

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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Last Sunday after Pentecost

November 23rd, 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 - “Now Thank We All Our God” by Bach
Trumpet - Ron Wasser*

Call to Worship

Rise in body or spirit

Processional Hymn- Green No. 170

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

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 true life, to serve you is freedom, and to know you is
unending joy. We worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to
you for your great glory. Abide with us, reign in us, and make this
world into a fit habitation for your divine majesty, through Jesus
Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the
Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

Please be seated

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 23:1-6

¹Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my
pasture! says the LORD. ²Therefore thus says the LORD, the God
of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is
you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and
you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil
doings, says the LORD. ³Then I myself will gather the remnant of
my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will

bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD. ⁵The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

PSALM: Psalm 46

¹God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.
²**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,
and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;**
³though its waters rage and foam, and though the mountains
tremble with its tumult.
⁴**There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.**
⁵God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken;
God shall help it at the break of day.
⁶**The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake;
God speaks, and the earth melts away.**
⁷The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
⁸**Come now, regard the works of the LORD,
what desolations God has brought upon the earth;**
⁹behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world;
who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear,
and burns the shields with fire.
¹⁰**"Be still, then, and know that I am God; I will be exalted
among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth."**
¹The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

SECOND READING: Colossians 1:11-20

¹¹May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully ¹²giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light.
¹³He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us

into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. ¹⁵He 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.

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 23rd Chapter

Glory to you O Lord

GOSPEL: Luke 23:33-43

³³When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. ³⁵And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" ³⁶The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, ³⁷and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" ³⁸There was also an inscription over him,

"This is the King of the Jews."³⁹ One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!"⁴⁰ But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?"⁴¹ And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong."⁴² Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."⁴³ He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

Please be seated

Sermon: Fr. Fred Stevenson

Choir Anthem - "Holy True and Faithful God "

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

Gathered with one voice, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

We pray for the church in the world, its leaders, and its mission to share the good news of healing and restoration. Inspire us to embody the beloved community in ways that faithfully witness to the Holy Spirit. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great

We pray for leaders and advocates in government, civic life, and public safety. Support equity across the globe, and heal division with accountability and truth. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for any who are hungry, living in poverty or desperation, weary in body or spirit, or sick (*especially*). Comfort all in need of your tender care. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for this part of the body of Christ gathered around word and sacrament. Bring us into authentic community where all ages are valued and experience God's faithfulness 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, Emily Gomez, Ashlyn Spiker, Ray Sterner, Bettyanne and Monte Kishbach, Wayne and Chris Kemp, Alex, Evelyn Kemp, Doug Johnson, Jessica Hacker, Frank Knorr, Tracy Miller, The Family of Jamison Styer.

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

Invitation to Communion

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

Come, receive the food that does not perish.

Please be seated

Hymn - Green No. 534 - “Now Thank We All Our God”

*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



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

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. 407 -“Come, You Thankful People, Come”

Dismissal

Go in peace. Share the harvest.

Thanks be to God.

The worship is over, now let the service begin!

Oh God, we thank you for our celebrations

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Birthdays

Lisa Jacoby Diffenbaugh 11/24

Matt Yeastedt 11/26

Skip Gogle 11/27

Cody Welliver 11/29

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Anniversaries

Terry and Diane McMichael 11/27/98

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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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Last Week	11-16-2025
Budgeted Offering	\$ 1,538.46
Actual Offering	\$ 3,097.00
Difference	\$ +1,558.54
Attendance	75

Worship Leaders, Sunday, November 23, 2025

Presiding Minister	Fr. Fred Stevenson
Assisting Minister	Dr. John Widger
Communion Assistant	Owen Berlin
Lector	Skip Gogle
Usher	Peggy and Matt Yeastedt
Acolyte	David DeHaven
Altar Guild	Robert and Marilyn Ungemach
Counting	David Jacoby, Lois Lingousky
Depositor	Peggy Yeastedt
Lock/Unlock	Skip Gogle
Live Stream Tech	Brenda Sterner

**Worship Service - Sunday November 30th
Christ Church 10:00am**

Worship Leaders, Sunday, December 7th, 2025

Presiding Minister	Pr. Wayne Muthler
Assisting Minister	Beck Dows
Communion Assistant	Kyler Krumenaker
Lector	Jen Berlin
Usher	Skip Gogle, Kim Scheirer
Acolyte	Carson Witner
Altar Guild	Kim Scheirer
Counting	Cheryl Collins, David DeHaven
Depositor	Jackie Titus
Lock/Unlock	Barry Titus
Live Stream Tech	Brenda Sterner

Locking of church doors - Unfortunately, we have once again starting locking the main church doors after worship service has begun. This is done for the safety of our congregation. If you see that somewhat would like to enter after worship has started, please see an usher before letting them in.

Weekly Announcements

- **Sunday, November 23rd - 3:00pm - Community Thanks-giving Service at the Salvation Army. There will be a free-will offering taken that will go to Bethany Church Food Pantry.**
- **Monday, November 24th - 6:00pm - Book Study “The Case for Christ” by Lee Strobel in the Parlor. Chapters 4-6**
- **Tuesday, November 25th - Deadline for ordering Poinsettias**
- **Wednesday, November 26th - 9:00 am - Bible Study**
- **November 26th - NO Service of Healing - May you all have a Blessed Thanksgiving.**
- **Toy for Tots - the donation box is located in the Narthex. Please have all donations in by November 29th.**



Sunday, November 30th - Services will be at Christ Church beginning at 10:00 am.

- **Sunday, November 30th - 3:00 pm Advent Tea at Wesley United Methodist Church in Nescopeck. All ladies of Good Shepherd are invited.**
- **Monday, December 1st - 6:00 pm - “Decorating for Advent and Christmas”. Meet in the Sanctuary.**
- **Friday, December 5th – 3:00 -6:00pm - Spaghetti Dinner - \$10 Take Out Only Meal Includes Spaghetti, Salad, Bread, Drink, and Dessert**
- **Sunday, December 7 - deadline for Gifts fulfilling Glenbrook resident Wish Lists**
- **Friday, January 2-4, 2026 “Winterfest- Better Together” see insert. Registration Deadline - December 7th. Contact Linda Romanak with any questions. Phone: 717-919- 7653 Email: linjanrom@gmail.com**