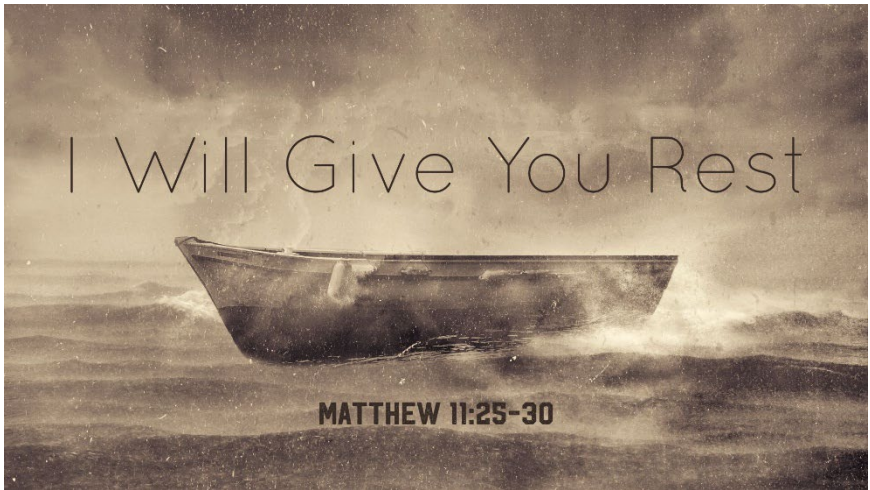


# Good Shepherd Lutheran Church of South Hills

*July 5, 2026 // 10:15 am Worship Service  
Sixth 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 today, we remember...***

*“Let me see my Savior’s face,  
Let me all His beauties trace;  
Show those glorious truths to me  
Which are only known to Thee.”  
LSB 796 vs. 2*

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**~PRESERVICE MUSIC**

**~WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*\*Please stand\**

**~INVOCATION**

**~OPENING HYMN**                      **Eternal Father, Strong to Save**                      **LSB 717**

**~CALL TO WORSHIP**                      **Psalm 145:1-7**

P: I will extol you, my God and King,  
**C: and bless your name forever and ever.**  
P: Every day I will bless you  
**C: and praise your name forever and ever.**  
P: Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised,  
**C: and his greatness is unsearchable.**  
P: One generation shall commend your works to another,  
**C: and shall declare your mighty acts.**  
P: On the glorious splendor of your majesty,  
**C: and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.**  
P: They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds,  
**C: and I will declare your greatness.**  
P: They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness  
**C: and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.**

**~CONFESSION OF OUR SINS**

P: "Whereas, it is the duty of nations as well as of men to own their dependence upon the overruling power of God, to confess their sins and transgressions in humble sorrow yet with assured hope that genuine repentance will lead to mercy and pardon, and to recognize the sublime truth, announced in the Holy Scriptures and proven by all history: that those nations only are blessed who God is the Lord..

**C: We have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of Heaven. We have been preserved these many years in peace and prosperity. We have grown in numbers, wealth, and power, as no other nation has ever grown. But we have forgotten God. We have forgotten the gracious Hand which preserved us in peace, and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us; and we have vainly imagined, in the deceitfulness of our hearts, that all these blessing were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own. Intoxicated with unbroken success, we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and**

preserving grace, too proud to pray to the God that made us! It behooves us then to humble ourselves and confess before God our national sins, as well as our personal sins, and to pray for forgiveness. In the Name of Jesus our Lord. Amen.

*(President Abraham Lincoln)*

*(our silent confession)*

**~ABSOLUTION**

*\*Please be seated\**

**~HYMN OF PRAISE      Battle Hymn of the Republic**

**Verse 1            Mine eyes have seen the glory  
of the coming of the Lord;  
He is trampling out the vintage  
where the grapes of wrath are stored;  
He hath loosed the fateful lightning of  
this terrible swift sword;  
His truth is marching on.**

**Refrain            Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!  
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Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!  
His truth is marching on.**

**Verse 2            I have seen Him in the watch-fires  
of a hundred circling camps;  
They have builded Him an altar in  
the evening dews and damps;  
I can read the righteous sentence  
by the dim and flaring lamps;  
His day is marching on.**

**Refrain**

**Verse 3            He has sounded forth the trumpet  
that shall never call retreat;  
He is sifting out the hearts of men  
before His judgment seat;  
O be swift, my soul, to answer Him;  
be jubilant, my feet!  
Our God is marching on.**

**Refrain**

## Verse 4

In the beauty of the lilies Christ was  
born across the sea,  
With a glory in His bosom that  
transfigures you and me;  
As He died to make men holy,  
let us die to make men free,  
while God is marching on.

## Refrain

Author: Julia Ward Howe (1862)  
Tune: BATTLE HYMN OF THE REPUBLIC  
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## ~PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**A:** O God, the Creator and Preserver of all mankind; in whom to dwell is to find peace and security; toward whom to turn is to find life and life eternal, we humbly beseech Thee for all sorts and conditions of men; that You would be pleased to make thy ways known unto them, Thy saving health unto all nations. We also pray for Thy holy Church universal; that it may be so guided and governed by thy Spirit, that all who profess and call themselves Christian may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the land of peace, and in righteousness of life. Finally we commend to thy Fatherly goodness all those who are in any way afflicted or distressed in mind or body. Give them patience under the suffering and power of endurance.

**C:** **This we ask in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

*(Prayer by Martin Luther King Jr.)*

## ~OLD TESTAMENT      Zechariah 9:9-12 *(The Coming King of Zion)*

<sup>9</sup> *Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!*

*Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!*

*Behold, your king is coming to you;*

*righteous and having salvation is he,*

*humble and mounted on a donkey,*

*on a colt, the foal of a donkey.*

<sup>10</sup> *I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim*

*and the war horse from Jerusalem;*

*and the battle bow shall be cut off,*

*and he shall speak peace to the nations;*

*his rule shall be from sea to sea,*

*and from the River<sup>[a]</sup> to the ends of the earth.*

<sup>11</sup> *As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,*

*I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.*

<sup>12</sup> *Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;*

*today I declare that I will restore to you double.*

**~EPISTLE**      *Romans 7:14-25a*

<sup>14</sup> For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin. <sup>15</sup> For I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. <sup>16</sup> Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. <sup>17</sup> So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. <sup>18</sup> For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. <sup>19</sup> For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. <sup>20</sup> Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. <sup>21</sup> So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. <sup>22</sup> For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, <sup>23</sup> but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. <sup>24</sup> Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? <sup>25</sup> Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself serve the law of God with my mind, but with my flesh I serve the law of sin.

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

**C:**      **Thanks be to God.**

*\*Please stand\**

**~GOSPEL**      *Matthew 11:25-30*  
*(Come to Me, and I Will Give You Rest)*

**P:**      The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eleventh chapter.

**C:**      **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>25</sup> At that time Jesus declared, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; <sup>26</sup> yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. <sup>27</sup> All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. <sup>28</sup> Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup> Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup> For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

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

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

*\*Please be seated\**

**~HYMN OF THE DAY    God Of Our Fathers**

**Verse 1            God of our fathers, whose almighty hand  
Leads forth in beauty all the starry band  
Of shining worlds in splendor through the skies  
Our grateful songs before thy throne arise.**

**Verse 2            Thy love divine hath led us in the past,  
In this free land by thee our lot is cast;  
Be thou our ruler, guardians, guide, and stay,  
Thy word our law, thy paths our chosen way.**

**Verse 3            From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence,  
Be thy strong arm our ever sure defense;  
Thy true religion in our hearts increase,  
Thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.**

**Verse 4            Refresh thy people on their toilsome way  
Lead us from night to never-ending day;  
Fill all our lives with love and grace divine,  
And glory, laud, and praise be ever thine.**

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**~MESSAGE**

*“Celebrating Freedom”  
Video Message from Pastor Barry*

**~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\**

~INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

~PRAYER

A: Give us, O God, the vision which can see thy love in the world in spite of human failure. Give us the faith to trust thy goodness in spite of our ignorance and weakness.

C: **Give us the knowledge that we may continue to pray with understanding hearts. And show us what each one of us can do to set forward the coming of the day of universal peace. Amen.**

(Astronaut Frank Borman on December 24, 1968 (first manned mission to circle the moon and see and "Earthrise")

~PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

P: Lord in your mercy,

C: **Hear our prayer.**

~LORD'S PRAYER

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A: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray..

~BENEDICTION

~CLOSING SONG      **America The Beautiful**

Verse 1      **O beautiful for spacious skies,  
for amber waves of grain,  
for purple mountain majesties  
above the fruited plain:  
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,  
and crown thy good with brotherhood  
from sea to shining sea.**

Verse 2      **O beautiful for heroes proved  
in liberating strife,  
who more than self their country loved,  
and mercy more than life:  
America! America! May God thy gold refine,  
till all success be nobleness,  
and ev'ry gain divine.**

**Verse 3**

**O beautiful for patriot dream  
that sees beyond the years  
thine alabaster cities gleam,  
undimmed by human tears:  
America! America! God mend thine ev'ry flaw,  
confirm thy soul in self-control,  
thy liberty in law.**

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**~POST SERVICE MUSIC**



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