# *Good Shepherd Lutheran Church*

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## September 27th, 2026 9:30am

## Fourth Sunday of Creation

## Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost



*God Give Us Life - Ray Makeever Liturgy*
*Please leave your offering in the plate at the door*
*You may stand at times marked with an asterisk (*)*

# Opening

## Prelude and Contemplation

Tena Rackow

## Welcome and Announcements

## Brief Litany for Creation

**P:** In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**P:** Glory to you, O God, you speak your Word, and so you create the world. We praise you, O God:

**C: We praise you, O God.**

**P:** For the cosmos beyond our earth, for the sky above our heads, for sun and moon and stars, we exalt you, O God:

**C: We exalt you, O God.**

**P:** For the seas, the lakes, and the rivers, with all their life, for the land with its mountains and plains, and for the trees, the plants, and their fruits, we magnify you, O God:

**C: We magnify you, O God.**

**P:** For wild animals and creatures of all kinds, for cattle and all live-stock, and for everything that creeps on the earth, and for mankind made in your image, we adore you, O God:

**C: We adore you, O God.**

**P:** Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving, and honor and power and might, be to you, our God, forever and ever.

**C: Amen.**

## * Hymn *God Is Here!* ELW # 526

## * Greeting

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

**C: And also with you.**

## * Invocation / Make a Joyful Noise

**A:** In the name of God the Creator of the world,
in the name of Christ the Son,
in the name of the Holy Spirit,.

**C: Amen. Amen.**

*Refrain:* **Make a joyful noise to the Lord.**
**Enter in with singing.**
**Join the festival of Love.**
**Alleluias ringing.**

**A:** Born of the water we recall
Death defeated, Life for all.
In the body of the risen Son
Welcome everyone.

**C:** *Refrain:* **Make a joyful noise to the Lord...**

## * God of Love, Have Mercy

**A:** Let us pray to God with peace in our hearts.

**C: God of Love, have mercy.**

**A:** For the peace from above let us pray to our God.

**C: God of Love, have mercy.**

**A:** For the peace of the world, for the health of the church,
for the unity of all people, pray to our God.

**C: God of Love, have mercy. God of love have mercy.**

**A:** For the people of God and for all who offer here
their worship and praise, let us pray to our God.

**C: God of Love, have mercy.**

**A:** Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious God.

**C: Amen.**

## * Glory to God

*Refrain: (***Women): Glory to God**
**(Men): Glory to God**
**(All): Glory to God in the highest:**
**Glory, glory, glory to God above.**
**Glory to God in the highest:**
**Glory, glory, glory to the God of Love.**

**A:** Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God.
Power, riches, wisdom and strength and honor
and blessing and glory are God's.

*Refrain:* **Glory to God…**

**A:** Sing with all the people of God
and join in the hymn of all creation.
Blessing and honor, glory and praise
be to God and the Lamb forever and ever.

*Refrain:* **Glory to God…**

## * Prayer of the Day

**P:** Let us pray.

God of love, giver of life, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

# Readings

## First Reading: *Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32*

**L:** A reading from the prophet Ezekiel.

**18** The word of the LORD came to me: [2] "What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, 'The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge'? [3] As I live, declares the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. [4] Behold, all souls are mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is mine: the soul who sins shall die.

.[25] "Yet you say, 'The way of the Lord is not just.' Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? [26] When a righteous person turns away from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it; for the injustice that he has done he shall die. [27] Again, when a wicked person turns away from the wickedness he has committed and does what is just and right, he shall save his life. [28] Because he considered and turned away from all the transgressions that he had committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die. [29] Yet the house of Israel says, 'The way of the Lord is not just.' O house of Israel, are my ways not just? Is it not your ways that are not just?

[30] "Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, declares the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions, lest iniquity be your ruin. [31] Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed, and make yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? [32] For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Lord GOD; so turn, and live." *[ESV]*

**L:** The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm: *25:1-9*

**L:** Let us read responsively from Psalm 25.

1 To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

2 **O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame;**
**let not my enemies exult over me.**

3 Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame;
they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

4 **Make me to know your ways, O LORD;**
**teach me your paths.**

5 Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
for you I wait all the day long.

6 **Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love,**
**for they have been from of old.**

7 Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions;
according to your steadfast love remember me,
for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!

8 **Good and upright is the LORD;**
**therefore he instructs sinners in the way.**

9 He leads the humble in what is right,
and teaches the humble his way. *[ESV]*

## Second Reading: *Philippians 2:1-13*

**L:** A reading from Paul's letter to the Philippians.

**2** So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, 2 complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. 3 Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. 4 Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.

[5] Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, [6] who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, [7] but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. [8] And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. [9] Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, [10] so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, [11] and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

[12] Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, [13] for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure. *[ESV]*

**L:** The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## * Gospel: *Matthew 21:23-32*

**P:** The holy Gospel according to Matthew.

**C:** *(sung)* **From the fullness of God**
**have we all received grace upon grace,**
**peace upon peace.**

[23] When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came up to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” [24] Jesus answered them, “I also will ask you one question, and if you tell me the answer, then I also will tell you by what authority I do these things. [25] The baptism of John, from where did it come? From heaven or from man?”

And they discussed it among themselves, saying, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ [26] But if we say, ‘From man,’ we are afraid of the crowd, for they all hold that John was a prophet.” [27] So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.

[28] “What do you think? A man had two sons. And he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ [29] And he answered, ‘I will not,’ but afterward he changed his mind and went. [30] And he went to the other son and said the same. And he answered, ‘I will, sir,’ but did not go. [31] Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly, I say to you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes go into the kingdom of God before you. [32] For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him. And even when you saw it, you did not afterward change your minds and believe him. *[ESV]*

**P:** The Gospel of the Lord.

**C:** *(sung)* **From the fullness of God**
**have we all received grace upon grace,**
**peace upon peace.**

## Reflection

**Sermon** Rev. Thomas Mosbo

*** Hymn** ***Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word*** **ELW # 517**

## * Nicene Creed

**P:** With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father,
through whom all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**Choir Anthem** ***There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*** **ELW # 588**

# Prayers

## Prayers of Intercession

**L:** We join with Christians far and near to worship God the Creator, praying for the earth and for all in need.

*Please respond to each petition with the following:*

**L:** … Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

**P:** Into your hands, O God, our maker and keeper, we commend ourselves and your whole creation, trusting in your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord .

**C: Amen.**

*We lift our prayers for*

Lynn Lyvers, Jerry, Denny Bergmann, Rene', Paul Fahr, Gary Hudik, Virgil Martin, Caroline Jam, Cyndy Schumacher, Virgil Gordon, Jerry Martin, Donna Christen, Richard Freitag, Sherry Freitag, Connor Stadermann, Ryse Stone, Joyce, Terri, Tina, Julie, Jamie, Crystal, Katie, Christian, Anna, Abby, Karla, Jacob and his family, Richard Gordon, Kathy, Charlie, Brad, Sue, Emma, Cindy, Connie, Pam, Caroline, Tina D., Jim DeMontigny Jr., Norman, Vivian, Tina Cheeney, Brenda, Christine Beyer, Bob Schulz, Kenny Frie, Steve Rothschadl, Gary L. Hartwig, Josh, Hannah, Ray Phillips, Susan, Allison Biddick, Brad Rackow, Kim Choin, Jeannie, Dianne, Nancy, Pat McCluskey, Jim Briggs, Sandi, Tina, Jim, Ronald Schrader, Christine S., Carol Lartz, Amy, Leta Toelke and Pr. Paul Carlson.

## Lord's Prayer

**P:** Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us :

**C: 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.**

## Blessing

**P:** Creator God bless you and keep you. Creating Christ shine through you with grace and mercy. Creative Spirit nourish you and give you ☩ peace.

**C: Amen.**

## * Hymn *O Master, Let Me Walk with You* **ELW # 818**

## * Dismissal

**P:** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude Tena Rackow

*Attendance - September 13th*
*In-person 29, Online - 156*

# Save the DATE

Good Shepherd will be holding a

## Special Congregational Meeting

on *Sunday, October18th*, after Worship Service.

To approve the new constitution.

Copies of the updated GSLC Constitution are available by as you enter, or you may review the document on line at:

https://www.goodshepherdlena.org/gslcconstitution.php




## Your Invited to a Special Celebration!

Please join in celebrating the baptism of Misaka Marie Velazco and Waylon James Andrews. Their baptisms will take place on Sunday, October 4th during 9:30 worship service.

*Let us come together to witness this joyous occasion*.

# Hannah Circle

*October 4th 2026*

*After Worship Service, Sheila Keene will be Bible Study Leader.*

# Friendship Club

October 8th

*12:30pm Potluck, 1:00pm*

*Entertainment provided by Marsha Rothschadl.*