

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church of South Hills

*June 29, 2025 // 10:15 am Worship Service
Third Sunday after Pentecost*

*The mission of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church is to know and praise
Christ, to grow in Christ and to share Christ with others.*



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As we gather together for worship, we remember...

God of mercy, you promised never to break your covenant with us. Amid all the changing words of our generation, speak your eternal Word that does not change. Then may we respond to your gracious promises with faithful and obedient lives; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

~WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

~INVOCATION

**~OPENING HYMN I want to Walk as a Child of the Light
LSB 411**

~CALL TO WORSHIP PSALM 16:7-11

A: I bless the Lord who gives me counsel;
 in the night also my heart instructs me.

C: **I have set the Lord always before me;
 because he is at my right hand, I shall not
be shaken.**

A: Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices;
 my flesh also dwells secure.

C: **For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol,
 or let your holy one see corruption.**

A: You make known to me the path of life;
 in your presence there is fullness of joy;

C: **at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

~ CONFESSION

All: **Merciful God, you made us in your image, with a mind
to know you, a heart to love you, and a will to serve
you. But our knowledge is imperfect, our love
inconsistent, our obedience incomplete. Day by day,
we fail to grow into your likeness. In your tender love,
forgive us through Jesus. Restore us, renew us,
recreate a new heart within us. Amen.**

(our silent confession)

~ABSOLUTION

~HYMN A Mighty Fortress LSB 657

~PRAYER

All: Faithful God, how blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness. Sanctify us by your Word and Spirit so that we may glorify you in the company of the faithful; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please be seated

~OLD TESTAMENT 1 Kings 19:9-21 (The Lord Speaks to Elijah)

⁹ There he came to a cave and lodged in it. And behold, the word of the Lord came to him, and he said to him, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁰ He said, "I have been very jealous for the Lord, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away." ¹¹ And he said, "Go out and stand on the mount before the Lord." And behold, the Lord passed by, and a great and strong wind tore the mountains and broke in pieces the rocks before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind. And after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake. ¹² And after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire the sound of a low whisper.^[a] ¹³ And when Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. And behold, there came a voice to him and said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁴ He said, "I have been very jealous for the Lord, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away." ¹⁵ And the Lord said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus. And when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael to be king over Syria. ¹⁶ And Jehu the son of Nimshi you shall anoint to be king over Israel, and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah you shall anoint to be prophet in your place. ¹⁷ And the one who escapes from the sword of Hazael shall Jehu put to death, and the one who escapes from the sword of Jehu shall Elisha put to death. ¹⁸ Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

¹⁹ So he departed from there and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen in front of him, and he was with

the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and cast his cloak upon him.²⁰ And he left the oxen and ran after Elijah and said, "Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you." And he said to him, "Go back again, for what have I done to you?"²¹ And he returned from following him and took the yoke of oxen and sacrificed them and boiled their flesh with the yokes of the oxen and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he arose and went after Elijah and assisted him.

~EPISTLE Galatians 5:1; 13-25

For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

¹³ *For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.* ¹⁴ *For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."* ¹⁵ *But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another.*

¹⁶ *But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.* ¹⁷ *For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do.* ¹⁸ *But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.* ¹⁹ *Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality,* ²⁰ *idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions,* ²¹ *envy,*^[a] *drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do*^[b] *such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.* ²² *But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,* ²³ *gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.* ²⁴ *And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.*

²⁵ *If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit.*

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

~GOSPEL

Luke 9:51-62

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the ninth chapter.

C: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

⁵¹ When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. ⁵² And he sent messengers ahead of him, who went and entered a village of the Samaritans, to make preparations for him. ⁵³ But the people did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. ⁵⁴ And when his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to tell fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" ⁵⁵ But he turned and rebuked them. ⁵⁶ And they went on to another village.

⁵⁷ As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." ⁵⁸ And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." ⁵⁹ To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, let me first go and bury my father." ⁶⁰ And Jesus said to him, "Leave the dead to bury their own dead. But as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." ⁶¹ Yet another said, "I will follow you, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home." ⁶² Jesus said to him, "No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Please be seated

~CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

~HYMN OF THE DAY

Father Welcomes

LSB 605

~MESSAGE

Please stand

~APOSTLES' CREED

C: **I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the
dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Please be seated

~OFFERING

~PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: When we long for your presence,
C: **you are there with us, O source of comfort**
P: When we face dangers and perils,
C: **you are there for us, O source of strength**
P: When we need to do justice,
C: **you are there within us, O source of courage**
P: So we come with songs and praises,
C: **that all the ends of the earth and all the families of the
nations, may know of your love. Let us praise God!**

~PRAYERS

**following all prayers the response will be:*

P: Lord in your mercy,
C: **Hear our prayer.**

~LORD'S PRAYER

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~BENEDICTION

P: May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ give you grace and peace. Now you have every spiritual gift you need as you eagerly wait for the return of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will keep you strong to the end so that you will be free from blame on the day when our Lord Jesus Christ returns.

C: Amen

~CLOSING SONG Father's House

Verse 1 Sometimes on this journey
I get lost in my mistakes
What looks to me like weakness
Is a canvas for Your strength
My story isn't over my story's just begun
Failure won't define me
'Cause that's what my Father does
Yeah, Failure won't define me
'Cause that's what my Father does

Chorus Oo lay your burdens down
Oo here in the Father's house
Check your shame at the door
'Cause it ain't welcome anymore
Oo you're in the Father's house

Verse 2 Arrival's not the endgame
The journey's where You are
You never wanted perfect
You just wanted my heart
And the story isn't over
If the story isn't good
Failure's never final
When the Father's in the room
And Failure's never final
When the Father's in the room

Chorus

Bridge Prodigals come home the helpless find hope
Love is on the move
When the Father's in the room
Prison doors fling wide the dead come to life

Love is on the move
When the Father's in the room
Miracles take place the cynical find faith
Love is breaking through
When the Father's in the room
Jericho walls are quaking
Strongholds now are shaking
Love is breaking through
When the Father's in the room
Love is breaking through
When the Father's in the room

Chorus

x2

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Thanks for worshiping with us!
See you next week!