

# Good Shepherd Lutheran Church of South Hills

*August 31, 2025 // 10:15 am Worship Service  
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost*

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*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      Today Your Mercy Calls Us**

**LSB 915**

**~CALL TO WORSHIP      Psalm 131**

- P:      O Lord, my heart is not lifted up;  
         my eyes are not raised too high;  
C:      **I do not occupy myself with things  
         too great and too marvelous for me.**  
P;      But I have calmed and quieted my soul,  
         like a weaned child with its mother;  
         like a weaned child is my soul within me.  
C:      **O Israel, hope in the Lord  
         from this time forth and forevermore.**

**~CONFESSION**

- P:      Gracious and loving God,  
C:      **Open our hearts so that we are able to admit to you the  
         fullness of our lives – that which is beautiful and good, and  
         that which is hurtful and hateful.**

**We confess that we do not follow Jesus in all that we do.  
We love with condition.  
We judge and condemn.  
We cast the first stone, and keep the logs in our own eyes. We  
do not turn to You as the source of our healing.**

**Forgive us, we pray. Forgive our sin, and empower us to be  
imitators of Christ in love and service. Amen.**

*(our silent confession)*

**~ABSOLUTION**

*\*Please be seated\**

## ~PRAYER

A: O Lord, our God,

C: You are always more ready to bestow your good gifts on us than we are to seek them and are willing to give more than we desire to deserve. Help us so to seek that we may truly find, so to ask that we may joyfully receive, so to knock that the door of your mercy may be opened to us; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

## ~OLD TESTAMENT      Proverbs 25:2-10

*It is the glory of God to conceal things,  
but the glory of kings is to search things out.*

<sup>3</sup>*As the heavens for height, and the earth for depth,  
so the heart of kings is unsearchable.*

<sup>4</sup>*Take away the dross from the silver,  
and the smith has material for a vessel;*

<sup>5</sup>*take away the wicked from the presence of the king,  
and his throne will be established in righteousness.*

<sup>6</sup>*Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence  
or stand in the place of the great,*

<sup>7</sup>*for it is better to be told, "Come up here,"  
than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.*

*What your eyes have seen*

<sup>8</sup>*do not hastily bring into court,  
for what will you do in the end,  
when your neighbor puts you to shame?*

<sup>9</sup>*Argue your case with your neighbor himself,  
and do not reveal another's secret,*

<sup>10</sup>*lest he who hears you bring shame upon you,  
and your ill repute have no end.*

## ~EPISTLE      Hebrews 13:1-17      (Sacrifices Pleasing to God)

*Let brotherly love continue. <sup>2</sup> Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. <sup>3</sup> Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them, and those who are mistreated, since you also are in the body. <sup>4</sup> Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous. <sup>5</sup> Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." <sup>6</sup> So we can confidently say,*

*"The Lord is my helper;*

*I will not fear;*

*what can man do to me?"*

<sup>7</sup> Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. <sup>8</sup> Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. <sup>9</sup> Do not be led away by diverse and strange teachings, for it is good for the heart to be strengthened by grace, not by foods, which have not benefited those devoted to them. <sup>10</sup> We have an altar from which those who serve the tent[a] have no right to eat. <sup>11</sup> For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the holy places by the high priest as a sacrifice for sin are burned outside the camp. <sup>12</sup> So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through his own blood. <sup>13</sup> Therefore let us go to him outside the camp and bear the reproach he endured. <sup>14</sup> For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come. <sup>15</sup> Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. <sup>16</sup> Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

<sup>17</sup> Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.

**L:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C:** Thanks be to God.

*\*Please stand\**

**~GOSPEL**      *Luke 14:1-14*

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

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

*One Sabbath, when he went to dine at the house of a ruler of the Pharisees, they were watching him carefully. <sup>2</sup> And behold, there was a man before him who had dropsy. <sup>3</sup> And Jesus responded to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath, or not?" <sup>4</sup> But they remained silent. Then he took him and healed him and sent him away. <sup>5</sup> And he said to them, "Which of you, having a son[a] or an ox that has fallen into a well on a Sabbath day, will not immediately pull him out?" <sup>6</sup> And they could not reply to these things.*

<sup>7</sup> Now he told a parable to those who were invited, when he noticed how they chose the places of honor, saying to them, <sup>8</sup> "When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in a place of honor, lest someone more distinguished than you be invited by him, <sup>9</sup> and he who invited you both will come and say to you, 'Give your place to this person,' and then you will begin

*with shame to take the lowest place. <sup>10</sup> But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher.' Then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at table with you. <sup>11</sup> For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."*

*<sup>12</sup> He said also to the man who had invited him, "When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid. <sup>13</sup> But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, <sup>14</sup> and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the just."*

**P:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

*\*Please be seated\**

## **~CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

### **~HYMN OF THE DAY My Life is in You**

Chorus:

My life is in You, Lord. My strength is in You, ord.  
My hope is in You, Lord. In You, it's in You  
My life is in You, Lord. My strength is in You, Lord.  
My hope is in You, Lord. In You, it's in You

Verse:

I will praise You with all of my life.  
I will praise You with all of my strength.  
With all of my life, with all of my strength.  
All of my hope is in You

Chorus

Verse

Chorus

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## **~MESSAGE**

*"Rejoice in Jesus Christ"  
Luke 14:1-14*

## **~APOSTLES' CREED**

**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.

**~OFFERING**

*\*Please stand\**

**~DOXOLOGY** (*sung*)

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

**~PRAYERS**

*\*following all prayers, the response will be:*

P: Lord in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

**~LORD'S PRAYER**

**LSB Back Cover**

**~BENEDICTION**

**~CLOSING SONG** Go My Children, With My Blessing

**LSB 922**

**~POST SERVICE MUSIC**



**Fall Schedule resumes Sunday September 14<sup>th</sup>!**

**9:15am** Adult Bible Study

**10:15am** Worship w/ Children's Church (see tidings for more info)



*Thanks for worshiping with us!  
See you next week!*