

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church of South Hills

*August 16, 2026 // 10:15 am Worship Service
Twelfth 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...

*"Lo, the apostles' holy train
Join Thy sacred name to hallow;
Prophets swell the glad refrain,
And the white-robed martyrs follow,
And from morn to set of sun
Through the Church the song goes on."
LSB 940 vs. 3*

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~PRESERVICE MUSIC

~WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand

~INVOCATION

~OPENING HYMN What a Friend We Have in Jesus LSB 770

~CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 67

P: May God be gracious to us and bless us
 and make his face to shine upon us, (Selah)

C: **that your way may be known on earth,
 your saving power among all nations.**

P: Let the peoples praise you, O God;
 let all the peoples praise you!

C: **Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
 for you judge the peoples with equity
 and guide the nations upon earth. (Selah)**

P: Let the peoples praise you, O God;
 let all the peoples praise you!

C: **The earth has yielded its increase;
 God, our God, shall bless us.
 God shall bless us;
 let all the ends of the earth fear him!**

~CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

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

C: **Amen.**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is
 not in us.

C: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will
 forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

(our silent confession)

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful
 and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word,
 and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left
 undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have
 not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your
 present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son,
 Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and**

lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your Holy name.

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all of 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 Where Charity and Love Prevail LSB 845

~PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

A: With open arms, You welcome all who call on Your name, who acknowledge You as Lord, and look to You in faith. No one stands outside the circle of Your mercy and love. And so we come to offer You our worship, to declare that You are our God, and that we are Your people, called and chosen by You from the very beginning.

C: **Through the presence of Your Holy Spirit, open our eyes to see You here, open our minds to receive Your truth, and our mouths to speak and sing Your praise. For you alone are God, worthy of all praise and worship, now and to the end of time. Amen.**

~OLD TESTAMENT Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

Thus says the Lord:

*"Keep justice, and do righteousness,
for soon my salvation will come,
and my righteousness be revealed.*

*⁶ "And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord,
to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord,
and to be his servants,*

*everyone who keeps the Sabbath and does not profane it,
and holds fast my covenant—*

*⁷ these I will bring to my holy mountain,
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar;
for my house shall be called a house of prayer
for all peoples."*

⁸ The Lord God,

*who gathers the outcasts of Israel, declares,
"I will gather yet others to him
besides those already gathered."*

~EPISTLE *Romans 11:1-2, 13-15, 28-32*

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! For I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham,^[a] a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ² God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. Do you not know what the Scripture says of Elijah, how he appeals to God against Israel?

¹³ Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry ¹⁴ in order somehow to make my fellow Jews jealous, and thus save some of them. ¹⁵ For if their rejection means the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance mean but life from the dead?

²⁸ As regards the gospel, they are enemies for your sake. But as regards election, they are beloved for the sake of their forefathers. ²⁹ For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰ For just as you were at one time disobedient to God but now have received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹ so they too have now been disobedient in order that by the mercy shown to you they also may now^[a] receive mercy. ³² For God has consigned all to disobedience, that he may have mercy on all.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

~GOSPEL *Matthew 15:21-28 (The Faith of a Canaanite Woman)*

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

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

²¹ And Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²² And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon." ²³ But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying out after us." ²⁴ He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." ²⁵ But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." ²⁶ And he answered, "It is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." ²⁷ She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." ²⁸ Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your

faith! Let it be done for you as you desire.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Please be seated

~CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

~HYMN OF THE DAY How Deep the Father’s Love

Verse 1 How deep the Father's love for us
 How vast beyond all measure
 That He should give His only Son
 To make a wretch His treasure
 How great the pain of searing loss
 The Father turns His face away
 As wounds which mar the Chosen One
 Bring many sons to glory

Verse 2 Behold the Man upon a cross
 My sin upon His shoulders
 Ashamed I hear my mocking voice
 Call out among the scoffers
 It was my sin that held Him there
 Until it was accomplished
 His dying breath has brought me life
 I know that it is finished

Verse 3 I will not boast in anything
 No gifts no pow’r no wisdom
 But I will boast in Jesus Christ
 His death and resurrection
 Why should I gain from His reward
 I cannot give an answer
 But this I know with all my heart
 His wounds have paid my ransom

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~MESSAGE

*“Jesus Christ Remembers You Forever”
Matthew 15:21-28*

~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

~PRAYER

- C: On my own, what I have to give doesn't amount to much in the light of all you have given to me and in the face of so much need.**
- A: Put together as a congregation, what we offer you here in love becomes more, not simply added together, but somehow multiplied in it's usefulness.**
- C: We ask you to bless our gifts and with the addition of your blessing, just as it was with the loaves and fishes, there is enough for all. 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..**

~BENEDICTION

~CLOSING SONG Cornerstone

**Verse 1 My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly trust in Jesus' Name
(repeat)**

**Chorus Christ alone cornerstone
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love
Through the storm He is Lord
Lord of all**

**Verse 2 When darkness seems to hide His face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil
My anchor holds within the veil**

Chorus x2

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~POST SERVICE MUSIC



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