

The Geason After Pentecost

July 13, 2025 9:30 a.m.

Gathering Song

"As We Gather at your Table"



- 1 As we gath-er at your ta-ble, as we lis-ten to your word,
- 2 Turn our wor-ship in to wit-ness in the sac ra ment of life;
- 3 Gra-cious Spir-it, help us sum-mon oth-er guests to share that feast



help us know, O God, your pres-ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred. send us forth to love and serve you, bring-ing peace where there is strife. where tri - um-phant Love will wel-come those who had been last and least.



Nour-ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we claim it as our own; Give us, Christ, your great com-pas-sion to for - give as you for - gave; There no more will en - vy blind us nor will pride our peace de - stroy,



teach us through this ho-ly ban-quet how to make Love's vic - t'ry known. may we still be - hold your im - age in the world you died to save. as we join with saints and an - gels to re - peat the sound-ing joy.

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 Lord God, your mercy delights us, and the world longs for your loving care. Hear the cries of everyone in need, and turn our hearts to love our neighbors with the love of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

First Reading Deuteronomy 30:9-14

⁹The LORD your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all your undertakings, in the fruit of your body, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your soil. For the LORD will again take delight in prospering you, just as he delighted in prospering your ancestors, ¹⁰ when you obey the LORD your God by observing his commandments and decrees that are written in this book of the law, because you turn to the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul. ¹¹ "Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away. ¹² It is not in heaven, that you should say, 'Who will go up to heaven for us and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?' ¹³ Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, 'Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?' ¹⁴ No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Colossians 1:1-14

¹Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, ²To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father. ³ In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, 4 for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, 5 because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel ⁶ that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. ⁷ This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf, 8 and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit. 9 For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, ¹⁰ so that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. 11 May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, so that you may have all endurance and patience, joyfully ¹² giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. 13 He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, 14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

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Children's Time

Alleluia Verse



Holy Gospel

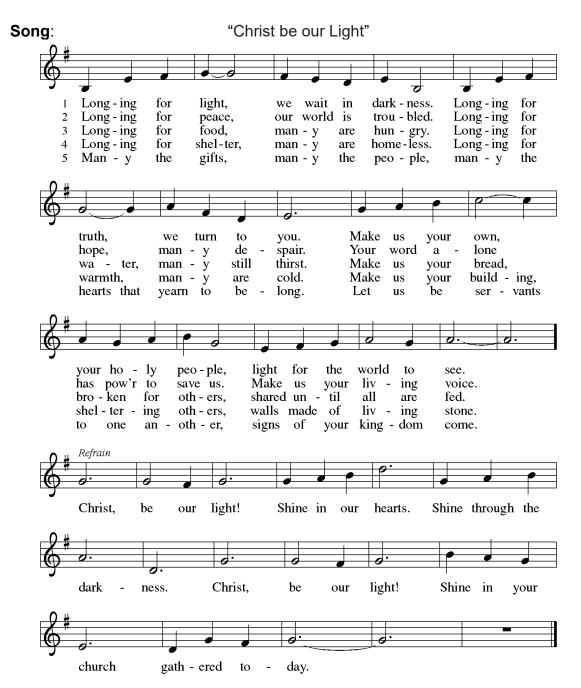
The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 10th chapter. Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁵ An expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ²⁶ He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" ²⁷ He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and your neighbor as yourself." ²⁸ And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live." ²⁹ But wanting to vindicate himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" ³⁰ Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and took off, leaving him half dead. ³¹ Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. 32 So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. 33 But a Samaritan while traveling came upon him, and when he saw him he was moved with compassion. ³⁴ He went to him and bandaged his wounds, treating them with oil and wine. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. ³⁵ The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him, and when I come back I will repay you whatever more you spend.' 36 Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" ³⁷ He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

The Gospel of the Lord,

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon



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

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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.

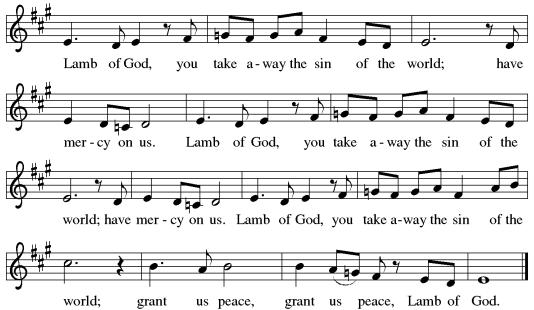
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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



Hymn:

"Holy Spirit"

Chorus
Holy Spirit come into our lives
Holy Spirit make us truly wise

Give us a spirit of wisdom An understanding heart Give us a spirit of knowledge And lead us to the truth

Give us a spirit of courage And judgment that is wise Give us a spirit of rev'rence Of wonder and of awe

Spirit of love and compassion Give hope to all the poor Spirit of justice and mercy Come open ev'ry door

Spirit of all consolation O lift our hearts this day Spirit of all understanding O help us know Your way

Spirit of light and of wisdom O lift us from our sorrow Spirit of peace and forgiveness O help us face tomorrow

Spirit of strength and of healing Bend stubborn heart and will Spirit of trust and of caring O melt us warm our chill

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: "As For Me"

Your love oh Lord is strength to my soul Hope for tomorrow it won't let go Your presence is the joy of my life To You I lift my eyes

Chorus

As for me and my house we will serve the Lord We will sing of Your love forevermore As for me and my house we will serve the Lord Serve the Lord

Your word alone a lamp to my feet A light to my path as You're leading me Your ways oh Lord are higher than mine To You I lift my eyes

Bridge
Open up every door
Write it on every wall
Sing it in every room

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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.

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.

July Missions of the Month

Bethesda House and Booth House

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!

Support our youth! Place your bottles and cans in the bins at the south end of the church (by the kitchen) or bring them directly to Creating Change Redemption Center at 309 Saratoga Rd, Glenville and let them know you are donating for the Good Shepherd Youth.





Good Shepherd Book Club

Our Book Club selection for July is <u>Proof of Heaven</u> by Eben Alexander, MD. We will hold our book discussion on Tuesday July 29, 2025 in the classroom at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. 7 pm. Hope to see you there.

Our next **Contemplative Prayer Group** will be meeting on Saturday, July 26th from 9-10am (note earlier start time) at the church. Everyone is welcome, regardless of whether you have participated in the past or not.

Give it a try for personal meditation and for searching for a deeper, more personal relationship with our God.

Volunteers are needed for **Communion Assistants as well as Outdoor Service Set-Up**. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the north end, outside of the sanctuary or email the office at gsglenvilleoffice@gmail.com.

Let's Make Beautiful Noise Again

As you know, "teamwork makes the dream work", so we are seeking a team of singers to reestablish our Good Shepherd Choir.

We had been active prior to covid and it's time we reorganize to perform regularly again at our Sunday services.

Who do we need? BATS... That's bass, alto tenor & soprano voices to make beautiful noise once a month. We will keep the process as easy for everyone as possible with one rehearsal on the Wednesday night prior to our performance and a final run-through the Sunday morning before performing.

Our first performance will be on Sunday, August 3 as we will be inside that day (Pastor predicts rain) with rehearsal Wednesday, July 30, 7 pm.

Do you need to commit to every performance? No, we will welcome participants as their schedule allows.

If you can carry a tune, please consider this joyful music ministry as part of your worship experience. Lorraine Janack is coordinating this program with Cyndi and awaits responses to continue the planning process. Come & share the joy.

Today's altar flowers were given by Jenn Sass in celebration of Amy and Jacob's birthdays.



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