



THEREFORE GO AND MAKE
DISCIPLES OF ALL NATIONS,
BAPTIZING THEM IN THE
NAME OF THE FATHER
AND OF THE SON AND
OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

MATTHEW 28:19, NIV



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

Members Needing

Prayer:

Gloria Miller
Diane and Gordon Fake
and family upon the passing of Diane's sister Janet Sharp from Hanford.
Steven Smith
Jo Anderson
Cate Casa
Yvonne Smith
Chris Dueker
Arlene Robbins
Robert Harris
Mona White
Julie Werfelmann
Betty Montgomery
Neil and Verna Walden
Liz Smith
Bill Biggs
Mary Norris & Family
Connie Alvarado
Jocelyn Miller
Kirsten Linder
Jim Thompson

Family and Friends:

Stormy White (Mona)
Paula (White)
Ro (Sandy T.)
Randy Williams (Dueker)
Christopher Robbins (Robbins)
Dan Taylor (Wilk)
Nels (Harris)
Karen Tabler (Vonny)
George Pisching (Woody W.)
Julie Schneider (Vonny)
Kaitlyn (Lisa K.)
Pauline Ritterbush
Julie Schnieder (Bender)
Jade Dixon (Julie)
Elaine (Werfelmann)
Ivonne Garcia (Zamora)
Phil (Anderson)
Jennifer Wenzel (Wilk)
Zyg Zee (Norris)
Claire (Vonny)
Anthony Collichio (Norris)
Mickey Cecil (Norris)
Dorothy Lee Bruce (Julie)
Frank and Anita Porco (Vonny)
Pam (Smith)
Grace Johnson (Fake)
Hudson Otten (Anderson)
Karen Ohanesian (Hays)

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

UPCOMING *Events*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June

June 3 - Worship Committee @ 4:30pm, Pr. Ted's office.

June 3, 10 & 17 - Wednesday Evening Bible Study @ 6:30PM, Comm Ctr

June 6 - LHN Free Neighborhood Market

June 8 - Esther Circle @ 6PM, Comm Ctr

June 13 - Roeding Saturday Sports @ 10—12pm

June 14 - VBS with Lunch, all ages @ 11:30—12:30pm

June 15 - OWLS @ 12pm, Community Center

June 18 - Council Meeting @ 6pm, Comm Ctr

June 21 - GSLC Book Club @ 4PM, Comm Ctr

June 24 - Staff Meeting @ 10AM, Pr. Ted's Office

June 24 - KingsMen/KingsKids' @ 6:30PM, Comm Ctr

WEEKLY *Sneak Peek*

SUNDAY, May 31

10am: Worship Service

11:15am: Coffee Social

11:15am: Salt & Light, Class Rm 2

MONDAY, June 1

TUESDAY, June 2

6pm - 10pm: Voices United, Comm Ctr

WEDNESDAY, June 3

4:30pm: Worship Committee, Pr. Ted's Office

6:30—8pm: Wednesday Bible Study, Comm Ctr

THURSDAY, June 4

FRIDAY, June 5

5-10pm: Budgie Group Set up, Jacobson Hall

SATURDAY, June 6

7—4pm Budgie Group, Jacobson Hall

SUNDAY, June 7

10am: Worship Service

11:15am: Coffee Social

11:15am: Salt & Light, Class Rm 2

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
Worship Service
May 31, 2026 - 10AM
Trinity Sunday

Prelude Susan Berg, Piano

Announcements

Call to Worship "Now Sing We Joyfully Unto God," by Gordon Young (c 1962 Shawnee Press, Inc.)

Opening Hymn "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!" #413 (vv. 1-4)
text by Reginal Heber, music by John B. Dykes;
descant by Gary Rhodes (Descant c 1986 WORD
MUSIC, a div. of WORD, INC.)
Song Leaders and Congregation

1. Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity.

2. Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

3. Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinfulness Thy glory may not see;
Only Thou art holy—there is none beside Thee,
Perfect in power, in love and purity.

4. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise Thy Name, in earth, and sky, and sea;
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity.

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, +one God, whose compassion, injuries forever.
Amen.

Let us confess our sin to God.

Compassionate God,

we confess to you all our sins.

Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.

**In your mercy, call us back to you.
Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.
Restore us to dwell in your peace.
In Christ name, we pray,
Amen.**

Jesus says, "Come to me all you who are weary, and are carrying, heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.
In the name of God, father, son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven.
Rest in God's love.
Amen.

Prayer of the Day

P: We pray together...

C: Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
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

Lesson 1	Genesis 1:1—2:4a	Page 1 in the cranberry Bible Page 1 in the red Bible
Lesson 2	2 Corinthians 13:11-13	Pg. 1059 in the cranberry Bible Page 197 in the red Bible
Gospel	Matthew 28:16-20	Page 909 in the cranberry Bible Page 34 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.

Sermon

"Jesus Loves You"

Pr. Ted Niemi

Sermon Hymn

"Come, Join the Dance of Trinity" #412(vv. 1-4)
Song Leaders and Congregation

1. Come, join the dance of Trinity, before all worlds begun—
the interweaving of the Three, the Father, Spirit, Son.

The universe of space and time did not arise by chance,
but as the Three, in love and hope, made room within their dance.

2. Come, see the face of Trinity, newborn in Bethlehem;
then bloodied by a crown of thorns outside Jerusalem.
The dance of Trinity is meant for human flesh and bone;
when fear confines the dance in death, God rolls away the stone.

3. Come, speak aloud of Trinity, as wind and tongues of flame
set people free at Pentecost to tell the Savior's name.
We know the yoke of sin and death, our necks have worn it smooth;
go tell the world of weight and woe that we are free to move!

4. Within the dance of Trinity, before all worlds begun,
we sing the praises of the Three, the Father, Spirit, Son.
Let voices rise and interweave, by love and hope set free,
to shape in song this joy, this life: the dance of Trinity.

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 cru-
cified, 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

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domain)
Choral Ensemble

Offertory

Offering Response "Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise" Hymn 207
Congregation

Thankful hearts and voices raise; tell everyone what God has done.
Let everyone who seeks the Lord rejoice and bear the name of Christ.
Send us with your promises and lead your people forth in joy
with shouts of Thanksgiving, Alleluia, Alleluia.

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 "My Life Flows On in Endless Song" #763 (vv. 1-4)
Song Leaders and Congregation

1. My life flows on in endless song; above earth's lamentation,
I catch the sweet, though far off hymn that hails a new creation.

Refrain:

No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?

2. Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear that music ringing.
It finds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing?

(Refrain)

3. What though my joys and comforts die? The Lord, my Savior liveth.
What though the darkness gather round? Songs in the night he giveth.
(Refrain)

4. The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing!
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from singing?
(Refrain)

Blessing

Closing Hymn

“This Is Amazing Grace” by Phil Wickham, Jeremy Riddle and Josh Farro (c 2012 Phil Wickham Music, Seems Like Music, Sing My Songs, Bethel Music Publishing, WC Music Corp., CCLI Song # 6333821)
Song Leaders and Congregation

1. Who breaks the power of sin and darkness,
whose love is mighty and so much stronger?
The King of glory, the King above all kings.

2 Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder
and leaves us breathless in awe and wonder?
The King of glory, the King above all kings.
This is amazing grace, this is unfailing love,
that You would take my place, that You would bear my cross.
You laid down Your life that I would be set free.
Oh, Jesus, I sing for all that You’ve done for me.

3. Who brings our chaos back into order,
who make the orphan a son and daughter?
The King of glory, the King of glory,

4. Who rules the nations with truth and justice,
shines like the sun in all of its brilliance?
The King of glory, the King above all kings.
Yeah, this is amazing grace, this is unfailing love,
that You would take my place, that You would bear my cross.
You laid down Your life that I would be set free.
Oh, Jesus, I sing for all that You’ve done for me,

Bridge

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain!
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave!
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain!
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave!
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain!
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave!
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain!

Worthy, worthy, worthy! Oh this is amazing grace,
this is this is unfailing love,
that You would take my place, that You would bear my cross.
You laid down Your life that I would be set free.
Oh, Jesus, I sing for all that You've done for me,
all that You've done for me

Sending

P: Go in peace. Believe the good news.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude Susan Berg, Piano

Trinity Sunday, May 31, 2026

Scripture Reading: Matthew 28:16-20

The proof of love is in the works. Where love exists, it works great things.
—Thomas à Kempis

Obedience is not always an easy thing. It's as though we just naturally get our hackles up when someone tells us what to do. In Texas, folks might say that someone who's ornery and quick-tempered could start a fight in an empty house, or that she makes a hornet look cuddly, or that he has horns holding up his halo. But Jesus says, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments" (John 14:15).

At first, this might sound like a test, as though we must prove ourselves worthy of Christ's affection. But Jesus isn't setting a trap. Instead, he's teaching that true love naturally expresses itself in action. Just as we show love to a friend by being present, or love to a spouse by keeping promises, so love for Christ is shown by living in obedience.

This obedience is not about rule-keeping for its own sake. It's not just about making our beds in the morning, or putting things back after using them. It's about aligning our lives with the heart of Jesus. His commandments center on love itself: loving God and loving neighbor. When we live this way, Jesus promises something remarkable: the gift of the Spirit. We're not left alone to figure out how to live faithfully. The Spirit guides, strengthens and reminds us that Christ's presence is near.

Some of us have limited physical mobility. Our opportunities for visible service have decreased. Yet, the love of Christ can still be expressed in powerful, obedient ways — through prayer, kindness, words of encouragement, or even patient endurance. Every act of obedience, no matter how small, bears witness to our love for the one who loved us first.

And here is the greatest promise of all: "I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you" (John 14:18). *The God who calls us to obedience also stays with us in love.*

Jesus was right. The truth is that love leads to obedience; obedience is sustained by the Spirit; and the Spirit assures us of Christ's abiding presence. It's a circle of life that begins and ends with God's love.

We are not left on our own to prove anything. Instead, we are drawn deeper into a relationship in which love, obedience and the divine presence all weave together into a beautiful whole.

—Timothy Merrill

Prayer: Lord Jesus, help me to keep your commandments through the strength of your Spirit, and remind me daily that I am never alone, because you abide with me. Amen.

Daily Bible Readings

Sunday: John 7-10

Monday: 2 Kings 11-14:20

Tuesday: Joel 1-3

Wednesday: 2 Kings 14:21-25; Jonah 1-4

Thursday: 2 Kings 14:26-29; Amos 1-3

Friday: Amos 4-6

Saturday: Psalms 58-60

Verse to Remember

I have come that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

—John 10:10

WORD SEARCH

Find the hidden words from the list below.

Holy Trinity

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SANCTIFIER
 WORSHIP
 BLESSING
 DOVE
 FATHER
 SPIRIT
 HOLY
 GRACE
 LOVE
 SON
 MYSTERY
 CREATOR
 REDEEMER
 TRIANGLE
 FAITH
 UNITY

Trinity Targets

Using only the numbers 1, 2, 3 (each number may be used **once** per line) and the operations + – × ÷ plus parentheses, make each target number.

- 6 = 1x2x3
- 7 = _____
- 8 = _____
- 9 = _____

Trinity Grid (3x3 Latin Square)

Fill the grid with 1, 2, 3 so that each row and each column contains all three numbers exactly once.

Row 1: 1 _ _

Row 2: _ 2 _

Row 3: _ _ 3

Trinity “Did You Know?” Factoid

A little educational tidbit:

The word “Trinity” does not appear in the Bible. It was first used by Tertullian (about 200 AD) to describe the mystery of one God in three Persons.

Solution to
 Trinity Targets
 and Trinity
 Grid
 Trinity
 Targets:
 6 = 1x2x3
 7 = 1+2x3
 8 = (1+3)x2
 9 = (1+2)x3
 Trinity Grid:
 Row 1: 1 3 2
 Row 2: 3 2 1
 Row 3: 2 1 3

GOSPEL
Matthew 28:16-20

The Commissioning of the Disciples

¹⁶ Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshiped him, but they doubted. ¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."^[a]

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.

Many Thanks!!

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

May 3rd Art Mehl

May 10th Jim & Ruth Thompson

May 17th John & Joyce Velasquez, Ann Randall-Pino

May 24th Art Mehl

May 31st Dennis Hart



Property Shout-Out!



This is a shout-out to everyone who has had the honor of taking care of our huge property. I would like to set aside an early morning walk through our property. I will take note of any issues that are in need of attention. I will then put this list up for everyone to see the needs we have. I have not decided on a date; any suggestions are welcome. Please let me know if you have interest. You may call or text me, **Mary Norris 559 905-0615**. Everyone's help is greatly appreciated!

Owls Gathering for June

Gail Lansidel, Founder-CEO at A Choice for Seniors, will be June's speaker for the OWLS' last meeting until September. We will meet in the Community Center on June 15, NOON. Attendees are to bring their ENTIRE table service and a LABELLED dish to share. Gail has been invited to join us for lunch.



HVAC GoFundMe Fundraiser Goes Live

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.

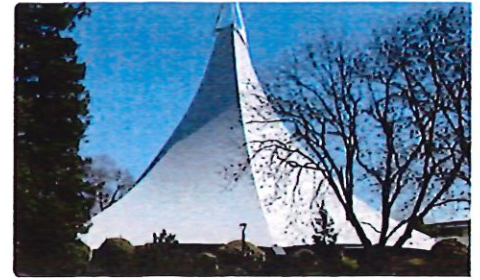
Every donation, big or small, will make a tremendous difference. Together, we can bring warmth back to our church and restore the place where our community worships and grows faith. Thank you for your support.

We are truly grateful for your kindness and generosity.

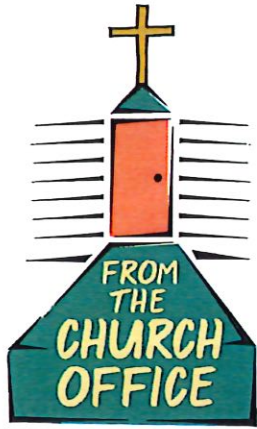
Blessings, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church of Fresno

Thank you, Reynaldo Villalobos

Support New HVAC at Good Shepherd
Fresno



Church Office Organization



For those members who may not be aware, the Church office organization has changed. Ever since Kathy has moved into the Church house with her family, the financial office and computer have been relocated downstairs and are now located in the office.

Therefore, financial information, personal financial information and personnel information are now stored in the office. Our Treasurer, Dana, has these things at her desk and in drawers and other locations in the office. As with Kathy's desk, Dana's desk and various places within the office are now very sensitive areas and should not

be accessed or items used.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to Kathy and secondarily, to Dana, if you need anything within the office. They are very happy to help you and accommodate your needs.

Mail Boxes can still be accessed, but all efforts should be made to come to the office when Kathy and Dana are there during the week or when Dana is there on Sunday after Church.

Your help and understanding with maintaining the confidentiality of records is very appreciated. Our members and employees need to feel their information is secure and not accessible to anyone entering the office.

Thank you.

Vacation Bible School (VBS) for ALL Ages Coming 5 Sundays This Summer! 6/14, 7/19, 7/26, 8/9, and 8/16



We are trying something new this year and offering our VBS right after church on these 5 Sundays. Lunch will be served each time, and everyone is invited, whether or not you choose to stay for VBS.

VBS will begin with an intergenerational opening, followed by a class with Pastor Ted for adults while the kids have games, crafts, and the like. We will all be focusing on the Apostle Paul and his journeys. Mark your calendars now and please spread the word to friends and family.

Promotions and Graduations

If you have children, grandchildren or great grandchildren who have recently graduated or have been promoted, please send an announcement to the church office. Include a picture of the child. This means pre-school, Transitional Kindergarten, Kindergarten, Middle School, High School, or College. We want to know about all of them!



Birth Announcement



Clara Grace Brown
May 25 @ 8:20pm
6lbs 14oz

Parents Eric and Autumn Brown
Grandparents John and Sue Hays

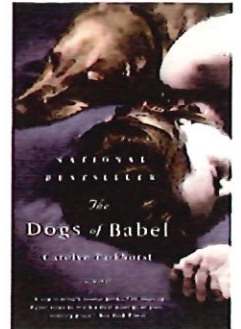
SUMMER BOOK CLUB

For the **Summer Book Club**, we usually read books that are lighter or more “summer reads.” This year we have a book about a cat adventure and another book about a dog adventure.

Sun, June 28th at 4 pm in the Community Center

The Dogs of Babel by Carolyn Parkhurst

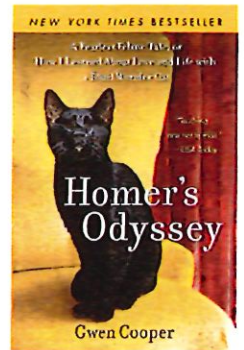
A poignant and beautiful debut novel explores a man's quest to unravel the mystery of his wife's death with the help of the only witness -- their Rhodesian ridgeback, Lorelei.



Sun, August 9th at 4 pm in the Community Center

Homer's Odyssey by Gwen Cooper

Everyone warned that Homer would always be an “underachiever,” since he was blind. But the kitten nobody believed in quickly grew into a three-pound dynamo with a giant heart who eagerly made friends with every human who crossed his path.





CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2026



Kaelan Boyer ◆

Kaelan Boyer graduated Summa Cum Laude receiving his BFA degree in Interior Design from the Rocky Mountain College of Art and Design in Denver, Colorado. He was chosen to display his Senior Project as one of the school's gallery exhibits. His project was to design a restaurant including the floor plan and each room complete with furniture, lighting, wall and floor coverings, etc. He is the grandson of Gordon and Diane Fake.



Celine Lemay ◆

Celine Lemay has been promoted from Kindergarten to the First Grade at Tierrasanta Elementary School in San Diego. She has been enrolled in the Spanish Language Immersion Program where half of the day is taught in Spanish. Celine is the granddaughter of Gordon and Diane Fake.



Margaret "Meg" Brady ◆

Margaret "Meg" Brady, Bill and Dana Biggs granddaughter.

Meg graduated from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in May of 2026 with a dual degree, earning High Distinction in both Environmental & Sustainability Studies and Dance. She was recognized as a Chancellor's Scholar and inducted into the UNL chapter of the Pi Beta Kappa Honor Society. She was also a member of Alpha Chi Omega Sorority.

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."
Jeremiah 29:11, NIV

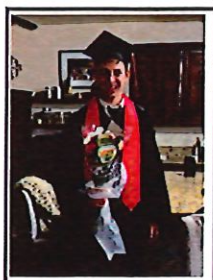


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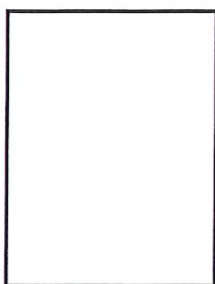
Ivan Manuel Villalobos ◆

Ivan Villalobos, son of Kim and Reynaldo, graduated with honors from University High School. He will attend Sacramento State in the fall where he will pursue a degree in jazz studies and music education.



Jacob Berg ◆

Our grandson, Jacob Berg, graduated from University High School on Thursday, May 14. He will be attending the University of the Pacific in Stockton and plans to major in Environmental Studies. Jacob's passion is fishing, and he is interested in becoming a game warden. We are two very proud grandparents, Ken and Susan Berg



“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord,
“plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you
hope and a future.” *Jeremiah 29:11, NIV*

