Shepherd of the Mountains Lutheran Church

Preaching and Presiding: Pastor Todd Bertani

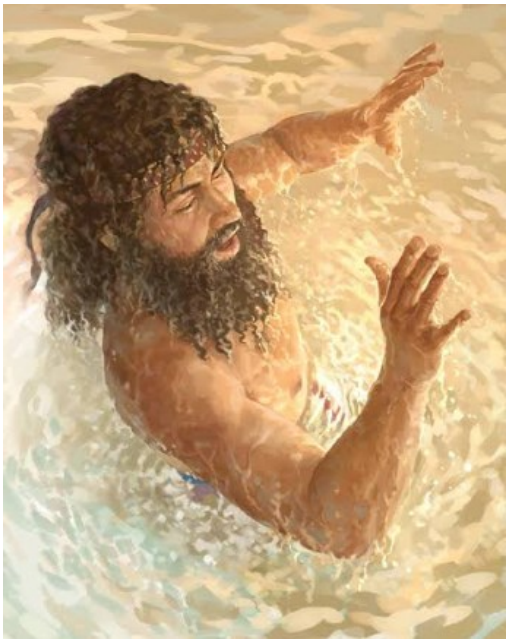
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Mission Statement:

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



November 08, 2026

24th Sunday after Pentecost

Julie Varilek, *Accompanist*

***Prelude*: Faith Of Our Fathers** *arr. by Lorrie Line*

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 Todd Bertani

Call to Worship: "Halle, Halle, Halle" *arr. by Hal H. Hopson*

(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 Jesus 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: "Lift High the Cross" *Hymn 660*



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Music: CRUCIFER, Sydney H. Nicholson, 1875–1947
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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



Canticle of Praise



Prayer of the Day

Healing God, you healed your servant Naaman of his affliction when he came to you, through Elisha, for help. Heal our afflictions, and make us faithful servants. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

(Please be seated)

First Reading: 2 Kings 5:1-15a

[1] Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from a skin disease. [2] Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. [3] She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his skin disease." [4] So Naaman went in and told his lord just what the girl from the land of Israel had said. [5] And the king of Aram said, "Go, then, and I will send along a letter to the king of Israel."

He went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten sets of garments. [6] He brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, "When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you my servant Naaman, that you may cure him of his skin disease." [7] When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his skin disease? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me."

[8] But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." [9] So Naaman came with his horses and chariots and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. [10] Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored, and you

shall be clean." [11] But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God and would wave his hand over the spot and cure the skin disease! [12] Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. [13] But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean'?" [14] So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

[15] Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, "Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel; please accept a present from your servant."

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God**.

Psalm 103:1-13 *(Congregation reads all bold print)*

[1] Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

[2] Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and do not forget all his benefits—
[3] who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,
[4] who redeems your life from the Pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,
[5] who satisfies you with good as long as you live so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

[6] The Lord works vindication
and justice for all who are oppressed.

7 He made known his ways to Moses,
his acts to the people of Israel.

8 The Lord is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

9 He will not always accuse,
nor will he keep his anger forever.

10 He does not deal with us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our iniquities.

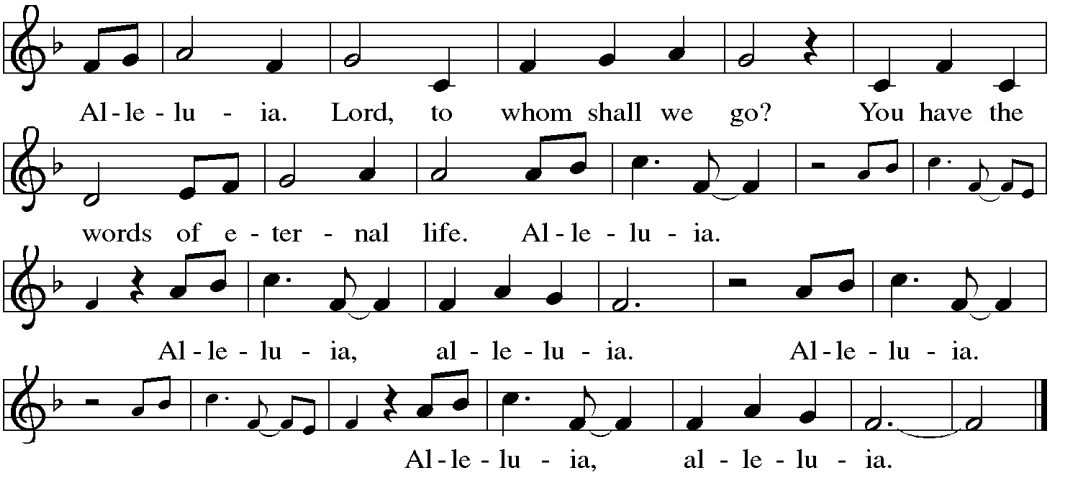
11 For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;
12 as far as the east is from the west,
so far he removes our transgressions from us.

13 As a father has compassion for his children,
so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God**.

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

Gospel Acclamation



Gospel: Matthew 8:2-3

The holy gospel according to Matthew Chapter 8.
Glory to you, O Lord.

[2] and there was a man with a skin disease who came to him and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, if you are willing, you can make me clean.” [3] He stretched out his hand and touched him, saying, “I am willing. Be made clean!” Immediately his skin disease was cleansed.

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

(Please be seated)

Sermon: Pastor Todd Bertani

Sermon Notes

Sermon Hymn: "Blessed Assurance" *Hymn 638*



Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915
Music: ASSURANCE, Phoebe P. Knapp, 1830–1908

Intercessory Prayer

After each petition : "God, in your mercy"
Congregation Response is **"hear our prayer."**

Sharing of the Peace

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

Offering *Online Giving*

Choir Anthem: "What a Wonderful Day That Will Be" *by Greg Gilpin*

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

Receiving of Gifts

Offering Prayer

Eternal God ,
our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you. Receive what we offer, and all that you entrust to us, until hungry no more, all the world is fed, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with You.
And also with you.

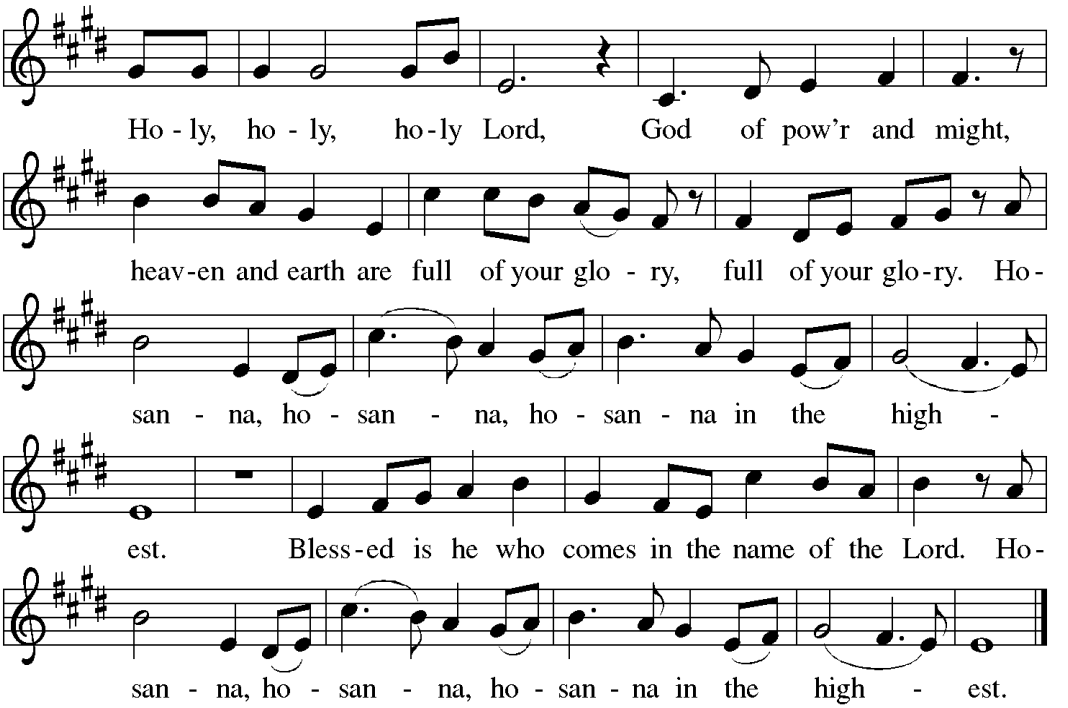
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

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"



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.

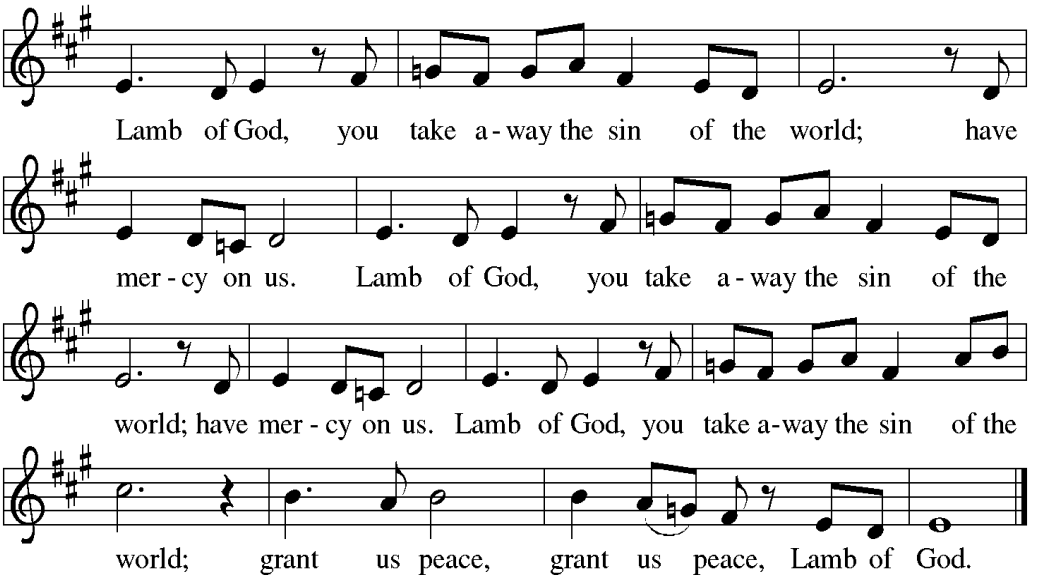
Invitation to Communion

In bread and cup the reign of Christ is breaking in.
Come, receive what Christ has prepared.

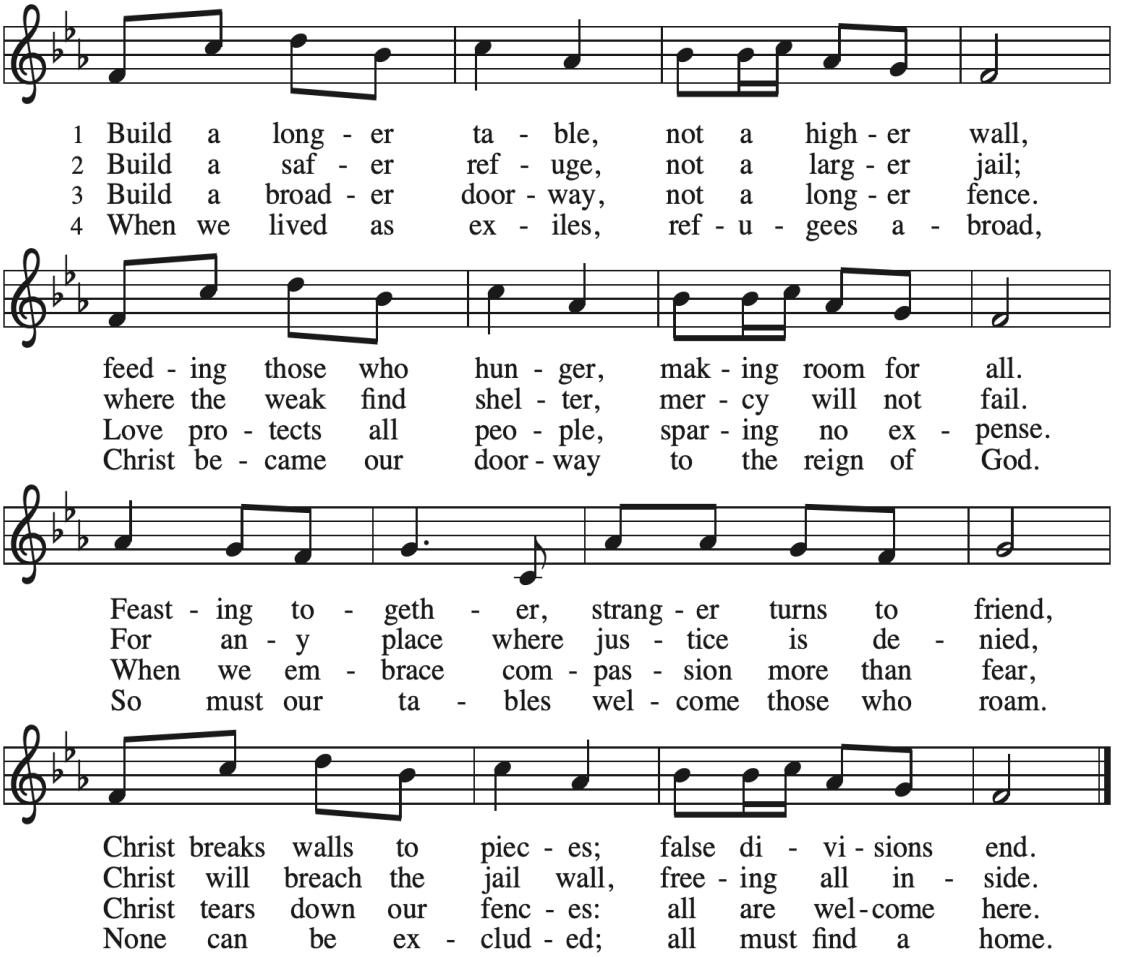
We commune by 'Intinction', by dipping the wafer in wine or grape juice.
*We are **all** guests at God's table. **Everyone** is invited to receive communion.*

(Please be seated)

Lamb of God



Communion Hymn: "Build a Longer Table" *ACS Hymn 1062*



Text: David Bjorlin, b. 1984
Music: NOËL NOUVELET, French carol
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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

Holy God,
we have received your never-ending mercy in this meal. You continuously seek the lost, bind the injured, and feed your people abundantly. Now send us out, awake to your presence, now and forever. Amen.

Ministry Calendar

November 08—Sunday

9:00 a.m.: Worship
10:00 a.m.: **Congregation Meeting to review and approve 2027 Budget**

***November 09*—Monday:**

9:00 a.m.: PEO IU Meeting

***November 10*—Tuesday:**

1:30 p.m.: Vision in Action

***November 11*—Wednesday:**

2:30.p.m.: Choir Director Interview
3:00 p.m.: Choir Rehearsal

***November 12*—Thursday:**

1:00 p.m.: Quilting

***November 13*—Friday:**

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

***November 14*—Saturday:**

1:30 p.m.: Girls Time Out
Legion Aux Group Sandwich making

***November 17*—Tuesday:**

9:00 a.m.: PEO HF Meeting

***November 18*—Wednesday:**

ALL DAY: Crossroads Thanksgiving Distribution
3:00 p.m.: Choir Rehearsal
4:30 p.m.: Thanksgiving Service

***November 19*—Thursday:**

ALL DAY: Crossroads Thanksgiving Distribution
9:30 a.m.: Council Meeting

November 22—Sunday

9:00 a.m.: Worship
10:00 a.m.: **Deb Unruh to speak on Estes Dementia Center *(4th qtr offering)***

November 24 thru 27

Pastor Out of Office

***November 25*—Wednesday:**

3:00 p.m.: Choir Rehearsal

***November 26*—Thursday:**

Thanksgiving—Office Closed

November 29—Sunday

9:00 a.m.: Worship—**First Sunday in Advent**
Good Gifts will be available for purchase

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

Blessing

The holy Trinity, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you with wisdom to welcome the reign of God,
today and always.

Amen.

Sending Hymn: "For All the Saints" *Hymn 422*



Text: William W. How, 1823–1897
Music: SINE NOMINE, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958
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Dismissal

Go in peace. Encourage one another.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude: March *Jeremiah Clarke*



Thank you for serving!		
	November 08	***November 15***
Accompanist:	Julie Varilek	Ann Knipping
Choir Director:	Ann Knipping	Ann Knipping
Lector:	Paula Stensvaag	**OPEN**
Ushers:	Mike Wold Julie Wilson	Mike Wold Randy Huber
Tellers:	Julie Wilson **OPEN**	**OPEN** **OPEN**
Altar Care:	Tara McConnell	Nancy Matson
Communion Asst:	Paula Stensvaag Carole Rouse **OPEN**	Paula Stensvaag **OPEN** **OPEN**
AV Engineer:	Steve Peter	Steve Peter
Fellowship Hosts: ***See Fellowship Host Calendar***	Linda Wold	Karen Dick
Flower Sponsor:	Susan Anderson & Ron Bockhaus	Rich & Sandy Stolte
Flower Arranger:	Susan Anderson	Susan Anderson

