



You are all

one

In Christ Jesus.

Galatians 3:28



MISSION STATEMENT

SHARING THE LOVE OF JESUS

**Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
Welcomes You
To Our Worship Service
June 22, 2025**

Pastor: Ted Niemi

Pastor to Youth & Families: Julie Werfelmann

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A Community of Miraculous Expectations

SERVING THIS WEEK

Deacons _____ Pam Gerster, Cheryl & Craig Montgomery

Altar Guild Set Up _____ Brenda Allen

Altar Guild Take Down _____ Marty & Dana Klein, William Hayes,

Janet McQuillan, John Montgomery

Sound System _____ Open

Power Point _____ Mary Fey-Norris

Greeters _____ Marty Klein, William Hayes

Lector _____ Jill Anderson

Coffee Hostess _____ Yvonne & Sandy

Piano _____ Susan Berg

Singers ____ Ken B., Bill B., Paul B., Cheryl & John M., Mary N., Jennifer N.,

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UPCOMING *Events*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June

June 19 - Council Meeting @ 6:30PM, Jacobson Hall
June 25 - Staff Meeting @ 10AM, Pr. Ted's Office
June 25 - KingsMen/KingsKids' @ 6:30PM, Jacobson Hall
June 29 - VBS @ 5:45PM, Jacobson Hall/Comm Ctr
 Dinner @ 5:45PM, Jacobson Hall
 Classes for all ages from 6:30-8:30PM, Jacobson Hall/Comm Ctr

July

July 2 - Worship Committee Meeting @ 4:30PM, Pr. Ted's Office
July 2 - GSLC Summer Book Club @ 6:30PM, Comm Ctr
July 12 - LHN Free Neighborhood Market @ 8-12PM
July 18 - Council Meeting @ 6:30PM, Jacobson Hall
July 20 & 27 - VBS @ 5:45PM (Dinner), Jacobson Hall; 6:30PM (Classes), Jacobson Hall and Comm Ctr
July 30 - Staff Meeting @ 10AM, Pr. Ted's Office
July 30 - KingsMen/KingsKids' @ 6:30PM, Jacobson Hall

WEEKLY *Sneak Peek*

SUNDAY, June 22

10am: Worship Service
11:15: Coffee Social
11:15am: Salt & Light, Class Rm 2

MONDAY, June 23

TUESDAY, June 24

6pm - 10pm: Voices United, Comm Ctr

WEDNESDAY, June 25

10am: Staff Meeting, Pr Ted's Office
6:30pm: KingsMen/KingsKids', Jacobson Hall

THURSDAY, June 26

FRIDAY, June 27

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SATURDAY, June 28

SUNDAY, June 29

10am: Worship Service
11:15: Coffee Social
11:15am: Salt & Light, Class Rm 2
5:45pm: VBS Dinner, Jacobson Hall
6:30pm: VBS Classes, Jacobson Hall/Comm Ctr

**Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
Worship Service
June 22, 2025 - 10AM
Second Sunday of Pentecost**

Prelude

Susan Berg, Piano

Announcements

Opening Hymn

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” #631 (vv. 1-2, 4)

1. Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heaven to earth come down!
Fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.

2. Breathe, oh, breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast;
let us all in thee inherit; let us find thy promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

4. Finish then thy new creation, pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee!
Changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise!

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 Lord God, we bring before you the cries of a sorrowing world. In
your mercy set us free from the chains that bind us, and defend us
from everything that is evil, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and
Lord.
Amen.

Lesson 1	Isaiah 65:1-9	Page 681 in the cranberry Bible Page 771 in the red Bible
Lesson 2	Galatians 3:23-29	Page 1061 in the cranberry Bible Page 200 in the red Bible
Gospel	Luke 8:26-39	Page 942 in the cranberry Bible Page 69 in the red Bible

Kids' Talk

Julie Werfelmann

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.

Sermon	"Mental Wellness"	Pr. Ted Niemi
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Sermon Hymn	"Beautiful One" by Tim Hughes (c 2002 Thank You Music) CCLI Song #409181, CCLI License #2032355 Song Leaders and Congregation
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1. Wonderful, so wonderful is Your unfailing love;
Your cross has spoken mercy over me.
No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no heart could fully know
How glorious how beautiful You are.

Chorus:

Beautiful One I love, Beautiful One I adore,
Beautiful One, my soul must sing.

2. Powerful, so powerful, Your glory fills the skies;
Your mighty works displayed for all to see.
The beauty of Your majesty awakes my heart to sing: How marvelous, how wonderful You are.
Chorus (sing 2 times)

You opened my eyes to your wonders anew,
You captured my heart with this love,
'Cause nothing on earth is as beautiful as You.
You opened my eyes to your wonders anew,
You captured my heart with this love,
'Cause nothing on earth is as beautiful as You.
Chorus (sing 2 times)

My soul, my soul must sing,
My soul, my soul must sing,
My soul, my soul must sing
Beautiful 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

"Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee" att. to Bernard of Clairvaux, trans. by Edward Caswall, music by William Dailey (c 1978 by Dayspring Music (A Div. of Word Music, Inc.)
Ken Berg, Solo

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 "I Love to Tell the Story" #661 (vv. 1-3) Song Leaders and Congregation

1. I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story, because I know it's true;
it satisfies my longings as nothing else would do.

Refrain:

I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

2. I love to tell the story; how pleasant to repeat
what seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet!
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard
the message of salvation from God's own holy word.
Refrain

3. I love to tell the story, for those who know it best
seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,
I'll sing the old, old story that I have loved so long.
Refrain

Blessing

Closing Hymn "Rock of Ages" by Rita Baloché (c 1997 Universal Music - Brentwood Benson Publishing) CCLI Song #2240547, CCLI License #2032355
Song Leaders and Congregation

Verse:

There is no rock, there is no rock like our God.
No other name worthy of all our praise.
The Rock of Salvation that cannot be moved,
He's proven Himself to be faithful and true.
There is no god like ours.
(Repeat Verse)

Chorus:

Rock of Ages, Jesus is the Rock.
Rock of Ages, Jesus is the Rock.
Rock of Ages, Jesus is the Rock.
There is no rock, there is no god like ours.

(Repeat Verse and Chorus)

There is no rock, there is no god like ours.
There is no rock, there is no god like ours.
Rock of Ages.

Sending

P: Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.
C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude Susan Berg, Piano

Sunday, June 22, 2025

Scripture Reading: 1 Kings 19:1-4, (5-7), 8-15a

*Work is doing it. Discipline is doing it every day.
Diligence is doing it well every day. —Dave Ramsey*

Today's thought is taken from the parable of the lad with a dull ax. Once upon a time a long time ago, a young man approached a logging crew in the verdant and forested woodlands of British Columbia. He was looking for work. The foreman asked George — for that was his name — if he could fell a tree with an ax. He had never chopped down a tree before, but how hard could it be? With nary a syllable out of his mouth, he lumbered over to a nearby blue spruce and felled it like a pro. The foreman hired him on the spot.

On Monday, George outdid everyone else on the crew. But, each day after that, he got slower and slower until Friday, he could barely cut one tree down. He went through all the motions — swinging his ax, hitting the tree and repeating it, but it just didn't work very well.

Finally, George laid down his ax, sat on a tree stump, his lungs heaving with exhaustion, wondering what was causing his declining productivity and energy.

The foreman came over to see why George was lollygagging. "Ye look like yer been chewed up, spit out and stepped on, lad. What's itchin' at ya?" The young man described his problem. "Ah," said the foreman. "I know what's wrong alright. Ye been so busy all week a-doing the things that a logger does fer sure, but ye ne'er 'membered to sharpen ye ax, didja now? Ye ax is dull, and ye may as well be warming up leftover snow as chopping wood with it."

And this is how young George learned about the importance of sharpening his ax, as well as his other tools and skills. The foreman's words helped him to appreciate important fundamental principles and values.

And as a God-fearing lad, he also remembered from that day forward to renew his strength in the Lord. "Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint" (Isaiah 40:30-31). George thought that verse was written just for him! Now he understood just as the logger needs to sharpen his ax, we, too, need to sharpen our spiritual lives through prayer, reading Scripture and faith in God.

—Timothy Merrill

Prayer: Almighty God, help me to always to do my best and be my best for your glory. Amen.

Daily Bible Readings

Sunday: John 14-17
Monday: Hosea 11-14
Tuesday: 2 Kings 18-19
Wednesday: Isaiah 1-3
Thursday: Isaiah 4-6
Friday: Isaiah 7-9
Saturday: Psalms 64-66

Verse to Remember

*Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life.
No one comes to the Father except through me."*

—John 14:6

SOUNDS THE SAME!

Homonyms are words with the same spelling but different pronunciations and meanings, such as a "minute" (60 seconds) and "minute" (very small). Each sentence below has two blanks that you are to fill with homonyms.

1. The strong _____ caused the flag to _____ around the flagpole.
2. The violinist replaced his violin and _____ before returning to the stage to take a _____.
3. The doctor _____ some gauze around her bleeding _____.
4. She got a _____ in her eye when she saw the _____ in her new dress.
5. A _____ broke out in the last _____ of the classroom.
6. You should not _____ someone in the _____ without water or food.
7. He _____ for days because he could not afford the scooter, a bright red _____.
8. Our Japanese host asked us not, for his _____, to drink all the _____
because he needed some for other guests.
9. The _____ violin player loved to fish, especially for _____.
10. In a herd of elk, _____ do not have antlers, while the dominant buck _____.



Answers:
1. wind
2. bow
3. wound
4. tear
5. row
6. desert
7. moped
8. sake
9. bass
10. does

GOSPEL

Luke 8:26-39

Jesus Heals the Gerasene Demoniac

²⁶ Then they arrived at the region of the Gerasenes,^[a] which is opposite Galilee. ²⁷ As he stepped out on shore, a man from the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had not worn^[b] any clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. ²⁸ When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him, shouting, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me," ²⁹ for Jesus^[c] had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) ³⁰ Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion," for many demons had entered him. ³¹ They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

³² Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding, and the demons^[d] begged Jesus^[e] to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. ³³ Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd stampeded down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

³⁴ When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. ³⁵ Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they became frightened. ³⁶ Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. ³⁷ Then the whole throng of people of the surrounding region of the Gerasenes^[f] asked Jesus^[g] to leave them, for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. ³⁸ The man from whom the demons had gone out begged that he might be with him, but Jesus^[h] sent him away, saying, ³⁹ "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.