

The Season After Pentecost

June 29, 2025

9:30 a.m.

Gathering Song

"Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"



- 1 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, as sol - diers of the cross,
- 2 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus; the trum - pet call o - bey;
- 3 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, stand in his strength a - lone;
- 4 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, the strife will not be long;



lift high his roy - al ban - ner; it must not suf - fer loss.
stand forth in might - y con - flict in this his glo - rious day.
the arm of flesh will fail you, you dare not trust your own.
this day the din of bat - tle, the next the vic - tor's song.



From vic - t'ry un - to vic - t'ry his ar - my he shall lead,
Let all his faith - ful serve him a - gainst un - num - bered foes;
Put on the gos - pel ar - mor; each piece put on with prayer.
The sol - diers, o - ver - com - ing, their crown of life shall see,



till ev - 'ry foe is van - quished and Christ is Lord in - deed.
let cour - age rise with dan - ger, and strength to strength op - pose.
Where du - ty calls or dan - ger, be nev - er want - ing there.
and with the King of glo - ry shall reign e - ter - nal - ly.

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

Leader



Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!

All



Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!

Leader



To God be glo - ry for - ev - er!

All



To God be glo - ry for - ev - er!

Leader



Al-le-lu-ia! A-men!

Leader



Al-le-lu-ia! A-men!

Group 1



Al-le-lu-ia! A-men!

Group 1, 2



Al-le-lu-ia! A-men!

Leader



Al-le-lu-ia! A-men!

Group 1, 2, 3



Al-le-lu-ia! A-men! Al-le-lu-ia! A-men! Al-le-lu-ia! A-men! Al-le-lu-ia! A - men!

Prayer of the Day

Sovereign God, ruler of all hearts, you call us to obey you, and you favor us with true freedom.

Keep us faithful to the ways of your Son, that, leaving behind all that hinders us, we may steadfastly follow your paths, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

First Reading

1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21

¹⁵ Then the LORD said to [Elijah,] “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. ¹⁶ Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place.” ¹⁹ So he set out from there, and found Elisha son of Shaphat, who was plowing. There were twelve yoke of oxen ahead of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle over him. ²⁰ He left the oxen, ran after Elijah, and said, “Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you.” Then Elijah said to him, “Go back again; for what have I done to you?” ²¹ He returned from following him, took the yoke of oxen, and slaughtered them; using the equipment from the oxen, he boiled their flesh, and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out and followed Elijah, and became his servant.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Galatians 5:1, 13-25

¹ For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. ¹³ For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. ¹⁴ For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁵ If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another. ¹⁶ Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷ For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. ¹⁸ But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. ¹⁹ Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, ²¹ envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. ²² By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. ²⁴ And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵ If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

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Children's Time

Alleluia Verse

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 9th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁵¹ When the days drew near for [Jesus] to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. ⁵² And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; ⁵³ but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. ⁵⁴ When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" ⁵⁵ But he turned and rebuked them. ⁵⁶ Then they went on to another village.

⁵⁷ As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." ⁵⁸ And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." ⁵⁹ To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." ⁶⁰ But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." ⁶¹ Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home." ⁶² Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

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

Sermon

Song:

"Be Thou Vision"



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,
4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.
thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought both by day and by night,
Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,
thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

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

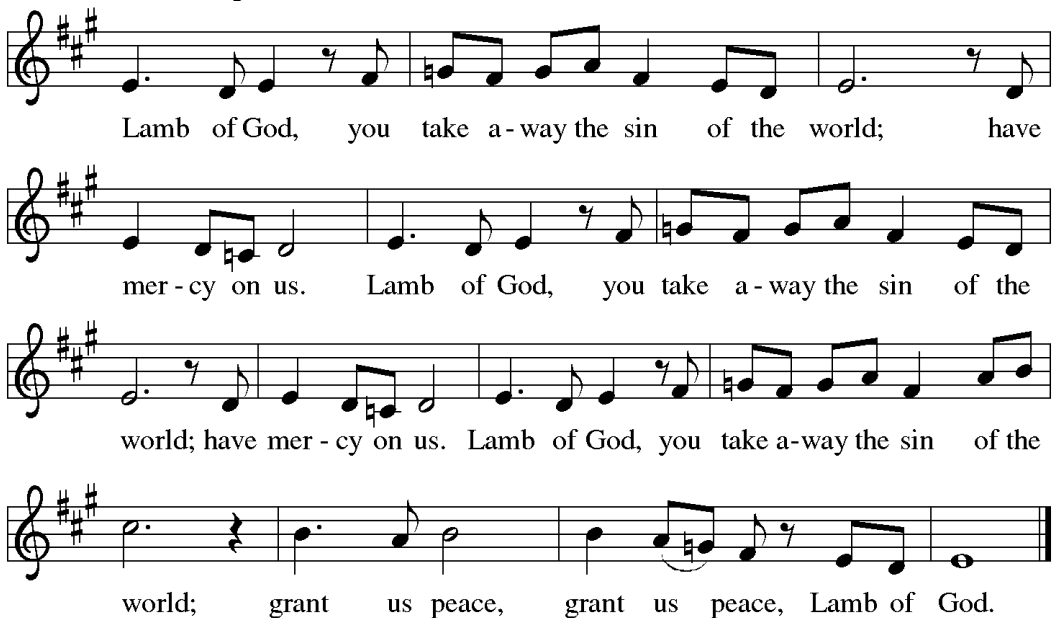
**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**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



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

Hymn:

"Here I am, Lord"



1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
 2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
 3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
 I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.



I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.
 I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
 Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?"
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?"

Refrain



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

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 Master Let me Walk with You"



1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with you in low - ly
2 Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear,
3 Teach me your pa - tience; share with me a clos - er,
4 In hope that sends a shin - ing ray far down the



paths of ser - vice true; tell me your se - cret;
win - ning word of love; teach me the way - ward
dear - er com - pa - ny, in work that keeps faith
fu - ture's broad - 'ning way, in peace that on - ly



help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.
feet to stay, and guide them in the home - ward way.
sweet and strong, in trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong,
you can give; with you, O Mas - ter, let me live.

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.

Pastor Deron is vacationing June 30- July 6.

If urgent pastoral care is needed contact the church office
or our president Gayle Stankiewicz at 518 573 2125.

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

Summer supplies are running low: canned soups, beans, rice, granola bars, pasta sauce, canned fruit, laundry detergent, baby supplies/formula/dry cereal, boxed milk, tea/coffee, pancake mix/syrup, microwave meals, shampoo/conditioner, tooth care, deodorant, dish soap.

Help needed with the **Community Garden**.

Please contact Angie DeOrio at (518) 542-4799 if you can help.

June Mission of the Month

The Good Shepherd Blessing Box



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 Ichambers46@yahoo.com.

Sunday School

Thank you, students, families, and teachers, for another wonderful year!

Due to staff issues we will not meet through the summer this year.

However, we will be returning in the fall on September 14th, 2025. The day will include our first lesson and field day games to celebrate Rally Day!

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!

**Good Shepherd
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Youth Fundraiser


**Chicken, potato,
coleslaw.**

Take-Out Only

\$17 or \$12 for 1/2 chicken

July 15th, 4p - 7p

547 Saratoga Road (Route 50), Glenville, NY



**BROS
BIBLES & BEER**

Monday, July 7th, 7 -8 pm


Bros, Bibles & Beer Event

Ken Moore's Home

1359 Lexington Avenue, Schenectady

Bring a lawn chair & your favorite beverage

**Guys are invited to this casual bible event
discussion over your favorite beer or soft drink**



**AUG 11-14,
2025**

8:45am check in,
12noon dismissal

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in celebration of their wedding.**



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