

Worship
Twelfth Sunday of Pentecost

August 3, 2025
9:00am



Good Shepherd
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Welcome to Worship

Whether one's feet are big or small, fresh or worn, running or crawling
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church is:
Together on the Journey, Sharing God's Love

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism

- L. Welcome in the name of the holy Trinity, one God whose mercy endures forever.
C. **Amen.**

SONG *"As We Gather at Your Table"*

As we gather at your table, as we listen to your word, help us know, O God, your presence; let our hearts and minds be stirred. Nourish us with sacred story till we claim it as our own; teach us through this holy banquet how to make Love's vict'ry known.

Gracious Spirit, help us summon other guests to share that feast where triumphant Love will welcome those who had been last and least. There no more will envy blind us nor will pride our peace destroy, as we join with saints and angels to repeat the sounding joy.

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

- L. Seeking reconciliation with God and neighbor,
let us remember the gift of baptism; you are child of God, and confess our sin.

Silence for reflection

- C. **God of mercy,
We confess that we have sinned against you,
against one another,
and against the earth entrusted to our care.
We are worried and distracted by many things,
and we fail to love you above all else.
We store up treasures for ourselves
and turn away from our neighbors in need.
Forgive us, that we may live in the freedom of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**
- L. When we were laid low by sin and guilt,
God made us alive together with Christ,
forgiving us all our sin.
For freedom, Christ has set us free:
Rejoice in this Good News!
- C. **Amen.**

SONG OF PRAISE *"What a Beautiful Name it is"*

You were the Word at the beginning, one with God the Lord Most High. Your hidden glory in creation now revealed in you, our Christ. What a beautiful name it is. What a beautiful name it is. The name of Jesus Christ my king. What a beautiful name it is. Nothing compares to this. What a beautiful name it is. The name of Jesus.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit, is with you all.

C. And also with you.

L. Let us pray together,

C. God, you freely give your grace to all people. Teach us to see one another as children of God. Help us to more fully embody the generosity and care of Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.

(Those who are able, please stand)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me. Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me. Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.

BIBLE READING Luke 14:1,7-11

One Sabbath, when Jesus went to share a meal in the home of one of the leaders of the Pharisees, they were watching him closely.

When Jesus noticed how the guests sought out the best seats at the table, he told them a parable. "When someone invites you to a wedding celebration, don't take your seat in the place of honor. Someone more highly regarded than you could have been invited by your host. The host who invited both of you will come and say to you, 'Give your seat to this other person.' Embarrassed, you will take your seat in the least important place. Instead, when you receive an invitation, go and sit in the least important place. When your host approaches you, he will say, 'Friend, move up here to a better seat.' Then you will be honored in the presence of all your fellow guests. All who lift themselves up will be brought low, and those who make themselves low will be lifted up."

L. The Word of the Lord,

C. Thanks be to God.

(Please be seated)

MESSAGE Pastor Courtney Steitz

SONG "All Are Welcome"

Refrain: **All are welcome, friend and stranger at the banquet of the Savior.
All are welcome, all are welcome here.**

From the woman who comes crying leaving tears at Jesus' feet. To the man who knows the right way but cannot see. *Refrain*

Go into the streets and cities to the farms and families. Tell about the splendid table, God's mercy. *Refrain*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We belong to God,

**Creator of all that is and all that is to come,
abundant provider of the gifts in this life
and the gifts in our own hearts.**

**It is God alone who gives life,
who is generous beyond measure with grace and blessing.**

**We follow Christ, whom God sent to teach and heal,
to show us a new way of life,
with love and trust and courage, with joy and generosity.
In this faith Jesus gave of himself, even his very life.
He was crucified and buried;
yet God raised him from death,
and he lives among us and grants his spirit to us.**

**We live by that Holy Spirit,
and trust the Spirit's guidance and empowerment.
As members of the church, the Body of Christ,
we devote ourselves to lives of love,
rejoicing in the power of forgiveness,
the reality of resurrection,
and the mystery of eternal life. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

You are invited to sing the prayer song before and after the prayer petitions

**The Spirit intercedes for us with sighs too deep for words to express oh, oh, oh.
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INVITATION TO OFFERING (Luke 24:47)

- L. Christ calls us to participate in a mission of reconciliation throughout the world –
inviting us to participate in the building up of the body of Christ, where justice and
peace prevail.
- C. **Let us give generously of our time, talents, and treasure to foster this mission.**

OFFERING RECEIVED

(Those who are able, please stand)

OFFERING PRAYER

**O God, we bring to you our offering, and ask you to bless it and use it to make your
reign known in the world. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

OFFERING SONG *"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

HOLY COMMUNION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION *Special Music*

COMMUNION BLESSING

COMMUNION PRAYER

God of love, as you have blessed this meal, bless now our work and our words, that we may extend your welcome to the world in what we do and by who we are. May the Spirit's power make it so. Amen.

BLESSING

L. The blessing God,
source of life,
power of life,
redeemer of life,
is with you now and always.

C. **Amen.**

SONG "Blessed Assurance"

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine! Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Refrain: **This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long:
this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.**

Perfect submission, all is at rest; I in my Savior am happy and blest, watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love. *Refrain*

SENDING

L. Go in peace. Christ is sending you forth to serve.

C. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

This Week Please Pray For:

Members:

Healing

Anne Kelly, cancer treatment with some set-backs

Pastor Orv Osmundson, transitional care after major heart surgery

Ed Bratvold, pancreatic cancer

Valerie Larsen, recovering from surgery

Harlan Dubs, hospice

Grieving

Judy Anaya, grieving the death of her son Bradley Dornburg

Family & Friends grieving the death of Don Besky

Family & Friends grieving the death of Harlan Dubs

Family & Friends of Members:

Steve Gossett, hospice (brother of Joan Killeen)

Yvonne Killeen, hospitalized (mother of Dan Killeen)

