
GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

August 14, 2022 - 10th Sunday after Pentecost

“Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth?”

[Luke 12:51]



WELCOME

We're glad you chose to worship with us this morning.

9:30 A.M. Evangelical Lutheran Worship

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

The word of God is a refining fire. Jesus is the great divide in human history. He invites our undivided attention and devotion. Today in worship we are surrounded by a great “cloud of witnesses.” In the word and in holy communion we are invited yet again to look to Jesus, “the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.”

PRELUDE

Op. 30, No. 3

Felix Mendelssohn

BELL

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

**We give you thanks, O God,
for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters
and by your Word you created the world,
calling forth life in which you took delight.**

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

**We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and
above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus
Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives
with your forgiveness, grace, and love.**

To you be given honor and praise
 through Jesus Christ our Lord
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

Stand facing the cross.

GATHERING HYMN

One Bread, One Body

ELW 496



One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all; one cup of



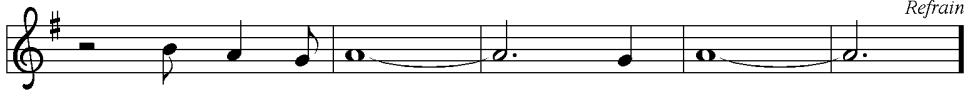
bles-sing which we bless, and we, though man-y



through-out the earth, we are one bod - y in this one Lord.



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|---|------------|-------------|--------------|------------|
| 1 | Gen - tile | or Jew, | ser - vant | or free, |
| 2 | Man - y | the gifts, | man - y | the works, |
| 3 | Grain for | the fields, | scat - tered | and grown, |



wom - an	or man,	no	more.
one in	the Lord	of	all.
gath - ered	to one	for	all.

GREETING

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

What A Friend We Have In Jesus



- 1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
 2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
 3 Are we weak and heav - y - lad - en, cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
 We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged—take it to the Lord in prayer.
 Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge—take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; oh, what need - less pain we bear—
 Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - rows share?
 Do your friends de - spise, for - sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
 Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness—take it to the Lord in prayer.
 In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a so - lace there.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, judge eternal, you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for truth. Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following your servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

READING

Jeremiah 23:23-29

²³Am I a God near by, says the Lord, and not a God far off?

²⁴Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the Lord.

²⁵I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, “I have dreamed, I have dreamed!”
²⁶How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? ²⁷They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. ²⁸Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the Lord. ²⁹Is not my word like fire, says the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

READING

Hebrews 11:29--12:2

²⁹By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. ³⁰By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. ³¹By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

³²And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—³³who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. ³⁵Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. ³⁶Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented—³⁸of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

³⁹Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, ⁴⁰since God had

provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

^{12:1}Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, ²looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

ALLELUIA VERSE



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 12:49-56

[Jesus said:] ⁴⁹“I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! ⁵⁰I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! ⁵¹Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! ⁵²From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; ⁵³they will be divided:

father against son
and son against father,
mother against daughter
and daughter against mother,
mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law
and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

⁵⁴He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, ‘It is going to rain’; and so it happens. ⁵⁵And when you see the south wind blowing, you

say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. ⁵⁶You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

Sit

SERMON

Walking by Faith

Stand

HYMN OF THE DAY

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

ELW 759



1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
2 May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart,
3 While life's dark maze I tread and griefs a - round me spread,
4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, when death's cold, sul - len stream



Sav - ior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my
my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, oh, may my
be thou my guide; bid dark - ness turn to day, wipe sor - row's
shall o'er me roll; blest Sav - ior, then, in love fear and dis -



guilt a - way, oh, let me from this day be whol - ly thine!
love to thee pure, warm, and change - less be, a liv - ing fire!
tears a - way, nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.
trust re - move; oh, bear me safe a - bove, a ran - somed soul!

OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

SUNG CREED

We Believe

**We believe in God the Father,
Maker of the universe,
And in Christ His Son, our Savior,
Come to us by virgin birth.
We believe He died to save us,
Bore our sins, was crucified,
Then, from death, He rose victorious,
Ascended to the Father's side.**

Chorus: Jesus, Lord of all, Lord of all. (Sing 4 times)

**We believe He sends His Spirit
On His church with gifts of power.
God, His word of truth affirming,
Sends us to the nations now.
He will come again in glory,
Judge the living and the dead.
Every knee shall bow before Him,
Then must every tongue confess:**

Chorus: Jesus, Lord of all, Lord of all. (Sing 4 times)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Arise, O God, and sustain your church. We pray for all who dedicate their lives to serving your people. Renew our commitment to our siblings in faith around the globe, and bless the work of our ecumenical and interfaith partners. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Arise, O God, and sustain your creation. We pray for all places affected by natural disasters. Transform the devastation of floods and fires into fertile ground for new life and growth. Fill heaven and earth with your life-giving Spirit. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Arise, O God, and sustain the nations. We pray for all elected officials. Kindle in them a desire to administer your justice. Strengthen their resolve to defend those who are vulnerable and to stand publicly against all forms of oppression. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Arise, O God, and sustain those who are oppressed. We pray for people harmed by racist discrimination, ableist discrimination, and all people discriminated against based on their gender identity or sexual orientation. Rescue us from all systems that degrade our fellow human beings. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Arise, O God, and sustain this assembly. We pray for this community, celebrating with those who rejoice and weeping with those who weep. In our joy and in our tears, be near us. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, we remember the saints who have gone before us. May we run with perseverance the race set before us until we find our rest in you. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ, our holy Wisdom. **Amen.**

PEACE

Sit

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

God 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.

O God before time, O God at the end,
we delight in the splendor of your universe.
Daily we praise your continuing creation,
and we give thanks for your people.

We glorify you, now and forever.

O God of the covenant, O God of the church,
we come as your children to this table,
and we give thanks for your presence
in congregations around the world.

We praise you, now and forever.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

DISTRIBUTION

Stand as you are able

THE 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.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the

world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ,
our Lord. **Amen.**

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN

Amazing Grace

ELW 779



1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me
word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to



now am found; was blind, but now I see.
grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Op. 62, No. 28

Felix Mendelssohn

GSLC GIVING

*What shall I render to the Lord
For all His benefits toward me?
Psalm 116:12*

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church has served the Novato community through its various ministries over the past 60 years with the music programs and the school being its largest, ongoing ministries. To continue providing these ministries, we rely on the generosity of our members and friends.

As Christians, we are asked to give to God's work in thanksgiving for all that He has given to us. There are several ways in which members and friends of the congregation can support the ministries and activities at Good Shepherd within the Novato community. In addition to contributing in person or by mail, you may opt for contributing online.

Online donations on a one-time payment or recurring basis made be scheduled by clicking on the following link: <http://www.gslcnovato.org/donate>. It is an easy to contribute to the Congregation's activities and ministries. The funds are deducted from your account and directly credited to the Church's account. You can donate on a weekly, monthly or annual basis and can adjust your giving or cancel at any time.

If you have any questions, regarding making financial contributions or donating of your time and talents, please contact one of the members of the Stewardship Committee listed below.

Committee Members: Tom Gannon, Joan Groves, Susan Nissim, and David Perotti.

2022



Starting in July we will begin live streaming our church services!

~ Volunteers wanted ~

Get 3 hours of community service for 1 hour of Sunday volunteering. You would be responsible for completing the set-up (just attaching the camera and connecting to the laptop), videoing the service and then putting the camera and computer back in the church office.

This is a very important role so you would need to commit to being there the Sunday you sign up for.

If you are interested in giving this a try please let me know. It should be a fun experience.

Thanks and hope to hear from you soon.

Susan Nissim
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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Rally Day, Blessing of the Students, Teacher Installation - 9/11/22

MEMORIAL FOR RAKEL OSTERLUND



A Memorial for Raket Osterlund will be held
at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church on
August 27, 2022 at 10am

Reception to follow

HELP WANTED



St. Andrew Presbyterian is looking for a
Part-Time Church Admin

If interested please contact Dawn Wright
(415) 533-0532



Would you like to sponsor altar flowers? We have many dates to choose from...

You can give flowers for many reasons: in memory of loved ones who have died, in honor of the birth of a child, or any other important event in your life or theirs - or in thanks to God for a blessing or simply to give glory to God. When you give the flowers, your commemoration is shared with the congregation in the worship bulletin.

After worship, the flowers are yours to take home or you may share them with family and friends.

Sign up for a Sunday on the Flower Chart on the window of the church office, giving your preferred date(s), your name and your commemoration. Make checks payable to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. The cost for flowers on a Sunday is \$30 - please write 'flowers' on the memo line of your check and offering envelope.

The GSLC Outreach Committee is collecting canned food through September for the Gilead House in Novato. Please bring your canned food to the church and put in the marked box outside of the sanctuary.

Gilead House

Established in 1999, Gilead House provides a stable home environment for low income, vulnerable, and often homeless single mothers and their children. Our 24-month program offers women the opportunity to learn vital skills in a supportive environment so our residents can make permanent changes in their life. The cultivation of self-esteem takes place in a home - not a shelter or institution. It is there where the transformation from homelessness to self-reliance and a future filled with promise takes place.

Each resident brings about changes for herself and her family in a multi-tiered and multi-faceted infrastructure of relationships including a personal mentor, a case manager, life skills teachers, the other families, and a large base of volunteers who help create a learning and loving community. The main components of the program include a strong focus on education, family advocacy, mental health support, and mentoring and personal goal-setting. Through each of these avenues, the residents learn independence and self-sufficiency and make plans for life beyond transitional housing.

Questions? Contact Toni Shroyer Outreach Committee Chair: 415-640-2754 text/call or tonishroyer@hotmail.com

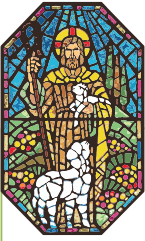


SUNDAY LECTORS, ACOLYTES & GREETERS NEEDED!

We are looking for people of all ages to volunteer at Sunday Worship.

Please contact Falon in the church office at 415-897-2123 or church.office@gslcnovato.org to volunteer.

*****Reading at Sunday Worship counts towards 1 volunteer hour*****



Endowment Fund Committee

Endowment Fund Scholarships

Attention Parents and Students:

The Endowment Fund Committee will be awarding scholarships for the 2022-2023 school year to those qualified students who submit a completed application, photograph (head shot) and letter by August 26, 2022.

WHO: Enrolled students who are church members and/or who have been actively involved in GSLC ministries who entered or continued at any higher education, including two- and four-year colleges and universities, post-graduate schools, seminaries, or vocational/trade schools.

WHAT: Complete the application below and submit a letter telling us a little about yourself, extracurricular activities, the school you will be attending, area of studies (if known), and any other information you feel is relevant. Describe how your involvement with Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and your relationship with God have influenced your educational and career choices.

WHEN: **Friday, August 26, 2022** is the deadline for applications.

WHERE: Mail your application, photograph and letter to:

*Good Shepherd Lutheran Church - Endowment Fund Committee
1180 Lynwood Drive - Novato CA 94947*

or place your application and letter in the Endowment Fund Committee mailbox located in the Church Office.

The Endowment Fund Committee is excited about the prospect of helping you meet your academic goals. No applications will be accepted after August 26, 2022.

Endowment Fund Scholarship Application

Name: _____ **Date:** _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Email: _____

School Attending during the 2022-2023 School Year?

Year Entered Post High School Education? _____

Full-time student _____ **or** **Part-time student?** _____

Expected year of graduation? _____

Expected course load (Units or Semester Hours)? _____

Are you a church member? _____

CHURCH OFFICE INFORMATION

Regular Office Hours: Monday - Friday - 10 AM to 3 PM
Mailing Address: 1180 Lynwood Drive, Novato, CA 94947
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PASTOR'S INFORMATION

The Rev. Daniel Christian
RevDan@gslcnovato.org

OUR MISSION

As a community formed by God's grace, guided by His Holy Word, the Bible,
and powered by the Holy Spirit, our mission is to:

Grow in faith and discipleship,
Share the good news of Jesus through word and deed,
Love others as Christ loves us, and
Celebrate life in Christ through worship, sacrament and service.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

The Members of Good Shepherd Servants of Christ
The Rev. Daniel Christian Pastor
Falon Barmaki Congregational Life Coordinator/Admin.
Jean Campbell Musician
Donna Peters Lector

Many thanks to those who serve as Ushers, Greeters, Singers,
Instrumentalists, and the Altar Guild.

The flowers this week are sponsored by Good Shepherd Lutheran
Church.

*- If you would like to sponsor the weekly flowers or be a reader please sign up
on the sheet in the narthex -*