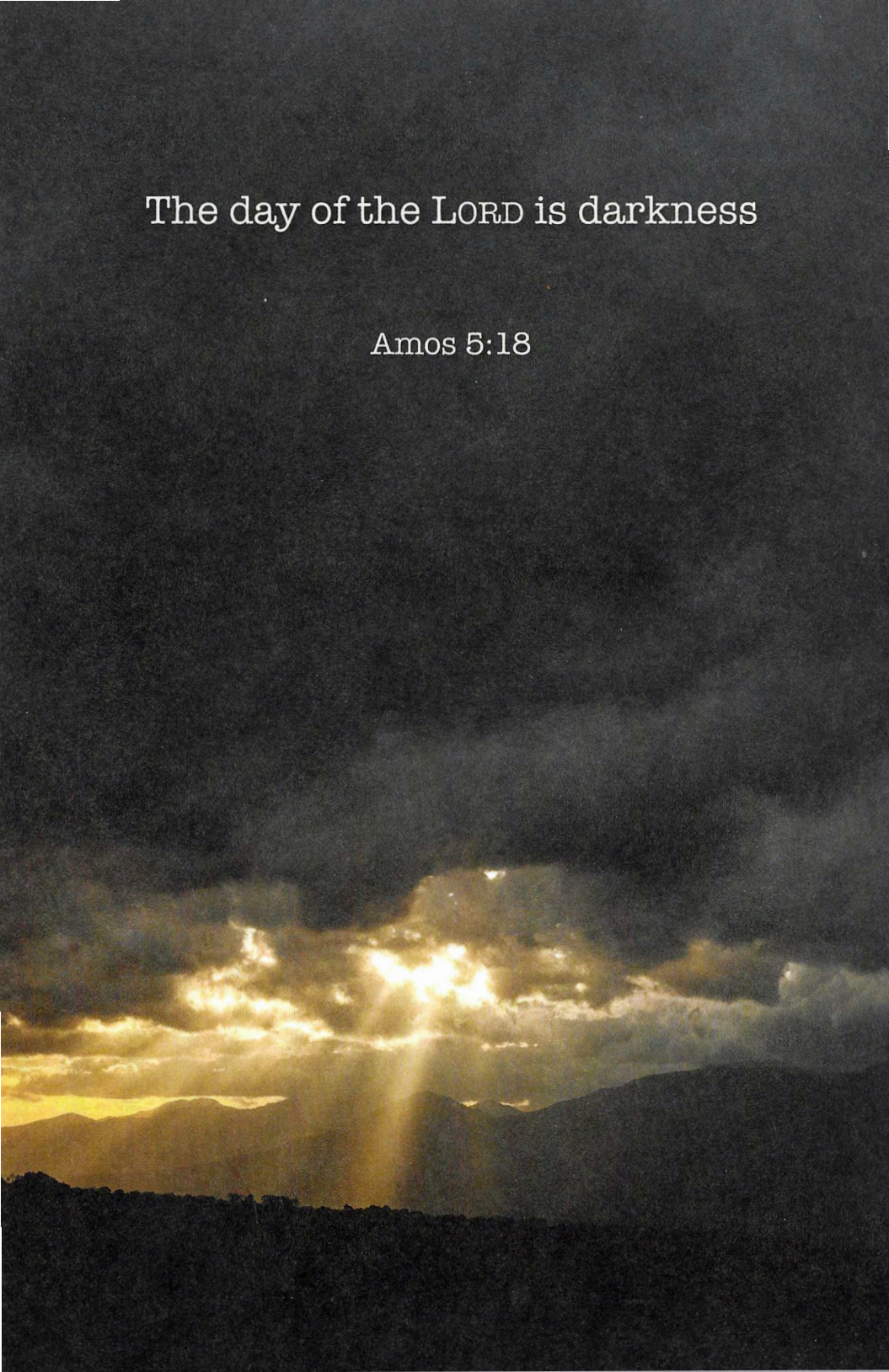

The day of the LORD is darkness
Amos 5:18

# Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

**"Connecting People to Christ in the Tri-County Area"**

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**November 8, 2026**
**Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost**
**Worship Service at 10:30 am**
**Divine Service Setting Three (Page 184)**

Prelude
Announcements

**Opening Hymn:** Crown Him With Many Cr0wns #657

**Sermon Hymn:** Rock of Ages #761

**Theme:** Focused on Jesus, the Bridegroom

1. Planning ahead vs. Winging It
2. Staying alert vs. Spiritual Drowsiness

**Closing Hymn:** Praise is Rising/Hosanna Handout

**Closing Words**

**P: When we follow Jesus at home**
**C: Our families get stronger**
**P: When we follow Jesus together**
**C: We get the support we need**
**P: When we follow Jesus into our neighborhood**
**C: Our neighbors get the care they need**

**WELCOME to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod on this day, Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost.** We are delighted that you are with us this morning and pray for God's Word to encourage and guide your hearts and minds. All are urged to fill in the fellowship register located at the end of each pew.

**Holy Communion:** Before communing at our altar, all communicants are invited to examine themselves on the basis of these three points of Christian Faith.

1. I am sorry for my sins and believe that Jesus is my Savior.
2. I believe that Christ's body and blood are truly present in the Sacrament.
3. I desire to amend my sinful ways and live for the glory of God.

**Week at a Glance**

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| Monday November 9 | | 10:30 am TOPS |
| Tuesday November 10 | | 9-10 am Cardio Drumming |
| Wednesday November 11 | Genesis 48-49 | 11am Bible Study |
| Thursday November 12 | | 9-10 am Cardio Drumming |
| Saturday November 14 | | 7pm AA Mtg |
| Sunday November 15 | | 10:30 am Worship Service |

**Congregational Meeting November 15,2026 following Service**

**Our Thanksgiving Eve service will be Wednesday, November 25, at 4 pm. Our sermon theme will be "A Thanksgiving Day Trifecta"**

**We are pleased to announce that Missy Chavous is our new Church Office Secretary. Welcome Missy!**

**New Members will be received at our December 6 Divine Service. Anyone interested in joining Good Shepherd Lutheran – please contact Pastor Griffin or our Outreach Coordinator, Sarah Beth.**

## Old Testament Reading: Amos 5:18–24

18 Woe to you who desire the day of the
LORD!
Why would you have the day of
the LORD?
It is darkness, and not light,
19 as if a man fled from a lion,
and a bear met him,
or went into the house and leaned his
hand against the wall,
and a serpent bit him.
20 Is not the day of the LORD darkness,
and not light,
and gloom with no brightness in
it?

21 "I hate, I despise your feasts,
and I take no delight in your
solemn assemblies.
22 Even though you offer me your burnt
offerings and grain offerings,
I will not accept them;
and the peace offerings of your
fattened animals,
I will not look upon them.
23 Take away from me the noise of your
songs;
to the melody of your harps I will
not listen.
24 But let justice roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an
ever-flowing stream."

## Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 4:13–18

13 But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. 14 For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. 15 For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. 16 For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. 18 Therefore encourage one another with these words.

## Holy Gospel: Matthew 25:1–13

1 [Jesus said:] "The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. 2 Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. 3 For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, 4 but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. 5 As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. 6 But at midnight there was a cry, 'Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' 7 Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. 8 And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' 9 But the wise answered, saying, 'Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.' 10 And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. 11 Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' 12 But he answered, 'Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.' 13 Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."




**About the Cover:** The day of the Lord is not a day of light but of darkness for the complacent who have abandoned the ways of the Lord. God's Law strikes the knell of coming judgment. That Law is in our hearts today. But through prophets like Amos, the Lord gives us His Word so that we will repent before the day of judgment, turn from our sin, and turn toward our Savior. The fear of the dark day of judgment is removed in the light of Christ alone (John 8:12).

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