



LUKE 10:2, ESV

*Pray earnestly
to the Lord of the
harvest to send out
laborers into
his harvest.*

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
Worship Service
July 6, 2025 - 10AM
Fourth Sunday of Pentecost
Patriotic Sunday

Prelude Susan Berg, Piano

Congregation Singalong - Happy Birthday to all those with July birthdays!

Announcements

Opening Hymn "This Is My Song" #887 (vv. 1-3)
Song Leaders and Congregation

1. This is my song, O God of all the nations,
a song of peace for lands afar and mine.
This is my home, the country where my heart is;
here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;
but other hearts in other lands are beating
with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.

2. My country's skies are bluer than the oceans,
and sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine.
But other lands, have sunlight too, and clover,
and skies are ev'ry where as blue as mine.
So hear my song, O God of all the nations,
a song of peace for their land and for mine.

3. This is my prayer, O God of all earth's kingdoms,
your kingdom come; on earth your will be done.
O God, be lifted up till all shall serve you,
and hearts united learn to live as one.
So hear my prayer, O God of all the nations;
myself I give you; let your will be done.

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: Almighty God, we praise you that your blessed apostles Peter and Paul glorified you by their martyrdoms. Grant that your church throughout the world may always be instructed by their teaching and example, be knit together in unity by your Spirit, and ever stand firm upon the one foundation who is Jesus Christ our Lord, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

Special Music

"Enter Now the Gates" by Douglas E. Wagner
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Choral Ensemble with The Good Shepherd Chimes

Lesson 1	Isaiah 66:10-14	Page 683 in the cranberry Bible Page 774 in the red Bible
Lesson 2	Galatians 6:7-16	Page 1063 in the cranberry Bible Page 202 in the red Bible
Gospel	Luke 10:1-11, 16-20	Page 945 in the cranberry Bible Page 72 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 Hymn

"Build Us Up" #670 (vv. 1-2)

Song Leaders and Congregation

1. Build us up, Lord, build us up; set in us a strong foundation.
Lead us to do your holy will; form and shape your new creation.
Build us up, Lord, build us up; as we guide and teach each other,
help us to share your love with the world; ev'ry sister, ev'ry brother.

Refrain:

Growing in Christ, we plant seeds for the kingdom;
we follow in faith what's begun!
Lord, set in our hearts the pow'r of your word
to spread the news of your Son!

2. Build us up, Lord, build us up; let our lives reflect your glory.
Cast away all our doubts and fears; help us tell the world your story.
Build us up, Lord, build us up; help us bear good fruit for you,
Lord, give us vision and keep us sure. Grant us faith that's steadfast and true.

Refrain

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

"Battle Hymn of the Republic ("Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory")", words by Julia Ward Howe
(Public Domain)
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 "Will You Let Me Be Your Servant" #659 (vv. 1-5) Song Leaders and Congregation

1. Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.
2. We are pilgrims on a journey, we are travelers on the road;
we are here to help each other, walk the mile and bear the load.
3. I will hold the Christ-light for you in the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.
4. I will weep when you are weeping; when you laugh I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow till we've seen this journey through.
5. Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.

Blessing

Closing Hymn

"God Bless America," words and music by Irving Berlin (© 1938, 1939, renewed 1965, 1966 by Irving Berlin, Copyright Assigned to the Trustees of the God Bless America Fund)
John Montgomery, Soloist, and
Congregation joins on chorus

Solo:

While the storm clouds gather far across the sea,
let us swear allegiance to a land that's free.
Let us all be grateful for a land so fair,
as we raise our voices in a solemn prayer.

Song Leaders and Congregation:

God bless America, land that I love.
Stand beside her and guide her
thru the night with a light from above.
From the mountains, to the prairies, to the oceans white with foam.
God bless America, my home sweet home.
God bless America, my home sweet home.

Sending

P: Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude Susan Berg, Piano

*****HEALING STATION***** Anyone who would like personal prayers for healing for themselves or loved ones is invited to come forward to the pulpit to receive them - with laying on of hands if desired.

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

GOSPEL

Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

The Mission of the Seventy-Two

10 After this the Lord appointed seventy-two^[a] others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. ² He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. ³ Go on your way; I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. ⁴ Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals, and greet no one on the road. ⁵ Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' ⁶ And if a person of peace is there, your peace will rest on that person, but if not, it will return to you. ⁷ Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. ⁸ Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; ⁹ cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.'^[b] ¹⁰ But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, ¹¹ 'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.'^[c] ¹⁶ "Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me."

The Return of the Seventy-Two

¹⁷ The seventy-two^[a] returned with joy, saying, "Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!" ¹⁸ He said to them, "I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. ¹⁹ Indeed, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing will hurt you. ²⁰ Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

Sunday, July 6, 2025

Scripture Reading: Galatians 6:(1-6), 7-16

*Sow a thought, and you reap an act.
Sow an act, and you reap a habit.
Sow a habit, and you reap a character.
Sow a character, and you reap a destiny.*
—Charles Reade

My wife and I lived in China for 13 years, and we were fascinated by the forests of bamboo trees we encountered in our travels. They reminded us of the aspen groves of Colorado, even though an aspen is much different. Fun facts: The bamboo tree is not actually a tree; it's a tall grass. And the bamboo "tree" releases 35 percent more oxygen than any tree out there. You can feel the effects when you stand next to a clump of bamboo.

In today's reading, the apostle Paul uses the agricultural metaphor of sowing and reaping to highlight the profound truth that our choices today shape our outcomes tomorrow. The principle is simple: what you plant, you harvest.

The bamboo tree is a remarkable example of this, especially since so much patience is required! For years after planting the seed, nothing visible happens. But in the fifth year, it shoots up over 80 feet in just weeks. What was happening during those quiet years? Its roots were spreading deep and wide to support its rapid growth.

Our spiritual lives often mirror this pattern. Acts of kindness, prayer and faithfulness may seem unnoticed at first, but they are setting the foundation for a significant harvest. We reap what we sow.

Paul's encouragement to "not grow weary in doing good" is timely for those moments when spiritual fatigue sets in. The slow process of spiritual growth can feel frustrating. But remember, even a tiny mustard seed of faith grows into a tree (Matthew 13:31-32).

Paul's admonition to "do good to all people" reminds us that our faith *isn't just personal — it's communal*. Small acts of generosity can have a ripple effect. Mother Teresa once said, "Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love."

What seeds are you planting today? Are they seeds of selfishness or of service? Reflect on your daily actions and consider how they align with God's will. Trust in God's promise that perseverance in doing good will yield a harvest of eternal blessings.

—Timothy Merrill

Prayer: Heavenly Father, thank you for the reminder that our choices matter. Help us sow seeds of love, kindness and faithfulness. Strengthen us when we grow weary. May we always look for opportunities to do good and reflect your grace to those around us. Amen.

Week of July 6, 2025

Daily Bible Readings

Sunday: Acts 1-2

Monday: Isaiah 25-27

Tuesday: Isaiah 28-30

Wednesday: Isaiah 31-33

Thursday: Isaiah 34-36

Friday: Isaiah 37-39

Saturday: Psalms 70-72

Verse to Remember

*In you, O Lord, I take refuge; let
me never be put to shame.*

—Psalm 71:1

July 2025

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"I before E except after C"

This is a spelling rule we learned when we were children. Yet, there are many exceptions to this rule. Unscramble the words below to reveal words that are exceptions to the "I before E except after C" rule.

1. In the following words, the I is before the E even though it follows a C. Unscramble the words to reveal the exceptions to the rule.

nseecci _____	ffetiecn _____	octsyie _____
lrcaige _____	fniedtice _____	cfiuitsefn _____
nictnea _____	ionccecs _____	

2. In these examples, the I is NOT before the E, but there's no C involved whatsoever! Unscramble the words to reveal these exceptions to the rule.

ehibnorg _____	wighe _____	iydte _____
tetsiha _____	gieeb _____	roifeng _____
tighwe _____	szrieu _____	fecenfai _____
rehite _____	geithh _____	ienr _____

ANSWERS: 1. nseecci=science; ffetiecn=efficient; octsyie=society; lrcaige=glacier; fniedtice=deficient; cfiuitsefn=sufficient; nictnea=ancient; ionccecs=conscience. 2. ehibnorg=neighbor; wighe=weigh; iydte=deity; tetsiha=atheist; gieeb=beige; roifeng=foreign; tighwe=weight; szrieu=seizure; fecenfai=caffeine; rehite=either; geithh=height; ienr=rein.

Six activities seniors can do to improve memory

1. Get better organized.
2. Make a special effort to pay attention, concentrate.
3. Eat well. Make certain you have a balanced diet.
4. Exercise the body.
5. Exercise the memory.
6. Get plenty of sleep.

—Adapted from "Six things seniors can do to improve memory," by William Klemm, Ph.D., a senior professor of neuroscience at Texas A&M University. (*Psychology Today*, November 26, 2010).



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

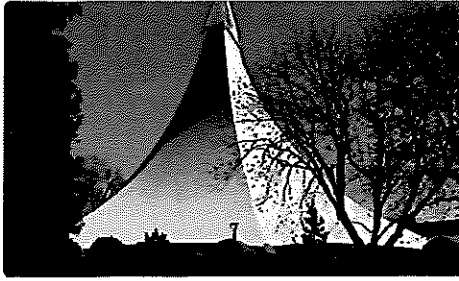
Food Pantry Needs Restocking

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.

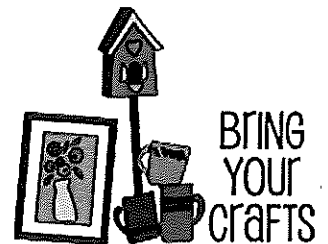
Dear Family, Friends and Supporters,
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church of Fresno, with it's iconic tent style roof, is in desperate need to replace the antiquated HVAC system. Our church has been unable to provide a comfortable environment for our congregation to gather and praise together for the past two 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!



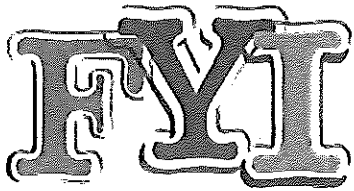
Many Thanks!!

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

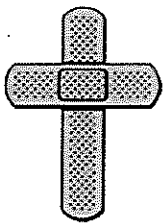
Please see Julie if you'd like to help with crafts, games, &/or science activities, Janet if you'd like to join in the kitchen tomfoolery (her words!), or pastor Ted for any questions about the adult class. It's free, and all are welcome!

Thanks to ALL

Thanks to all who helped at or attended our first night of VBS! Hope to see everyone back on 7/20 @ 5:45.



Healing Sundays



The first Sundays of the month will be Healing Sunday. Personal prayers will be offered for any who so desire. Please come forward right after worship. There will also be 2 stations offering blood pressure checks. Thank you to our nurses for volunteering to provide this service!

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!

