

Shepherd of the Mountains Lutheran Church

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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



October 04, 2026

19th Sunday after Pentecost

Celice Clark, Accompanist

Prelude: "Pastoral" Robert Hebble

"In Thee Is Gladness" arr: Dale Wood

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. Please note: The bags contain a treat.

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: Pastor Sheryl Kester Beyer

Call to Worship: "Awesome God" by Rich Mullins

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

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity,† one God, who pours love into our hearts
and healing upon the earth. **Amen.**

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

(Brief silence for reflection)

Compassionate God,
**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 Je-
sus Christ.** **Amen.**

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. **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,

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise!
thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.

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

Greeting

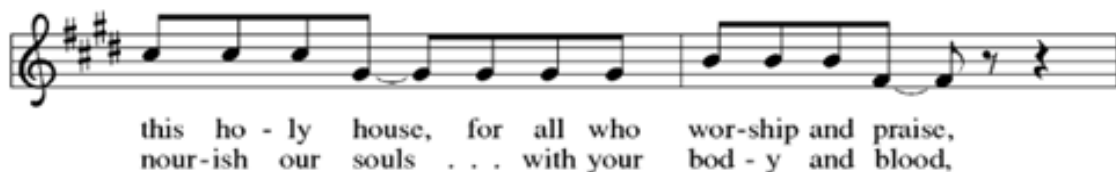
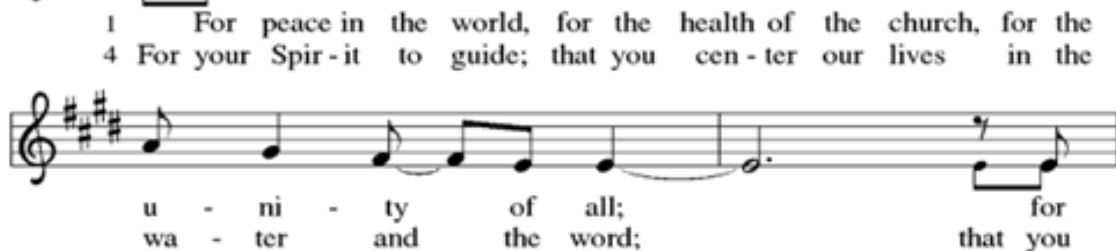
The grace of our Lord Jesus, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Kyrie

Refrain, Congregation



Leader



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

God of salvation, you rescued the Israelites at the edge of the Red Sea. Rescue us from the things of this world that threaten our lives and livelihoods, so that we might forever place our trust in you. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

(Please be seated)

First Reading: Exodus 14:5-7, 10-14, 21-29

⁵When the king of Egypt was told that the people had fled, the minds of Pharaoh and his officials were changed toward the people, and they said, “What have we done, letting Israel leave our service?” ⁶So he had his chariot made ready and took his army with him; ⁷he took six hundred elite chariots and all the other chariots of Egypt with officers over all of them.

¹⁰As Pharaoh drew near, the Israelites looked back, and there were the Egyptians advancing on them. In great fear the Israelites cried out to the Lord. ¹¹They said to Moses, “Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us, bringing us out of Egypt? ¹²Is this not the very thing we told you in Egypt, ‘Let us alone so that we can serve the Egyptians’? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness.” ¹³But Moses said to the people, “Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the Lord will accomplish for you today, for the Egyptians whom you see today you shall never see again. ¹⁴The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to keep still.”

²¹Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night and turned the sea into dry land, and the waters were divided. ²²The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their

left. ²³ The Egyptians pursued and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. ²⁴ At the morning watch the Lord, in the pillar of fire and cloud, looked down on the Egyptian army and threw the Egyptian army into a panic. ²⁵ He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt."

²⁶ Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." ²⁷ So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. ²⁸ The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. ²⁹ But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: Psalm 18:1-3, 16-19 (*Congregation reads **bold print***)

¹ I love you, O Lord, my strength.

² **The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer,
my God, my rock in whom I take refuge,
my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.**

³ I call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised,
so I shall be saved from my enemies.

¹⁶ **He reached down from on high; he took me;
he drew me out of mighty waters.**

¹⁷ He delivered me from my strong enemy and from those who hated me,
for they were too mighty for me.

**¹⁸ They confronted me in the day of my calamity,
but the Lord was my support.**

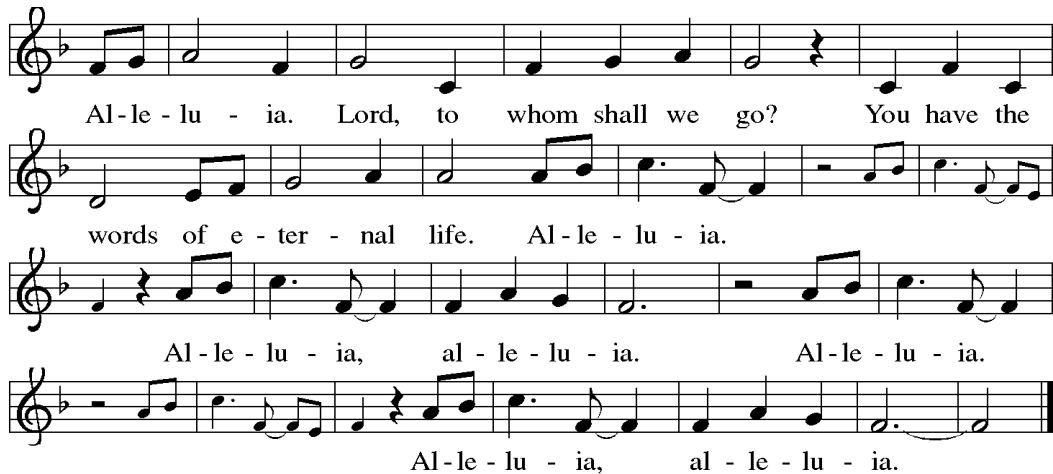
¹⁹ He brought me out into a broad place;
he delivered me because he delighted in me.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

(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: Matthew 2: 13-15

The holy gospel according to Matthew Chapter 2.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³ Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.” ¹⁴ Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt ¹⁵ and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, “Out of Egypt I have called my son.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

Sermon: Pastor Sheryl Kester Beyer

Sermon Hymn: “God Bless the Hands” ACS Hymn 1022

1 God, bless the hands stretched out in love through floods be - low and
3 O God, our strength and ref - uge sure, our hope while storms of

storms a - bove; they search and res - cue, com - fort, calm, give
life en - dure: teach us to live in har - mo - ny with

shel - ter, of - fer heal - ing balm. Oh, guard them by your
earth and riv - er, sky and sea, pre - serv - ing wa - ters,

stead - fast hand; reach out in love to help us stand.
air, and lands as ho - ly work for hu - man hands.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: MELITA, John B. Dykes, 1823–1876

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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.**

Intercessory Prayer

After each petition : "Hear us O God"
Congregation Response is **"your mercy is great."**

Sharing of the Peace

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

Choir Anthem: "Hear Me Now, O Lord" *by Jay Althouse*

Receiving of Gifts

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

Offering Prayer

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.

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.
You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer,
through whom you will also make all things new
in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness.
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.

Eucharistic Prayer

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:
Blessed are you for the birth of creation.
Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.
Blessed are you for your promise to your people.
Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.
Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.
Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

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.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us,
full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and
resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.

Come, Lord Jesus.

Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May
your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light.
Bring the gift of peace on earth.

Come, Holy Spirit.

All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate,
Power of the Most High, one God, 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

Christ invites you to this table.

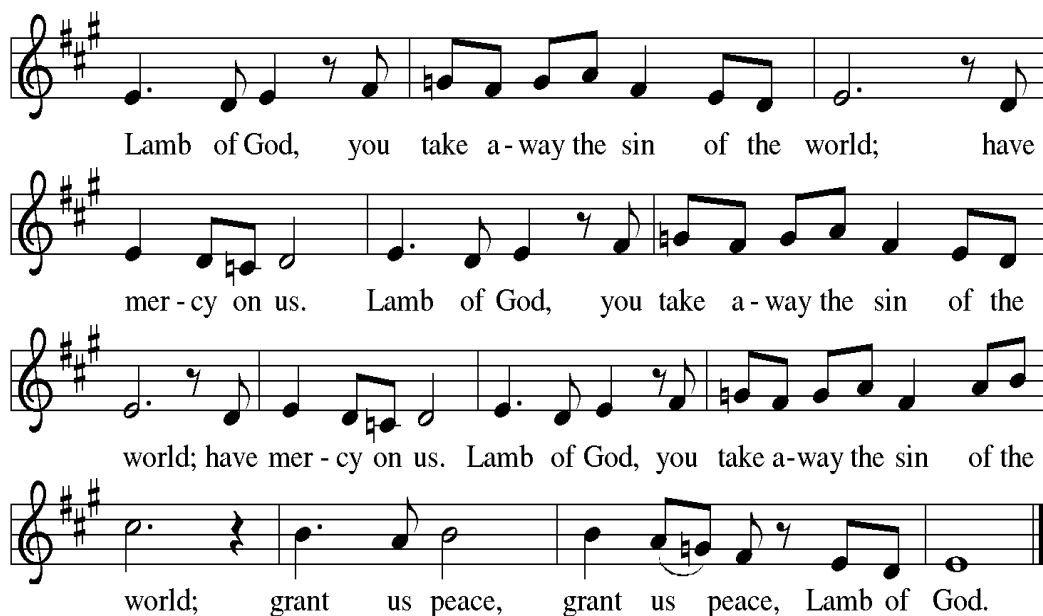
All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!

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: "In Thee is Gladness" *Hymn 867*



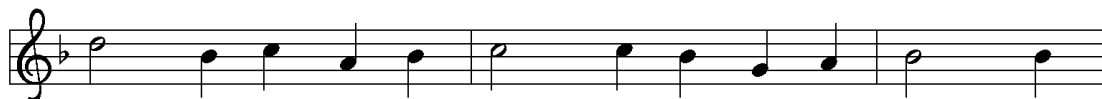
1 In thee is glad-ness a-mid all sad-ness, Je-sus, sun-shine of my
2 Je-sus is ours! . . . We fear no pow-ers, not of earth or sin or



heart. By thee are giv-en the gifts of heav-en, thou the
death. He sees and bless-es in worst dis-tress-es; he can



true re-deem-er art. Our souls thou wak-est; our bonds thou
change them with a breath. Where-fore the sto-ry tell of his



break-est. Who trusts thee sure-ly has built se-cure-ly
glo-ry with heart and voic-es; all heav'n re-joic-es



and stands for-ev-er: Al-le-lu-ia! Our hearts are
in him for-ev-er: Al-le-lu-ia! We shout for



pin-ing to see thy shin-ing, dy-ing or liv-ing,
glad-ness, tri-umph o'er sad-ness, love him and praise him



to thee are cleav-ing; naught can us sev-er: Al-le-lu-ia!
and still shall raise him glad hymns for-ev-er: Al-le-lu-ia!

Text: Johann Lindemann, 1549–1631; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.
Music: IN DIR IST FREUDE, Giovanni Giacomo Gastoldi, 1556–1622



Post Communion Blessing

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us, now and forever. **Amen.**

Post Communion Prayer

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.**

Amen.

Ministry Calendar

<i>Welcome Fabian Kaltenbach and Victoria Burkett, from LuMin CSU Campus Ministry.</i>
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October 04—Sunday

Welcome Pastor Sheryl! Pastor Sheryl and her husband Pastor Chris are special friends of our congregation. Pastor Sheryl served as our Interim for a portion of 2024.

9:00 a.m.: Worship—***Pastor Sheryl Kester Beyer—supply pastor***

October 6—Tuesday:

9:00 a.m.: PEO HF

1:30 p.m.: Vision in Action Meeting

October 7—Wednesday:

8:00 a.m.: Sacred Space (Zoom)

11:00 a.m.: Mutual Ministry Meeting

4:00 p.m.: Choir Rehearsal followed by Choir Chili Feed

October 8—Thursday:

1:00 p.m.: Quilting

October 9—Friday:

11:00 a.m.: Worship at Good Sam

October 10—Saturday:

Girls Time Out—Creativity Cabin

October 11—Sunday

Welcome Pastor Joel. Pastor Joel Pancoast from Lord of the Valley Lutheran in Granby will be preaching and presiding. This is a 'swap' of Pastor Todd to their church and Pastor Joel to ours. The beginning of a new tradition: TRREX 26 (Trail Ridge Reverend Exchange)

9:00 a.m.: Worship—***Pastor Joel Pancoast—supply pastor***

October 12—Monday:

9:00 a.m.: PEO IU

10:30 a.m.: Piano Tuning

October 14—Wednesday:

8:00 a.m.: Sacred Space (Zoom)

4:00 p.m.: Choir Rehearsal followed by Choir Chili Feed

October 15—Thursday:

9:30 p.m.: Council Meeting

1:00 p.m.: Quilting

October 16—Friday:

10:00 a.m.: Tuttle Family setting up for Memorial

October 17—Saturday:

Tuttle Memorial

Blessing

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

Amen.

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

Amen.

The God of grace † bless you now and forever.

Amen.

Sending Hymn: “Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” *Hymn 886*

1 Oh, for a thou - sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem-er's praise,
2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim,
3 The name of Je - sus charms our fears and bids our sor - rows cease,

the glo - ries of my God and king, the tri - umphs of his grace!
to spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of your name.
sings mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, brings life and health and peace.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing". It features three systems of music. Each system consists of a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The first system contains the first three lines of the hymn. The second system contains the fourth line and the beginning of the fifth line. The third system contains the remainder of the fifth line. The piano accompaniment provides a harmonic foundation for the vocal melody.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.

Music: AZMON, Carl G. Gläser, 1784–1829; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

Dismissal

Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude: “Tocatta” *Douglas E. Wagner*

Thank you for serving!

	<i>October 04</i>	<i>October 11</i>
<i>Accompanist:</i>	Celice Clark	Julie Varilek
<i>Choir Director:</i>	Ann Knipping	Ann Knipping
<i>Lector:</i>	Linda Schlitt	OPEN
<i>Ushers:</i>	Salie Brackman Julie Wilson	Jan Kilgore Larry Kilgore
<i>Tellers:</i>	OPEN OPEN	OPEN OPEN
<i>Altar Care:</i>	OPEN	OPEN
<i>Communion Asst:</i>	Miriam Deffenbaugh OPEN OPEN	OPEN OPEN OPEN
<i>AV Engineer:</i>	Bruce Adams	Steve Peter
<i>Fellowship Hosts:</i> <i>See Fellowship Host Calendar</i>	Sallie Brackman Ralie Deffenbaugh	Larry & Jean Anderson Janet Keller
<i>Flower Sponsor:</i>	Jane Gardner	Paula Stensvaag
<i>Flower Arranger:</i>	Susan Anderson	Susan Anderson

*As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another,
as good stewards of God's varied grace*

1 Peter 4:10