

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 27, 2025

10:45 AM Praise Worship Service with Holy Communion

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church warmly welcomes people of any age, race, nationality, sexual orientation, life circumstance, and physical or mental capability

*You are invited to stand– Please silence you cell phones

GATHERING

GATHERING MUSIC

PRAISE TEAM

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection

P Merciful God,

C you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life. Amen.

P You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith. In the cross of † Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven.

Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation. **C Amen.**

***GATHERING SONG**

“Holy Spirit”

Words and Music by Ken Canedo; © 1998, 2002 spiritandsong.com

Chorus

Holy Spirit come into our lives

Holy Spirit make us truly wise

Verse 1

Give us a spirit of courage

And judgment that is wise

Give us a spirit of rev'rence

Of wonder and of awe (CHORUS)

Verse 2

Spirit of love and compassion

Give hope to all the poor

Spirit of justice and mercy

Come open ev'ry door (CHORUS)

Verse 3

Spirit of strength and of healing
 Bend stubborn heart and will
 Spirit of trust and of caring
 O melt us warm our chill (CHORUS)

Chorus

Holy Spirit come into our lives
 Holy Spirit make us truly wise

*GREETING

☞ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. ☛ **And also with you.**

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

☞ Let us pray. Almighty and ever-living God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us your abundant mercy. Forgive us those things that weigh on our conscience, and give us those good things that come only through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. ☛ **Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING

☞ A reading from 1 Kings.
At conclusion of reading

1 Kings 18:20-40
Pew Bible, Page 321

☞ The Word of the Lord. ☛ **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

☞ A reading from Job.
At conclusion of reading

Job 19:25-26
Pew Bible, Page 458

☞ The Word of the Lord. ☛ **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*GOSPEL

☞ The holy gospel according to Matthew.
 ☛ **Glory to you, O Lord.**
At conclusion of reading

Matthew 3:1-10
Pew Bible, Page 878

☞ The gospel of the Lord. ☛ **Praise to you, O Christ**

“THE TEARS OF THINGS”

“Unfinished Prophets
 (Including Me)”

Pastor Karen Boda

***SONG OF DAY**

“How Great Is Our God”

Words and Music by Chris Tomlin, Jesse Reeves and Ed Cash; © 2004 sixsteps Music | Vamos Publishing |

Verse 1

The splendor of the King
Clothed in majesty
Let all the earth rejoice
All the earth rejoice
He wraps Himself in light
And darkness tries to hide
And trembles at His voice
And trembles at His voice

Chorus 1

How great is our God
Sing with me
How great is our God
And all will see how great
How great is our God

Verse 2

And age to age He stands
And time is in His hands
Beginning and the End
Beginning and the End
The Godhead three in one

Father Spirit Son
The Lion and the Lamb
The Lion and the Lamb

Chorus 2

How great is our God
Sing with me
How great is our God
And all will see how great
How great is our God

Bridge

Name above all names
Worthy of all praise
My heart will sing
How great is our God
Name above all names
Worthy of all praise
My heart will sing
How great is our God
(Chorus 2)

***APOSTLES' CREED**

☩ 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 INTERCESSION**

The Assisting Minister will close each petition with the words, “God of grace,” worshippers respond with the words, “hear our prayer.”

***PEACE**

P The Peace of the Lord be with you always. **G** **And also with you.**

(Please greet one another with a friendly word or non-contact gesture of God's peace.)

MEAL

OFFERING

Please sign the "Who's Who in the Pew" pads and pass along as the offering is received. Please indicate if you are a visitor to Good Shepherd.

OFFERING SONG

"Trust in God"

Praise Team

Original words by Fanny Crosby; Add'l Words and Music by Brandon Lake, Chris Brown, Mitch Wong and Steven Furtick

***BLESSING OF DIAPERS AND WIPES**

***OFFERING PRAYER**

A Let us pray. Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

G Amen.

***WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

***LORD'S PRAYER**

G 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**

COMMUNION/COMMUNION SONGS

"Greater Things"

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Verse 1

There are greater things
That are yet to come

There's a stirring here
And it's just begun
We can see Your hand

We can hear Your voice
We are ready for You
Ready for You to come and move

Chorus

King of all Kings take the highest place
Be lifted up as we bless Your name
Reign and revive Jesus have Your way
We are ready for You
Ready for You to come and move
We are ready for You
Ready for You to come and move

“By Faith”

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Verse 1

By faith we see the hand of God
In the light of creation's grand design
In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness
Who walk by faith and not by sight

Verse 2

By faith our fathers roamed the earth
With the pow'r of His promise in their hearts
Of a holy city built by God's own hand
A place where peace and justice reign

Chorus

We will stand as children of the promise
We will fix our eyes on Him our soul's reward
Till the race is finished and the work is done
We'll walk by faith and not by sight

Verse 3

By faith the prophets saw a day
When the longed-for Messiah would appear
With the pow'r to break the chains of sin and
death
And rise triumphant from the grave

Bridge

To our Father in the Heavens
Holy is Your name
May Your kingdom be established in this place
Would You manifest Your glory
As we seek Your face
Come and move here in Your power once
again
(Chorus)

Verse 4

By faith the church was called to go
In the pow'r of the Spirit to the lost
To deliver captives and to preach good news
In ev'ry corner of the earth
(Chorus)

Verse 5

By faith the mountain shall be moved
And the pow'r of the gospel shall prevail
For we know in Christ all things are possible
For all who call upon His name
(Chorus)

“Goodness of God”

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Verse 1

I searched the world but it couldn't fill me
Man's empty praise and treasures that fade
Are never enough
Then You came along and put me
back together
And every desire is now satisfied here
in Your love

Chorus

Oh there's nothing better than You
There's nothing better than You
Lord there's nothing
Nothing is better than You

Verse 2

I'm not afraid to show You my weakness
My failures and flaws
Lord You've seen them all
And You still call me friend
'Cause the God of the mountain
Is the God of the valley
There's not a place
Your mercy and grace won't find me again

Bridge

You turn mourning to dancing
You give beauty for ashes
You turn shame into glory
You're the only one who can

Bridge

You turn graves into gardens
You turn bones into armies
You turn seas into highways
You're the only one who can

*POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **A** Amen.

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Let us pray. Loving God, you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name. **A** Amen.

SENDING

***BLESSING**

P The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts; and the life of the Spirit \mp bless you and give you peace. **G Amen.**

***SENDING SONG**

“Free Amen”

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Intro

Amen amen amen
Amen amen amen

Verse

Here I'm alive again
Gone is the weight of sin
Oh sweet liberty
Praise God
Who saved my life
I'm bought with the blood of Christ
I have been redeemed

Chorus

Where the Spirit of the Lord is
There is freedom
I am free amen
(Repeat)

Bridge

Free at last
Free at last
Thank God almighty
I am free at last
All my chains
Are in the past
Thank God Almighty
I am free at last
(Repeat)

Final Chorus

Where the Spirit of the Lord is
There is freedom
I am free amen
(Repeat 3 times)

***DISMISSAL**

A Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.
G Thanks be to God.

SENDING MUSIC

Praise Team

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