

**"GIVE TO CAESAR
WHAT IS CAESAR'S,
AND TO GOD
WHAT IS GOD'S."**

MATTHEW 22:21, NIV



October 18, 2026

9:30 a.m. Worship

SHEPHERD OF THE GLADES LUTHERAN CHURCH

A Lutheran Community of Christian Believers – ELCA

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Fill our minds with holy thoughts, O Lord, that we may think what you would have us think and worship you with purity of heart. Amen.

All Are Welcome!

All who have come to worship are heartily welcomed. Let us joyfully open our hearts to God and to one another.

You are encouraged to participate in all that Shepherd of the Glades has to offer and to make Shepherd of the Glades your spiritual home.

If Shepherd of the Glades can be of service to you or if you would like Pastor Jeff to contact you, please so indicate on the pew welcome sheet.

Please stand where indicated by +

Congregation is invited to join in where indicated by bold type

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

+ CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who pours love into our hearts and healing upon the earth.

C Amen.

P Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Compassionate God,

C we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness in the world and in our own hearts. Creation groans from overuse. Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships. Indifference keeps us from seeking justice. Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others. Turn our hearts back to you. Restore our world and reconcile us to one another. Renew us to live as your holy people, following the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.

P Hear this good news: We have peace with God through + Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation, but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. Receive freely this healing gift of grace.

C Amen.

+ GATHERING HYMN

"You Servants of God"

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

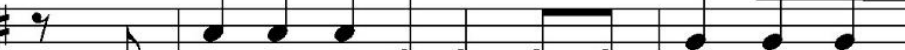
C And also with you.

+ KYRIE

Refrain



Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.



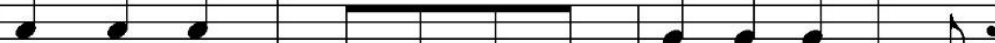
1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the

2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the

3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for

4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the

u - ni - ty of all; for
hun - gry and the poor; that
friends and fam - i - ly; for
wa - ter and the word; that you



this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
 we may live out truth and jus - tice and grace,
 life and for love, ... for our work and our play,
 nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,

let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A Let us pray.

C **Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

FIRST READING: Isaiah 45:1-7

¹ Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him and to strip kings of their robes, to open doors before him—and the gates shall not be closed:

² I will go before you and level the mountains; I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron;

³ I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places, so that you may know that it is I, the Lord, the God of Israel, who call you by your name.

⁴ For the sake of my servant Jacob and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name; I give you a title, though you do not know me.

⁵ I am the Lord, and there is no other; besides me there is no god. I arm you, though you do not know me,

⁶ so that they may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is no one besides me; I am the Lord, and there is no other.

⁷ I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe; I the Lord do all these things.

A The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: 96:1-13 *(read responsively)*

¹ Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.

² **Sing to the Lord, bless the name of the Lord; proclaim God's salvation from day to day.**

³ Declare God's glory among the nations and God's wonders among all peoples.

⁴ **For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised, more to be feared than all gods.**

⁵ As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; but you, O Lord, have made the heavens.

⁶ **Majesty and magnificence are in your presence; power and splendor are in your sanctuary.**

⁷ Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples, ascribe to the Lord honor and power.

⁸ **Ascribe to the Lord the honor due the holy name; bring offerings and enter the courts of the Lord.**

⁹ Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; tremble before the Lord, all the earth.

¹⁰ **Tell it out among the nations: "The Lord is king! The one who made the world so firm that it cannot be moved will judge the peoples with equity."**

¹¹ Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea thunder and all that is in it; let the field be joyful and all that is therein.

¹² **Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy at your coming, O Lord, for you come to judge the earth.**

¹³ You will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with your truth.

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

¹ Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

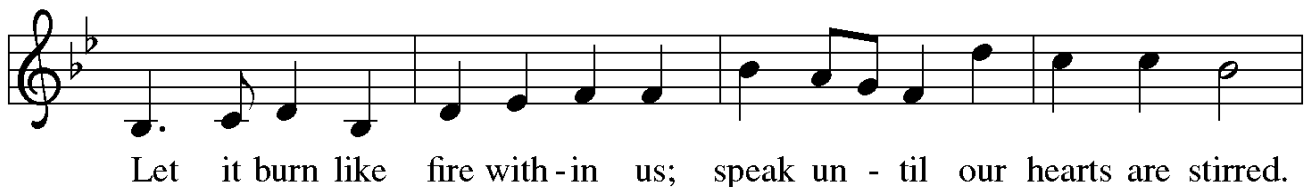
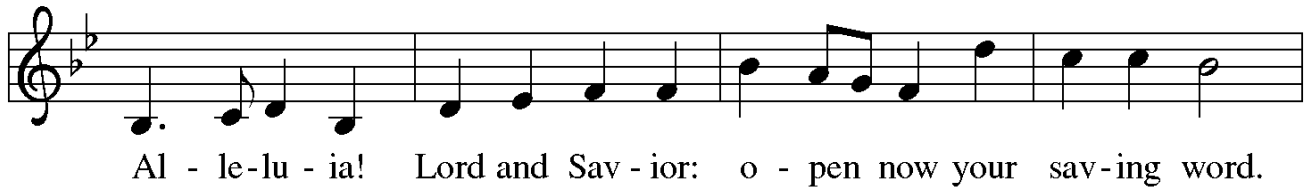
To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace.

² We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly ³ remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴ For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵ because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶ And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy from the Holy Spirit, ⁷ so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸ For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. ⁹ For they report about us what kind of welcome we had among you and how you turned to God from idols to serve a living and true God ¹⁰ and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

+ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



+ THE HOLY GOSPEL according to: Matthew 22:15-22

C Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁵ The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. ¹⁶ So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one, for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷ Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not?” ¹⁸ But Jesus,

aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites?" ¹⁹ Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰ Then he said to them, "Whose head is this and whose title?" ²¹ They answered, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's." ²² When they heard this, they were amazed, and they left him and went away.

P The Gospel of the Lord.
C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Rev. Jeff Unga

+ HYMN OF THE DAY

"We Give Thee but Thine Own"

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+ APOSTLES' CREED

A Let us proclaim our trust in the presence and power of God in our lives with the words of the Apostles' Creed.

C 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 life everlasting. Amen.

+ PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A Seeking the Spirit of God who makes all things new, we pray for the church and the world.
A brief silence.

A Living and true God, you inspire us to share the message of the gospel. Give your spirit of love to seminarians and those beginning their lives in ordained ministry. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A We give you thanks for the majesty of our oceans. Protect the abundant life within them and sustain all those who work to preserve them. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A We seek your wisdom in all things. Direct all who hold positions of authority around the world, that they act with compassion, seeking the good of all. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

P We pray for all people who work in dangerous or degrading environments. Grant them safety and courage, and heal all those who are injured, sick, or suffering especially Annie Barikmo, Bruce Corson, Kathy Williams, Lorna Gauthier, Mark Welch, Megan Jepsen, Michele Spiegel, Nick & Anita Lehr, Patty Williams, Ray Keith and Sarah. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A We ask your blessing on those who do the quiet, unseen work of the church. Encourage them in their work of faith and labor of love. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

P Rejoice with us as we recognize the birthdays of our friends Bryan Cook, Anita Lehr and Diana Snover. Continue to bless the marriages of Tom & Sally Moore, Brad & Tasha Funk and John & Mary Sherman. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A We thank you for our ancestors who have been called home to you. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

P Trusting in your boundless grace, O God, we lift up these spoken prayers and those in our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

+ SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

A The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you!**

OFFERTORY

We give an offering to show thanks for God's blessings, and to support the ministries of God's Church, near and far. Offering collection plates are available upon entry to the sanctuary before worship or as you leave after its conclusion. To give electronically, just scan this code with your phone or visit our website: www.sotgweb.org.



OFFERING PRAYER

A Let us pray.

C **God of creation, you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always. Amen.**

PROPER PREFACE

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory. Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and the blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(sung)*

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

C **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 debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

All are invited and welcome to come forward to partake of the sacrament of Holy Communion. If you would like communion brought to you in your pew, please notify an usher. For your safety and convenience, you will have a choice of coming to the altar rail or taking communion in your pew in an individually sealed container.

If, for any reason, you are not comfortable receiving communion, but would like to receive a blessing, please come forward and cross your arms, indicating you wish to receive a blessing.

The Eucharist is celebrated by intinction. Our Altar Guild at all communion services offers grape juice (lighter color), as well as wine (darker color), for intinction, the dipping of the wafer into the wine or juice. One chalice will hold both wine and grape juice. Note: Gluten free wafers are offered, as well, in the Narthex or as you come forward.

Christ invites you to this table. All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!

+ PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Sustaining God, with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray.

C **Amen.**

+ THE BLESSING

P The God of love draw you into full accord and one mind, in the body of Christ Jesus.

C **Amen.**

P The God of hope grant you strength and joy in all circumstances through the interceding of the Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P The God of grace ☩ bless you now and forever.

C **Amen.**

+ SENDING HYMN

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

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+ DISMISSAL

P Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

C **Thanks be to God.**

MINISTRIES FOR TODAY

Altar Guild	Donia Mrozek
Assisting Worship Leader	Scott Krenz
Audio/Visual Technicians	Abraham Unga and Laurie Sullivan
Communion Assistants	Penny Morken and Brenda Charleston
Lector	Penny Morken
Ushers	Barb Modjeska & Ron Modjeska, Penny Morken and Brenda Charleston

The altar flowers are given by Doris Marderness in memory of William Marderness.

SHEPHERD OF THE GLADES LUTHERAN CHURCH

Our mission is "Transforming lives through the Living Word of God."

Pastor	Rev. Jeffrey T. Unga
Director of Music	Megan Cianflone
Congregational President	Penny Morken
Administrative Assistants to the Pastor	Lynn Dickerman and Deanna Colbert

THIS WEEK

Office hours are 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Mon Oct 19	10:00 a.m.	Bone Builders instructors' class in Hanson Hall
	5:30 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous 12-step Orientation in Hanson Hall
Wed Oct 21	5:30 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous 12-step Orientation in Hanson Hall
Sat Oct 24	9:00 a.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous 12-step Orientation in Hanson Hall

ONGOING WEEKLY HAPPENINGS

Mondays	9:00 a.m.	Bone Builders gather in Hanson Hall
	Noon	Alcoholics Anonymous meet in Hanson Hall
Tuesdays	8:30 a.m.	Sew Sews gather in Hanson Hall
Wednesdays	9:00 a.m.	Bone Builders gather in Hanson Hall
	10:30 a.m.	Bible Study meets in the Choir Room
Thursdays	2:00 p.m.	Grief Support Orientation continues weekly through Nov 19
Saturdays	8:00 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous meet in Hanson Hall
Sundays	9:30 a.m.	Worship in the Sanctuary and Online – service is live-streamed on YouTube or can be accessed on our website, www.sotgweb.org .
	9:30 a.m.	Iglesia Luterana Confesional Conexión worships in Hanson Hall
	6:00 p.m.	Eglise Baptiste Les Elus de Naples worships in Hanson Hall

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Eat, Pray, Love Dinner church happens **THIS COMING SATURDAY** – day change due to Halloween. Can you help? Contact the church office or fill out a volunteer card found on the table in the Narthex.

Dates available to sponsor the altar flowers in celebration or memory of a person or occasion are October 25th, November 8th and 15th and December 13th, 20th and 27th. Sign-up sheet is on the wall in the Narthex or you may call the office during normal business hours. Cost is \$40 per arrangement.

LAST CALL FOR 2027 CALENDARS! Cost is \$8 and proceeds will be used to buy supplies for Blessing Bags. They may be purchased in the church office during normal business hours.

Seeking volunteers to assist with monthly newsletter mailing for about an hour at 9:00 a.m. on Friday following the last Sunday of the month. Contact the church office if you can help.

UNDY SUNDAY IS BACK! Donate new socks and underwear for children aged 5-14. Collection boxes will be at the church through Sunday, October 25th and will be collected immediately following worship. Or you can donate items from the Amazon Wishlist or make a monetary donation to Catholic Charities. QR codes are posted on the bulletin board.

If you or someone you know is hospitalized and would like a visit from Pastor Jeff, please call the church office. Local hospitals do not notify churches when one of their congregants is admitted.

Trunk or Treat: Sharing Joy With Our Community Trunk or Treat offers a safe and joyful way to connect with children and families in our community. As we decorate, serve and welcome our neighbors, may every smile, conversation and piece of candy communicate kindness, generosity and the love of Christ. At 6:00 p.m. on October 31st, come to the church parking lot, open the decorated and candy-filled trunk of your car and share in the joy of the children and their families who appreciate having a safe place to Trick-or-Treat. If you prefer to donate candy, it can be dropped off at the church office during normal business hours any time before the event. Questions? Talk with Kelli Unga.

Please remember to sign in on the pew pad and pass it down the row so all may sign. This allows the church office to maintain accurate records for our annual attendance reports to the Synod. Thank you!

You Servants of God



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

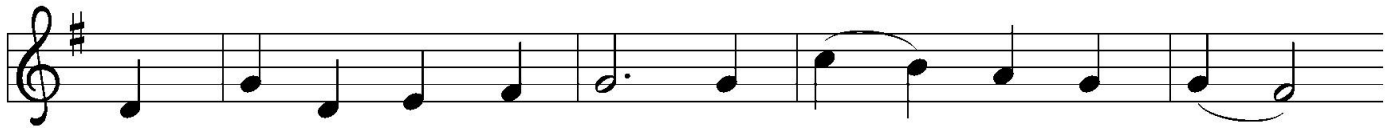


Je - sus ex - tol; his king - dom is glo - rious and rules o - ver all!
tri - umph shall sing, as - crib - ing sal - va - tion to Je - sus, our king!
an - gels pro - claim, fall down on their fac - es, and wor - ship the Lamb.
an - gels a - bove, and thanks nev - er ceas - ing, and in - fin - ite love!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.

Music: LYONS, attr. Johann Michael Haydn, 1737–1806

We Give Thee but Thine Own



1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;
2 May we thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive,
3 The cap - tive to re - lease, to God the lost to bring,
4 And we be - lieve thy word, though dim our faith may be:



all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.
to teach the way of life and peace—it is a Christ-like thing.
what - e'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it un - to thee.

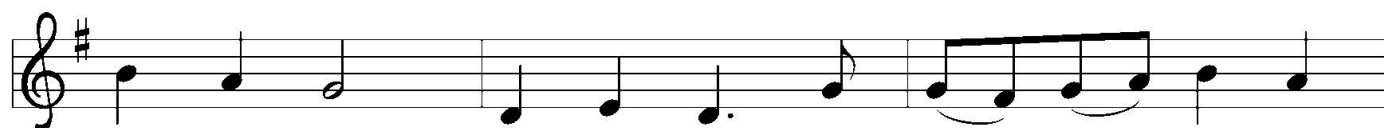
Text: William W. How, 1823–1897, alt.

Music: HEATH, L. Mason and G. Webb, *Cantica Lauda*, 1850

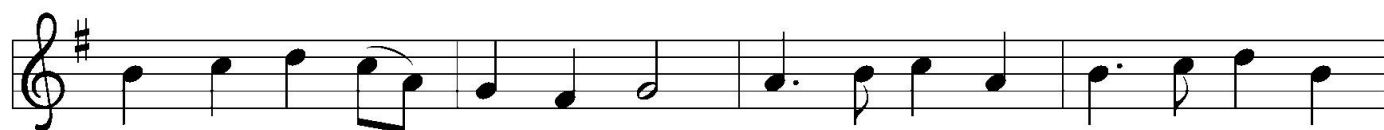
God of Grace and God of Glory



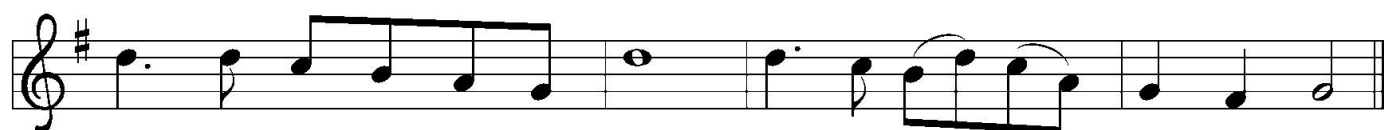
1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple
 2 Lo! The hosts of e - vil round us scorn the Christ, as -
 3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils



pour your pow'r; crown your an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;
 sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us
 your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
 we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion



bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
 free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
 rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,



for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 lest we miss your king - dom's goal, lest we miss your king - dom's goal.
 serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

Text: Harry E. Fosdick, 1878–1969

Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873–1932