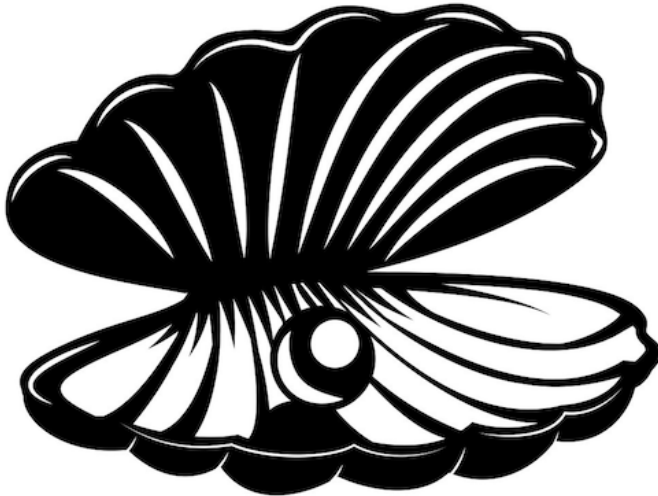


Good Shepherd Lutheran Church of South Hills

*July 26, 2026 // 10:15 am Worship Service
Ninth 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, all divine,
Dwell within this heart of mine;
Cast down every idol throne,
Reign supreme, and reign alone."
LSB 496 vs.5*

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~PRESERVICE MUSIC

~WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand

~INVOCATION

~OPENING HYMN In the Garden

Verse 1 I come to the garden alone,
 While the dew is still on the roses;
 And the voice I hear, falling on my ear,
 The Son of God discloses.

Refrain And He walks with me, and He talks with me,
 And He tells me I am His own,
 And the joy we share as we tarry there,
 None other has ever known.

Verse 2 He speaks, and the sound of His voice
 Is so sweet the birds hush their singing;
 And the melody that He gave to me
 Within my heart is ringing.

Refrain

Verse 3 I'd stay in the garden with Him
 Tho' the night around me be falling;
 But he bids me go; thro' the voice of woe,
 His voice to me is calling

Refrain

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~CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 125

P: Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion,
 which cannot be moved, but abides forever.

C: **As the mountains surround Jerusalem,
 so the Lord surrounds his people,
 from this time forth and forevermore.**

P: For the scepter of wickedness shall not rest
 on the land allotted to the righteous,

C: **lest the righteous stretch out
 their hands to do wrong.**

P: Do good, O Lord, to those who are good,
 and to those who are upright in their hearts!

C: But those who turn aside to their crooked ways
the Lord will lead away with evildoers!
Peace be upon Israel!

~CONFESSION OF OUR SINS

A: Father,

C: I ask that You open the eyes of my heart to perceive the treasures that lie within the field of Your Word. Teach me to recognize the value that is found in seeking You above all else. Help me to see that the joys of Your Kingdom far outweigh the fleeting pleasures of this world. Open my heart to the realization that the true treasure is not just found in possessions or accolades, but in a deep and abiding relationship with You.

As I search for the treasures of Your Kingdom, I pray, Lord, that You grant me the wisdom to discern the true worth of what I find. Just as the man in the parable joyfully sold all he had to acquire that precious field, let me also be willing to forsake worldly ambitions and attachments, recognizing that nothing can compare to the glory and joy that come from being a part of Your Kingdom. Amen.

(our silent confession)

~ABSOLUTION

Please be seated

~HYMN OF PRAISE All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name LSB 549

~PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

A: Holy and kind Father,

C: thank you for bringing me into your Kingdom. I know that my salvation, my being a part of your family, is the work of your grace and sacrifice through Your Son, Jesus. Thank you for making me yours. Through your Spirit, reawaken my joy of salvation each day. In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen.

~OLD TESTAMENT Deuteronomy 7:6-9

⁶ "For you are a people holy to the Lord your God. The Lord your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. ⁷ It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the Lord set his love on you and chose you, for you were

the fewest of all peoples,⁸ but it is because the Lord loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the Lord has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.⁹ Know therefore that the Lord your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations,

~EPISTLE *Romans 8:28-39*

²⁸ *And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good,^[a] for those who are called according to his purpose.* ²⁹ *For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.* ³⁰ *And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.*

³¹ *What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be^[b] against us?* ³² *He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?* ³³ *Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies.* ³⁴ *Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.^[c]* ³⁵ *Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?* ³⁶ *As it is written,*

*“For your sake we are being killed all the day long;
we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”*

³⁷ *No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.* ³⁸ *For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers,* ³⁹ *nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

~GOSPEL *Matthew 13:44-52*

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

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

⁴⁴ *"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.*

⁴⁵ *"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, ⁴⁶ who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.*

⁴⁷ *"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. ⁴⁸ When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad. ⁴⁹ So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰ and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.*

⁵¹ *"Have you understood all these things?" They said to him, "Yes." ⁵² And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."*

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Please be seated

~HYMN OF THE DAY On Christ's Ascension I Now Build LSB 492

~MESSAGE *"Christ is Risen, Christ Reigns"*
Video Message by 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

~PRAYERS

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

P: Lord in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

~LORD'S PRAYER

LSB Back Cover

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

~BENEDICTION

~CLOSING SONG What a Friend We Have in Jesus LSB 770

~POST SERVICE MUSIC



Thanks for worshipping with us!
See you next week!