

Welcome to Shepherd of the Desert Evangelical Lutheran Church



Thanksgiving Service
November 23, 2025



Mission Statement

"To be a congregation that puts the Love of Christ into action from one generation to
"another and from our community to our world".

✠ Please stand in body or spirit.

Preludes

Words of Welcome Pastor John Maroni

✠ Confession and Forgiveness

P In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

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

C **have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

C Amen

P Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

C Amen

✠ Gathering Hymn All Hail the Power of Jesus! Name!

ELW 634



1 All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall;
2 O seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race now ran - somed from the fall,
3 Hail him, you heirs of Da - vid's line, whom Da - vid Lord did call—
4 Sin - ners, whose love can ne'er for - get the worm - wood and the gall,



bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem and crown him Lord of all.
hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all.
the God in - car - nate, man di - vine—and crown him Lord of all.
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5 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe
on this terrestrial ball
to him all majesty ascribe
and crown him Lord of all.

6 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng
we at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song
and crown him Lord of all.

Prayer of the Day

A The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

Almighty God our Father, your generous goodness comes to us new every day. By the work of your Spirit lead us to acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

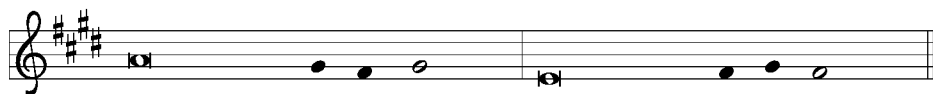
C **Amen**

First Reading: Deuteronomy 26:1-11

L The word of the Lord

C **Thanks be to God**

The Psalm: Psalm 100



¹ Make a joyful noise to the LORD, | all you lands!

² Serve the LORD with gladness; | come into God's presence | with a song.

³ **Know that the LORD is God, | our maker to whom | we belong;
we are God's people and the sheep | of God's pasture.**

⁴ Enter the gates of the LORD with thanksgiving and the | courts with praise;
give thanks and bless God's | holy name.

⁵ **Good indeed is the LORD, | whose steadfast love is | everlasting,
whose faithfulness endures from | age to age.**

Second Reading: Philippians 4:4-9

L The word of the Lord

C **Thanks be to God**

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
 You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.
 Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia.
 Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel: John 6:25-35

P The Gospel of Our Lord
 C Thanks be to God

Message

⌌ Hymn of the Day Praise and Thanksgiving

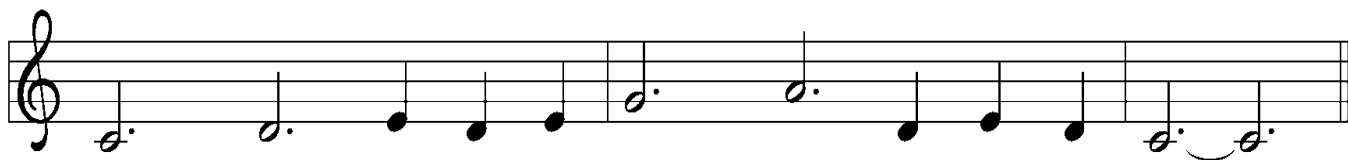
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1 Praise and thanks-giv - ing, God, we would of - fer for all things
 2 God, bless the la - bor we bring to serve you, that with our
 3 Fa - ther, pro - vid - ing food for your chil - dren, by Wis - dom's
 4 Then will your bless - ing reach ev - 'ry peo - ple, free - ly con -



liv - ing, you have made good: har - vest of sown fields, fruits of the
 neigh - bor we may be fed. Sow - ing or till - ing, we would work
 guid - ing teach us to share one with an - oth - er, so that, re -
 fess - ing your gra - cious hand. Where you are reign - ing, no one will



or - chard, hay from the mown fields, blos - som and wood.
 with you, har - vest - ing, mill - ing for dai - ly bread.
 joic - ing with us, all oth - ers may know your care.
 hun - ger; your love sus - tain - ing show - ers the land.

Apostles Creed

A With the whole church let us confess our faith

C 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 the Gathered Community

Each petition ends with:

A Hear us, O God.

C your mercy is great.

A Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C Amen.

Share the Peace

Blessing of the Quilts and Things Made by Hand

Offering Music

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

‡ Prayer at the Table

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right and salutary . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

‡ Holy, Holy, Holy

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Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of pow'r and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory, full of your glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

P We praise you for the heart of Jesus, so filled with your love for this earth.

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.

P With hearts full of memories and hopes, we break this bread and share this cup, remembering the death and resurrection of Christ, and his promise to be with us always.

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

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

P There's a place for everyone at the table. All are welcome here.

✠ Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
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Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

Special Music

✠ Post-Communion Blessing

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

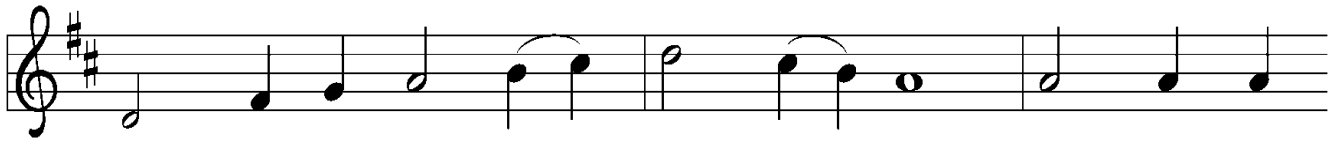
✠ Post-Communion Prayer

A Let us pray. Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom
you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
C Amen

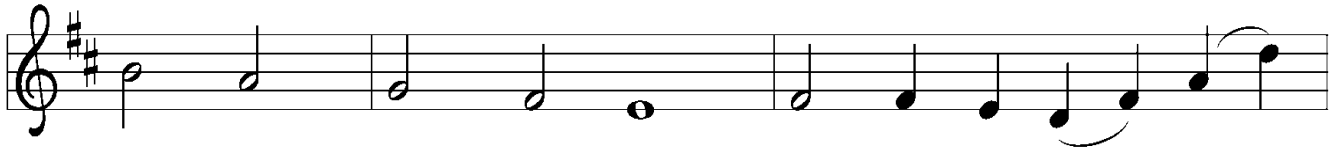
Sending of Communion to the Homebound and Ventana Winds

✠ Blessing

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.
C Amen.



1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -
 2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es
 3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue dwell on his
 4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - 'ners
 5 Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar



ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
 thron'g to crown his head; his name like sweet per -
 love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es
 leap to lose their chains, the wea - ry find e -
 hon - ors to our king; an - gels de - scend with



shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
 fume shall rise with ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
 shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.
 ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.
 songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

✠ Dismissal

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
 C **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Shepherd of the Desert Announcements

The Congregational Annual Meeting and Meal is Dec.3rd at 5:30pm.

Annual reports are available to review before the meeting.

Poinsettia Envelopes are available in the Narthex please have your orders in by Sunday December 14th. You can also use your offering envelope. Just note Poinsettia and who you would like to honor. Thank you!

Monday Morning Bible Study 10:00 a.m. in the Conference Room. Remember to bring your Bible and a beverage. We will be reading the lessons for the upcoming weekend services.

Choir Rehearsals Come and join Kevin DeYager, our Sunday Organist, as we rehearse choir music for the upcoming services. The next rehearsal is Nov.25th in the Sanctuary at 2:00 p.m.

Church Office Will be closed for Thanksgiving Day Nov. 27th.

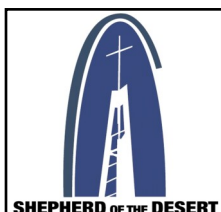
Game Night Is cancelled for November.

Pancake Breakfast Nov. 29th 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. in Walton Hall. The price is right FREE!!! This is a free breakfast for the community and S.O.D.

Mission of the Month November In November, special offerings designated "Mission of the Month" will go toward helping one or more families during the Christmas Season.



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Betty Diaz	11/20
Delma Ellis	11/23



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