Twenty-fourth Sunday After Pentecost
Sunday, November 8, 2026



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INTRODUCTION

Stewardship is a faithful participation in God's rhythm of provision and rest, humble service with one's gifts, and complete reliance on divine grace rather than human effort.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Please stand

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God, **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come



Text: Henry Alford, 1810–1871, alt.
Music: ST. GEORGE'S, WINDSOR, George J. Elvey, 1816–1893

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.**


Assisting minister
Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.
All
Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa - ther, we
wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.
Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;
you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.
For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,
you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,
in the glo - ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O God, eternal goodness, immeasurable love, you place your gifts before us; we eat and are satisfied. Fill us and this world in all its need with the life that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Please sit

FIRST READING: Exodus 16:25-30

25 Moses said, "Eat it today, for today is a sabbath to the LORD; today you will not find
it in the field. 26 Six days you shall gather it; but on the seventh day, which is a
sabbath, there will be none." 27 On the seventh day some of the people went out to
gather, and they found none. 28 The LORD said to Moses, "How long will you refuse to
keep my commandments and instructions? 29 See! The LORD has given you the
sabbath, therefore on the sixth day he gives you food for two days; each of you stay
where you are; do not leave your place on the seventh day." 30 So the people rested on
the seventh day.

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

PSALM: Psalm 81:1-10

1 Sing aloud to God our strength;
shout for joy to the God of Jacob.
2 Raise a song, sound the tambourine,
the sweet lyre with the harp.
3 Blow the trumpet at the new moon,
at the full moon, on our festal day.
4 For it is a statute for Israel,
an ordinance of the God of Jacob.
5 He made it a decree in Joseph,
when he went out over the land of Egypt.
I hear a voice I had not known:
6 **"I relieved your shoulder of the burden;**
your hands were freed from the basket.
7 In distress you called, and I rescued you;
I answered you in the secret place of thunder;
I tested you at the waters of Meribah.

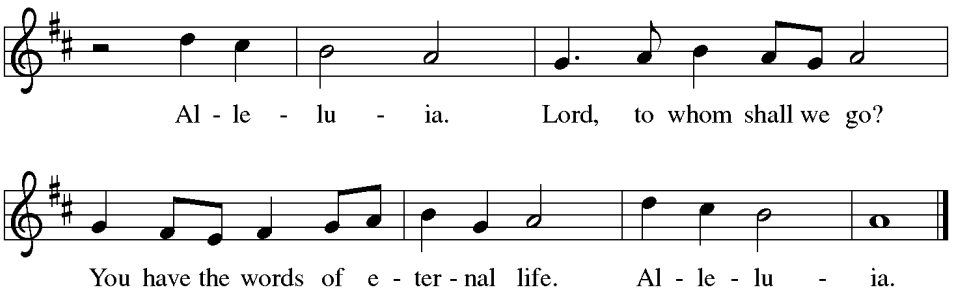
[8]Hear, O my people, while I admonish you;
O Israel, if you would but listen to me!
[9]There shall be no strange god among you;
you shall not bow down to a foreign god.
[10]I am the LORD your God,
who brought you up out of the land of Egypt.
Open your mouth wide and I will fill it.

SECOND READING: Romans 12:1-8

[1]I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. [2]Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God — what is good and acceptable and perfect.

[3]For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. [4]For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, [5]so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. [6]We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; [7]ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; [8]the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

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



GOSPEL: Matthew 11:25-30

The holy gospel according to Matthew.
Glory to You, O Lord.

[25]At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; [26]yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. [27]All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. [28]Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. [29]Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. [30]For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

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

HOMILY

Please stand

For the Fruit of All Creation



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Music: AR HYD Y NOS, Welsh traditional
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APOSTLE'S CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostle's 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

United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

You illumine the church with the hope of your new day. Prepare our hearts and minds for the in breaking of your kingdom, that we might awaken to your transforming love at work all around us. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You create and sustain the earth's natural rhythms so that all life might thrive. Show us the wisdom and wonder of nature's balance; make us careful stewards of our common home. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You make justice roll down in all places and among all nations. Encourage all who protect vulnerable communities and help rebuild in the aftermath of conflict. Uphold veterans and those who care for them. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You hasten to heal our wounds and make whole what is broken. Comfort individuals facing a difficult diagnosis, receiving palliative care, or facing uncertain treatment options. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You give rest to weary hearts and bodies. As the days grow shorter in the north, help us to move more slowly and intentionally through our days, honoring the need for quiet and stillness. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

You welcome those who have come before us in faith into the joys of heaven. Sustain us by your grace and guide us into the promise of everlasting life. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved. **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. Ushers will come by to collect today's offering, or you can use the green Give button on our church's website to support our mission of nurturing lives for following Christ.

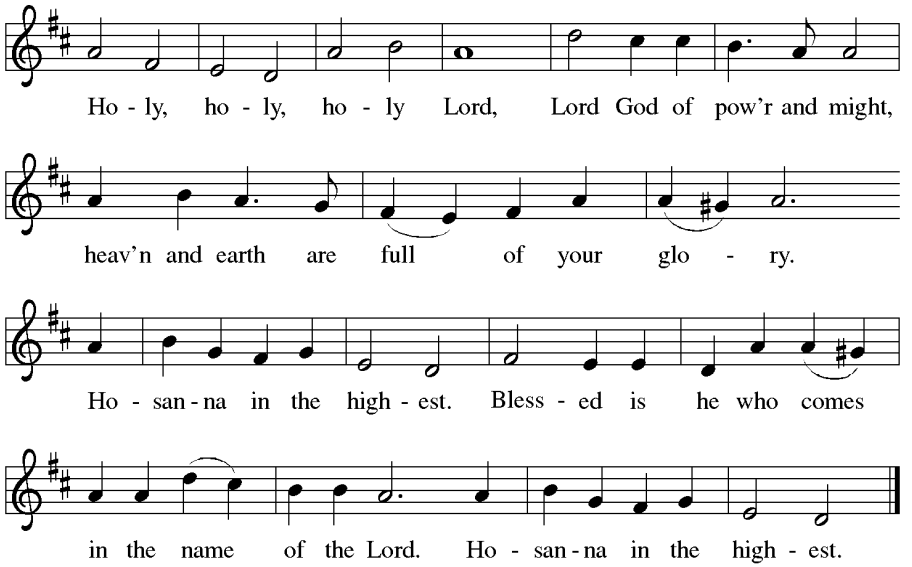
CHOIR ANTHEM

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:



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.

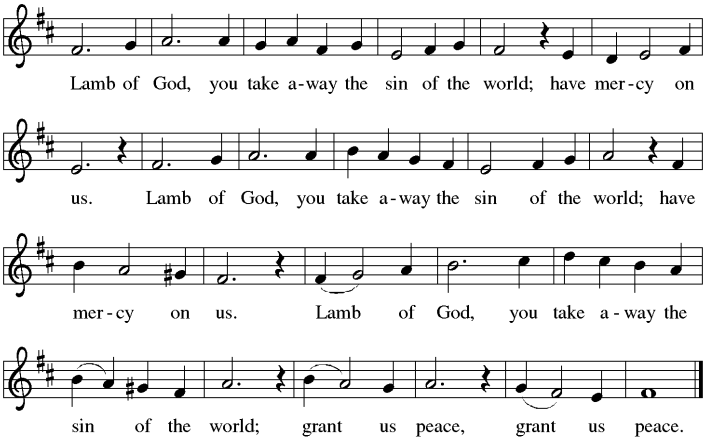
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Please sit

LAMB OF GOD



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.**

FAMILY TIME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ✠ one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always. **Amen.**

Please stand

SENDING HYMN

Take My Life, That I May Be



5 Take my will and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879, alt.
Music: PATMOS, William H. Havergal, 1793–1870

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, nurturing lives for following Christ. **Thanks be to God!**

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"Come Ye Thankful People Comer"
"For The Fruit of All Creation"
"Take My Life, That I May Be"

Monthly Financial Summary

	Monthly: October 2026			YTD: January - October 2026		
	Total	**Church**	**Little Lambs**	**Total**	**Church**	**Little Lambs**
Budgeted Expenses	$79,873	$26,051	**$53,822**	$806,476	$268,256	$538,220
Actual Expenses	$83,498	$25,390	$58,108	$872,882	$288,625	$584,257
Budgeted Giving / Income	$81,294	$20,356	**$60,938**	$814,596	$205,216	$609,380
Actual Giving / Income	$85,175	$10,974	$74,202	$864,052	$175,213	$688,839
Surplus / (Deficit)	$1,678	($14,416)	$16,094	($8,830)	($113,412)	$104,582

Annual Deficit will be funded from the Good Shepherd Bank Reserves

Balances as of October 31, 2026			
Bank Reserves			$224,102

Assisting in Today's Service

Rev. Keith Walbolt

Deacon	Gini ZeRuth
Lector	Laura Blauvelt
Communion Assistants	Laura Blauvelt
	Kate Herrington
Ushers	Eric Pera
	Tom Crouse
Greeters	Laura Blauvelt
	Eric Pera

Good Shepherd Council Members

Nancy Meyer	Diane Supplee	Kate Herrington
John Mennel	David Mickley	Erica Ottmann
Patti Nickol	Gus Dueben	Laura Blauvelt
	Keith Walbolt	

C*hurch Treasurer*

Dave Supplee

Opportunities for November 8 – November 15, 2026

Sunday, November 8, 2026
9:45am Worship Service
Coffee & Fellowship
Monday, November 9, 2026
Office Closed

Tuesday, November 10, 2026
10:00am Staff meeting
10:00am Quilting – Quilting Room

Wednesday, November 11, 2026
9:05am Preschool Chapel

Thursday, November 12, 2026
8:30am Gardeners
5:00pm Orchid Society, Sanctuary

Friday, November 13, 2026

Saturday, November 14, 2026

Sunday, November 15, 2026
9:45am Worship Service
Coffee & Fellowship



Save the date
Sunday, December 27, 2026
Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd will be presenting their Christmas program "***A New and Glorious Morn***" during our service (9:45am).