information, please call Kate Herrington at 727-420-6531, or the church office 727-391-4644.



<b>Monthly Financial Summary</b>						
	Monthly: August 2025			YTD: January - August 2025		
	Total	Church	Little Lambs	Total	Church	Little Lambs
Budgeted Expenses	\$85,941	\$28,699	<b>\$57,242</b>	\$695,231	\$237,295	\$457,935
Actual Expenses	\$84,937	\$28,092	\$56,845	\$665,472	\$220,460	\$445,011
Budgeted Giving / Income	\$71,588	\$15,338	<b>\$56,250</b>	\$574,200	\$124,200	\$450,000
Actual Giving / Income	\$73,365	\$13,129	\$60,236	\$610,076	\$122,591	\$487,485
Surplus / (Deficit)	( <b>\$11,572</b> )	( <b>\$14,963</b> )	\$3,391	( <b>\$55,396</b> )	( <b>\$97,869</b> )	\$42,473
<b>Annual Deficit will be funded from the</b>			<b>Balances as of August 31, 2025</b>			
<b>Good Shepherd Bank Reserves</b>			Bank Reserves			\$295.744