

## **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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**Seventh Sunday of Easter**

**May 17th , 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](mailto: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. 723* -  
“The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve”**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne  
and to the Lamb!

**Amen.**

Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism. Merciful God,  
you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come. You lead us  
beside still waters. We thank you for the waters of creation:  
morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves. We thank you for the  
waters that nourish us.

Blessed are you.

**You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on our  
journeys. We give you thanks for your life-giving death and  
resurrection. We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow.

Blessed are you.

**You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows.  
Break down barriers that divide us. Fill us with the breath of peace.

Blessed are you.

**You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism,  
and for making us a new creation. We join with saints and angels,  
giving you honor and praise, now and forever.

**Amen.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

O God of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended  
to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering  
and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful  
presence, 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:** Acts 1:6-14

<sup>6</sup> When the apostles had come together, they asked [Jesus], “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” <sup>7</sup> He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup> But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” <sup>9</sup> When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup> While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. <sup>11</sup> They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.” <sup>12</sup> Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day’s journey away. <sup>13</sup> When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying: Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. <sup>14</sup> All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**PSALM:** Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35

<sup>1</sup> Let God arise, and let God’s enemies be scattered;  
let those who hate God flee.

<sup>2</sup> **As smoke is driven away, so you should drive them away;  
as the wax melts before the fire, so let the wicked perish at  
the presence of God.**

<sup>3</sup> But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God;  
let them also be merry and joyful.

<sup>4</sup> **Sing to God, sing praises to God’s name; exalt the one  
who rides the clouds; I Am is that name, rejoice before God!**

<sup>5</sup> In your holy habitation, O God,  
you are a father to orphans, defender of widows;

<sup>6</sup> **you give the solitary a home and bring forth prisoners into  
freedom; but the rebels shall live in desert places.**

<sup>7</sup> O God, when you went forth before your people,  
when you marched through the wilderness,

<sup>8</sup> **the earth quaked, and the skies poured down rain, at the  
presence of God, the God of Sinai,  
at the presence of God, the God of Israel.**

<sup>9</sup> You sent a bountiful rain, O God;  
you restored your inheritance when it languished.

<sup>10</sup> **Your people found their home in it; in your goodness, O God,  
you have made provision for the poor.**

<sup>32</sup> Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; sing praises to the Lord.

<sup>33</sup> **You ride in the heavens, O God, in the ancient heavens;  
you send forth your voice, your mighty voice.**

<sup>34</sup> Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel; whose  
strength is in the skies.

<sup>35</sup> **How wonderful you are in your holy places, O God of Israel,  
giving strength and power to your people! Blessed be God!**

### SECOND READING: 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

<sup>12</sup> Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place  
among you to test you, as though something strange were happening  
to you. <sup>13</sup> But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so  
that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is re-  
vealed. <sup>14</sup> If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed,  
because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on  
you. <sup>5:6</sup> Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God,  
so that he may exalt you in due time. <sup>7</sup> Cast all your anxiety on him,  
because he cares for you. <sup>8</sup> Discipline yourselves; keep alert. Like a  
roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for  
someone to devour. <sup>9</sup> Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know  
that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same  
kinds of suffering. <sup>10</sup> And after you have suffered for a little while, the  
God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will  
himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. <sup>11</sup> To him be  
the power forever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

*Rise in body or spirit*

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



The Holy Gospel according John the 17th Chapter  
**Glory to you O Lord**

**GOSPEL:** John 17:1-11

<sup>1</sup> After Jesus had spoken these words to his disciples, he looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, <sup>2</sup> since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. <sup>3</sup> And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. <sup>4</sup> I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. <sup>5</sup> So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. <sup>6</sup> “I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. <sup>7</sup> Now they know that everything you have given me is from you, <sup>8</sup> for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you, and they have believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup> I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. <sup>10</sup> All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I have been glorified in them. <sup>11</sup> And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.”

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, O Christ**

*Please be seated*

***Musical Moments - Diane and Caroline Wasser***

***Sermon - Pr. Wayne Muthler***

***Choir Anthem - “One Step He Leads”***

*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**

Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

O God, your people sing praises throughout the church. By your Holy Spirit, inspire musicians, deacons, pastors, and bishops to proclaim the gospel of Jesus. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Your creative power fills the universe. Bring favorable weather, nurture plants and animals, protect us from natural disasters, and guide us to care for all you have made. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Your compassion and care come through the gifts of medicine and relationships. Soothe the anxious, protect widows and orphans, comfort those living with memory loss and their families, and heal the sick (*especially*). Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Your love radiates from communities gathered in your name. Bless those experiencing significant transitions in life such as graduation, retirement, new employment and accompany us in our prayers during these times. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. **Amen.**

*Oh God, we pray for your healing*

**Dick Laubach, Kristian Keefer, David & Sandy Campbell, Charlotte Wands, All victims of violence, Doug Johnson, Pray for Peace in our Country, Glenbrook Residents, Mary Hoida, Emma Shaffer, Shari Slowick, Bettyanne, Hurley "Duke" Slusser, Brandon Knorr, Ray Sterner, Carol Sterner, Gay Weller, Colin Michaels, Jim Muthler, Bruce Gilbert & Family, Dottie, Romona & Clem Ritter, Baby Cameron Kline, Len and June Swida, Marthan Wentzel, Becky Hosler, Sue Burger and Family, Connie Kishbaugh, Jen Berlin, Kathy Stine, Family of Gordan Seely, Pr. Warntz**

*Sharing of the Peace*

The peace of the Risen Christ be with you always  
**And also with you**

## OFFERING PRAYER

Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus. **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, Lord God of pow'r and might:  
Heav'n 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.

### *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*

Come to the table of new life.

**Receive the risen Lord.**

*Please be seated*

*Hymn: Blue No. 693- "Baptized in Water"*

(see insert) "His Name Is Wonderful"

*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*

Lord, now you let your ser- vant go in peace: your word has been ful -  
filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre -  
pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re - veal you to the  
na - tions and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.  
Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it,  
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now,  
and will be for - ev - er. A - men

***Post Communion Prayer***

Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus, **Amen.**

***Sending Blessing***

God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

**Hymn: Blue No. 721 - “Go, My Children, with My Blessing”**

***Dismissal***

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

*The worship is over, now let the service begin!*

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*Oh God, we thank you for our celebrations*

**Birthdays**

**Christopher Wark 5/18**  
**Gary Stair 5/22**

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**Anniversaries**

**John and April Bardo May 23,1992**

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**Flowers are sponsored by The Wark family  
In Honor of their Granddaughter,  
Savanah Wark’s birthday**

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***Love offering for May will go to VBS***

**8:30am - Worship Leaders, Sunday, May 17th, 2026**

Presiding Minister	<b>Pr. Wayne Muthler</b>
Assisting Minister	Ambert Keefer
Communion Assistant	Cody Welliver
Lector	Jan Hoida
Usher	Lisa and Brent Carder
Acolyte	David DeHaven
Choir Director	Jan Hoida
Organist	Jackie Titus
Altar Guild	Kim Scheirer
Counting	Marilyn Ungemach, Lois Lingousky
Depositor	Jackie Titus
Lock/Unlock	Skip Gogle
Live Stream Tech	Brenda Sterner

**8:30am - Worship Leaders, Sunday, May 24th, 2026**

Presiding Minister	<b>Pr. Wayne Muthler</b>
Assisting Minister	Dr. John Widger
Communion Assistant	Chris Kemp
Lector	Skip Gogle
Usher	Marilee Ungemach, Stephanie Jones
Acolyte	Carson Witner
Choir Director	Jan Hoida
Organist	Jackie Titus
Altar Guild	Kim Scheirer
Counting	Marilyn Ungemach, Lois Lingousky
Depositor	Jackie Titus
Lock/Unlock	Skip Gogle
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<b>LAST WEEK</b>	<b>05/10/2026</b>
BUDGETED OFFERING	\$ 1,538.46
WEEKLY ENVELOPES	\$ 1,270.00
LEGACIES (Crouse)	\$
OTHER OFFERINGS	\$ 723.98
TOTAL	\$ 1,993.98
DIFFERENCE	+\$455.52
ATTENDANCE	57
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## **Weekly Announcements**

**Sunday, May 17th- Deadline for submitting Veteran's picture**

**Sunday, May 17th - Deadline for ordering Geraniums - see insert**

**Monday, May 18 - 6:00pm - Bible Study - “ Book of Enoch”**

**Monday, May 18 - 7:00pm - VBS meeting - Narthex**

**Wednesday, May 20th - 6:00pm - Choir Rehearsal**

**Wednesday, May 20th - Deadline for Ark Encounter Signup**

**Saturday, May 23rd – 9:00am – 2:00pm – Annual Chicken BBQ Dinner** (includes: ½ Chicken, Baked Potato, Corn and Coleslaw for \$12). Tickets are available for purchase at the table in the Narthex.

The ladies of WELCA will be selling delicious homemade desserts. If anyone is willing to donate a dessert it would be greatly appreciated. There will also be a variety of Vendor and Crafters displaying their products.

**Monday, May 25th - “MEMORIAL DAY”**

**Monday, June 1st – 6:00pm – Bible Study - “Book of Enoch”**

**Tuesday, June 2nd – 6:00pm – WELCA**

**Tuesday, June 2nd – 6:00pm – Sons of Zebedee**

**Saturday, June 6th - Synod Assembly at Mt. Luther**

**Saturday, June 6th - 7:00pm - Brighter Light Concert -Sanctuary**

**Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup> – “GRADUATION SUNDAY”**

**Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup> – Annual Congregational Meeting** Immediately following worship and will include the election of new members to council. Council will meet immediately following the congregation meeting to elect officers

**Sunday, June 7th - 3:00pm - Community Choir Concert**  
in the Fellowship Hall