

A monarch butterfly with orange and black wings is captured in mid-flight, its wings spread wide. It is positioned in the upper left quadrant of the frame. Below it, a field of vibrant orange cosmos flowers is in full bloom. Another monarch butterfly is visible in the lower right, perched on one of the flowers. The background features a dense line of green trees and a black metal fence, suggesting a garden or park setting. The overall scene is bright and natural, with a soft focus on the background elements.

True Freedom!

Shepherd of Life Lutheran Church

Welcome to Shepherd of Life

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We are thrilled that you have chosen to spend the morning with us. As we worship, pray, and sing together, we hope that God's Spirit will fill your heart, and bring you joy and peace.

Sunday Morning Schedule

8:30 Worship Service

10:00 Worship Service and Education Classes for all ages (Children and Adult)

We practice Open Communion. Everyone is welcome at the Lord's table. Gluten-free wafers are available for those who are sensitive to gluten.

Please give us the opportunity to send you a personal thank you by filling out one of the yellow cards found in the pew and placing it in the offering plate.

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All are welcome in this place!

GATHERING

[The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God]

Prelude

Welcome

Invocation

Presider: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

People: Amen.

Confession and Forgiveness

(Congregation stands)

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

People: **We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart: we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

Leader: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

People: Amen.

Gathering Hymn

“Rise, Shine, You People!”

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(Congregation may be seated)

Apostolic Greeting

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

People: And also with you.

Canticle of Praise

People

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

Leader

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb

who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

People

This is the feast of vic - to-ry for our God.

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Prayer of the Day

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

[God speaks to us in scripture, reading, preaching and song.]

First Reading: Psalm 145:13-20

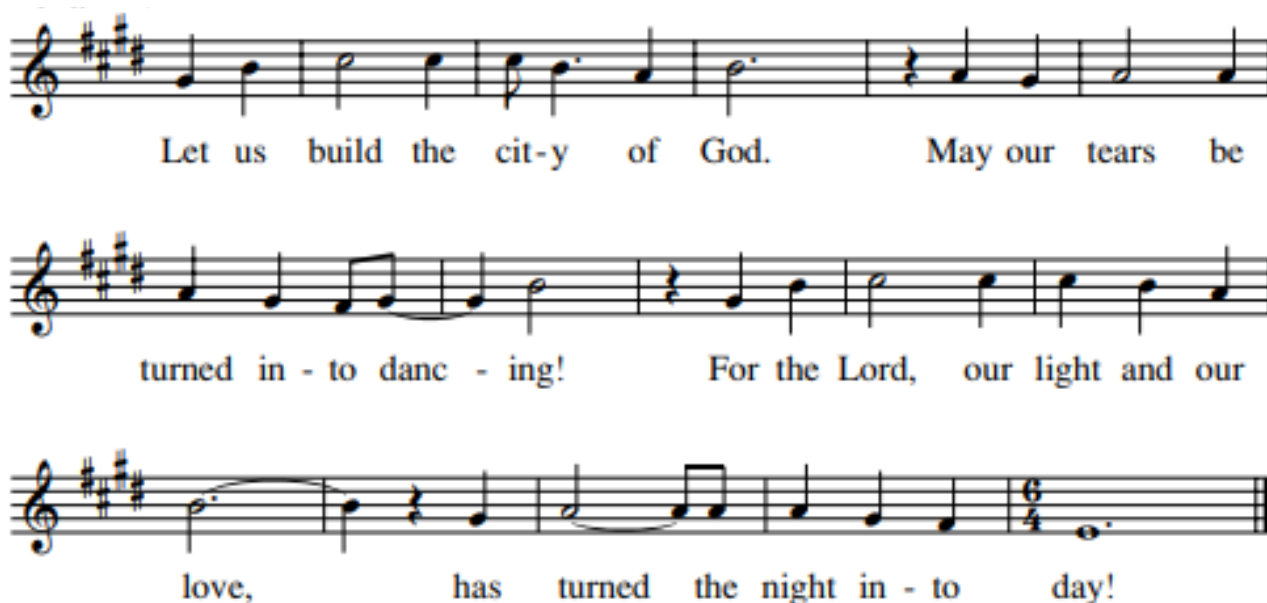
[In this psalm of praise, we are reminded of the many ways that the Lord blesses those who “call on him in truth.”]

The Lord is faithful in all his words and gracious in all his deeds. The Lord upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down. The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season. You open your hand, satisfying the desire of every living thing. The Lord is just in all his ways and kind in all his doings. The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth. He fulfills the desire of all who fear him; he also hears their cry and saves them. The Lord watches over all who love him, but all the wicked he will destroy.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God!

Psalm of Praise



Second Reading: Galatians 5:1, 13-15

[For Paul, the freedom Christ gives is not permission to do whatever we want. It is the invitation to be what we could not be otherwise.]

For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters, only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become enslaved to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another. The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not regretfully or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. As it is written, “He scatters abroad; he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever.” He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness.

Reader: The Word of the Lord
People: **Thanks be to God!**

Special Music

Congregation stands and sings)

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. al - le - lu - ia.

Reader: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

Gospel Reading: John 8:31-36

[Jesus speaks of truth and freedom as spiritual realities known through his word. He reveals the truth that sets people free from sin.]

Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” They answered him, “We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, ‘You will be made free’?” Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord



(Congregation may be seated)

Message TRUTH, FREEDOM, AND TRUE FREEDOM

Pastor Mark Hadley

Hymn of the Day **“We Are Called”**

720

Opportunities for Growth and Service

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the Church

(Sung before and after the prayers)



Apostle's Creed (*Congregation stands*)

People: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He 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. 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.

Sharing of the Peace

Presider: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: And also with you.

(As a sign of God's peace, please take a moment to greet those around you.)

MEAL

[God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.]

The Gathering of Tithes and Offerings

[Your offerings support Shepherd of Life's ministry here, in our community, and around the world through the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Thank you for prayerfully considering your sacrificial response.]

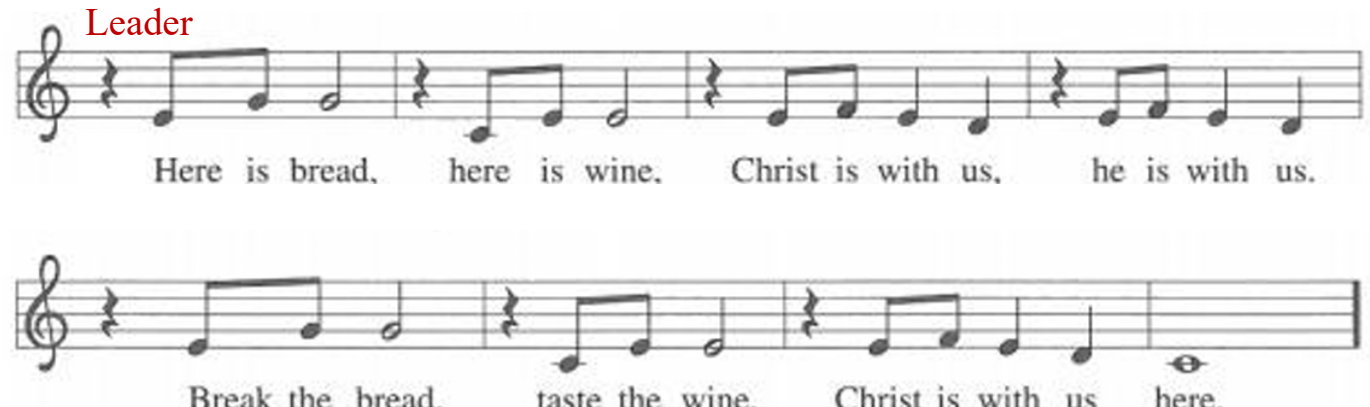
Presider: Merciful Father,

People: We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – ourselves, our time and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**the true Christian Church at all times*

Pre-Communion Canticle

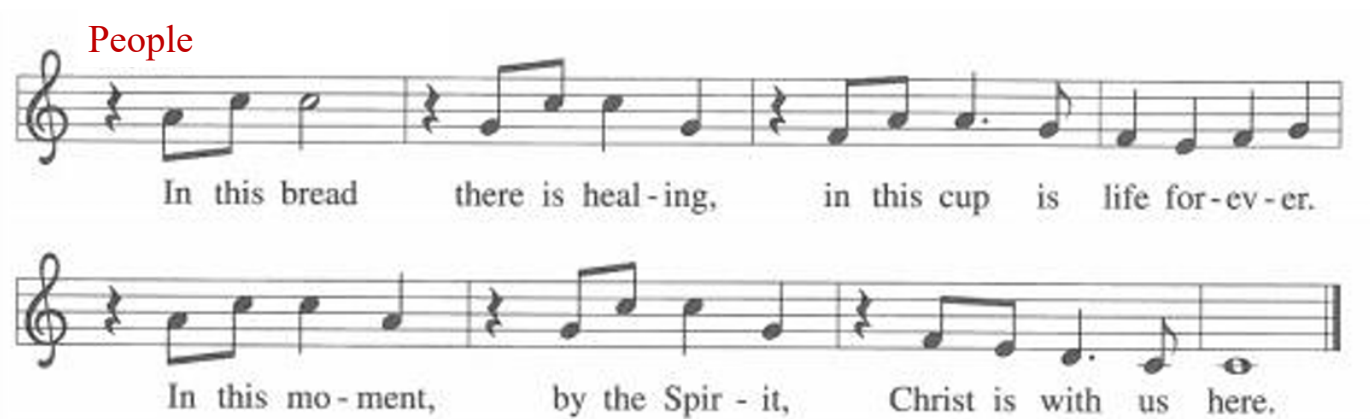
Leader



Here is bread, here is wine, Christ is with us, he is with us.

Break the bread, taste the wine, Christ is with us here.

People



In this bread there is heal-ing, in this cup is life for-ev-er.

In this mo-ment, by the Spir-it, Christ is with us here.

Great Thanksgiving

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Consecration of the Elements

(Congregation stands)

The Lord's Prayer

People: **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.**

(Congregation may be seated)

Holy Communion

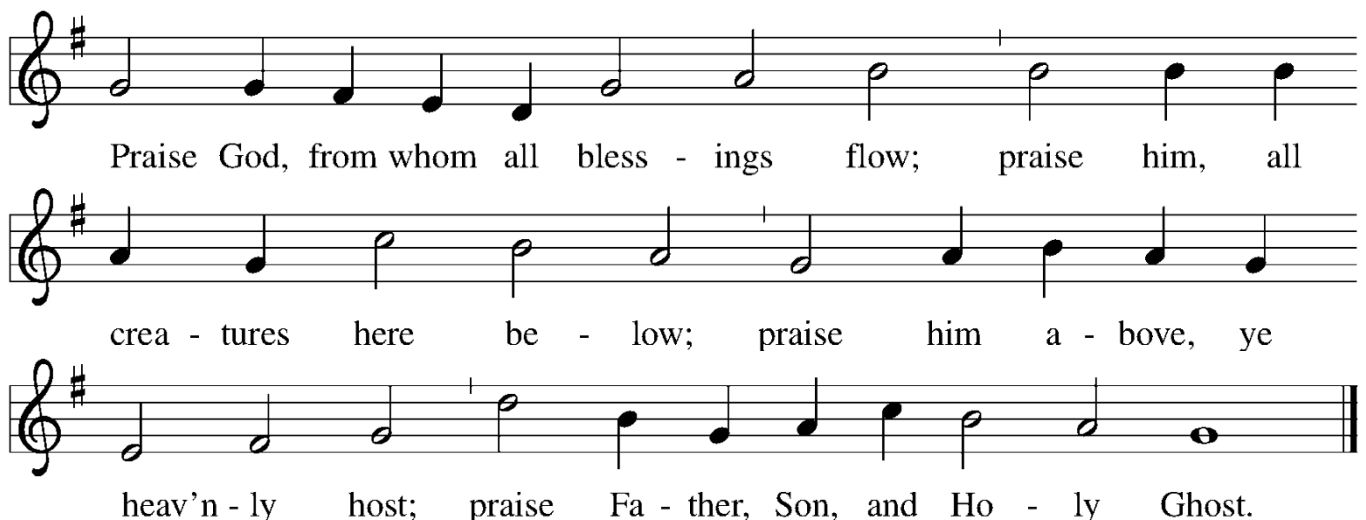
[The Lutheran church believes that Jesus is truly present in the bread and wine, and that through the reception of this sacrament, we receive the forgiveness of sins. You do not have to be a member in order to receive the Lord's Supper at Shepherd of Life. All are welcome! If you prefer gluten-free wafers mention that to the pastor or to receive grape juice, simply point to the second communion assistant who will also be holding grapes for our children.]

Communion Hymns

"Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word"	517
"O Lord, We Praise You"	499
"Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice"	594

(Congregation stands)

Doxology



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all
crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye
heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

SENDING

[God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.]

Benediction

Sending Hymn

“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

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Dismissal

Leader: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude



Coffee Time is sponsored by Val Hicks in memory of her mother, Sue Shoesmith

10/27

Jeffrey Walter
Don Patty

10/28

Tena Ward

10/29

Sophia Selene

10/30

Richard Quigley

10/31

Vi Hipple
Jim Rogerson

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Happy
Anniversary



Happy days

11/01

John & Ruth Foster

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS



8:30 AM

Minister Assistant	Sherri Wade
Altar Guild	Dennis & Lois Bashore
Greeter	Laura Higginbotham
Prayer of the Day	Kim Doege
Reader	Chris Wade
Ushers	Scott Fields & Godlove Fabisin
Coffee Clean-up	

10:00 AM

Maggie Lira, Sandra Fultz, Laura Kribs
Candy Collins & Kay Fox
Laura Kribs
Theresa Jorgensen
Christy Moore
Scott & Lisa Mohon
Kay Graham

Shepherd of Life's Youth and Family Page

SUNDAY SCHOOL

TODAY at 10:00 am

Children's Sunday School:

We are starting something new! We will meet at the end of the Sunday school hallway for opening and then split into groups by age led by Mrs. Carol, Mrs. Laura, and Mrs. Mary. Today's helper is Meg Kretschmer.

Junior High and High School:

Today we continue our interdenominational studies series with Lanell Hadley. Andrea Wolz is today's helper.



Fall Confirmation class
continues Sunday, November 3
from 6 to 8 pm in the
Fellowship Hall

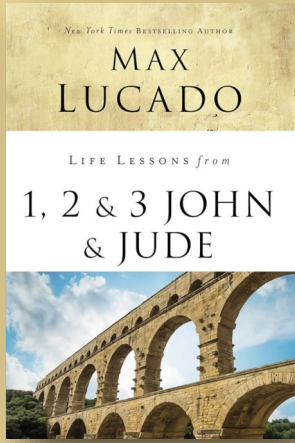
FAMILY CHIME CHOIR

Join us in the Sanctuary to
ring at the 10:00 am
service



Sunday, November 10

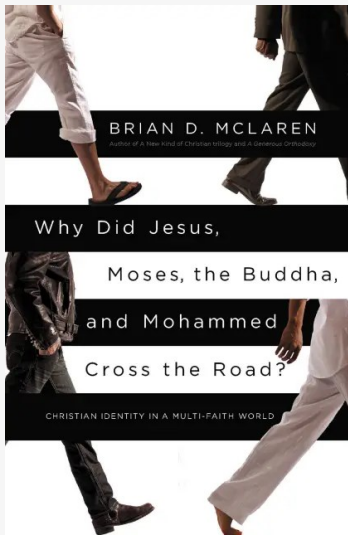
Jr & Sr High meet in the Youth
room after the 10am service.
Bring \$20 for lunch. Parents, we
will return by 12:30pm.



ADULT BIBLE STUDY - 10:00 AM ON SUNDAYS IN THE ADMIN BUILDING

Max Lucado Life Lessons from 1, 2, & 3 John & Jude.

Today: Enemies of Christ! - 1 John 2:18-29



BOOK STUDY CONTINUES

Wednesday, November 6
At Noon in the Fellowship Hall

Bring a lunch and join us as we continue with Chapters 7 through 11 of Brian McLaren's book, "Why Did Jesus, Moses, the Buddha, and Mohammed Cross the Road?"



Thank you to everyone who donated to, created games, and volunteered their time at our Halloween Festival. Everyone had a wonderful time!

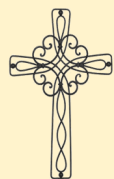


Wednesday, November 13

Chef Laura Letts and Rev. Dr. Marie Purcell return for our final Big Wednesday of 2024

Dinner: 5:30pm - 6:30pm

Presentation: 6:30pm - 8:00pm (Islam)



Caring Ministries

We come to you with Thanksgiving...

For our spiritual family that supports one another and this church

For I am the Lord who heals you...

- *For Jim Rogerson who is in treatment for cancer*
- *For Deniece Roder who is dealing with sciatic leg pain*
- *For Doug Stewart's brother, Rex who had several cancerous lymph nodes removed*
- *For Val Hicks friend's son, Daniel who has been moved to the Ronald McDonald House after bone marrow transplant surgery*
- *For Judi Christensen who is recovering from shoulder surgery with Covid*
- *For Carmen Puente, who had tests on her heart.*
- *For Joan Butler who is recovering from a fall in rehab*
- *For Rollie Voise who is on hospice*
- *For Mark and Lanell Hadley's nephew who is home recovering from severe burns*
- *For Phil Pyle's sister, Patty and the Bracho's son who were severely impacted by Helene in North Carolina*
- *For Jon Christensen's sister, Debi who is going through tests for cancer*
- *For Dick Quigley who is recovering from knee replacement surgery*
- *For Dottie Johnson who is recovering from surgery for a broken shoulder*

Your continued prayers are appreciated for...

John and Andrea Wolz' friend, April, Linda Martzall's sister, Myrna; Jeannie Patty's mother, Susan; Dave Thomas; Jani Stewart's sister, Lindy

- *If you have a prayer request please contact Theresa Jorgensen at theresaajorgensen@gmail.com.*
- *There are prayer shawls in the chapel available for you to take to someone who is in need of comfort.*
- *Our James 5 Ministry can arrange pre-surgery prayers in our chapel for you. Contact Cathy Racette at grammashepherd@sbcglobal.net.*

THE STORY OF THE BLUE LAMB

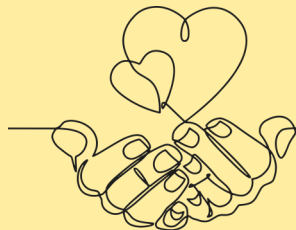


We believe the Lord is our Shepherd, that goodness and mercy follow us all the days of our lives, and that one day we shall dwell in the House of the Lord forever! We also believe that God wants you to know these blessings as well.

As a reminder that this promise is for all, we invite you to take this moment to gaze at our window. Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, is gently holding a lamb. We love that it's not black or white. It's blue, an artistic and beautiful reminder that every single Child of God is unique, special and welcome here.

WHAT WE ARE ABOUT

Here at Shepherd of Life we focus our attention on three important concepts found in the Bible: a calling given to us by Jesus, a recognition of the importance of community in our walk of faith, and an acknowledgement that we are a group of imperfect human beings who get it wrong sometimes. So, what are we about here at Shepherd of Life? Very simply this...



Loving God and Neighbor Together

As Best We Can!

You can visit us online at www.bluelamb.org. Also look for us on



GIVE ONE FOR MISSION

All one dollar bills put in the offering plate are going to ELCA Disaster Response