

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church of South Hills

July 12, 2026 // 10:15 am Worship Service
Seventh 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.*



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

*“Holy Spirit, power divine,
Cleanse this guilty heart of mine;
In Thy mercy pity me,
From sin’s bondage set me free.”
LSB 496 vs. 3*

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Jesus invites his followers to participate in **The Lord's Supper**. He gives His very body and blood in, with and under the bread and wine (Matthew 26:26-28). Paul encourages us to **examine** our hearts and our relationships as we prepare to share in this meal together (I Corinthians 11:27-29). For those unable to drink wine, the center ring holds cups intinctured with wine. If you have any questions, feel free to talk to Pastor or Elder.

~PRESERVICE MUSIC

~WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand

~INVOCATION

~OPENING HYMN For the Fruits of His Creation LSB 894

~CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 65:9-13

P: You visit the earth and water it;
you greatly enrich it;

**C: the river of God is full of water;
you provide their grain,
for so you have prepared it.**

P: You water its furrows abundantly,
settling its ridges,
softening it with showers,
and blessing its growth.

**C: You crown the year with your bounty;
your wagon tracks overflow with abundance.**

P: The pastures of the wilderness overflow,
the hills gird themselves with joy,

**C: the meadows clothe themselves with flocks,
the valleys deck themselves with grain,
they shout and sing together for joy.**

~CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: who made heaven and earth.

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C; and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

(our silent confession)

P: O Almighty God, merciful Father,

C: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P: Upon this your confession, I by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Please be seated

~HYMN OF PRAISE

This is the Feast



Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.



1 — Wor-ty is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*

join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*

gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

Final Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.
Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

~PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- A: O God,
We gather together in Your presence with expectation, hungry
for an encounter with You, eager to hear Your Word.
- C: **Open our eyes and ears to the presence of Your Holy Spirit.
May the seeds of Your Word scattered among us this
morning fall of fertile soil.
May they take root in our hearts and lives, and produce an
abundant harvest of good words and deeds.
We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, our teacher and
our Lord. Amen**

~OLD TESTAMENT *Isaiah 55:10-13*

*“For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven
and do not return there but water the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
¹¹so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.
¹²“For you shall go out in joy
and be led forth in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall break forth into singing,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.
¹³Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;
and it shall make a name for the Lord,
an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.”*

~EPISTLE *Romans 8:12-17* (Heirs with Christ)

*¹²So then, brothers,^[a] we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the
flesh. ¹³For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit*

you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons^[b] of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" ¹⁶ The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

~**GOSPEL** *Matthew 13:1-9 (The Parable of the Sower)*

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

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

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ² And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³ And he told them many things in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow. ⁴ And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. ⁵ Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, ⁶ but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷ Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸ Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹ He who has ears, let him hear."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please be seated

~**HYMN OF THE DAY** **On What Has Now Been Sown** **LSB 921**

~**MESSAGE** *"Jesus Christ Sows His Love
Recklessly for You"
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23*

~**NICENE CREED**

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

and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
 who for us men and for our salvation came down
from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
 And He will come again with glory to judge both the
living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
 who with the Father and the Son together is
worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

~OFFERING

Please stand

~PRAYER

- A: For all the blessings of this life, we give thanks to You, Creator God. For families, friends, colleagues, neighbors, and strangers, who nurture us, that the love of God may grow within.
- C: **That Your love, your Word, like a seed, may grow to produce in us, good fruit to the Glory of Your holy name. Amen**

~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..

++ THE LORD'S SUPPER ++


~PREFACE

- P: The Lord be with you
C: **And also with you**
P: Lift up your hearts
C: **We lift them to the Lord**
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God
C: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

- P: It is truly good, right, and salutary...



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

~WORDS OF INSTITUTION

~PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

- P: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
C: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Please be seated

~DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

**The usher will direct you down the center aisle.*

~DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

Almighty God, Your Word is Cast

LSB 577

Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

LSB 528

~POST COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

~BENEDICTION

~CLOSING SONG Children of the Heavenly Father

LSB 725

~POST SERVICE MUSIC



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