

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

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

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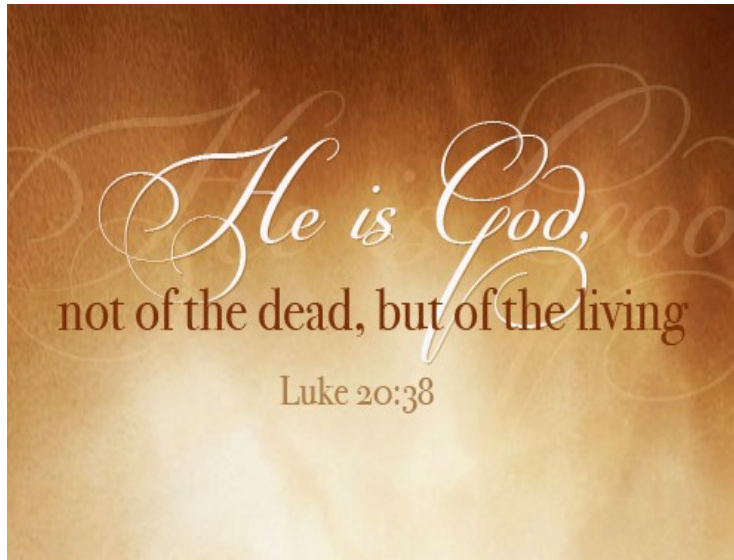
Sunday morning worship, 8:30AM

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22nd Sunday after Pentecost

November 9th, 2025

8:30am

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

Thank you to all who volunteered to serve on the Call Committee. The Council has selected - Addy Berlin, Michele Ouimet, Kim Scheirer, and Peggy Yeastedt as our Call Committee.

Please feel free to contact John Widger at either 570-204-1286 or jwidg54@gmail.com. You can also contact any council member for updates on the Call Process

Music Prelude

Call to Worship

Rise in body or spirit

**Processional Hymn- Green No. 332 -
“ Battle Hymn of the Republic”**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

**Faithful God, you have shown us the ways of your heart,
yet we stray from your paths. We are stuck in sinful systems of
oppression and do not embrace the freedom of your faithful
promises. We ignore our neighbors. We exploit the earth.
We reject your abundance, trusting our impulses instead of
your steadfast love. Repair our relationships, restore what we
have broken, renew our hearts, and bring us to new life. Amen.**

Hear the good news: God the Faithful One loves you, + in Christ
Jesus your sins are forgiven, and by the power of the Holy Spirit
you are set free.

Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, our eternal redeemer, by the presence of your Spirit you
renew and direct our hearts. Keep always in our mind the end of all
things and the day of judgment. Inspire us for a holy life here, and
bring us to the joy of the resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our
Savior and Lord.

Please be seated

FIRST READING: Job 19:23-27a

²³"O that my words were written down! O that they were inscribed
in a book! ²⁴O that with an iron pen and with lead they were en-
graved on a rock forever! ²⁵For I know that my Redeemer lives, and
that at the last he will stand upon the earth; ²⁶and after my skin has
been thus destroyed, then in my flesh I shall see God, ^{27a}whom I
shall see on my side, and my eyes shall behold, and not another."

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

PSALM: Psalm 17:1-9

- ¹Hear a just cause, O LORD; give heed to my cry;
listen to my prayer, which does not come from lying lips.
- ²**Let my vindication come forth from your presence;
let your eyes be fixed on justice.**
- ³Examine my heart, visit me by night,
melt me down; you will find no impurity in me.
- ⁴**I have not regarded what others do; at the word of your lips I
have avoided the ways of the violent.**
- ⁵My footsteps hold fast to your well-worn path;
and my feet do not slip.
- ⁶**I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me;
incline your ear to me and hear my words.**
- ⁷Show me your marvelous lovingkindness,
O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand from those
who rise against them.
- ⁸**Keep me as the apple of your eye;
hide me under the shadow of your wings,**
- ⁹from the wicked who assault me,
from my deadly enemies who surround me.

SECOND READING: 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

- ¹As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, ²not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. ³Let no one deceive you in any way; for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. ⁴He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God.
- ⁵Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you? ¹³But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. ¹⁴For this purpose he called you through our proclamation of the good news, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁵So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter. ¹⁶Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and

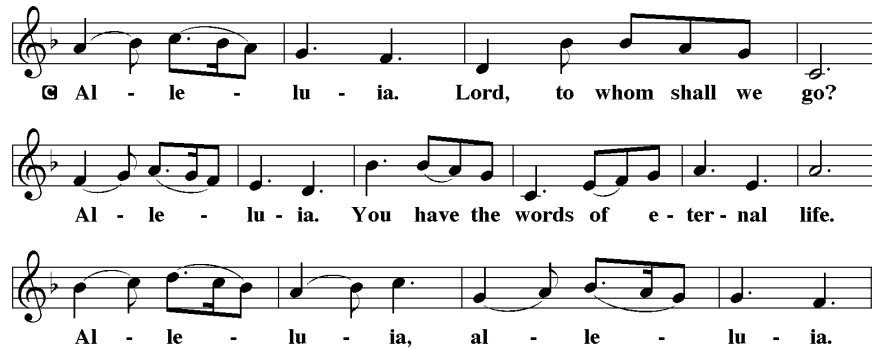
through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, ¹⁷ comfort
your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

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

The Holy Gospel according Luke the 20th Chapter
Glory to you O Lord

GOSPEL: Luke 20:27-38

²⁷Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to Jesus ²⁸and asked him a question, "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. ²⁹Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless; ³⁰then the second ³¹and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. ³²Finally the woman also died. ³³In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her." ³⁴Jesus said to them, "Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; ³⁵but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. ³⁶Indeed they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. ³⁷And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. ³⁸Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive."

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

Please be seated

Sermon: Fr. Fred Stevenson

Recognition of our Service Men

Donald Bardo	Hondo Galutia	David Jacoby
Monte Kishbach	Dick Laubach	Michael Lewis
Mark Mitstifer	Louis W. Mower	Clem Ritter
Gary Stair	Ray Sterner	Barry Titus
Robert Ungemach	Fr. Fred Stevenson	

Choir Anthem - "In the Shadow of Your Wings"

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

God our Redeemer, bless your church universal and its leaders. Set all hearts on you from generation to generation in anticipation of Christ's return. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of life, we give thanks for the fruits and grains of harvest, for rivers and streams, for all that is made of rock and iron. Renew the earth's natural resources and the lands from which they come. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of justice, we give thanks for the service of our veterans and pray for those needing support for wounds of any kind. Strengthen those charged with the governance and protection of vulnerable populations. Bring an end to war throughout the world. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God who leads us to belief and truth, we give thanks that you are always and already here. Nurture and support those who are unsteady in mind, unsafe in spirit, or unwell in body (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God who gathers us together, we give thanks for our pastors and deacons, teachers and musicians, administrators, and building caretakers. May they find joy in leadership as we grow in faith together. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We offer these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your grace and unyielding love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

Oh God, we pray for your healing

Kristian Keefer, David & Sandy Campbell, June Swida, Donald Fausnaught, Charlotte Wands, All victims of violence, Pray for Peace in our Country, Glenbrook Residents, Mary Hoida, Emma Shaffer, Lisa Shellhammer, Jamie Raski, Shari Slowick, Val Donahue, Holly Fry, Terri Cooper, Shawna, Diane Wasser, Charlotte Wasser, Emily Gomez, Ashlyn Spiker, Ray Sterner, Bettyanne and Monte Kishbach, Wayne and Chris Kemp, Alex, Kelly and Susan Stout and family, Family of Sally Wenner, Family of Norman Fedder, Family of David Champ, Family of Edna Mae Belles, Family of Joy Hack, Rob Kobe, Paul and Debbie Zalutko; Family of Kim Nespoli

Sharing of the Peace

The peace of the Risen Christ be with you always

And also with you

OFFERING PRAYER

God of healing and hope, you bless those who are hungry, promising to fill them with good things. Fulfill that promise through us and these your gifts. Nourish us with the abundance of your feast and unite us into the blessed body of Jesus Christ our Savior, now and forever.

Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Life up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
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, God of pow-er and
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. 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

There is a place for you at the table of God.

Come, receive the food that does not perish, a taste of life eternal.

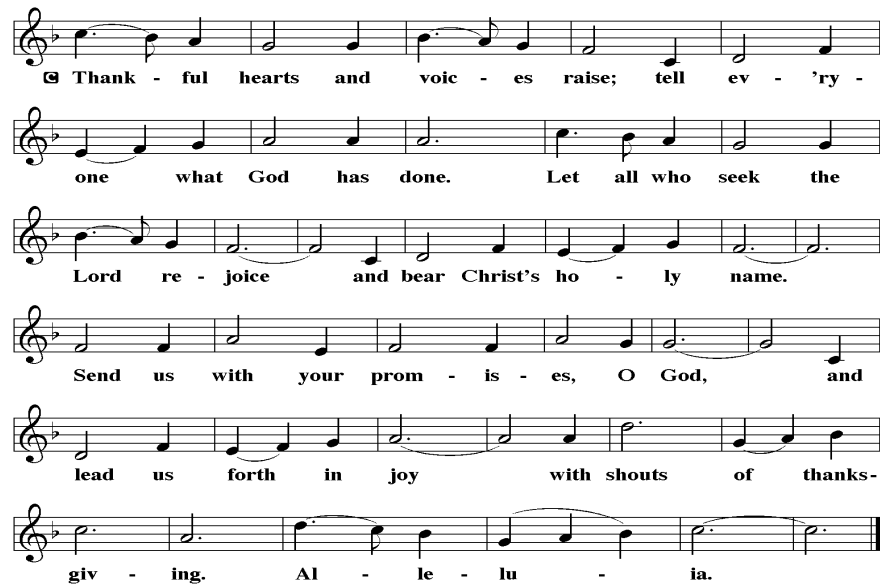
Communion Hymn - "This is my Song" - insert

Please join the choir in singing "Sweet, Sweet, Spirit" - 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



Post Communion Prayer

God of field and flower, wheat and grape, you have nourished us with the bread of heaven that gives life to the world. Strengthened by the body and blood of your Son, send us out to gather your good gifts for all who hunger and thirst, and embolden us to love and serve in Christ's name. **Amen.**

Sending Blessing

The love of God the Sovereign strengthen you, God the Son save you, and God the Holy Spirit anoint you for the work ahead. The holy Trinity bless you + and grant you a faithful and courageous heart now and forever. **Amen.**

Hymn- Green No. 467 - “Eternal Father, Strong to Save”

Dismissal

Go in peace. Share the harvest.

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

Jacob BenKinney	11/09
Monte Kishbach	11/11
Scott Berlin	11/11
Kelly DeFinnis	11/14
Samuel James DeFinnis II	11/14
Candee Orlando	11/15

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Anniversaries

Dick and Jan Laubach 11/12/1982

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The Altar Flowers are placed in Honor and Gratitude for
Veteran’s Day and for all who have served
by Brenda Sterner

Love offering for November will go to the Salvation Army

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The Sanctuary Light for November is sponsored
by Lisa and Brent Carder

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Worship Leaders, Sunday, November 9, 2025

Presiding Minister	Fr. Fred Stevenson
Assisting Minister	Vance Ouimet
Communion Assistant	Stephanie Jones
Lector	Beck Dows
Usher	Sam DeFinnis, Lorraine DeFinnis
Acolyte	Josh Feudale
Altar Guild	Robert and Marilyn Ungemach
Counting	David Jacoby, Lois Lingousky
Depositor	Peggy Yeastedt
Lock/Unlock	Skip Gogle
Live Stream Tech	Brenda Sterner

Worship Leaders, Sunday, November 16, 2025

Presiding Minister	Pr Fred Muthler
Assisting Minister	Marilee Ungemach
Communion Assistant	Chris Kemp
Lector	Jan Hoida
Usher	Donna Lynn, Dr. John Widger
Acolyte	Cody Welliver
Altar Guild	Robert and Marilyn Ungemach
Counting	David Jacoby, Lois Lingousky
Depositor	Peggy Yeastedt
Lock/Unlock	Skip Gogle
Live Stream Tech	Brenda Sterner

Last Week	11-2-2025
Budgeted Offering	\$ 1,538.46
Actual Offering	\$ 2,035.45
Difference	\$ + 496.99
Attendance	65

Weekly Announcements

**Thank you to everyone who brought in goods for
“HARVEST HOME”**

- **Sunday, November 9th at 3:00 pm** local musicians, vocal groups, and instrumentalist will present the annual **Music Fest** at the First Methodist Church. Refreshments will be served.
- **Tuesday, November 11th- 11:00am.**
“Bless our Veterans” Ceremony at the Berwick YMCA.
- **Wednesday, November 12th - 9:00 am - Bible Study - Basic Bible Stories**
- **Thursday, November 13th - 6:00pm - Committee Meetings**
7:00pm - Council Meeting
- **Thursday, November 13th - 6:00pm – Young Adults**
- **Sunday Funday - November 16th at 5:00 pm -** Come share in fellowship and a **Thanksgiving meal**. There is a signup sheet on the table in the Narthex if you care to share in bringing food items to this meal. The turkey is provided. Meet in the Fellowship Hall.
- **Monday, November 17th - 6:00pm - Book Study “The Case for Christ” by Lee Strobel in the Parlor.**
- **Sunday, November 23rd - 3:00pm - Community Thanksgiving Service at the Salvation Army. There will be a free-will offering taken that will go to Bethany Church Food Pantry.**
- **Toy for Tots -** the donation box is located in the Narthex. Please have all donations in by November 29th.

