

Shepherd of the Mountains Lutheran Church

Preaching and presiding this day: Pastor Todd Bertani

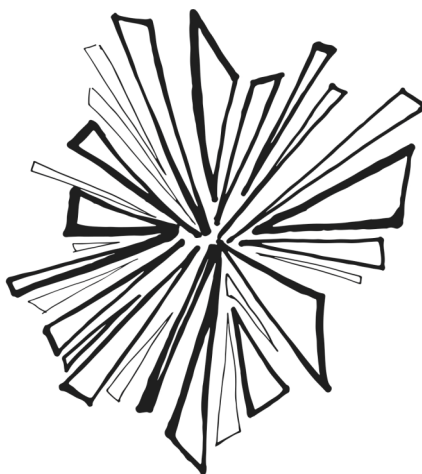
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Mission Statement:

Shepherd of the Mountains Lutheran Church is a community of faith grounded in love for God and love for our neighbors



November 16, 2025

Stewardship

Ann Knipping, Accompanist

Prelude: "Open Our Eyes/Be Thou My Vision" *and*

"Oh, How He Loves You and Me" *arr. by Mark Hayes*

This time allows you to center your heart & mind on God's presence in worship.

Welcome, Friends in Christ,

*To assist in worship, this bulletin includes all portions of our service; prayers, readings, hymns, congregational responses in **bold**.*

We also provide activity bags for children. You may request these from an usher to use during the service.

Whether you are first time visitors or long time friends returning to share in worship with us, we are grateful for your presence today.

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Welcome to Visitors, Friends and Members: Pastor Todd Bertani

Call to Worship: “We Have Gathered” *by Stan Pethel*

(You are invited to stand, in body or spirit)

Opening Litany

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light,

Those who lived in a land of deep darkness, on them light has shined.

For the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

For a child has been born for us, a son given to us,

Authority rests upon his shoulders, and he is named,

Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Prince of Peace

His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace.

He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forward and forevermore.

Amen

Opening Hymn: “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” Hymn 834

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small;

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
 in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
 we blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise!
 thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 and with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth thee.

Text: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1824–1908, alt.
Music: ST. DENIO, Welsh traditional; arr. John Roberts, 1807–1876

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Kyrie

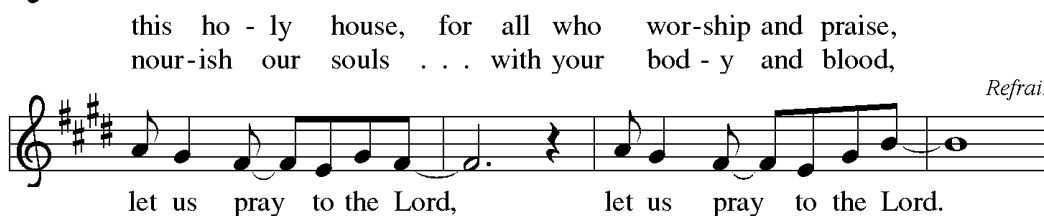
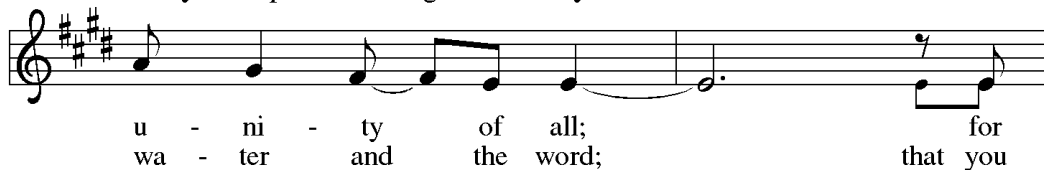
REFRAIN: Congregation



Leader



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



Refrain

Canticle of Praise

Congregation

This is the feast of vic-t'ry for our God, for the
Lamb who was slain has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia.

1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be
peo-ple of God. Pow-er, rich-es, wis-dom, and strength, and
hon-or, bless-ing, and glo-ry are his. This is the feast of
vic-t'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be-gun his reign. 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, hon-or,
glo-ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.

This is the feast of vic-t'ry for our God, for the
Lamb who was slain has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia.

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

God of light,

There can be overwhelming obscurity in this world. But you shine your light and increase joy, and for your brilliance we are grateful. Amen.

(Please be seated)

A Child is Born

Isaiah 9:1-7

¹ But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

² The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined.

³ You have multiplied exultation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder.

⁴ For the yoke of their burden and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

⁵ For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

⁶ For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders, and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

⁷ Great will be his authority, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Stewardship Temple Talk: Carolyn Jarmin

(You are invited to stand, in body or spirit)

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.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel: John 8:12

The holy gospel according to John Chapter 8.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹² Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

Sermon: Pastor Todd Bertani

Sermon Hymn: "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness" Hymn 834

1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib - er - at - ing light;
3 Praise the one true love in - car - nate: Christ, who suf - fered in our place;

praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners, turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight.
Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.

Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease,
Let us sing for joy and glad - ness, see - ing what our God has done.

calm - ing storms and feed - ing thou - sands with the ver - y bread of peace.
Praise the one re - deem - ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

Text: Rusty Edwards, b. 1955

Music: NETTLETON, J. Wyeth, *Repository of Sacred Music*, Part II, 1813

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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 the People

Each petition ends: "Hear us, O God,"
Response is **"Your mercy is great."**

Sharing of the Peace

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

Offering

Choir Selection: “Let Your Light Shine” by Mary McDonald



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Receiving of Gifts

(You are invited to stand, in body or spirit)

Offering Prayer

God of healing and hope,
you bless those who are hungry,
promising to fill them with good things.
Fulfill that promise through us and these your gifts.
Nourish us with the abundance of your feast
and unite us into the blessed body of Jesus Christ our Savior,
now and forever. Amen.

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.

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;
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, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Thanksgiving at the Table

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 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

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.

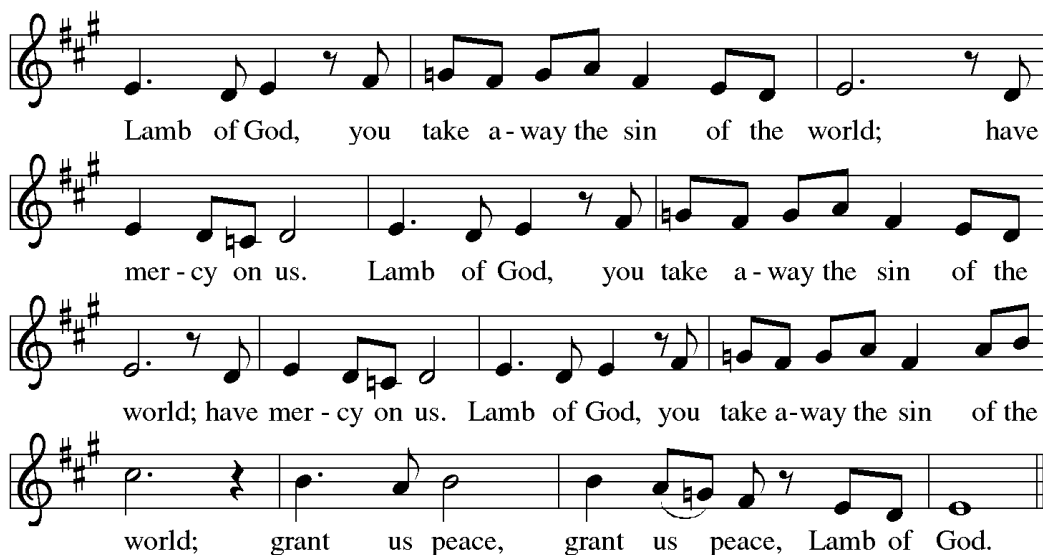
Invitation to Communion

We commune by 'Intinction', by dipping the wafer in wine or grape juice.

*We are **all** guests at God's table. **Everyone** is invited to receive communion.*

(Please be seated)

Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

Communion Hymn: “Now Thank We all Our God” Hymn 840

1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,
 2 Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
 3 All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,

who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;
 with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,
 the Son, and Spirit blest, who reign in highest heaven,

who, from our mothers' arms, has blest us on our way
 and keep us all in grace, and guide us when perplexed,
 the one eternal God, whom earth and heav'n adore;

with count-less gifts of love, and still is ours to-day.
 and free us from all harm in this world and the next.
 for thus it was, is now, and shall be ever more.

Text: Martin Rinkhart, 1586–1649; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878
 Music: NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

Post Communion Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

Post Communion Prayer

God of field and flower, wheat and grape, you have nourished us with the bread of heaven that gives life to the world. Strengthened by the body and blood of your Son, send us out to gather your good gifts for all who hunger and thirst, and embolden us to love and serve in Christ's name. Amen.

Ministry Calendar

Today: Stewardship

Please pick up your 2026 Giving Intent card, in your box in the narthex. Extra cards are also available on the shelf outside the office. Cards that remain, will be mailed. Please help save postage by acquiring the card from your box today.

Today after Church

Columbarium Meeting, in the library.

This Week: Nov: 16-22

Tuesday—Thursday:

Crossroads Blessing Boxes will be prepared and distributed. This work will take place at our church beginning **Tuesday** mid day and ending **Thursday** afternoon.

Tuesday:

9:00—1:00 p.m.: PEO HF Meeting

Noon: Vision in Action Meeting at church. Lunch provided.

Wednesday:

3:00 p.m.: Choir Rehearsal

4:30 p.m.: Thanksgiving Service

Thursday:

Reminder, Quilters are NOT meeting

1:00 p.m.: Council Meeting

Friday:

Spot cleaning carpet throughout the building

Week 1 Following Nov: 23-29

Sunday: Nov 23

Christ the King Sunday.

Congregational Potluck after church. Sign up sheets on the shelf under the bulletin board.

Monday-Monday: Nov 24-Dec 01

Pastor Todd will be out of town, spending Thanksgiving with family. Mother Lea Colvill will be available for pastoral care.

Wednesday: Nov 26

Reminder, No choir rehearsal

Week 2 Following Nov: 30-Dec 06

Sunday: Nov 30

1st Sunday in Advent

Pastor Dale Beck will be our guest preacher

Christmas church decorations will go up after the service

Wednesday: Dec 03 (and also on Dec 10 and 17)

2:00 p.m.—Advent Afternoon Study

Week 3 Following Dec 07-Dec 13

Sunday: Dec 07

Return Giving Intent Cards

4th Qtr offering for the Dementia Day Center

Tuesday: Dec 09

9:00—2:00 p.m.: PEO HF Christmas Gathering

Wednesday: Dec 10 (and also on Dec 17)

2:00 p.m.—Advent Afternoon Study

Saturday: Dec 13

1:30 p.m.: Girls Time Out

Blessing

The love of God the Sovereign strengthen you, God the Son save you,
and God the Holy Spirit anoint you for the work ahead. **Amen.**

(Please stand, whether in body or spirit)

Sending Hymn: “When Morning Gilds the Skies” Hymn 853

1 When morn-ing gilds the skies, my heart a - wak - ing cries:
4 Let all of hu - man - kind in this their con - cord find:
5 Sing, sun and stars of space, sing, all who see his face,
may Je - sus Christ be praised! When eve - ning shad - ows fall,
may Je - sus Christ be praised! Let all the earth a - round
sing, “Je - sus Christ be praised!” God’s whole cre - a - tion o’er,
this rings my cur - few call: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
ring joy - ous with the sound: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
to - day and ev - er - more shall Je - sus Christ be praised!

Text: German hymn, 19th cent.; tr. Robert Bridges, 1844–1930, alt.
Music: LAUDES DOMINI, Joseph Barnby, 1838–1896

Sending (Attributed to St. Theresa of Avila, and St. Therese of Lisieux)

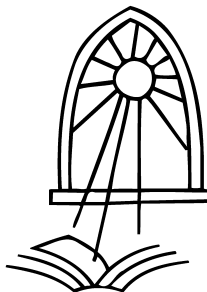
As we go out into the world,

- ♦ May today there be peace within.
- ♦ May you trust God that you are exactly where you are meant to be.
- ♦ May you not forget the infinite possibilities that are born of faith.
- ♦ May you use those gifts that you have received and pass on the love that has been given to you.
- ♦ May you be confident knowing you are a child of God.
- ♦ Let this presence settle into your bones, and allow your soul the freedom to sing, dance, praise and love.
- ♦ It is there for each and every one of us.

So, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Postlude: "Noble March" *arr. By Mark Hayes*





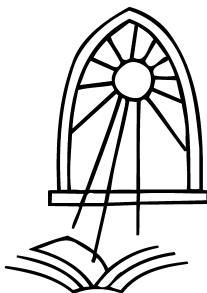
November 2 - 28th - Poinsettia Purchase

From now through November 28th, you may purchase a poinsettia to adorn the church ... and ultimately your home.

Sign up forms are available on the counter outside the office.

Poinsettia's will be purchased in December and will be in the chancel area for several Sunday's, including Christmas Eve. You may take yours home, after the service on the 24th.

6 inch pots will feature your choice of a red or white poinsettia for \$20.00



<i>Thank you for serving!</i>		
	<i>November 16</i>	<i>November 19 Thanksgiving Service</i>
<i>Accompanist:</i>	Ann Knipping	Ann Knipping
<i>Choir Director:</i>	Ann Knipping	Ann Knipping
<i>Greeter:</i>	OPEN	NA
<i>Lector:</i>	Linda Schlitt	OPEN
<i>Ushers:</i>	Randy Huber Mike Wold	OPEN
<i>Tellers:</i>	Josh Young OPEN	NA
<i>Altar Care:</i>	OPEN	OPEN
<i>Communion Asst:</i>	OPEN OPEN OPEN	OPEN OPEN OPEN
<i>AV Engineer:</i>	Steve Peter	Robbi Telfer
<i>Fellowship Host:</i>	OPEN	NA
<i>Flower Sponsor:</i>	Bonnie Boostrom <i>Family Birthdays</i>	NA
<i>Flower Arranger:</i>	Sallie Brackman	NA
<i>Calendar</i>		
<i>Today, Nov 16</i>	Columbarium Meeting after church	
<i>Tuesday—Thursday</i>	Crossroads Blessing Box preparation and distribution	
<i>Tuesday, Nov 18</i>	Noon: Vision in Action meeting	
<i>Thursday, Nov 20</i>	1:00 p.m.: Council Meeting	