

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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Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 20th, 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 526 - "Immortal, Invisible"

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

Eternal God, you draw near to us in Christ, and you make yourself our guest. Amid the cares of our lives, make us attentive to your presence, that we may treasure your word above all else, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen

Please be seated

FIRST READING: Genesis 18:1-10a

¹The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. ²He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. ³He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. ⁴Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest

yourselves under the tree. ⁵Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." ⁶And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." ⁷Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. ⁸Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate. ⁹They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." ^{10a}Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son."

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

PSALM: Psalm 15

¹LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle?
 Who may abide upon your ¹ holy hill?
²**Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right,
 who speak the truth ¹ from their heart;**
³they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their
 friends; they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.
⁴**In their sight the wicked are rejected,
 but they honor those who fear the LORD.
 They have sworn upon their health and do not take
 back their word.**
⁵They do not give their money in hope of gain,
 nor do they take bribes against the innocent.
 Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.
 and teach the lowly your way.

SECOND READING: Colossians 1:15-28

¹⁵Christ Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; ¹⁶for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him God was pleased to

reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. ²¹And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²²he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him—²³provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel. ²⁴I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. ²⁵I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, ²⁶the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. ²⁷To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. ²⁸It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

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 10th Chapter
Glory to you O Lord

GOSPEL: Luke 10:38-42

³⁸Now as Jesus and his disciples went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. ³⁹She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. ⁴⁰But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." ⁴¹But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; ⁴²there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

Please be seated

Sermon - Pastor Wayne Muthler

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.

Inspire your church, like Sarah and Mary, to listen with eager longing for your words of life. Equip biblical interpreters and teachers with faithful discernment, that your word may be more fully known. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Every creature under heaven has been promised the hope of the gospel. From that promise, generate in humankind an eagerness to

protect and care for creation. Bring healing to the earth with your words of life. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Speak your word of comfort to any who suffer pain, illness, grief, depression, or despair (*especially*). Bring honor to any who experience slander and evil intent or are discredited by others.

God of grace,

hear our prayer.

For Abraham, Sarah, Hagar, Mary, Martha, and all the saints who attended to your word, we give thanks. Open our ears to your voice until that day when we realize the promise of the gospel with all creation. 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, Val Donahue, Jean Phillips, Susan Confer, Holly Fry, Joanne Hoida Brown, JoAnn Widger, Terri Cooper, Karen Kishbach, Stephanie Glassman, Bruce Gilbert, Family and friends of Bob Kalie, Maze Hunter, Dave, Tab and Bill Naus

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 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 - Green No. 296 - "Just as I Am"

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- Green No. 549

“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”

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

Robert Steibing 7/21

Susan Cragle 7/22

Elias Sitler 7/23

Ron Wasser 7/23

Dick Laubach 7/23

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

***We welcome Pastor Wayne Muthler 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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Leaders in Worship Sunday, July 20th, 2025

Presiding Minister	Pastor Wayne Muthler
Assisting Minister	Romona Ritter
Communion Assistant	Marilee Ungemach
Lector	Stephanie Jones
Usher	Skip Gogle, Kim Scheirer
Acolyte	Josh Feudale
Altar Guild	Peggy Yeastedt
Counting	Vance Ouimet, Scott Berlin
Depositor	Jackie Titus
Lock/Unlock	Jan Hoida
Live Stream Tech	Brenda Sterner

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

Last Week's Offering	7-13-25
Budgeted Offering	\$ 1,538.46
Actual Offering	\$ 2,983.00
Difference	\$ +1,444.54
Attendance	62

Weekly Announcements

- **Wednesday, July 23rd -6:00pm - S'mores Jesus**
"Christmas in July"

Announcements

The Discipleship Committee is having a card shower for Sheri Slowick, who recently had surgery.
Shari's address is: 262 Slowick Hill Road, Berwick, Pa. 18603

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)

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