

*The LORD will guide you ...  
you shall be like a watered garden,  
like a spring of water, whose  
waters never fail.*

*Isaiah 58:11, NRSV*



We rejoice in the Lord's answers to prayers  
and thank God for His goodness.

**Members Needing  
Prayer:**

Jo Anderson  
Robert Harris  
Mona White  
Julie Werfelmann  
Rev. Dr. Arlynn  
Turnquist  
Kay Schumacher  
Betty Montgomery  
Neil and Verna Wal-  
den  
Liz Smith  
Bill Biggs  
Mary Norris & Family  
Connie Alvarado  
Jocelyn Miller  
Kirsten Linder  
Jim Thompson

**Family and Friends:**

Linda Healy (White)  
Cousin Gary (Sandy T.)  
Karilee (Neer)  
Pauline Ritterbush  
Julie Schnieder (Bender)  
Jade Dixon (Julie)  
Kathy (Secretary) and Family  
Elaine (Werfelmann)  
Linda Healy (White)  
Ivonne Garcia (Zamora)  
Phoebe (Neer)  
Phil (Anderson)  
Gary Assmussen (Deuker)  
Irene Goldman (Dueker)  
Jennifer Wenzel (Wilk)  
Tonya (White)  
Shanese (White)  
Zyg Zee (Norris)  
Claire (Vonny)  
Janet Sharp (Fake)  
Anthony Collichio (Norris)  
Mickey Cecil (Norris)  
Dorothy Lee Bruce (Julie)  
Melissa (Sandy T.)  
Frank and Anita Porco (Vonny)  
Pam (Smith)  
Grace Johnson (Fake)  
Hudson Otten (Anderson)  
Karen Ohanesian (Hays)  
Rosemary (Vonny)  
Nathan & Sandy Robbins  
(Robbins)

***Prayers For***

All Good Shepherd Families Who Have Lost Loved Ones, Members of  
Our Military Service, First Responders, and Those Affected by Illness,  
Natural Disasters and War.

For Prayer Requests: Complete the prayer request card on the back of  
the pew or call/email the church office 225-2092/gslcfresno@att.net

**Good Shepherd Lutheran Church**  
**Worship Service**  
**August 24, 2025 - 10AM**  
**Eleventh Sunday of Pentecost**

**Prelude** Susan Berg, Piano

**Announcements**

**Opening Hymn** "Morning Has Broken" #531 (vv. 1-3)  
Song Leaders and Congregation

1. Morning has broken like the first morning;  
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.  
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!  
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

2. Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven,  
like the first dewfall on the grass.  
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,  
sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.

3. Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning,  
born of the one light Eden saw play!  
Praise with elation, praise every morning,  
God's re-creation of the new day!

**Confession and Forgiveness**

*All may make the sign of the cross.*

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

**Amen.**

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

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.**

### **Prayer of the Day**

**P:** We pray together...

**C:** O God, mighty and immortal, you know that as fragile creatures surrounded by great dangers, we cannot by ourselves stand upright.  
Give us strength of mind and body, so that even when we suffer because of human sin, we may rise victorious through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

**Special Music** "Enter Now the Gates" by Douglas E. Wagner (c 2004  
Lorenz Publishing Company, a division of The Lorenz  
Corporation)  
Choral Ensemble with The Good Shepherd Chimes

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| <b>Lesson 1</b> | Isaiah 58:9b-14  | Page 675 in the cranberry Bible<br>Page 764 in the red Bible  |
| <b>Lesson 2</b> | Hebrews 12:18-29 | Page 1098 in the cranberry Bible<br>Page 244 in the red Bible |
| <b>Gospel</b>   | Luke 13:10-17    | Page 950 in the cranberry Bible<br>Page 78 in the red Bible   |

### **Kids' Talk**

Pr. Ted Niemi

Children are now invited - but not required - to go with the adult leader to kids' church in classroom 2 during the sermon. They will return in time for communion with their families.

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| <b>Sermon</b> | "Bad Backs & A Loving Lord" | Pr. Ted Niemi |
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| <b>Sermon Hymn</b> | "O Day of Rest and Gladness) #521 (vv. 1, 3-4)<br>Song Leaders and Congregation |
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1. O day of rest and gladness, O day of joy and light,  
O balm for care and sadness, most beautiful, most bright:  
on you the high and lowly, through ages joined in tune,  
sing. "Holv. holv. holv." to the great God triune.

3. Today on weary nations the heavenly manna falls;  
to holy convocations the silver trumpet calls,  
where gospel light is glowing with pure and radiant beams  
and living water flowing with soul-refreshing streams.

4. New graces ever gaining from this our day of rest,  
we reach the rest remaining to spirits of the blest.  
We sing to you our praises, O Father, Spirit, Son;  
the church its voice upraises to you, blest Three in One.

### **Apostles' Creed**

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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 Church**

#### **Sharing the Peace**

**Special Music** "Make My Life an Alleluia" by Ruth Elaine Schram (c 2004  
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Corporation)  
Choral Ensemble

### **Words of Institution**

#### **The Lord's Prayer**

#### **Holy Communion**

Communion shall be served using the method known as "intinction": the wafer will be handed to you, and you will dip the wafer into either the gold chalice of wine, or the ceramic chalice of grape juice. For those who are not able to come up for communion, please just remain seated and our ushers will be happy to direct the communion servers to bring communion right to you. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Children are welcome to come up for communion to receive an animal cracker (unless otherwise advised by the parent or guardian). Please come, for all are welcome.

**Communion Hymn**      “All Who Hunger Gather Gladly” #461 (vv. 1-3)  
Song Leaders and Congregation

1. All who hunger, gather gladly; holy manna is our bread.  
Come from wilderness and wandering. Here in truth we will be fed.  
You that yearn for days of fullness, all around us is our food.  
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.
2. All who hunger, never strangers; seeker, be a welcome guest.  
Come from restlessness and roaming. Here in joy we keep the feast.  
We that once were lost and scattered in communion's love have stood.  
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.
3. All who hunger, sing together, Jesus Christ is living bread.  
Come from loneliness and longing. Here in peace we have been fed.  
Blest are those who from this table live their days in gratitude.  
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

**Musical Blessing**      “The Lord Bless You and Keep You” by Peter C.  
Lutkin (c. 1999 by the Choral Public Domain Library)  
Choral Ensemble

**Closing Hymn**      “All the Earth Will Sing Your Praises” by Paul  
Baloche (c 2003 Integrity's Hosanna! Music, CCLI  
Song # 409281)  
Song Leaders and Congregation

1. You lived, You died, You said in three days You would rise.  
You did, You're alive.  
You rule, You reign, You said You're coming back again.  
I know that you will, And all the earth will sing Your praises.  
All the earth will sing your praises.

You took, and You take our sin away, O God.  
You give, and You gave, Your life away for us.  
You came down, You saved us through the cross.  
Our hearts are changed because of Your great love.

You lived, You died, You said in three days You would rise.  
You did, You're alive.  
You rule, You reign, You said You're coming back again.  
I know that you will, And all the earth will sing Your praises.  
All the earth will sing your praises.

Sunday, August 24, 2025

## Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 1:4-10

*Courage is what it takes to stand up and speak; courage is also what it takes to sit down and listen. —Winston Churchill*

In today's Bible reading, the Lord calls the young Jeremiah to be a prophet to the unfaithful people of God. Jeremiah demurs, saying, "Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy" (v. 6). His comment made me wonder about the ages of some young kings and queens in the history of Western civilization. Here's a partial list of what I found.

- King Tutankhamun of Egypt was 9 years old when he became the pharaoh and reigned from 1332-1323 B.C.
- Alfonso XIII of Spain was born a king! His reign: 1886-1931.
- Mary, Queen of Scots, was 6 days old. Her reign: 1542-1567.
- Wilhelmina of the Netherlands became queen at the age of 10. Her reign: 1890-1948.
- Louis XIV of France was 4 years old. His reign: 1643-1715 (72 years!)

Of course, monarchs ascending at young ages had to rely heavily on regents or advisors to govern until they reached maturity. Many of these young rulers became historical icons, leaving lasting legacies despite their early beginnings.

This is what Jeremiah did not realize at first. Perhaps he thought God was simply throwing him into the deep end of the pool, expecting him to learn how to swim without any lessons.

But God quickly reminded him, as he did to Moses centuries earlier, that Jeremiah would never be without divine guidance. "Do not say, 'I am only a boy'; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD" (vv. 7-8). God even promises to put words in the mouth of the young prophet; he won't need to worry about speaking in public (v. 9).

God may not be asking you to be a prophet. But you might be called to do something difficult. Perhaps there is someone who is in mourning and needs comfort. Perhaps there is a dear soul who is lonely and God is calling you to be a friend. Perhaps you know of some staffers whose faithful work every day goes unnoticed and unappreciated. God is calling you to offer a word of encouragement and gratitude.

Say "Yes!" Jeremiah did and he became a great spokesman for God!

—Timothy Merrill

*Prayer: God, give me courage to say "yes" to anything you ask of me. Amen.*

## Daily Bible Readings

Sunday: Galatians 1-3

Monday: Jeremiah 43-46

Tuesday: Jeremiah 47-49

Wednesday: Jeremiah 50-52

Thursday: Lamentations 1-5

Friday: 1 Chronicles 1-3

Saturday: Psalms 91-93

## Verse to Remember

*You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust."*

—Psalm 91:1-2

## MAGNIFICENT MYSTERIES!

Consider the riddles and enigmas below and prepare to have your mind challenged!

1. What was it that Adam never had and never saw yet gave to his children?
2. When does a chair hate you?
3. Which candle burns longer, a wax candle or a tallow candle?
4. What kind of clock shows the exact time twice a day, but is wrong at all other times?
5. What question can never be answered by "Yes"?

## WORD MATCH

Directions: Below is a list of 10 compound words, but you need to draw lines from a word in the left column to a matching word in the right one. Write the new word (a compound word) in the space provided.

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| door   | line   | _____ |
| jaw    | brush  | _____ |
| farm   | worm   | _____ |
| back   | fish   | _____ |
| earth  | mat    | _____ |
| air    | ground | _____ |
| gold   | house  | _____ |
| candle | blot   | _____ |
| hair   | bone   | _____ |
| ink    | stick  | _____ |

**Solution:** 1. Parents; 2. When it can't bear you. 3. Neither; they burn shorter. 4. A stopped clock. A stopped clock will show the correct time twice a day. 5. Are you asleep? **WORD MATCH:** doormat, jawbone, farmhouse, background, earthworm, airline, goldfish, candlestick, hairbrush, inkblot.

## GOSPEL

### Luke 13:10-17

#### Jesus Heals a Crippled Woman

<sup>10</sup> Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. <sup>11</sup> And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. <sup>12</sup> When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." <sup>13</sup> When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. <sup>14</sup> But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the Sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured and not on the Sabbath day." <sup>15</sup> But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger and lead it to water? <sup>16</sup> And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the Sabbath day?" <sup>17</sup> When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame, and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things being done by him.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Volunteer Needed—Instagram Posts



The church is needing someone to step up and begin doing the Instagram post for the upcoming events and activities.

### Food Pantry Needs Restocking

We could use: Rice, bagged pasta, canned sauces, canned vegetables, canned fruit (fruit cocktail, peaches, pineapple), canned chili beans, egg noodles, Cream of mushroom or chicken soup, Mayo, canned tuna, chicken or beef, ramen noodles, Mac N Cheese, boxed pasta meals, peanut butter and grape jelly. Donations can be dropped off at the office M - F, from 9 - 1PM.



### God's Work. Our Hands.—Saturday 9/6



Our congregation will be participating again this year in the ELCA's nationwide service project on Saturday, September 6th. Lutheran congregations throughout the U.S. will be serving our communities on this particular weekend in all kinds of different ways, and Good Shepherd is no exception.

The Lutheran Hunger Network will take place here that morning, and we will also be putting together "Blessing Bags" that afternoon for our Westside Rescue friends to distribute to their human clients. We are also baking, cooking, and/or shopping for our Roeding Elementary staff so we can provide them with a welcome back spread on the 8th. Please bring your items to the kitchen on Rally Sunday labeled "Roeding."

If you have any ideas for other group projects, please see Janet Mc or me. You are also more than welcome to come up with an individual project or a neighborhood project on your own. Start making your plans now as to how you'd like to participate, be sure to wear your yellow GWOH t-shirt, and take some pictures!

We hope to see everyone involved in some way. Thank You!  
Shalom, Julie, 559-287-3457 or [13jdixon13@gmail.com](mailto:13jdixon13@gmail.com)

### King'sMen/ King'sKid's Meeting Aug. 27th @ 6:30PM



King'sMen/King'sKid's will meet on Wednesday August 27th at 6:30 pm in Jacobson Hall.

We will provide pizza for the dinner. If you would like, please provide a side dish or dessert.

Also, we will be making plans for the last King'sMen for 2025. It will be on September 24th. We will be having a BBQ at Marty's house to end the year. So plan for that.

Hope everyone is doing well. Will



**Save the date - 10/11 & 10/29**

Save the date - 10/11 & 10/29 - Oktoberfest & Trunk or Treat!! Plan now to come out and support these safe and fun community events!

Look for tickets to our outstanding event, Ok-

toberfest, to go on sale the last Sunday of August, the 31st.



### **Crafting Fair on Rally Day: HVAC Fund!**



**BRING  
YOUR  
CRAFTS**

Shout out to all crafters. There will be a craft fair at Good Shepherd on Rally Day Sept 7. Mary Norris will be running a craft goods table. If inspired, there will be crafting items available. Show off your crafts by donating them to the craft fair. All proceeds will go to the HVAC fund. Contact Pam Gerster for details and donations. 559-999-5443 . Remember bakers are crafters too!

### **Many Thanks!!**

Many thanks to the wonderful volunteer Counters who have committed for the month of August to sort the Sunday Offering and prepare the weekly deposit.

August 3rd Art Mehl

August 10th Jim and Ruth Thompson

August 17th Yvonne and Steven Smith

August 24th Diane Fake and Dee Wright

August 31st

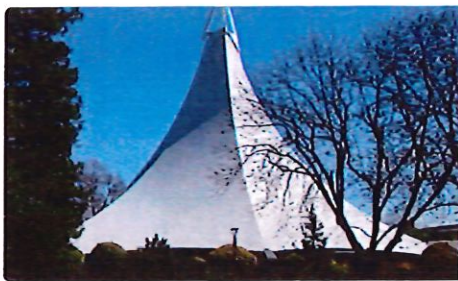


### **HVAC GoFundMe Fundraiser Goes Live**

The Good Shepherd HVAC GoFundMe fundraiser is now live on it's website.

<https://gofund.me/05d79cff>

Support New HVAC at Good Shepherd  
Fresno



Please send this link: to family, friends, businesses etc., via Facebook, email and any other social media platforms to get the word out to raise funds for a new HVAC system. We have a fundraising goal of \$150,000 to support the purchase of a new HVAC system.

Dear Family, Friends and Supporters,  
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church of Fresno, with it's iconic tent style roof, is in desperate need to replace the antiquated HVAC system.

Every donation, big or small, will make a tremendous difference. Together, we can bring warmth back to our church and restore the place where our community worships and grows faith. Thank you for your support. We are truly grateful for your kindness and generosity.

Blessings, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church of Fresno

Thank you, Reynaldo Villalobos

# Rally Day GATHERING

**Sunday, Sept. 7 @ 10am**

Please join us for worship, food, and fun as we celebrate the end of summer with Rally Day. This year we will be serving barbeque after our 10a.m. Rally Day Worship, and the congregation is invited to bring salads and sides to share. We will have our traditional ice cream sundaes for dessert. **Help raise funds to replace our HVAC unit with purchases from the bake sale, book sale, and craft sale!**

\*Lunch and Refreshments

\*Ice Cream Sundaes

\*Bounce House/Waterslide (for the kids)

\*Craft/Book/Bake Sale

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