

Worship  
Second Sunday in Pentecost

May 31, 2026  
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 *"Morning Has Broken"*

**Morning has broken like the first morning; blackbird has spoken like the first bird.  
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning! Praise for them, springing fresh from  
the Word!**

**Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven, like the first dewfall on the first grass.  
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden, sprung in completeness where God's feet  
pass.**

**Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning, born of the one light Eden saw play!  
Praise with elation, praise ev'ry morning, God's recreation of the new day!**

#### CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

- L. Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, whose compassion endures forever.  
C. **Amen.**  
L. Let us confess our sin to God.

*Silence for reflection*

- L. Compassionate God,  
C. **we confess to you all our sins.  
Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.  
In your mercy, call us back to you.  
Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.  
Restore us to dwell in your peace.  
In Christ's name we pray,  
Amen.**  
L. Jesus says, "Come to me,  
all you who are weary  
and are carrying heavy burdens,  
and I will give you rest."  
In the name of God,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
your sins are forgiven.  
Rest in God's love.  
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. O God, you are the source of life and the ground of our being. By the power of your Spirit bring healing to this wounded world, and raise us to the new life of your Son, 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     Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

As Jesus continued on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at a kiosk for collecting taxes. He said to him, “Follow me,” and he got up and followed him. As Jesus sat down to eat in Matthew’s house, many tax collectors and sinners joined Jesus and his disciples at the table.

But when the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?”

When Jesus heard it, he said, “Healthy people don’t need a doctor, but sick people do. Go and learn what this means: *I want mercy and not sacrifice*. I didn’t come to call righteous people, but sinners.”

L. The Word of the Lord,

**C. Thanks be to God.**

(Please be seated)

MESSAGE     Pastor Leesa Soderlind

SONG             *“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”*

**There is welcome for the sinner, and a promised grace made good; there is mercy with the Savior; there is healing in his blood. There is grace enough for thousands of new worlds as great as this; there is room for fresh creations in that upper room of bliss.**

**For the love of God is broader than the measures of our mind; and the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind. But we make this love too narrow by false limits of our own; and we magnify its strictness with a zeal God will not own.**

**'Tis not all we owe to Jesus; it is something more than all: greater good because of evil, larger mercy through the fall. Make our love, O God, more faithful; let us take you at your word, and our lives will be thanksgiving for the goodness of the Lord.**

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
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,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come 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**

*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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**OFFERING RECEIVED**

(Those who are able, please stand)

**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*

SONG            *"Healer of our Every Ill"*

*Refrain:*       **Healer of our ev'ry ill, light of each tomorrow,  
give us peace beyond our fear, and hope beyond our sorrow.**

**You who know our fears and sadness, grace us with your peace and gladness; Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts. *Refrain***

**In the pain and joy beholding how your grace is still unfolding, give us all your vision, God of love. *Refrain***

**Give us strength to love each other, ev'ry sister, ev'ry brother; Spirit of all kindness, be our guide. *Refrain***

**You who know each thought and feeling, teach us all your way of healing; Spirit of compassion, fill our heart. *Refrain***

COMMUNION BLESSING

COMMUNION PRAYER

**Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever. Amen.**

BLESSING

L.    Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer,  
      one God,  
      bless, heal, and hold you  
      today and always.

C.   **Amen.**

SONG            *"O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate"*

**O Christ, your heart, compassionate, bore ev'ry human pain. Its beating was the pulse of God; its breadth, God's vast domain. The heart of God, the heart of Christ combined in perfect rhyme to write God's love in human deeds, eternity in time.**

**O Christ, create new hearts in us that beat in time with yours, that, joined by faith with your great heart, become love's open doors. We are your body, risen Christ; our hearts, our hands we yield that through our life and ministry your love may be revealed.**

SENDING

L.    Hope is alive.  
      Go and share the Good News.

C.   **We will! Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

**This Week Please Pray For:**

**Members**

Sheila Peterson, recovering from stroke

Julie Haugen, transitional care after hospitalization

Jim Dorothy, hospitalized

The family and friends grieving the death of Kim Kuehn. (Husband Kevin Kuehn)

**Friends and Family of Members**

Harper Lee, recovering from injury (granddaughter of Judy Fritz)

Family and friends grieving the death of Theresa Schuldt