

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST SEPTEMBER 25, 2022

+ GATHERING +

PRELUDE My God, How Wonderful Thou Art

GABRIELSEN

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS *Please sign the attendance sheet.*

TEMPLE TALK

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS Congregation stands.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God,

have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

The congregation turns to face the cross in procession, reminding us that Christ leads us into the presence and love of God.

GATHERING HYMN 863

- My God, how wonderful thou art, thy majesty how bright! How beautiful thy mercy seat in depths of burning light!
- 2 How wonderful, how beautiful the sight of thee must be-- thine endless wisdom, boundless pow'r, and awesome purity!
- 3 No earthly father loves like thee; no mother, e'er so mild, bears and forbears as thou hast done with me, thy sinful child.

MY GOD, HOW WONDERFUL THOU ART

- 4 Yet I may love thee too, O Lord, almighty as thou art, for thou hast stooped to ask of me the love of my poor heart.
- My God, how wonderful thou art, thou everlasting friend!On thee I stay my trusting heart till faith in vision end.

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.**

HYMN OF PRAISE





PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, rich in mercy, you look with compassion on this troubled world. Feed us with your grace, and grant us the treasure that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

+ WORD +

FIRST READING Congregation sits.

AMOS 6:1A, 4-7

A reading from Amos.

^{1a}Alas for those who are at ease in Zion,

and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria,

⁴Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory,

and lounge on their couches,

and eat lambs from the flock,

and calves from the stall;

⁵who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp,

and like David improvise on instruments of music;

⁶who drink wine from bowls,

and anoint themselves with the finest oils,

but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!

⁷Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile, and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 146

¹Hal- | lelujah!

Praise the LORD, O my soul!

²I will praise the LORD as long | as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

³Put not your | trust in rulers,

in mortals in whom there is no help.

⁴When they breathe their last, they re- | turn to earth,

and in that day $\ensuremath{^{|}}$ their thoughts perish.

⁵Happy are they who have the God of Jacob | for their help,

whose hope is in the LORD their God;

⁶who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that ¹ is in them;

who keeps promis- | es forever;

⁷who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to | those who hunger.

The LORD sets the | captive free.

⁸The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who | are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.

⁹The LORD cares | for the stranger;

the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

¹⁰The LORD shall | reign forever,

your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. | Hallelujah!

SECOND READING 1 TIMOTHY 6:6-19

A reading from 1 Timothy.

⁶Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; ⁷for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains. ¹¹But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. ¹²Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you 14 to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, ¹⁶It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen. ¹⁷As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, ¹⁹thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Congregation stands.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL LUKE 16:19-31

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ¹⁹⁴There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. ²²The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.' ²⁵But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. ²⁶Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' ²⁷He said, 'Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house—²⁸for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' ²⁹Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' ³⁰He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' ³¹He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S SERMON Congregation sits.

PASTOR ANDREW ISENHOWER

SERMON

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HYMN OF THE DAY 659 Congregation stands.

- 1 Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.
- We are pilgrims on a journey, we are trav'lers on the road; we are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.
- I will hold the Christ-light for you in the nighttime of your fear;
 I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.

WILL YOU LET ME BE YOUR SERVANT

- 4 I will weep when you are weeping; when you laugh I'll laugh with you. I will share your joy and sorrow till we've seen this journey through.
- Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?

 Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.

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APOSTLES' CREED

God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

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 Congregation kneels or sits.

As scattered grains of wheat are gathered together into one bread, so let us gather our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of God's good creation.

A brief silence.

O God, rich in mercy, fill your church with righteousness, faith, love, endurance, and gentleness. Empower the baptized by your Spirit to be rich in good works and ready to share. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Protect the earth and its creatures. Provide water, food, shelter, and favorable habitats, especially for endangered species. Preserve threatened ice caps, glaciers, parks, and beaches. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Increase justice in nations, local governments, and courtrooms. Guide lawyers and those who hold public office to act with compassion and discernment. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Give food to the hungry. Set the captives free. Lift up those who are bowed down. Watch over the stranger. Tend to those who are ill, especially those whom we name now: (names are shared from the congregation aloud and silently). Stir us to act in the best interest of our neighbors. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Enliven our praise. Inspire musicians, artists, poets, and all who create beauty in this place. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Enfold the saints who have died in the arms of your loving care. Grant that the holy angels accompany us and bring us to eternal life with them in the light of your presence. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Gathered together in the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit, gracious God, we offer these and all our prayers to you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

PEACE Congregation stands.

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

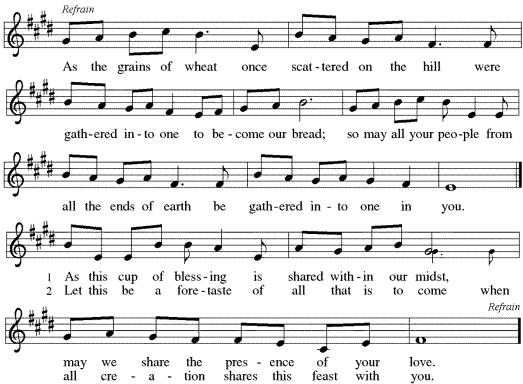
+ MEAL +

OFFERING Congregation sits.

ANTHEM O LORD, MOST HOLY

FRANCK

OFFERING SONG Congregation stands.



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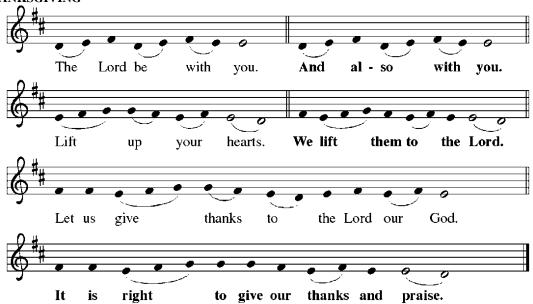
OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

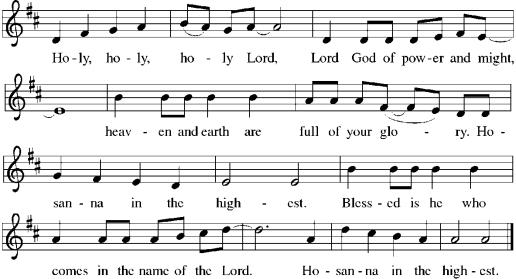
Gracious God, in your great love you richly provide for our needs. Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing, and make us ready to share with all in need; through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING



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:



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EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

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 glory and honor, now and forever. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Christ invites you to this table.

Come, taste and see.

Thanks be to God!

COMMUNION Congregation sits.

All baptized Christians are welcome at the Lord's table. Young children who commune should be assisted by their parents. If you are unable to receive either the bread or wine, please be assured that the fullness of our Lord's presence is complete in either element. Gluten-free wafers and grape juice are available; please let the communion server know of your need. After communing, please return to your seat. If you are unable to come to the altar, please notify an usher so that communion may be brought to you.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

LAMB OF GOD



COMMUNION HYMN 857 COMMUNION HYMN 471 LORD, I LIFT YOUR NAME ON HIGH LET US BREAK BREAD TOGETHER

BLESSING OF THE COMMUNICANTS Congregation stands.

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

God of the abundant table, you have refreshed our hearts in this meal with bread for the journey.

Give us your grace on the road that we might serve our neighbors with joy;

for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

+ SENDING +

BENEDICTION

The congregation faces the cross as it leaves the sanctuary, following the cross as we follow Jesus into the world. All remain facing the cross for the dismissal.

SENDING HYMN 843

- 1 Praise the One who breaks the darkness with a liberating light; praise the One who frees the pris'ners, turning blindness into sight. Praise the One who preached the gospel, healing ev'ry dread disease, calming storms and feeding thousands with the very bread of peace.
- 2 Praise the One who blessed the children with a strong yet gentle word; praise the One who drove out demons with a piercing, two-edged sword. Praise the One who brings cool water to the desert's burning sand; from this well comes living water quenching thirst in ev'ry land.

PRAISE THE ONE WHO BREAKS THE DARKNESS

3 Praise the one true love incarnate: Christ, who suffered in our place; Jesus died and rose for many that we may know God by grace. Let us sing for joy and gladness, seeing what our God has done. Praise the one redeeming glory; praise the One who makes us one.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, with Christ beside you. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE VOLUNTARY III GREENE

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LET US REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Brickmont of John's Creek Assisted Living – Lena Duncan Lowman Home – Rosemarie Brown, Marianne De Werdt MUSC Charleston – Jon Frew The Palmettos – Sara Loyd Rice Estate – Grace Boozer Wellmore of Lexington – Dot Correll Wellmore of Daniel Island – Barbara Sutton

Wildewood Downs – Joanna Carpenter, Dot Gibert

At their homes – Gwen Barnes, Susan Burch (in Mauldin), Jean Cockrell, Helen Derrick, Sylvia Anne Derrick, Larry Evans, Bonnie Hammond, Jeannine Jameson, Joe Lockhart, and Frances Plyler

SEPTEMBER 18, 2022 ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS

9:30 a.m. In-Sanctuary Worship Service: <u>100</u> Sunday School: <u>45</u>

OTHER MISCELLANEOUS OFFERINGS

Altar Flowers	\$180	September Social Ministry Focus— Free Medical Clinic	\$150
Food Pantry	\$335	Sunday School (Children & Youth)	\$14
Sunday School (Adult)	\$33	Youth Mission Fund – Contributions	\$25
Ramp Ministry	\$320	Memorial Fund	\$1,032
Capital Fund	\$100		

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given by Carolyn Adams to the Glory of God and in memory of her husband Ray.

THE ALTAR ROSE is given by Barbara Nagy to the Glory of God and in honor all those born in September.

THE NARTHEX FLOWERS are given by Don Caughman to the Glory of God and in honor of Grace Boozer for her 96th birthday September 14, and in honor of Joanna Carpenter for her 94th birthday September 21.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS – On October 2, 2022, at 3:00 PM, we invite you, your family, friends, and your pet(s) to a service and reading to give thanks for our pets, in the courtyard by the fountain so we can bless and celebrate the furry members of our family. All "bless-ees" must be on a leash, harnessed, in a crate, or in a cage for their safety and ours! If you are unable to bring your pet or have had an animal pass away, please bring a photo so we can bless the pets who are not able to be there.

PRESCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED – We are in need of preschool Sunday School teachers for our 3–5-year-olds. Please contact Deborah in the main office at (803) 787-4413 or Heather Gilbert at (803) 312-1887 if you are able to serve on a rotating schedule and help us offer a preschool class for our young learners. Thank you for your consideration.

GOOD SHEPHERD FALL FEST – Save the date for Sunday, October 30 from 4-6 p.m. for the GSLC Fall Fest. This year the Youth & Children Committee will be partnering with the Evangelism Committee to create a larger event to bring in the surrounding community. We are looking for volunteers to plan and execute this event. We will plan to meet a few times prior to the event as well as work via email. If you are interested in helping in some capacity and are unable to attend the meetings, please contact Amy Kemp at 803-727-5899 or Pat Quattlebaum at 803-446-1945. We want to make this a great event for our church families and the greater community so please come out and help.

GSLC FOUNDATION NEWS – The Good Shepherd Foundation application deadline is November 1. Applications are available on the table in the chapel area and should be returned to the church office in a sealed envelope.

SIGN UP TO OFFER FLOWERS — The sign-up chart for offering flowers is on the **BULLETIN BOARD** in the Narthex. Please sign up — with your phone number — for the dates you want to offer flowers in 2022. Altar Flowers are \$70, the Altar Rose is \$10, and Narthex Flowers are \$50.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY bulletins are **due by noon each Wednesday**. Email your announcements to Deborah Mitchell, Parish Administrator, at parishadmin@gslc.com.

^{*}Budgeted Weekly Benevolence Collections needed: \$9,049

^{*}Current Expenses & Benevolences Received: \$6,616

SERVING IN WORSHIP

USHERS Greg Sox, Jeff Inabinet, Jerry Rogers, Jim Lalumondier

LECTORBarbara NagyCOMMUNION ASSTBarbara NagyACOLYTEAnna-Marie PlylerCRUCIFERDon Caughman

NURSERY Shayla Williams, Heavenly Edenfield ALTAR GUILD Marcia Woodward, Anna-Marie Plyler

TABULATORS Steve Steck, Karen Lucas

OPENING BUILDINGS CC PERSON OF MONTHJoey Allison
Amy Kemp

THIS WEEK AT GSLC

September 25 9:15-11:45 a.m. Nursery available (E-103)

9:30 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary)

10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Korean Lutheran Worship Service (FAB classroom)

 $10:45-11:45 \text{ a.m. Adult Sunday School (CL 1, 2, \& 5)} \\ 10:45-11:45 \text{ a.m. Youth Sunday School (Youth Room)} \\ 10:45-11:45 \text{ a.m. Confirmation Class (Conference Room)} \\ 10:45-11:25 \text{ a.m. Children's Sunday School (E-106 \& 114)} \\$

11:25 – 11:45 a.m. Children's Music (E-115) 11:45 a.m. Training – Acolytes & Crucifers

September 26 6:00 p.m. NA (Conference Room)

September 27 11:30 a.m. Bible Study (Conference Room)

6:30 p.m. Fall Fest planning meeting (Youth Room)

September 28 8:00 a.m. Zoom Bible Study

6:00 p.m. NA (Conference Room)

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

September 29 10:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. POGS Trip to Shealy's

6:00 p.m. Parish Life Committee meeting (Conference Room)

6:00 p.m. [private event] Friendly Atmosphere mentoring (Youth Room)

October 2 9:15 – 11:45 a.m. Nursery available (E-103)

9:30 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary)

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11:25 – 11:45 a.m. Children's Music (E-115) 3:00 p.m. Blessing of the Animals (Courtyard)

5:30 p.m. Renew, Respond, Reach Out Congregational Event (FAB)

2022 CONGREGATION COUNCIL

OFFICERS

Don Caughman	President
Debi Powell	Vice-President
Anna-Marie Plyler	Secretary
Jan Haigler	Treasurer

<u>MEMBERS</u>	COMMITTEE	TERM ENDS
Peter Zornow	Evangelism	2022
Janet Lockhart	Finance	2022
Heather Gilbert	Learning	2023
Debi Powell	Parish Life	2023
Mike Weaver	Property	2023
Suzanne Sanders	Social Ministry	2023
Cathy Milejczak	Worship Life	2022
Amy Kemp	Youth & Children	2023

Non-Council Members

Kappy Steck Gifts
Rod Kent Property

OUR MISSION

We are a community of all ages gathered by God's grace for worship, learning, loving, and service to all.

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