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GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH  
August 28, 2022 - 12th Sunday after Pentecost

*“Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers.”*

[Hebrews 13:2]

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## WELCOME

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

**9:30 A.M. Evangelical Lutheran Worship**



## INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

Invited and inviting—that is the nature of the church. By God's grace in holy baptism we have a place at Christ's banquet table. When, by the power of that same Spirit, humility and mutual love continue among us, the church can be more inviting still.

## PRELUDE

## 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

ELW 807

### Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing



- 1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
- 2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer: "Hith-er by thy help I've come";
- 3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be;



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.  
and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.  
let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan-d'ring heart to thee.



While the hope of end-less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,  
Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan-d'ring from the fold of God;  
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.



teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good-ness prove.  
he, to res - cue me from dan-ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.  
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

## 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.**

## SONG OF PRAISE

## Humble Thyself in the Sight of the Lord

Humble thyself

In the sight of the Lord

Humble thyself

In the sight of the Lord

And He shall lift you up

Higher and higher

And He shall lift you up

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## READING

Proverbs 25:6-7

<sup>6</sup>Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence  
or stand in the place of the great;

<sup>7</sup>for it is better to be told, "Come up here,"  
than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## READING

Psalms 81:10-16

<sup>10</sup>I am the LORD your God,  
who brought you up out of the land of Egypt.  
Open your mouth wide and I will fill it.

<sup>11</sup>"But my people did not listen to my voice;  
Israel would not submit to me.

<sup>12</sup>So I gave them over to their stubborn hearts,  
to follow their own counsels.

<sup>13</sup>O that my people would listen to me,  
that Israel would walk in my ways!

<sup>14</sup>Then I would quickly subdue their enemies,  
and turn my hand against their foes.

<sup>15</sup>Those who hate the LORD would cringe before him,  
and their doom would last forever.

<sup>16</sup>I would feed you with the finest of the wheat,  
and with honey from the rock I would satisfy you."

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## READING

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

<sup>1</sup>Let mutual love continue. <sup>2</sup>Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. <sup>3</sup>Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. <sup>4</sup>Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. <sup>5</sup>Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." <sup>6</sup>So we can say with confidence,

"The Lord is my helper;

I will not be afraid.

What can anyone do to me?"

<sup>7</sup>Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. <sup>8</sup>Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. <sup>15</sup>Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. <sup>16</sup>Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## ALLELUIA VERSE



## GOSPEL READING

Luke 14:1, 7-14

<sup>1</sup>On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

<sup>7</sup>When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. <sup>8</sup>“When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; <sup>9</sup>and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, ‘Give this person your place,’ and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. <sup>10</sup>But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher’; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. <sup>11</sup>For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

<sup>12</sup>He said also to the one who had invited him, “When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. <sup>13</sup>But when you

give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. <sup>14</sup>And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

*Sit*

**SERMON**

*I Will Never Leave You*

*Stand*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**Micah 6:8**

**He has told thee O man  
What is good for thee  
And what does the Lord  
Require of thee  
But to act justly and to love mercy  
And to walk humbly with thy God**

## 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

For the church and its leaders, we pray. Uphold all deacons, pastors, and bishops who serve and teach your people. Awaken in your church a spirit of invitation that reaches ever outward. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For the well-being of creation and its inhabitants, we pray. Stir in us reverent awe for the beauty of the natural world, for oceans and lakes, rivers and streams, forests and deserts. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**



For the nations and peoples of the world, we pray. Sustain the efforts of those who pursue justice and equity for all. Defend and accompany all immigrants and refugees and all who are persecuted for their ethnic origin or religious beliefs. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, we pray. Be present with those who live in isolation or fear, especially those who are incarcerated or detained. Comfort all who are sick or grieving. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For this congregation and its ministries, we pray. Prepare children, teachers, and youth ministry directors for a new year of learning. Embolden our witness to invite others to the table. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For all the saints who confessed God's name, we give thanks. May we cling to the promise of our risen Savior, Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today, and forever. 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

ELW 674

### Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ



- 1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a shout of joy:
- 2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at the ta - ble he sets the tone,
- 3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,



bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.  
teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.  
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im - man - u - el) ev - 'ry - where!

*Refrain*



Je - sus lives a - gain, earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

## DISMISSAL

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

## POSTLUDE

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](mailto:tonishroyer@hotmail.com)

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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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

First Communion Class - October 5 & 12 at 4:30-5:30PM

New Member Class - October 11 & 18 at 5PM

Confirmation Class - September 18 - October 30 at 10:45-11:45am

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## HELP WANTED

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

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



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# First Communion Class

Students 2nd Grade and up...Parents welcome too!  
October 5 & 12 | 4:30 PM | GSLC Sanctuary

RSVP AT [CHURCH.OFFICE@GSLCNOVATO.ORG](mailto:CHURCH.OFFICE@GSLCNOVATO.ORG)



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# New Member Class

WITH PASTOR DAN CHRISTIAN

FOR ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE FEEL FREE  
TO CONTACT PASTOR DANIEL  
CHRISTIAN AT  
[REVDAN@GSLCNOVATO.ORG](mailto:REVDAN@GSLCNOVATO.ORG)

OCT 11 & 18 | 5-6 PM

RSVP at [church.office@gslcnovato.org](mailto:church.office@gslcnovato.org)

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# 8TH GRADE CONFIRMATION CLASS

SEPTEMBER 18 - OCTOBER 30

10:45am - 11:45am

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CONFIRMATION ON NOVEMBER 6 at 9:30AM

IF YOUR STUDENT IS INTERESTED IN THE UPCOMING  
CONFIRMATION CLASS PLEASE SEND THEIR  
NAME, GRADE, AND SCHOOL TO  
[CHURCH.OFFICE@GSLCNOVATO.ORG](mailto:CHURCH.OFFICE@GSLCNOVATO.ORG)







**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.



**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@gslnovato.org](mailto:church.office@gslnovato.org) to volunteer.

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



## CHURCH OFFICE INFORMATION

**Regular Office Hours:** Monday - Friday - 10 AM to 3 PM  
**Mailing Address:** 1180 Lynwood Drive, Novato, CA 94947  
**Phone Number:** (415) 897-2123  
**Email Address:** church.office@gslcnovato.org  
**Website:** www.gslcnovato.org

## 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.  
Benedetta Dalbesio.....Musician  
Marion Weeks .....Lector

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

The flowers this week are sponsored by Bernella Osterlund in  
memory of Rakel Osterlund.

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