

The Geason After Pentecost

July 6, 2025 9:30 a.m.



Confession and Forgiveness

In the name of the Father, and of the ⊕ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,

you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life. Amen.

You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith. In the cross of + Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.

Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Hymn of Praise



Prayer of the Day

O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus, you are the city that shelters us, the mother who comforts us.

With your Spirit accompany us on our life's journey, that we may spread your peace in all the world, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

First Reading Isaiah 66:10-14

¹⁰ Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her, all you who love her; rejoice with her in joy, all you who mourn over her - ¹¹ that you may nurse and be satisfied from her consoling breast; that you may drink deeply with delight from her glorious bosom. ¹² For thus says the LORD: I will extend prosperity to her like a river, and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing stream; and you shall nurse and be carried on her arm, and dandled on her knees. ¹³ As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you; you shall be comforted in Jerusalem. ¹⁴ You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice; your bodies shall flourish like the grass; and it shall be known that the hand of the LORD is with his servants, and his indignation is against his enemies

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Galatians 6:1-6 7-16

¹ My friends, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted. ² Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. ³ For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves. ⁴ All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbor's work, will become a cause for pride. ⁵ For all must carry their own loads. ⁶ Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher. ⁷ Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. 8 If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. 9 So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. 10 So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith. ¹¹ See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! 12 It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised—only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. ¹³ Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. 14 May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. ¹⁵ For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! ¹⁶ As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

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Children's Time

Alleluia Verse



Holy Gospel

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 10th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. ² He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. ³ Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. ⁴ Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. ⁵ Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' ⁶ And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. ⁷ Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. ⁸ Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; ⁹ cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' ¹0 But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, ¹¹ 'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.'"

¹⁶ "Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me." ¹⁷ The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!" ¹⁸ He said to them, "I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. ¹⁹ See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. ²⁰ Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

The Gospel of the Lord, **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Song: "I Will Follow"

Where You go I'll go, where You stay I'll stay When You move I'll move. I will follow. Oh, oh, oh.

All Your ways are good, all Your ways are sure I will trust in You alone, higher than my sight High above my life, I will trust in You alone

Chorus
Where You go I'll go, where You stay I'll stay
When You move I'll move. I will follow You
Whom You love I'll love, how You serve I'll serve
If this life I lose, I will follow You

Yeah I will follow You, yeah

Light into the world, light into my life I will live for You alone You're the One I seek, knowing I will find All I need in You alone, in You alone *Chorus*

In You there's life everlasting
In You there's freedom for my soul
In You there's joy unending joy, and I will follow *Chorus 2X*

Yeah I will follow You yeah
I will follow You yeah. I will follow You yeah

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

Prayers of the People

God of grace,

hear our prayer.

MEAL

Offering/Ministry Opportunities/Invitation to Communion



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Offering Prayer

Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful.

Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Celebration of Holy Communion

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts

We lift them to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

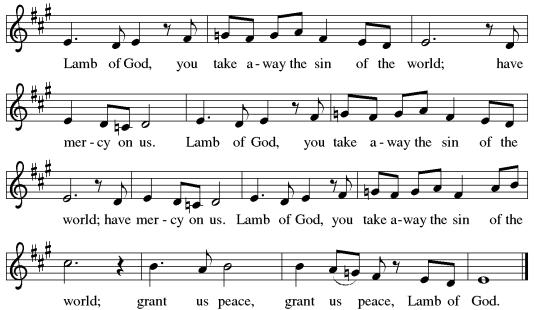
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessing at the Table

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

Distribution of Holy Communion





SENDING

Post-Communion Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

Amen

Prayer after Communion

Mothering God, you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace.

Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name. Amen.

Blessing

Sending Song:

"O Beautiful for Spacious Skies"



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- 2 O beau-ti-ful for he - roes proved in lib - er - at - ing strife,
- 3 O beau-ti-ful for pa - triot dream that sees be-yond the years



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Dismissal

As people of the Good Shepherd ...

We are a Christian community rooted in grace, connected through inclusive worship and fellowship.

Together

We embrace and value all people and serve our broader community with compassion.

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

In the spirit of Church togetherness, the Reverend Candidate Diana Foote, Candidate for Ordination to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament, presides at Holy Communion today with the thanks and authorization of the bishop of the Upstate NY Synod.

Our Middle and High School youth are going on **Whitewater Rafting** trip on July 22. Check in with Ms Jen if you need information. Deadline is July 15.

Blessing Box

We are running low on: cereal, canned fruit, baby supplies/formula/dry cereal, boxed milk, tea/coffee, pancake mix/syrup, microwave meals, shampoo/conditioner, dish soap.

Help needed with the **Community Garden**. Please contact Angie DeOrio at (518) 542-4799 if you can help.

July Missions of the Month
Bethesda House and Booth House



Good Shepherd will host a "Canoe on Lake" mini watercolor painting class on Wednesday, July 9th from 6-8pm. The artist, Cheryl Bielli is a NYS certified visual arts teacher and owner and operator of Mrs. B's Petite Gallery & Studio since 2012. She currently is an instructor at the Paul Nigra Center for creative arts in Mayfield NY. and creates in diverse two and 3-D media including drawing, painting and sculpture. Her work has appeared in various shows in PA, upstate NY and western NY. She has illustrated four children's books. Cheryl will help students learn how to paint with step-by-step instructions breaking things into shapes, limiting the number of shapes and details and demonstrating a few watercolor techniques. This piece should come easy to both beginners and more experienced watercolor painters. Class size will be limited to a minimum of 6 people and maximum of 12 people. The cost is \$32.00 which will include two hours of instruction and all necessary materials. To sign up, contact Lorraine Chambers at 518 796-9413 or email lchambers46@yahoo.com.

The Hand-Held Prayer Quilt Ministry

Our next meeting will be held on Saturday, August 9th at 10:30. We encourage anyone who is interested in helping out to please join us. There are many jobs besides sewing for this ministry to be on-going!







Today's altar flowers were given by Pam Howell, Cari Hopkins Kramer & Wendy Hopkins Milavec in celebration of Tom Hopkins's birthday.



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