



Continue in the faith.

Colossians 1:23

UPCOMING *Events*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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 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

August

Aug. 2 - LHN Free Neighborhood Market @ 8-12PM
Aug. 2 - GSLC Summer Book Club @ 9:30AM, Comm Ctr
Aug. 3 & 10 - VBS @ 5:45PM (Dinner); 6:30PM (Classes)
Aug. 6 Worship Committee Meeting @ 4:30PM, Pr. Ted's Office
Aug. 15 - Council Meeting @ 2PM, Jacobson Hall

WEEKLY *Sneak Peek*

SUNDAY, July 20

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

MONDAY, July 21

TUESDAY, July 22

OFFICE CLOSING EARLY @ 11am; Hours will be 7-11am
 6pm - 10pm: Voices United, Comm Ctr

WEDNESDAY, July 23

THURSDAY, July 24

FRIDAY, July 25

SATURDAY, July 26

SUNDAY, July 27

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

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
Worship Service
July 20, 2025 - 10AM
Sixth Sunday of Pentecost

Prelude Susan Berg, Piano

Announcements

Opening Hymn "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" #597 (vv. 1-4)
Song Leaders and Congregation

1. My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
no merit of my own I claim, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.
On Christ the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand.

2. When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace;
in every high and stormy gale my anchor holds within the veil.
On Christ the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand.

3. His oath, his covenant, his blood sustain me in the raging flood;
when all supports are washed away, he then is all my hope and stay.
On Christ the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand.

4. When he shall come with trumpet sound, oh, may I then in him be found,
clothed in his righteousness alone, redeemed to stand before the throne!
On Christ the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand.

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: Eternal God, you draw near to us in Christ, and you make yourself our guest. Amid the cares of our lives, make us attentive to your presence, that we may treasure your word above all else, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Lesson 1	Genesis 18:1-10a	Page 13 in the cranberry Bible Page 15 in the red Bible
Lesson 2	Colossians 1:15-28	Page 1073 in the cranberry Bible Page 213 in the red Bible
Gospel	Luke 10:38-42	Page 946 in the cranberry Bible Page 73 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 "Expansive Possibilities" Pr. Ted Niemi

Sermon Hymn "Thy Word" by Amy Grant and Michael W. Smith
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 Song Leaders and Congregation

Chorus:

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.
 Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

1. When I feel afraid, and think I've lost my way.
Still, you're there right beside me.
Nothing will I fear as long as you are near;
Please be near me to the end.
Chorus

2. I will not forget your love to me and yet,
My heart forever is wandering.
Jesus be my guide, and hold me to your side,
And I will love you to the end.

3. Nothing will I fear as long as you are near;
Please be near me to the end.
Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.
Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.
And a light unto my path.
You're the light unto my path.

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

"I Speak Jesus" by Dustin Smith, Jesse Reeves,
Carlene Prince, Raina Pratt, Kristen Dutton and Abby
Benton (c 2019 BEC Worship/Raina Pratt Publishing
Designee/Writer Wrong Music/For Me and My House
Songs/Integrity's Praise! Music/Anchored in Hope
Music CCLI Song # 7136201, CCLI License # 2032355)
Paul Bolm, 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 "Blessed Assurance" #638 (vv. 1-3) Song Leaders and Congregation

1. Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Refrain

This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long:
this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

2. Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending bring from above, echoes of mercy, whispers of love.
Refrain

3. Perfect submission, all is a rest; I in my Savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love.
Refrain

Blessing

Closing Hymn "Lord, Reign in Me" by Brenton Brown (1998
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Song Leaders and Congregation

1. Over all the earth You reign on high;
Every mountain stream, ev'ry sunset sky.
Buy me one request, Lord, my only aim
Is that You reign in me again.

Refrain

Lord, reign in me, reign in Your pow'r,
Over all my dreams in my darkest hour.
You are the Lord of all I am,
So won't You reign in me again?

2. Over ev'ry thought, over ev'ry word,
May my life reflect the beauty of my Lord;
'Cause You mean more to me than any earthly thing,
So won't You reign in me again?
Refrain

Sending

P: Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude Susan Berg, Piano

Sunday, July 20, 2025

Scripture Reading: Luke 10:38-42

Every child should be taught that useful work is worship and that intelligent labor is the highest form of prayer. —Robert G. Ingersoll



The story of Mary and Martha is a familiar one, and for good reason — it holds timeless lessons about priorities, distractions and the importance of worship. As Jesus visits their home, Martha busies herself with preparations, while Mary sits and listens to Jesus. When Martha complains that Mary isn't helping, Jesus responds with a gentle reminder. So, what can we learn from this?

The lesson concerns the *danger of distraction*. Martha was doing good and necessary work. Absolutely no question. She was serving Jesus and the disciples, making sure they were fed and comfortable. But she lost her focus. She forgot the “why” of her service.

How often do we let the busyness of life crowd out time with God? Our to-do lists grow longer, our schedules fill up, and even our service can distract us from what matters most: being in God's presence. Imagine a host so focused on preparing a meal that they miss enjoying their guests. Jesus essentially tells Martha, “I didn't come for the food — I came for you.”

There's another lesson: the *importance of worship*. Mary chose to sit at Jesus' feet and listen. What can be more important than to worship and study the teachings of Jesus?

This doesn't mean that work is unimportant. But it's a reminder that worship fuels our work. When we spend time with God first, our hearts are aligned with God's will, and our work becomes more meaningful.

But there's a final and deeper lesson: the *value of peace*. Martha was anxious and overwhelmed. Jesus says, “You are worried and upset about many things.” When we focus solely on our tasks or worries, we place the burden of success entirely on ourselves. Sitting with Jesus reminds us that Someone Else is in control.

Martha and Mary each have something to teach us. From Martha, we learn the importance of serving; from Mary, we learn the necessity of worship. The challenge is to balance work and worship, thus ensuring that our service flows from a heart rooted in worship.

Why not start your day by dedicating your time and tasks to God. Ask God to help you prioritize and trust him with the results. Even five minutes of prayer can shift your perspective.

—Timothy Merrill

Prayer: Lord, help us cultivate a Mary heart in a Martha world. Give us an undivided heart that we may live in awe of your name. You are the one thing worth being concerned about that will never be taken from us. Amen. —Taken from the website of the De La Salle Medical and Health Sciences Institute.

Daily Bible Readings

Sunday: Acts 6-9
Monday: Isaiah 55-57
Tuesday: Isaiah 58-60
Wednesday: Isaiah 61-63
Thursday: Isaiah 64-66
Friday: Micah 1-4
Saturday: Psalms 76-78

Verse to Remember

*"Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters;
... come, buy and eat!" —Isaiah 55:1*

SPELLING ALERT: Vowels Missing from Bible Verse!

Please look at the Scripture verses below and replace the missing vowels to reveal the verses.

Th_r_f_r_, _s G_d's ch_s_n p_ _pl_, h_ly _nd d_ _rly
l_v_d, cl_th_ y_ _rs_lv_s w_th c_mp_ss_ _n, k_ndn_ss,
h_m_l_ty, g_ntl_n_ss _nd p_t_ _nc_. —C_l_ss_ _ns 3:12

F_r by gr_c_ y_ _ h_v_ b__n s_v_d thr_ _gh f_ _th, _nd
th_s _s n_t y_ _r _wn d_ _ng; _t _s th_ g_ft _f G_d
— n_t th_ r_s_lt _f w_rks, s_ th_t n_ _n_ m_y b_ _st.
—_ph_s_ _ns 2:8-9

FAMOUS FEMALES: Which of these women were born in the U.S. and which were born in the U.K.?

Missing Vowels: Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. — Colossians 3:12; For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God — not the result of works, so that no one may boast. — Ephesians 2:8-9, **Famous Females:**
1. UK, 2. US, 3. US, 4. UK, 5. UK, 6. US, 7. UK, 8. UK, 9. US, 10. UK, 11. US, 12. UK, 13. UK, 14. US, 15. UK, 16. US.

NAME	U.S. or U.K.?	NAME	U.S. or U.K.?
1. Agatha Christie		2. Geraldine Ferraro	
3. Chris Evert		4. J.K. Rowling	
5. Theresa May		6. Harriet Tubman	
7. Julie Andrews		8. Elizabeth Taylor	
9. Joan Didion		10. Jane Austen	
11. Sally Ride		12. Beatrix Potter	
13. Kate Winslet		14. Rosa Parks	
15. Diana Spencer		16. Wallis Simpson	

GOSPEL

Luke 10:25-37

Jesus Visits Martha and Mary

³⁸ Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village where a woman named Martha welcomed him.^[a] ³⁹ She had a sister named Mary, who sat at Jesus's^[b] feet and listened to what he was saying.⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted by her many tasks, so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her, then, to help me."⁴¹ But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things,⁴² but few things are needed—indeed only one."^[c] Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."



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

**Members Needing
Prayer:**

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:

Pauline Ritterbush
Jo Anderson
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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Shoe Fund Raiser

This fundraiser is for 60 days starting from 5/11/25 thru 7/20/25. Start collecting your shoes starting now and the truck will come to pick them all up around August 18th or 19th.



Volunteer Needed—Instagram Posts



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

OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE!

Financial Secretary & Counters Needed
Counter Job Description (2 counters each week):



- Collect tithes and offerings from collection plate
- Check the Financial Secretary mailbox for checks received from previous week
- Total all checks and cash, provide adding machine tape for Treasurer
- Make copies of all checks for data entry purposes (include on the copy the cash received; I just handwrite this)
- Prepare Bank of America deposit slip and place in B of A deposit bag.

Take to the bank (This May be done by Financial Secretary or Treasurer)

Financial Secretary Job Description

Weekly:

- From copy of checks enter in "ICON" our church financial software
- Email to Treasurer the weekly report of donations

Monthly:

Every month provide to Kathy the fund totals of donations for the newsletter, this report is run from ICON

Quarterly:

Every quarter run statements for our donors and end of year the full year for our donors

We are also in need of a Property person.

Shalom. Peace. Paz. Julie Werfelmann

Food Pantry Needs Restocking

We could use: Rice, bagged pasta, canned sauces, canned vegetables (Corn, Green Beans), 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.



HVAC GoFundMe Fundraiser Goes Live

Support New HVAC at Good Shepherd
Fresno



The Good Shepherd HVAC GoFundMe fundraiser is now live on it's website. <https://gofund.me/05d79cff>

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. Our church has been unable to provide a comfortable environment for our congregation to gather and praise together for the past two years inside our sanctuary. We have had to use our Jacobson Hall to provide service to our congregation.

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

Crafting Fair on Rally Day: HVAC Fund!

Shout out to all crafters. There will be a craft fair at Good Shepherd on Rally Day Sept 7. 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 July to sort the Sunday Offering and prepare the weekly deposit.

June 29 Diane Fake
July 6 Yvonne Smith
July 13 Jim and Ruth Thompson
July 20 Art Mehl
July 27 Woody and Deb Wilk



"At the Table" VBS @ 5:45!



• FOR YOUR INFORMATION • will be as follows:

Dinner: 5:45-6:15

Opening: 6:15 followed by classes for all ages 6:30-7:30

Snacks & Music: 7:30-8

Please see Julie if you'd like to help with crafts, games, &/or science activities, Janet if you'd like to join in the kitchen tomfoolery (her words!), or pastor Ted for any questions about the adult class. It's free, and all are welcome!

Save the date - 10/29

Save the date - 10/29 - Trunk or Treat!! Plan now to come out and support this safe and fun community event!



Thank You!



Thankful
FOR YOUR KINDNESS

Thank you to all of our Good Shepherd family. Patrick is on the mend and I am waiting for my test results to hopefully come back negative.

We are forever thankful for the outpouring show of love, support and prayers. Your cards, texts and emails have been a true blessing.

Mary and Patrick Norris & Family

Pastor Ted's New Phone Number

Pastor Ted has a new phone number. The number is 559-918-1969. Remember to make the change in your directory.



Celebrate Pr. Arlynn Turnquist

Happy Birthday!



July 27, Pastor Arlynn Turnquist will celebrate her 90th birthday. We would love to have a card shower for her. Please send a card to her c/o Carolyn Linn, 6694 E. Kings Canyon Rd, #116, Fresno, CA 93726. I know she would be very happy to receive our love and gratitude for her life and service to the Lord. Thanks very much.