

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

To reach out to all, proclaiming God's love in Jesus Christ

1600 Fowler Avenue, Berwick, PA (570) 752-3737

Sunday morning worship, 8:30AM

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Second Sunday after Pentecost

June 22nd, 2025

8:30 am

Good Morning and Welcome !

About our church

*We are a group of Christians who do our best to live our faith. Sometimes we falter and we often fall short of the glory of God. Because of this, we celebrate God's abundant grace poured out through the love of Jesus Christ. It is this same love that inspires us to carry out our mission statement - **reaching out to all proclaiming God's love in Jesus Christ** - so that everyone would know of the freeing, redeeming, calming, peaceful love of God.*

About our worship

Here at Good Shepherd, we marry the reverence of "high liturgy" with a relaxed, contemporary feel. What does that mean? First, the word - liturgy - means "the work of the people." So our worship is our collective effort to place God on the throne of our hearts. Second, the word - high - refers to the high degree of reverence given to God's presence in our midst. You may see people bow toward or before the altar and the cross or tracing the sign of the cross on their bodies at certain points in worship. You may also notice people clapping in celebration or responding to a question asked in the sermon. Join in as you feel comfortable!

Navigating our bulletin

*Italicized text is there to help orient you to our worship. Plain text (like this) is meant for the leader to read. Plain, bold text (**like this**) indicates the congregational response. Join in as you feel comfortable! We do use a hymnal here at Good Shepherd. You will find a green and blue hymnal in the pew rack in front of you. Each hymn is numbered. Join in the singing as you are comfortable!*

COUNCIL UPDATE

The Congregational Council is in active discussion with our Synod representatives and our colleagues at Christ Episcopal Church to begin the Call process. If anyone has questions please feel free to contact John Widger via phone 570 204-1286 or email at jwidg54@gmail.com.

Anyone interested in becoming a Council Member -please submit your name to Dr. John Widger, the office, or any Council Member.

Music Prelude

Call to Worship

Rise in body or spirit

Processional Hymn - Green- No. 517 - “ Praise to the Father”

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Merciful God,
you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life.
Amen.

You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith. In the cross of + Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.
Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord God, we bring before you the cries of a sorrowing world. In your mercy set us free from the chains that bind us, and defend us from everything that is evil, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen

Please be seated

FIRST READING: Isaiah 65:1-9

¹I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask, to be found by those who did not seek me. I said, "Here I am, here I am," to a nation that did not call on my name.²I held out my hands all day long to a rebellious people, who walk in a way that is not good, following their own devices; ³a people who provoke me to my face continually, sacrificing in gardens and offering incense on bricks; ⁴who sit inside tombs, and spend the night in secret places; who eat swine's flesh, with broth of abominable things in their vessels;

⁵who say, "Keep to yourself, do not come near me, for I am too holy for you." These are a smoke in my nostrils, a fire that burns all day long. ⁶See, it is written before me: I will not keep silent, but I will repay; I will indeed repay into their laps ⁷their iniquities and their ancestors' iniquities together, says the LORD; because they offered incense on the mountains and reviled me on the hills, I will measure into their laps full payment for their actions. ⁸Thus says the LORD: As the wine is found in the cluster, and they say, "Do not destroy it, for there is a blessing in it," so I will do for my servants' sake, and not destroy them all. ⁹I will bring forth descendants from Jacob, and from Judah inheritors of my mountains; my chosen shall inherit it, and my servants shall settle there.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

PSALM: Psalm 22:19-28

¹⁹But you, O LORD, be not far away; O my help, hasten to my aid.

²⁰**Deliver me from the sword,
my life from the power of the dog.**

²¹Save me from the lion's mouth!
From the horns of wild bulls you have rescued me.

²²**I will declare your name to my people;
in the midst of the assembly I will praise you.**

²³You who fear the LORD, give praise! All you of Jacob's line, give glory. Stand in awe of the LORD, all you off-spring of Israel.

²⁴**For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither is the LORD's face hidden from them;
but when they cry out, the LORD hears them.**

²⁵From you comes my praise in the great assembly; I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the LORD.

²⁶**The poor shall eat and be satisfied. Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts live forever!**

²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD;
all the families of nations shall bow before God.

²⁸**For dominion belongs to the LORD, who rules over the nations.**

SECOND READING: Galatians 3:23-29

²³Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. ²⁴Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by

faith. ²⁵But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, ²⁶for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. ²⁷As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Rise in body or spirit

Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al- le- lu - ia.

The Holy Gospel according Luke the 8th Chapter
Glory to you O Lord

GOSPEL: Luke 8:26-39

²⁶Then Jesus and his disciples arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. ²⁷As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. ²⁸When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me"—²⁹for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) ³⁰Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. ³¹They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss. ³²Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and

the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. ³³Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. ³⁴When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. ³⁵Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. ³⁶Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. ³⁷Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. ³⁸The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, ³⁹Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you. So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

Please be seated

Sermon - The Rev. Canon Veronica Chappell

Rise in body or spirit

The Confession of Faith - The Apostles Creed

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 to the dead. 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Drawn into the embrace of the holy Trinity, we lift our prayers for the wholeness of the church, the world, and all creation.

We pray for the church. Clothe us in Christ, shower us in mercy, send us in love. Strengthen the faith and witness of Christians across the planet and Christians in our community God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for creation. Deliver the earth from disaster, bring forth life amid uncertainty, inspire wonder at all you have made. Sustain all people who delight in the well-being of your creation. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

We pray for the nations. Pave a way to justice, drown the forces of oppression, bring peace on earth. Give leaders the will to turn from war and violence. When people must flee their homes, guide them to safety. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

We pray for people in need. Satisfy all who are poor, soothe those in pain, accompany all who are sick (*especially*). Give perseverance to each of us living with mental illness, and shield us from discrimination due to race, class, gender, or any other human distinction. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

We pray for this assembly. Listen to our cries, come to our aid, make us one. Weave among us the fabric of belonging so that we rejoice in each person gathered here, and enliven our proclamation of how much you have done for us. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Gather all our prayers in your mercy, O God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior

Amen.

Oh God, we pray for your healing

Kim Nespoli, Kristian Keefer, David & Sandy Campbell, Donald Fausnaught, Charlotte Wands, June Swida, Glenbrook Residents, Pray for Peace in our Country, All victims of violence, Mary Hoida, Monte and Bettyanne Kishbach, Emma Shaffer, Lisa Shellhammer, Jamie Raski, Shari Slowick, Sally Wenner, Val, Jean Phillips, Ashlynn Spiker, Susan Confer, Holly Fry, Bill Kreischer, Larry, Family of Robert Williams III, Paul and Deb Lalutko, Joanne Hoida Brown, Michelle Sitler, Family of Michael Matzko, JoAnn Widger

Sharing of the Peace

The peace of the Risen Christ be with you always

And also with you

MEAL

OFFERING PRAYER

Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

P The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**
P Life 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.**

It is indeed right and salutary..... Therefore, we angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy

The musical score for 'Holy, Holy, Holy' is written in G-clef, 4/4 time, and key of D major. It consists of five staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed, bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.'

The Words of Institution - from 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

On the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, 'This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me.' In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

The Lord's Prayer

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

Please be Seated

Invitation to Communion

The kingdom of God is set before you.
Eat and rejoice.

Communion Hymns - Blue No. 776 - "Be Thou My Vision"

Rise in body or spirit

Post Communion Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and
keep you to live in His grace Amen

Post Communion Canticle



Thank-ful hearts and voices raise; tell ev-'ry -
one what God has done. Let all who
seek the Lord rejoice, rejoice and
bear Christ's ho-ly name. Send us, O God, with your
prom-ises, and lead us forth in joy
with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

Post Communion Prayer

Mothering God, you gathered us to your table and we drank
deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neigh-
bors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name.
Amen.

Sending Blessing

The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts; and the life of the Spirit + bless you and give you peace.

Amen

Hymn- Green No. 514 - “O Savior, Precious Savior”

Dismissal

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

The worship is over, now let the service begin!

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Oh God, we thank you for our celebrations

Birthdays

Douglas Johnson 6/23

Douglas Ungemach 6/23

Jessica Nastelli 6/25

Leslie Hoffman 6/27

Kailin Rumfield 6/27

Anniversaries

Samuel and Kelly DeFinnis June 25, 2005

Ron and Diane Wasser June 25, 1983

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Love offering for June will go toward

Vacation Bible School expenses

***We welcome The Rev. Canon Veronica Chappell and thank
her for presiding over our worship service today***

The Sanctuary Candle for June is sponsored

By the Moser and Monroe Family

in Memory of Ginny Moser

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by Louis Moser and Kathaleen Monroe
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by Jodi Walp in memory of her husband, Don
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Leaders in Worship Sunday, June 22nd, 2025

Presiding Minister	<i>Rev. Canon Veronica Chappell</i>
Assisting Minister	Dr. John Widger,
Communion Assistant	Kyler Krumenaker
Lector	Amber Keefer
Usher	Lois Lingousky, Vance Ouimet
Acolyte	Addy Berlin
Altar Guild	Cheryl Collins, Loren Collins
Counting	Dr. John Widger, David DeHaven
Depositor	Peggy Yeastedt
Lock/Unlock	Barry Titus
Live Stream Tech	Brenda Sterner

Sunday, June 29th, 2025

Worship will be a Christ Church beginning at 10:00am

Leaders in Worship Sunday, July 6th, 2025

Presiding Minister	Pastor Wayne Muthler
Assisting Minister	Jan Hoida
Communion Assistant	Lois Lingousky
Lector	Marla Hess
Usher	Sam DeFinnis, Lorraine DeFinnis
Acolyte	Cody Welliver
Altar Guild	Peggy Yeastedt
Counting	Vance Ouimet, Scott Berlin
Depositor	Jackie Titus
Lock/Unlock	Jan Hoida
Live Stream Tech	Brenda Sterner

Weekly Announcements

- **Sunday, June 22nd to Thursday June 26th - 5:30pm - Vacation Bible School** -location has been changed from St. Joseph's to Good Shepherd
- **Monday, June 23rd Book Study - has been moved to Monday, June 30th at 6:00 pm**
- **Sunday, 29th - 10:00am - Fifth Sunday,- Services will be held at Christ Church beginning at 10:00am**
- **Sunday, July 6th- Worship Service / Installation of Council**

Announcements

All upcoming dates and events are sent out via e-mail every Wednesday over Gloo. If not receiving this, please contact Jan in the office.

Any youth interested in participating in a YOUTH GROUP are invited to contact Lisa Walker via email or text at (walkerla88@gmail.com or 570-690-0699) Everyone is welcome!

Monday, June 23rd Book Study - is moved to Monday, June 30th at 6:00 pm

Upcoming Basket Raffle - August 23rd - Contact Lisa Walker 570-690-0699 for more information. Please bring in your donated baskets so that we can begin to post pictures of them on social media. Proceeds will go toward the purchase of a New Electronic Sign to replace the old one that is in front of the Church

Last Week's Offering	6-15-25
Budgeted Offering	\$ 1,538.46
Actual Offering	\$ 1,276.00
Difference	\$ -262.46
Attendance	58