

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church of South Hills

*September 6, 2026 // 10:15 am Worship Service
Fifteenth 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...

*"I was glad when they said to me,
"Let us go to the house of the LORD!"
Our feet have been standing
Within your gates, O Jerusalem!"
~Psalm 122:1-2*

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~PRESERVICE MUSIC

~WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand

~INVOCATION

~OPENING HYMN I Love Your Kingdom, Lord LSB 651

~CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 119:33-40

P: Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes;
and I will keep it to the end.

**C: Give me understanding, that I may keep your law
and observe it with my whole heart.**

P: Lead me in the path of your commandments,
for I delight in it.

**C: Incline my heart to your testimonies,
and not to selfish gain!**

P: Turn my eyes from looking at worthless things;
and give me life in your ways.

**C: Confirm to your servant your promise,
that you may be feared.**

P: Turn away the reproach that I dread,
for your rules are good.

**C: Behold, I long for your precepts;
in your righteousness give me life!**

~CONFESSION OF OUR SINS

P: Father, You call us love one another,
to put the needs and interests of those around us above our
own;
to love others as deeply as we have been loved by You.
We confess the times when we have failed,
allowing our own desires and interests to take precedence
over the needs of others.
Lord, in Your mercy,

C: forgive us. Teach us how to love as we have been loved.

P: You call us to deal honorably with one another,
even those who have hurt or offended us;
to work through our disagreements with love and integrity,
and so to build up the Body of Christ.
We confess the times when we have failed,
finding it easier to simply walk away from hurtful relationships,

or to talk behind people's backs rather than to their faces.
Lord, in Your mercy,

C: forgive us. Teach us how to live with love and integrity.

P: Give us hunger to know You more,
so that we may do Your will
and walk in Your ways,
to the glory of Your name.

C: Amen.

(Our silent confession)

~ABSOLUTION

Please be seated

~HYMN OF PRAISE **Blest Be the Tie That Binds** **LSB 649**

~PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

A: I lift my eyes up to the mountains,
from where does my help come?

**C: My help comes from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.**

A: We look not to the mountains or valleys,
even heaven or earth,

C: For God is found among us.

A: Wherever two or three are gathered in Christ's name,

C: God is here among us.

A: Come, let us worship the God of Creation,
the God of People, the God of Community.

**C: Let us follow Jesus, for Jesus is The Way.
Let us worship together in faith.**

~OLD TESTAMENT *Ezekiel 33:7-9*

⁷ "So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ⁸ If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. ⁹ But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.

~EPISTLE *Romans 13:1-10* *(Submission to the Authorities)*

Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. ² Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. ³ For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, ⁴ for he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer. ⁵ Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience. ⁶ For because of this you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. ⁷ Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed.

⁸ Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹ For the commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁰ Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

~GOSPEL *Matthew 18:1-20*

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

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

At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" ² And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them ³ and said, "Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. ⁴ Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

⁵ "Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, ⁶ but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for

him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.

⁷ “Woe to the world for temptations to sin! For it is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the one by whom the temptation comes! ⁸ And if your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life crippled or lame than with two hands or two feet to be thrown into the eternal fire. ⁹ And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into the hell of fire.

¹⁰ “See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven. ¹² What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? ¹³ And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. ¹⁴ So it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.

¹⁵ “If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. ¹⁶ But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷ If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸ Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹ Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. ²⁰ For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please be seated

~HYMN OF THE DAY **Just as I Am, without One Plea** **LSB 570**
Verses 1, 2, 3, 5

~MESSAGE *“Following Jesus in Faith”*
Matthew 18:1-20

~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

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

LSB 803

~POST SERVICE MUSIC



Thanks for worshipping with us!
See you next week!