

# **Good Shepherd Lutheran Church**

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

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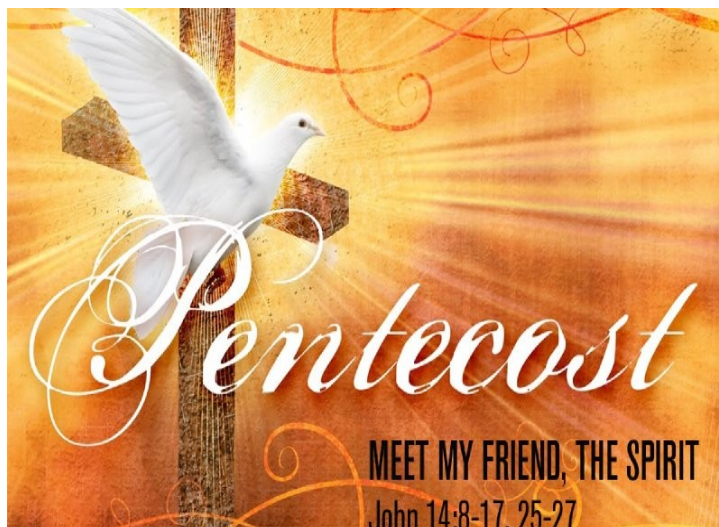
Sunday morning worship, 8:30AM

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**Day of Pentecost**

**May 24th, 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 “America, the Beautiful” - Ron Wasser, Trumpet*

*Call to Worship*

*Rise in body or spirit*

**Processional Hymn- Green No. 567 - “God of Our Fathers”**

**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, on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people by  
sending into us your Holy Spirit. Direct us by the light of that Spirit,  
that we may have a right judgment in all things and rejoice at all  
times in your peace, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now  
and forever.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated*

**FIRST READING:** Acts 2:1-21

<sup>1</sup> When the day of Pentecost had come, the apostles were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup> And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup> All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. <sup>5</sup> Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup> And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. <sup>7</sup> Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?” <sup>8</sup> And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? <sup>9</sup> Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup> Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup> Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” <sup>12</sup> All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” <sup>13</sup> But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.” <sup>14</sup> But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. <sup>15</sup> Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. <sup>16</sup> No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: <sup>17</sup> ‘In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. <sup>18</sup> Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. <sup>19</sup> And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. <sup>20</sup> The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day. <sup>21</sup> Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**PSALM:** Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

<sup>24</sup> How manifold are your works, O Lord! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

<sup>25</sup> **Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too many to number, living things both small and great.**

<sup>26</sup> There go the ships to and fro, and Leviathan, which you made for the sport of it.

<sup>27</sup> **All of them look to you to give them their food in due season.**

<sup>28</sup> You give it to them; they gather it; you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

<sup>29</sup> **When you hide your face, they are terrified; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.**

<sup>30</sup> You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; and so you renew the face of the earth.

<sup>31</sup> **May the glory of the Lord endure forever;**

**O Lord, rejoice in all your works.**

<sup>32</sup> You look at the earth and it trembles;

you touch the mountains and they smoke.

<sup>33</sup> **I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;**

**I will praise my God while I have my being.**

<sup>34</sup> May these words of mine please God. I will rejoice in the Lord.

<sup>35b</sup> **Bless the Lord, O my soul. Hallelujah!**

#### **SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13**

<sup>3b</sup> No one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit.

<sup>4</sup> Now there are varieties of gifts but the same Spirit, <sup>5</sup> and there are varieties of services but the same Lord, <sup>6</sup> and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. <sup>7</sup> To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. <sup>8</sup> To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup> to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, <sup>10</sup> to another the working of powerful deeds, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. <sup>11</sup> All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses. <sup>12</sup> For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. <sup>13</sup> For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

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 John the 20th Chapter  
**Glory to you O Lord**

**GOSPEL:** John 20:19-23

<sup>19</sup> When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." <sup>22</sup> When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, O Christ**

*Please be seated*

*Sermon - Pr. Wayne Muthler*

**Choir Anthem - "Come Down Lord"**

*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, you send the Holy Spirit to gather your church into one. Inspire all ministers of the gospel to speak prophetic and hope-filled words to all whom they encounter. Bless the work of interreligious dialogue. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

You send the Holy Spirit to renew the face of the earth. Protect all living things, bring forth clean water and abundant food, and grant us wonder as we contemplate all you have made. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

You send the Holy Spirit to break down the barriers of communication among nations. Bestow peace in war-torn areas, guide all in government and society to work for justice, and guard those serving in the armed forces, especially this weekend as we remember those who died in service to their country. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

You send the Holy Spirit to accompany those who feel abandoned. Provide food for those who hunger and drink for those who thirst, soothe those who are anxious or bereaved, comfort those who are sick or suffering, and answer all who call upon your name (*especially*). 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, 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 Roger Gilbert, Pr. Warntz, Family of Gerald Hummel, Pat Hons, Ray Sterner, Carol Sterner, Clyde Sterner, Karen Force, Nancy Lynn**

*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: Green No. 475- "Come, Gracious Spirit, Heavenly Dove"*  
*"His Name Is Wonderful" - (see insert)*  
*"Surely the Presence"- Caroline and Diane Wasser*

*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: Green No. 467 - "Eternal Father, Strong to Save"**

***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**

<b><i>Barry Titus</i></b>	<b><i>5/24</i></b>
<b><i>Kateri Kormann Muellerleile</i></b>	<b><i>5/24</i></b>
<b><i>Owen Berlin</i></b>	<b><i>5/27</i></b>
<b><i>Eric Vasilakos</i></b>	<b><i>5/27</i></b>

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**The Flowers are sponsored by Amber Keefer  
In Memory of her Parents  
Pat and Dick Klinger**

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

**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
Live Stream Tech	Brenda Sterner

**8:30am - Worship Leaders, Sunday, May 31st, 2026**

Message	Mary Hoida
Assisting Minister	Jan Hoida
Lector	Matt Yeastedt
Usher	Sam DeFinnis, Lorraine DeFinnis
Acolyte	Addy Berlin
Choir Director	Jan Hoida
Organist	Jackie Titus
Altar Guild	Kim Scheirer
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<b>LAST WEEK</b>	<b>05/17/2026</b>
BUDGETED OFFERING	\$ 1,538.46
WEEKLY ENVELOPES	\$ 743.00
LEGACIES (Crouse)	\$
OTHER OFFERINGS	\$ 1,007.00
TOTAL	\$ 1,750.00
DIFFERENCE	+\$211.54
ATTENDANCE	71

## **Weekly Announcements**

**Monday, May 25th - “MEMORIAL DAY”**

**Thursday, May 28th - 6:00pm - Young Adults**

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

**Tuesday, June 2nd – 6:00pm – WELCA**  
In the Pavilion weather permitting

**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 only.

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

**Wednesday, June 17th - 5:00pm - S’mores Jesus**

**Sunday, June 21st - “FATHERS DAY”**

**Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup> -Thursday, June 25<sup>th</sup> – 5:30pm - 8:30pm**  
Vacation Bible School at Good Shepherd

**Thursday, June 25th –6:00pm - Young Adults – Vance Ouimet**