

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

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

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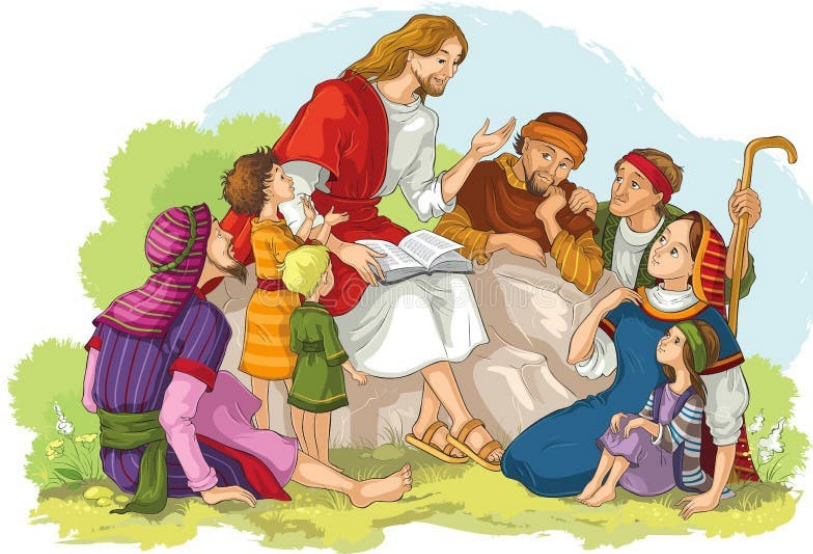
Sunday morning worship, 8:30AM

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Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 27th, 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 call process is underway. The Ministry Site Profile has been completed and will be released in the near future. At this time the Council is asking for volunteers who would like to be considered to serve on the Call Committee. Please contact John Widger at either 570-204-1286 or at jwidg54@gmail.com. You can also contact any council member or call the church office.

Music Prelude

Call to Worship

Rise in body or spirit

Processional Hymn - Green No. 439 -

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

Amen.

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

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

Almighty and ever-living God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us your abundant mercy. Forgive us those things that weigh on our conscience, and give us those good things that come only through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**

Please be seated

FIRST READING: Genesis 18:20-32

²⁰Then the LORD said, "How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! ²¹I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know." ²²So the men turned from there, and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the LORD. ²³Then Abraham came near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked?" ²⁴Suppose

there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it?

²⁵Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?"

²⁶And the LORD said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake." ²⁷Abraham answered, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the LORD, I who am but dust and ashes. ²⁸Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." ²⁹Again he spoke to him, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." ³⁰Then he said, "Oh do not let the LORD be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." ³¹He said, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the LORD. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." ³²Then he said, "Oh do not let the LORD be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it."

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

PSALM: Psalm 138

¹I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart;
before the gods I will sing your praise.

²**I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your steadfast love and faithfulness; for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.**

³When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me.

⁴**All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O LORD,
when they have heard the words of your mouth.**

⁵They will sing of the ways of the LORD,
that great is the glory of the LORD.

⁶**The LORD is high, yet cares for the lowly,
perceiving the haughty from afar.**

⁷Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.

⁸**You will make good your purpose for me; O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works of your hands.**

SECOND READING: Colossians 2:6-15 [16-19]

⁶As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, ⁷rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. ⁸See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. ⁹For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. ¹¹In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; ¹²when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. ¹³And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, ¹⁴erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it. ¹⁶Therefore do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food and drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or sabbaths. ¹⁷These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. ¹⁸Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, dwelling on visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, ¹⁹and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth that is from God.

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 11th Chapter
Glory to you O Lord

GOSPEL: Luke 11:1-13

¹Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." ²He said to them, "When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come.

³Give us each day our daily bread. ⁴And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial."

⁵And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; ⁶for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' ⁷And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' ⁸I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs. ⁹So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. ¹⁰For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. ¹¹Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? ¹²Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? ¹³If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

Please be seated

Sermon - Father David Bateman

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

In solidarity with all creation, we join our voice to the voice of the whole church and pray for the needs of the world.

Loving God, create in your church a desire for union with you in prayer. Raise up leaders to teach Christ's devotion to prayer and model Christ's way of prayer, until all people experience prayerful intimacy with you. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Reveal to humanity the sacredness of all creation. With the breath of your Spirit, realign the balances of nature. Grant persistence in prayer and action for the sake of the earth, our common home. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Teach rulers of the earth to sing of your ways, caring for the lowly and having no preference for the powerful. Direct the heart of every person to seek your will on earth as in heaven. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

To all whose prayers are cries for help, give your good gifts, and satisfy their deepest needs. (*We pray especially for . . .*) Gather them to your constant, loving presence, that they may rest in the confidence of life with you. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Trusting in your lovingkindness, we place our prayer and hope in you, in the name of Jesus Christ.

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, Emma Shaffer, Lisa Shellhammer, Jamie Raski, Shari Slowick, Sally Wenner, Jean Phillips, Holly Fry, Terri Cooper, Karen Kishbach, Stephanie Glassman, Bruce Gilbert, Maze Hunter, Dave, Tab and Bill Naus, Family of Jerry Slowick, Monte Kishbach, Shawna

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



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 - "Sweet Hour of Prayer" (see insert)

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 voice - es raise; tell ev- 'ry -
one what God has done. Let all who
seek the Lord re - jice, re - jice and
bear Christ's ho - ly name. Send us, O God, with your
prom - is - es, 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 neighbors 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- Blue No.721 - “Go, My Children, with My Blessing”

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

Lorraine DeFinnis 7/30

Michael Rehrig 7/31

Gloria Ermish 7/31

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***Love offering for July will go toward
VBS expenses***

***We welcome Father David Bateman for presiding over
our worship service today***

***The Sanctuary Light for July is sponsored
To the Glory of God
By Scott and Jen Berlin***

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***The Altar Flowers are in Honor of
Our BaBa's (Lorraine) Birthday
From Ellie and Emily Ouimet and Samuel DeFinnis***

Leaders in Worship Sunday, July 27th, 2025

Presiding Minister	Fr. David Bateman
Assisting Minister	Marilee Ungemach
Communion Assistant	Beck Dows
Lector	Addy Berlin
Usher	Lisa Walker, Brent Carder
Acolyte	Chris Kemp
Altar Guild	Peggy Yeastedt
Counting	Stephanie Jones, Scott Berlin
Depositor	Jackie Titus
Lock/Unlock	Jan Hoida
Live Stream Tech	Brenda Sterner

Leaders in Worship Sunday, August 3rd, 2025

Presiding Minister	Pr. Wayne Muthler
Assisting Minister	Amber Keefer
Communion Assistant	Dr. John Widger
Lector	Madison Cragle
Usher	Marilee Ungemach, Stephanie Jones
Acolyte	David DeHaven
Altar Guild	Sandy Sterner
Counting	Stephanie Jones, Skip Gogle
Depositor	Jackie Titus
Lock/Unlock	Skip Gogle
Live Stream Tech	Brenda Sterner

Last Week's Offering	7-20-25
Budgeted Offering	\$ 1,538.46
Actual Offering	\$ 1,465.00
Difference	\$ -73.46
Attendance	63

Weekly Announcements

Sunday, August 3rd -8:30am - Worship Service

Announcements

Stuff the Bus - See bulletin insert -
deadline for donations is August 17th

Good Shepherd hats have arrived. If you did not order, we do
have extras. They are \$10 each.

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!

Wednesday, August 6th- 6:30pm - 8:00pm

Mini Golf at Tee-To-Green Golf Center - Danville, Pa.

Deadline to signup is July 27th. See Theresa Wark for details.

Everyone is Welcome! (Rain date is Thursday, August 7th)

Thursday, August 14th – 6:00pm Young Adults

**Sunday, August 17th- 8:30am - Worship Service - Blessings of
the School Bus items, Backpacks and Teachers during worship
service**

Wednesday, August 20th – 6:00pm - S'mores Jesus

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