

***Greater Shallotte Ministerial Association's
Service of Commemoration of 9/11
Hosted by Saint Luke Lutheran Church***

**Friday, September 11, 2026
The Reverend Dr. Christian Eichorn, Pastor
Saint Luke Lutheran Church**



**GREATER SHALLOTTE MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION &
SAINT LUKE LUTHERAN CHURCH
WELCOMES OUR COMMUNITY TO WORSHIP!**

We are deeply grateful to gather with neighbors and friends today for this **Service of Commemoration**. Your presence and shared participation bring comfort and strength to this meaningful time of remembrance. We pray that you find encouragement and peace in our time together. As we prepare our hearts for worship, please silence all electronic devices when entering the sanctuary in reverence to God and respect for one another.

*"Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me." ~Psalm 23:4*

PRESERVICE MUSIC

A time for silent prayer, reflection, and preparation.

WELCOME

APOSTOLIC 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.**

INTRODUCTION

Congregation stands

A LITANY OF REMEMBRANCE

P Let us pray. God of loving kindness, those who have died still live in your presence. Welcome in your loving embrace all those who died on September 11, 2001.

P For the passengers on American Flight 11 and United Flight 175 which were flown into the World Trade Center. Lord in your mercy,

All Hear our prayer.

P For all the workers who perished in the World Trade Center and neighboring buildings. Lord in your mercy,

All Hear our prayer.

P For the firefighters, police, and rescue workers who died trying to save others. For the crew and passengers on American Airlines Flight 77 which was flown into the Pentagon. For the military personnel and civilians who were killed and injured at the Pentagon. Lord in your mercy,

All Hear our prayer.

P For the heroic crew and passengers on United Flight 93 which crashed into the field in Shanksville, Pennsylvania. Lord in your mercy,

All Hear our prayer.

P For all military personnel who have died in the battle against terrorism. For all those who have died as a result of terrorist activity and for those who mourn them. Lord in your mercy,

All Hear our prayer.

P Guide and inspire us and our leaders to make wise decisions for our future, for our homeland, and for our people. Keep us from self-righteousness, arrogant pride and prejudice of people of other faiths. Unite us to champion justice, peace and freedom. Lord in your mercy,

All Amen.

A READING OF PSALM 46

Read by Katherine Moore

L ¹ God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.
² Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea, ³ though its
waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its
tumult. *Selah* ⁴ There is a river whose streams make glad the city
of God, the holy habitation of the Most High. ⁵ God is in the
midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when
the morning dawns. ⁶ The nations are in an uproar; the kingdoms
totter; he utters his voice; the earth melts. ⁷ The Lord of hosts is
with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. *Selah* ⁸ Come, behold
the works of the Lord; see what desolations he has brought on
the earth. ⁹ He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he
breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with
fire. ¹⁰ "Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the
nations; I am exalted in the earth." ¹¹ The Lord of hosts is with
us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. *Selah*

L The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

A READING OF ROMANS 8:31-35, 37-39

Read by Katherine Moore

L ³¹ What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us,
who is against us? ³² He who did not withhold his own Son but
gave him up for all of us, how will he not with him also give us
everything else? ³³ Who will bring any charge against God's elect?
It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who is to condemn? It is Christ^[a] who
died, or rather, who was raised, who is also at the right hand of
God, who also intercedes for us. ³⁵ Who will separate us from the
love of Christ? Will affliction or distress or persecution or
famine or nakedness or peril or sword?

L The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Congregation sits

+ THE SHARING OF REMEMBRANCE EXPERIENCES +

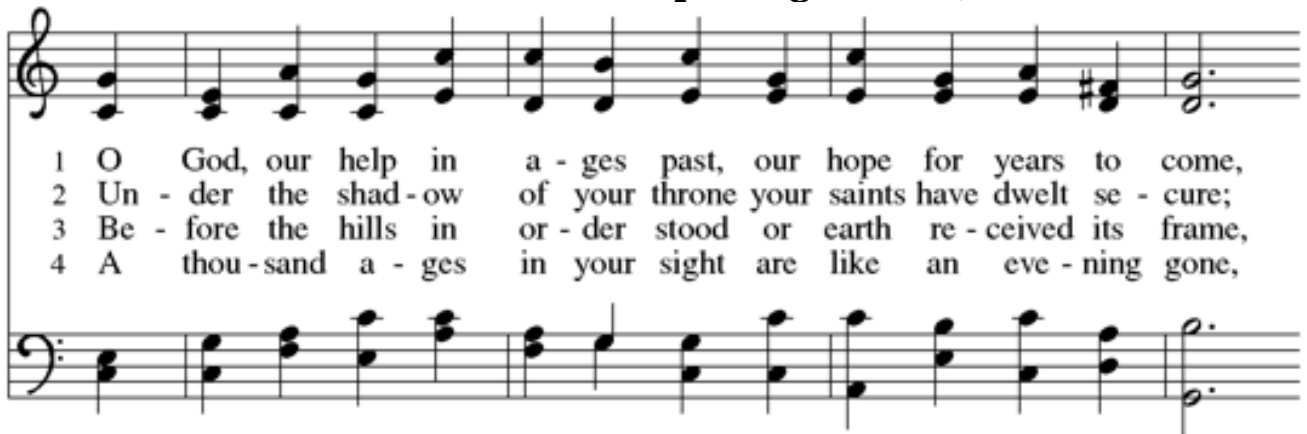
Silence for reflection

+ THE TOLLING OF THE REMEMBRANCE BELL & MOMENT OF SILENCE +
Silence for reflection

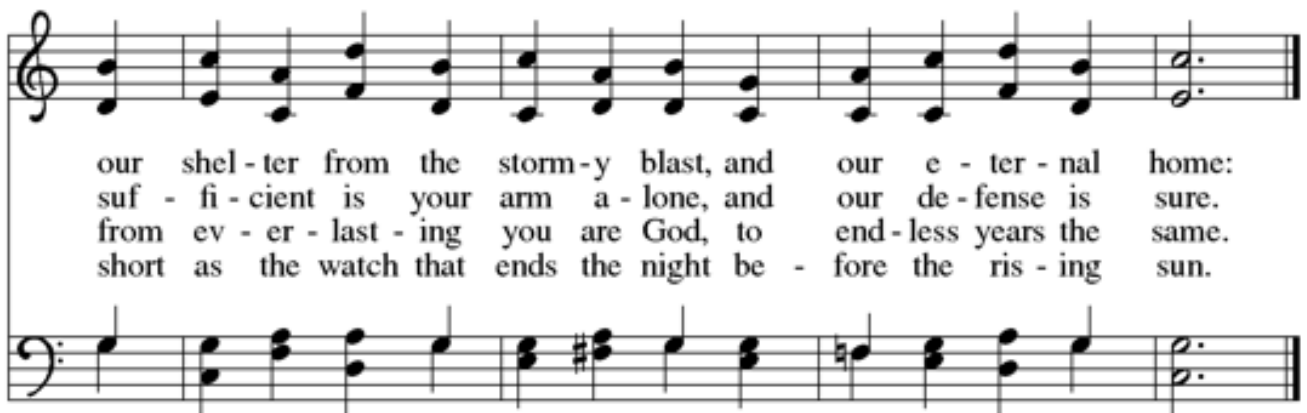
The bell will toll four times. Each ring represents one of the four hijacked planes/crash sites from that morning (North Tower, South Tower, Pentagon, and Shanksville, PA.)

Congregation stands

HYMN OF THE DAY: "O God Our Help In Ages Past", #632



1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
2 Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood or earth re - ceived its frame,
4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone,



our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.
short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all our years away;
we fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the op'ning day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
still be our guard while troubles last
and our eternal home!

CONCLUDING PRAYER & CLOSING DEVOTION

*The Reverend Mark Betti, Pastor
Saint Brendan The Navigator Catholic Church*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

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.

BENEDICTION OR THE BLESSING

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. In the Name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P PRAYER FOR BLESSING OF THE LUNCHEON

(The Pastor offers a table blessing for food and fellowship.)

DISMISSAL

WA Go in the peace of Christ.

C Thanks be to God.

THE POSTLUDE

Tithe & Offering

Today's offering will go to **GSMA** to support local charities, including **The Lord's Food Pantry**.

Fellowship Luncheon

Please join us in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the service for a complimentary luncheon. We extend our gratitude to Saint Luke Lutheran Church for hosting and providing this time of fellowship for our community.

A Prayer for Our Community

Gracious and unifying God, You call us to bear one another's burdens and to walk together in love. Today, we pray for the greater Shallotte community and all the neighborhoods, congregations, and families represented here.

In a world that can often feel divided, we thank You for the bond that brings us together today. We ask that You bless our towns, our schools, and our homes with a deep spirit of cooperation and mutual care. Strengthen our local leaders, our first responders, and all those who work daily to keep our neighborhoods safe and vibrant.

Where there is hurt in our community, bring Your healing. Where there is loneliness, bring connection. Make us a community that actively looks out for the vulnerable, welcomes the stranger, and offers comfort to those who are weary.

May the remembrance of today inspire us to live with greater kindness, deeper patience, and a shared commitment to building a peaceful future right here where You have placed us.

In Your Holy Name, We Pray. Amen.

--Thank you for worshiping with us today--

The following members assisted with today's worship service with live streaming:

Presider: The Reverend Dr. Christian Eichorn, Pastor, Saint Luke Lutheran Church

AV Team: Ed & Marie Keating

Bell Ringer: Pam Eichorn

Concluding Prayer: The Reverend Mark Betti, Pastor,
St. Brendan The Navigator Catholic Church

Greeters: Joan Eccard, Pam Eichorn

Lector: Katherine Moore | **Music:** Tim Brown

Ushers: Ron and Karen Clark, Becky Overcash, Beverly Werner

A Special Note of Gratitude

"We extend our deepest appreciation to **Chief Tal Grissett** and the comrades of Grissettown-Longwood Fire & Rescue.

Thank you for honoring our 9/11 Commemoration Service with your presence and for bringing out your fire engine. Displaying **eight generations** of service and firefighting tradition beautifully reflects the enduring spirit of sacrifice and community we honor today. We are forever grateful for your continued service."



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