



**GOOD
SHEPHERD**
LUTHERAN CHURCH



September 19, 2021
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
Building up God's people through His word for His world

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Today we hear James warn against selfish ambition, while the disciples quarrel over which one of them is the greatest. Jesus tells them the way to be great is to serve. Then, to make it concrete, he puts in front of them a flesh-and-blood child. We are called to welcome the children God puts in front of us, to make room for them in daily interaction, and to give them a place of honor in the assembly.

Flowers and plants in our sanctuary are supported by financial donations to the Flower Fund. These floral offerings beautify the chancel (area around the altar), uplift the service participants, and remind us all of God's good creation. You can find information about being a flower sponsor on the bulletin board near the Fellowship Hall and at gslcva.org/ministries/worship, under "Flower sponsorships." This week, flowers are sponsored by Pastor Gary and Jill James in honor of their daughters and their families and in memory of their son.

Baptized in today's service is Lily Grace Duvieilh (born February 17, 2021), daughter of Kevin and Diana Duvieilh, sponsored by John and Colleen Glisson.

PRELUDE

*"Children of the Heavenly
Father"*

Dale Wood

WELCOME

Pastor Johann

(Please stand)

OPENING HYMN

"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"

Hymn No. 793

INVOCATION, CONFESSION, AND FORGIVENESS

(The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.)

[P] Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, whose teaching is life, whose presence is sure, and whose love is endless.

[C] Amen.

[P] Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination. Please kneel/stand.)

P God our comforter:

C like lost sheep, we have gone astray. We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity. We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression. We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed. Free us from our sin, gracious God. Listen when we call out to you for help. Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves. Amen.

P All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. By the gift of grace in ✠ Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous. Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.

C Amen.

(Please stand)

SERVICE OF THE WORD

KYRIE [Lord, have mercy]

Music in Hymnal, Pages 152–153

HYMN OF PRAISE — *This Is the Feast*

Music in Hymnal, Page 155

SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

Music in Hymnal, Page 156

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

O God, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

(Please sit)

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 11:18–20

Today's reading tells of the suffering of the prophet Jeremiah, who announced God's word to Judah but was met with intense opposition and persecution. Jeremiah continues to trust in God in the midst of his suffering.

L ¹⁸It was the LORD who made it known to me, and I knew;
then you showed me their evil deeds.

¹⁹But I was like a gentle lamb
led to the slaughter.

And I did not know it was against me
that they devised schemes, saying,

“Let us destroy the tree with its fruit,
let us cut him off from the land of the living,
so that his name will no longer be remembered!”

²⁰But you, O LORD of hosts, who judge righteously,
who try the heart and the mind,
let me see your retribution upon them,
for to you I have committed my cause.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

James 3:13–4:3, 7–8a

The wisdom God gives unites our hearts and minds. Instead of living to satisfy our own wants and desires, we manifest this wisdom in peace, gentleness, mercy, and impartiality toward others.

L ¹³Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. ¹⁵Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. ¹⁶For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. ¹⁷But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. ¹⁸And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

^{4:1}Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? ²You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. ⁷Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ^{8a}Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

ALLELUIA VERSE

Music in Hymnal, Page 156

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 9:30–37

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the ninth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Music in Hymnal, Page 157

Jesus' teaching and action in this text are directed to the church whenever it is seduced by the world's definition of greatness: prestige, power, influence, and money. The antidote to such a concern for greatness is servanthood.

P ³⁰[Jesus and the disciples went on] and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; ³¹for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." ³²But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

³³Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" ³⁴But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. ³⁵He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." ³⁶Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷"Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Music in Hymnal, Page 157

(Please sit)

BAPTISMAL HYMN

"I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry"

1 "I was there to hear your born - ing cry, I'll be
 2 "When you heard the won - der of the Word I was
 3 "In the mid - dle a - ges of your life, not too

there when you are old. I re - joiced the day you
 there to cheer you on; you were raised to praise the
 old, no lon - ger young, I'll be there to guide you

were bap - tized to see your life un - fold.
 liv - ing Lord, to whom you now be - long.
 through the night, com - plete what I've be - gun.

I was there when you were but a child, with a
 If you find some - one to share your time and you
 When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you

faith to suit you well; in a blaze of light you
 join your hearts as one, I'll be there to make your
 shut your wea - ry eyes, I'll be there as I have

wan - dered off to find where de - mons dwell."
 vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun."
 al - ways been, with just one more sur - prise."

4 "I was there to hear your born - ing cry, I'll be

there when you are old. I re - joiced the day you

were bap - tized to see your life un - fold."

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SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Lily Grace Duvieilh

Pastor: As this child is received into the Christian Church, let us make confession of the faith into which we baptize.

Pastor: Do you renounce forces of evil, the devil, and all his empty promises?

All: I do renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?

All: Yes, I believe in God the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son?

All: Yes, I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Pastor: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

All: Yes, 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.

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Pastor: Through Baptism God has added Lily Grace to His own people to declare the wonderful deeds of our Savior, who has called us out of darkness into His marvelous light.

All: We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as a fellow member of the body of Christ, a child of the same heavenly Father, to work with us in His kingdom.

Pastor: And you, Lily, the Lord bless you in all your ways from this time forth and even forevermore.

All: Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Children of the Heavenly Father"

Hymn No. 725

MESSAGE

"No GOATs Here"

Pastor James

(Please stand)

(Please sit)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Johann

SOLO

“Give Me Jesus”
(Kylena Parks, soprano)

Mark Hayes

Oh, when I come to die
Oh when I come to die
Oh when I come to die
Give me Jesus
Give me Jesus
Give me Jesus
You may have all this world
Give me Jesus
Dark midnight was my cry
Dark midnight was my cry

Dark midnight was my cry
Give me Jesus
Refrain
Give me Jesus
Give me Jesus
You may have all this world,
With its troubles and cares,
For of this I am sure,
Give me Jesus.

(Please stand)

OFFERTORY PRAYER

☞ God of abundance, you cause streams to break forth in the desert and manna to rain from the heavens. Accept the gifts you have first given us. Unite them with the offering of our lives to nourish the world you love so dearly; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

*At the end of each petition, the prayer leader will say “Lord in Your mercy.”
The congregation responds “Hear our prayer!”
Please see the News and Announcements sheet for a listing of intercessions.*

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE AND PROPER PREFACE

Music in Hymnal, Page 160

SANCTUS [Holy, holy, holy]

Music in Hymnal, Page 161

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

PAX DOMINI [The peace of the Lord]

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C And also with you.

AGNUS DEI [Lamb of God]

Music in Hymnal, Page 163

(Please sit)

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

DISTRIBUTION

We believe that Christ is truly present in the bread and wine, according to His Word: "This is My body ... this is My blood" (Matthew 26:26–27), and that in this sacrament our Lord gives us forgiveness of our sins, unity with God, and strength for a life of service.

We invite all baptized Christians who have made their First Communion, examined themselves, discern the body and blood of Christ in the sacrament for the forgiveness of their sins, and sincerely seek to amend their lives to join us at His Table.

Distribution procedure: Pastor Johann will instruct the congregation on this procedure.

(Please stand)

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P Lord of life, in the gift of your body and blood you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation. Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy, bearing witness to the abundance of your love in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
C Amen.

BLESSING

P People of God, you are Christ's body, bringing new life to a suffering world.
The holy Trinity, ✠ one God, bless you now and forever.
C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

"Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me"

Hymn No. 722

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.
C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“Echo”

Samuel Scheidt/
Charles Callahan

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Note: Please join us for coffee fellowship following the service.

We hope you will continue to connect with us by liking our Facebook page and following our Instagram account. Find them by searching @gslcva within those social media platforms. We also encourage you to subscribe to our YouTube channel and follow us on Vimeo so that you don't miss any of our virtual services, kids' messages, and more! If you have any questions, please reach out to jeff@gslcva.org.

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* = worship assistant needed

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CORE MINISTRY AREAS

Worship

Team Leaders: Georgia Thorstenson and Julie Schorfheide;

Staff Liaison: Pastor Johann

music, seasonal celebrations, arts, worship schedule, Sanctuary Choir, Children's Choir (Laura Owens), traditional, contemporary, physical space, support personnel (e.g., ushers, greeters, acolytes)

Discipleship

Team Leader: Pastor James (temporary)

adult education, Sunday school, Vacation Bible School, family ministry, children's ministry, youth ministry

Parish Life

Team Leader: Brian Cors; Staff Liaison: Pastor Johann

Life Groups (Brian Cors), member engagement, fellowship events, new member inclusion (Melinda DeWan), concerts, public events, picnics, intergenerational events

Administration

Team Leader: Pastor Johann

property (Roger Thorstenson), financing the mission (Mike DeWan), stewardship (Don Kidwell), human resources/personnel (Matt Franker), communications, contracts, church office, calendar/program management, technology

Mission

Team Leader: John and Debbie Linn; Staff Liaison: Pastor Johann

world missions, synod, outreach, social ministry, community service, evangelism, publicity, media, social media

Congregational Care

Team Leader: Marilyn Voigt; Staff Liaison: Pastor Johann

member care visits, emergency transportation, maintain roster of the willing, guest follow-up

Good Shepherd is a member congregation of the Southeastern District
of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

About Good Shepherd...

Our vision

We will be a congregation known for building up God's people through His Word for His world.

Worship

During worship, God comes to us through his gifts of Word and Sacrament. What a joy to respond with prayer and songs of praise. Our worship services give us opportunity to listen to God's word and meditate upon it, thus feeding our faith; and express our concerns for our friends, families, community, and the world through prayer.

Serve

We are called to actively share the Good News of Jesus Christ through word and deed. One way we share is by serving one another and our neighbors in our community and throughout the world. Look at our Community Service Opportunities listing to find a way to serve.

Grow

We are committed to spiritual growth through the weekly gathering for prayer, praise, and thanksgiving, and through lifelong learning. In addition to growing in knowledge, we want to grow in love and service to others within and beyond our church community.

Connect

As we grow in our love for Jesus and our neighbors, as we serve our neighbors near and far, we help and encourage one another, challenge one another, and share one another's joys and sorrows. We build strong ties when we gather for worship as well as for events throughout the week. Look inside for many opportunities for connection.



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