

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church of South Hills

*August 3, 2025 // 10:15 am Worship Service
Eighth 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

Please stand

~INVOCATION

~OPENING HYMN Here I am to Worship

Verse 1 Light of the world, You stepped down into darkness.
 Opened my eyes, let me see.
 Beauty that made this heart adore You.
 Hope of a life spent with you

Refrain Here I am to worship. Here I am to bow down.
 Here I am to say that You're my God.
 You're altogether lovely. Altogether worthy.
 Altogether wonderful to me.

Verse 2 King of all days. Oh so highly exalted.
 Glorious in heaven above.
 Humbly You came to the earth You created.
 All for love's sake became poor

Refrain

Verse 3 I'll never know how much it cost to see my sin upon that
 cross.
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Refrain

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~CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 100

P: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

C: **Serve the Lord with gladness!**
 Come into his presence with singing!

P: Know that the Lord, he is God!
 It is he who made us, and we are his;

C: we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

P: Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise!
Give thanks to him; bless his name!

**C: For the Lord is good;
his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.**

~ CONFESSION

P: We come before our God, who is full of compassion, to ask forgiveness and mercy.

P: When in our excesses we consume more than our share while others go with basic needs unmet:

C: Forgive us, merciful God.

P: When we are blinded by our affluence and fail to reach out in care and concern:

C: Forgive us, merciful God.

P: When we are overwhelmed by desires to acquire and consume more than we need:

C: Forgive us, merciful God.

P: When possessions cloud our view of you and your gracious love:

C: Forgive us, merciful God.

(time for silent reflection)

~ABSOLUTION

~HYMN

Shout to the Lord

Verse My Jesus my Saviour
 Lord there is none like You
 All of my days I want to praise
 The wonders of Your mighty love

My comfort my shelter
Tower of refuge and strength
Let every breath all that I am
Never cease to worship You

Chorus Shout to the Lord
 All the earth let us sing
 Power and majesty

Praise to the King
Mountains bow down
And the seas will roar
At the sound of Your name

I sing for joy
At the work of Your hands
Forever I'll love You
Forever I'll stand
Nothing compares to the promise
I have in You

Repeat all

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~PRAYER

All: We do not want to be fools, God! Make us wise before our lives are demanded from us! Change our hearts to want the things you want, to love in the way you love, to give the way you give. Grant us wisdom by your Holy Spirit to discern how to honor you with our wealth. Guild our actions so that at the end of today, we will be wealthier people than we are right now – wealthier toward you, even if poorer in this life. Come, Lord Jesus! Amen.

Please be seated

~OLD TESTAMENT *Ecclesiastes 1:12-14; 2:18-26*

¹² I the Preacher have been king over Israel in Jerusalem. ¹³ And I applied my heart to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven. It is an unhappy business that God has given to the children of man to be busy with. ¹⁴ I have seen everything that is done under the sun, and behold, all is vanity and a striving after wind

¹⁸ I hated all my toil in which I toil under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to the man who will come after me, ¹⁹ and who knows whether he will be wise or a fool? Yet he will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. ²⁰ So I turned about and gave my heart up to despair over all the toil of my labors under the sun, ²¹ because sometimes a person who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave everything to be enjoyed by someone

who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. ²² What has a man from all the toil and striving of heart with which he toils beneath the sun? ²³ For all his days are full of sorrow, and his work is a vexation. Even in the night his heart does not rest. This also is vanity.

²⁴ There is nothing better for a person than that he should eat and drink and find enjoyment in his toil. This also, I saw, is from the hand of God, ²⁵ for apart from him who can eat or who can have enjoyment? ²⁶ For to the one who pleases him God has given wisdom and knowledge and joy, but to the sinner he has given the business of gathering and collecting, only to give to one who pleases God. This also is vanity and a striving after wind.

~EPISTLE Colossians 3:1-11

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. ³ For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ who is your ^[a] life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

⁵ Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. ⁶ On account of these the wrath of God is coming! ⁷ In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. ⁸ But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. ⁹ Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices ¹⁰ and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. ¹¹ Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave^l free; but Christ is all, and in all.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

~GOSPEL Luke 12:13-21 (*The Parable of the Rich Fool*)

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

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

¹³ Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me." ¹⁴ But he said to him, "Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?" ¹⁵ And he said to them, "Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions." ¹⁶ And he told them a parable, saying, "The land of a rich man produced plentifully, ¹⁷ and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' ¹⁸ And he said, 'I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹ And I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.'" ²⁰ But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' ²¹ So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward 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

Give Us Clean Hands

Verse We bow our hearts we bend our knees
 Oh Spirit come make us humble
 We turn our eyes from evil things
 Oh Lord we cast down our idols

Chorus Give us clean hands give us pure hearts
 Let us not lift our souls to another
 Give us clean hands give us pure hearts
 Let us not lift our souls to another

oh God let us be a generation that seeks
 That seeks Your face oh God of Jacob
 And oh God let us be a generation that seeks
 That seeks Your face oh God of Jacob

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~MESSAGE

"Hold on to Jesus Christ"

Luke 12:13-21

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

Please stand

~PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**All: God, You are our highest good, the only One able to
satisfy our deepest longings. You are the true font of
joy and gladness. In You, we are always rich. In You,
all gifts are ordered and find their rightful place. In
You, we find the joy of giving. In You, we find
wholeness, healing and hope. All praise to you, Father,
Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

~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

~CLOSING SONG I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

Verse 1 I have decided to follow Jesus
 I have decided to follow Jesus
 I have decided to follow Jesus
 No turning back no turning back

Verse 2 Though none go with me I still will follow
 Though none go with me I still will follow
 Though none go with me I still will follow
 No turning back no turning back

Verse 3 The world behind me the cross before me
 The world behind me the cross before me
 The world behind me the cross before me
 No turning back no turning back

Verse 4 Will you decide now to follow Jesus
 Will you decide now to follow Jesus
 Will you decide now to follow Jesus
 No turning back no turning back

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**Thanks for worshiping with us!
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