

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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Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

February 8th, 2026

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- Blue No. 654- “Alleluia, Song of Gladness”

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the Creator of heaven and earth, the Word who spoke life into being, the Wind stirring the waters. **Amen.**

Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely. **Mighty God, lover of justice, you call us to life in community, but we have served our own interests at the expense of our neighbors. We have sown deceit where honesty was needed. We say the right words, but our hearts are far from you. Turn us to seek your face. Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ, that we may do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.**

The former things have passed away, and new things God now declares: Like a spring of water that never fails, God covers you in the righteousness of Christ, and forgives your sin + in Jesus’ name. May the Spirit give you strength to live for others, and bless you with the gift of peace. **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord God, with endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you. By your Spirit show us the things we ought to do, and give us the grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Please be seated

FIRST READING: Isaiah 58:1-9a, 9b-12

¹ Shout out; do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. ² Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments; they want God on their side. ³ “Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?” Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day and oppress all your workers. ⁴ You fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice

heard on high. ⁵ Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord? ⁶ Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? ⁷ Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them and not to hide yourself from your own kin? ⁸ Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you; the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. ^{9a} Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, "Here I am." ^{9b} If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, ¹⁰ if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. ¹¹ the Lord will guide you continually and satisfy your needs in parched places and make your bones strong, and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water whose waters never fail. ¹² Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

PSALM: Psalm 112:1-9,10

- ¹ Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the Lord
and have great delight in God's commandments!
- ² **Their descendants will be mighty in the land;
the generation of the upright will be blessed.**
- ³ Wealth and riches will be in their house,
and their righteousness will last forever.
- ⁴ **Light shines in the darkness for the upright;
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.**
- ⁵ It is good for them to be generous in lending
and to manage their affairs with justice.
- ⁶ **For they will never be shaken; the righteous will be kept in
everlasting remembrance.**
- ⁷ They will not be afraid of any evil rumors;
their heart is steadfast, trusting in the Lord.
- ⁸ **Their heart is established and will not shrink,
until they see their desire upon their enemies.**
- ⁹ They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness
stands fast forever; they will hold up their head with honor.

¹⁰The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and pine away; the desires of the wicked will perish Amen

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

¹⁸The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.” ²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scholar? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of the proclamation, to save those who believe. ²²For Jews ask for signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength. ²⁶Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to abolish things that are, ²⁹so that no one might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰In contrast, God is why you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, ³¹in order that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

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 Matthew the 5th Chapter
Glory to you O Lord

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:13-20

Jesus said: ¹³“You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot. ¹⁴“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵ People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. ¹⁷ “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. ¹⁸ For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹ Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰ For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

Please be seated

Sermon - Father Peter Pearson

Choir Anthem - “*Amazing Grace*”

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

As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our home.

Your church does ministry in many and various ways. Keep the baptized true to the mind of Christ, that our works and witness bring hope to a troubled world. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Your people in every nation suffer injustice, poverty, and the threat of violence. Guide those in authority to govern with compassion, and bring peace to war zones. We pray for our enemies.

Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Your blessings are poured out for all in need. Help and heal any who experience trauma, discrimination, disease, hunger, abuse, or persecution. Comfort those who are sick or grieving (*especially*).

Merciful God,

receive our prayer..

Your saints rejoice at your heavenly banquet. We give thanks for their lives of faith, trusting that we also will be embraced by your eternal love. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus our Savior.

Amen.

Oh God, we pray for your healing

Kristian Keefer, David & Sandy Campbell, June Swida, Charlotte Wands, All victims of violence, Pray for Peace in our Country, Glenbrook Residents, Mary Hoida, Emma Shaffer, Lisa Shellhammer, Shari Slowick, Val Donahue, Bettyanne, Doug Johnson, Joanne Bower, Hurley "Duke" Slusser, Ashlyn Spiker, Frank Knorr, Megan Oliveri, Pat Hons, Gregory, Tamara, Gloria Kundrat, Pr. Warntz, Family of Donald Fausnaught, Gay Weller, Bruce Gilbert and Family, Rob Kobbe, Andrea Lauer, Maureen, Kevin Smith

Sharing of the Peace

The peace of the Risen Christ be with you always

And also with you

OFFERING PRAYER

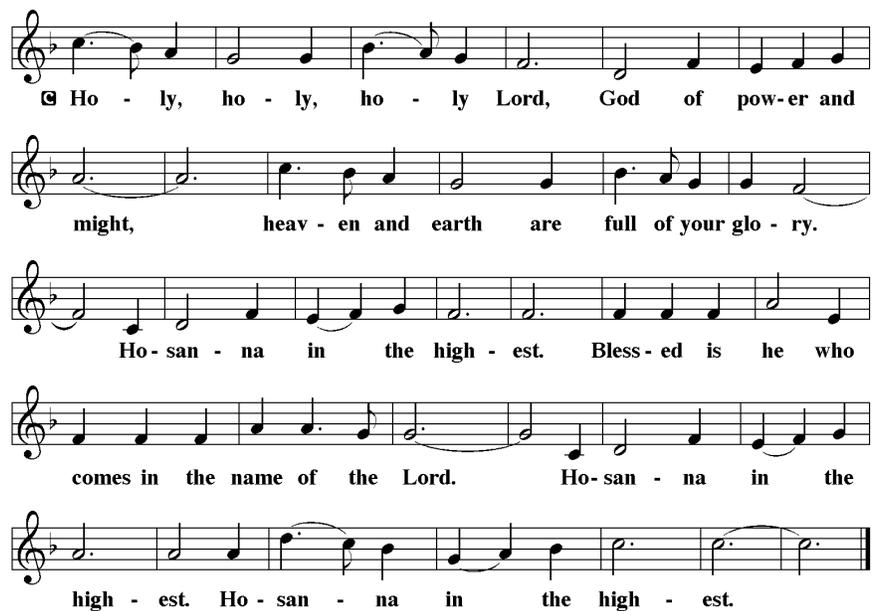
God of majesty, no eye has seen, no ear has heard what you have prepared for those who love you, yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy. Use what we have gathered to feed us with the reign of God come near, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift 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

Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!
Come to the table; taste and see.

Please be seated

**Hymn: Green No. 265 - "Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies"
(see insert) "My Lord, What a Morning"**

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

Radiant God, we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. In the sacrament of his body and blood you have drawn us to your heart. Send us from this table with delight, that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love, and bear witness to all we have seen and heard, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Sending Blessing

May the triune God, who has put a new song in your mouth and tuned your heart for praise + bless you now and forever.

Amen.

Hymn: (see insert) - “This Little Light of Mine”

Dismissal

Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.

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

Bettyanne Kishbach 2/10

Jennifer Berlin 2/11

Mark Ritter 2/12

Kathaleen Monroe 2/14

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***The Sanctuary Light for February is sponsored
In Honor of Bettyanne Kishbach’s 95th Birthday
by Jodi Walp***

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Love offering February will go to Special Needs

Worship Leaders, Sunday, February 8th, 2026

Presiding Minister	Father Peter Pearson
Assisting Minister	Dr. John Widger
Communion Assistant	Owen Berlin
Lector	Addy Berlin
Usher	Vance Ouimet, Donna Lynn
Acolyte	Kyler Krumenaker
Choir Director	Jan Hoida
Organist	Jackie Titus
Altar Guild	Lois Lingousky, Amber Keefer
Counting	Stephanie Jones, Skip Gogle
Depositor	Peggy Yeastedt
Lock/Unlock	Skip Gogle
Live Stream Tech	Brenda Sterner

Worship Leaders, Sunday, February 15th, 2026

Presiding Minister	Pr. Wayne Muthler
Assisting Minister	Beck Dows
Communion Assistant	Kyler Krumenaker
Lector	Amber Keefer
Usher	Matt and Peggy Yeastedt
Acolyte	Josh Feudale
Choir Director	Jan Hoida
Organist	Jackie Titus
Altar Guild	Lois Lingousky, Amber Keefer
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Last Week	02/01/2026
Budgeted Offering	\$ 1,538.46
Actual Offering	\$ 3,635.00
Legacies	\$
Christ Church	\$
TOTAL	\$ 3,635.00
Difference	\$ +2,096.54
Attendance	64

Weekly Announcements

- **Sunday, February 8th - Souper Bowl Sunday - Takeout event in the Parlor** (\$4 Pints/ \$8 Quarts)
Proceeds will be shared between a local food bank and to help purchase candy for the annual Good Shepherd Easter Egg Hunt
- **A big “THANK YOU” to the following people for their generous donation of soup for today's Souper Bowl.**
Amber Keefer, Lisa Carder, Shari Slowick, Matt Yeastedt, Doug Johnson, Lois Lingousky, Carla Jacoby, Beck Dows, Cheryl Collins, Stephanie Jones, Jan Laubach, Jodi Walp Theresa Wark, , Kim Scheirer, Jackie Titus, Susan Confer
- **Monday, February 9th - 6:00pm - Make eggs**
- **Tuesday, February 10th - 9:00am - Coat eggs**
- **Wednesday, February 11th -6:00pm - Choir Rehearsal**
- **Thursday, February 12th - 6:00pm - Make eggs**
- **Friday, February 13th - 9:00am - Coat eggs**
- **Wednesday, February 18th -6:00pm - Choir Rehearsal**
- **Wednesday, February 18th – 7:00pm -Ash Wednesday Service at Good Shepherd**
- **Thursday, February 19th - 6:00pm -Young Adults**
- **Friday, February 20-21st – Youth Retreat “RENEW”
Registration Deadline February 13th**
- **Saturday, February 21st @ 10am...Outreach Committee meet in the Fellowship Hall to sort & fill plastic eggs for the Good Shepherd Community Easter Egg Hunt. All are welcome!**
- **Wednesday, February 25th - 6:00pm - Soup and Sandwiches (Property & Finance)**
- **Wednesday, February 25th - 7:00pm - Lenten Services**
- **2025 Contribution Statements are available in the office**