

Welcome to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
Building up God's people through His word for His world

Second Sunday after Pentecost
June 7, 2026

Though Jesus was a devout Jew who practiced his faith, he was criticized for eating with tax collectors and sinners—the religiously nonobservant. Jesus criticizes the self-righteous and reminds us that mercy is to be at the heart of our religious practices. God continues to be made known in those on the margins of society, like Matthew the tax collector and the hemorrhaging woman. As we gather each Lord's day we receive the healing that makes us well and sends us forth to be signs of God's mercy for the world.

We especially welcome our guests who are worshipping here today. What a privilege to greet you! If you have no church home in the area, we invite you to participate in the life and ministry of Good Shepherd. For information about our congregation, visit gslcva.org. Also, please fill out a Welcome card, which you'll find near the hymnals, and place it in the offering plate.

Our worship reflects the liturgical tradition of the Christian church. During the summer, Holy Communion is celebrated on the first, third, and fifth Sundays at the 9:30 a.m. “traditional” services in the sanctuary. Our summer schedule runs through September 6.

To all worshippers: The presence of children in worship is a gift to the Body of Christ and a reminder that our congregation is growing. Remember that Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me.” Please welcome our young ones and give their parents a smile of encouragement or a helping hand, if needed.

To the parents of young ones, here are a few suggestions for worshipping with your children: Relax! God put the wiggles and giggles in kids; don't feel that you have to suppress them in His house. All are welcome! Sit toward the front, where it is easier to see and hear what's going on. Quietly explain the parts of the worship service and actions of the pastor, ushers, communion assistants, etc. Sing the hymns and songs, pray, and voice the responses aloud. Children learn worshipful behavior by copying you. If you have to leave the worship service with your child or stand up and walk around the back of the sanctuary, feel free to do so, but please come back! And finally, if you so choose, . . .

You are welcome to use our nursery, as well as our parents' room next to the nursery, if your young ones need a break from the service. The Parents' Room is also a comfortable place where mothers may nurse their babies. The worship service is livestreamed to a monitor in the Parents' Room.

We offer Bible studies for adults on Sunday mornings during the summer. See News and Announcements for class information. Sunday School classes for children and youth resume in the fall.

Need hearing assistance? Ask an usher for a headset, which has a direct feed from our sound system.

Flowers and plants in our worship areas are supported by financial donations to the Flower Fund. These floral offerings beautify the church, uplift service participants, and remind us of God's good creation. You can find information about being a flower sponsor on the bulletin board near the Fellowship Hall and at gslcva.org/giving (look for the sponsorship form at the bottom of that page). Today's flowers are sponsored by Alison Carlson in memory of Daniel Westman.

First Reading

Hosea 5:15-6:6

Because the people have trusted in military powers and not God, God decides to withdraw from the scene until Israel acknowledges its guilt and seeks God's face. The response of the people does not acknowledge this guilt and is as fickle as fog or dew burned away quickly by the sun. God desires loyalty rather than words or meaningless deeds.

- R: ¹⁵ I will return again to my place
until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face.
In their distress they will beg my favor:
- ^{6:1} "Come, let us return to the LORD,
for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us;
he has struck down, and he will bind us up.
- ² After two days he will revive us;
on the third day he will raise us up,
that we may live before him.
- ³ Let us know, let us press on to know the LORD;
his appearing is as sure as the dawn;
he will come to us like the showers,
like the spring rains that water the earth."
- ⁴ What shall I do with you, O Ephraim?
What shall I do with you, O Judah?
Your love is like a morning cloud,
like the dew that goes away early.
- ⁵ Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets;
I have killed them by the words of my mouth,
and my judgment goes forth as the light.
- ⁶ For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice,
the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Romans 4:13-25

Paul presents Abraham as a living model of right relationships. For Abraham and for us, a right relationship with God involves trusting that God's promises will be fulfilled because God makes the dead alive and calls into existence what otherwise does not exist.

- R: ¹³ The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴ For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵ For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law, neither is there transgression.
- ¹⁶ For this reason the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace, so that it may be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but

also to those who share the faith of Abraham (who is the father of all of us, ¹⁷ as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”), in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. ¹⁸ Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become “the father of many nations,” according to what was said, “So shall your descendants be.” ¹⁹ He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), and the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. ²⁰ No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹ being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. ²² Therefore “it was reckoned to him as righteousness.” ²³ Now the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone ²⁴ but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, ²⁵ who was handed over for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

Alleluia

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Holy Gospel

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

P: The Holy Gospel, according to St. Matthew, the ninth chapter.

C: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Music in hymnal, page 157

Jesus demonstrates God’s mercy and power, accepting the unacceptable and curing the incurable. Even the dead receive new life.

P: ⁹ As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax-collection station, and he said to him, “Follow me.” And he got up and followed him.

¹⁰ And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with Jesus and his disciples. ¹¹ When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” ¹² But when he heard this, he said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. ¹³ Go and learn what this means, ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ For I have not come to call the righteous but sinners.”

¹⁸ While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader came in and knelt before him, saying, “My daughter has just died, but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.” ¹⁹ And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. ²⁰ Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from a flow of blood for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, ²¹ for she was saying to herself, “If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well.” ²² Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, “Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.” And the woman was made well from that moment. ²³ When Jesus came to the leader’s house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, ²⁴ he said, “Go away, for the girl is not dead but sleeping.” And they laughed

at him. ²⁵ But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. ²⁶ And the report of this spread through all of that district.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

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Please sit

Hymn of the Day

“Thine Forever, God of Love”

Hymn No. 687

If you think your child might be unable to sit through the entire service, this would be an appropriate time to take him/her to the nursery.

Message

“Known for Mercy”

Pastor Johann

Musical Reflection

Announcements

Pastor James

Offering

Please fill out a Welcome card and place it in the offering plate.

Anthem

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

arr. Jeremy J. Bankson

Sanctuary Choir, Brass Quintet

The congregation is invited to join the choir in singing the final verse.

Crown him with many crowns,
The Lamb upon the throne;
Hark, how the heav’nly anthem drowns
All music but its own.

Awake, my soul, and sing
Of him who died for thee,
And hail him as thy matchless king
Through all eternity.

Crown him the virgin’s Son,
The God incarnate born,
Whose arm those crimson trophies won
Which now his brow adorn.

Fruit of the mystic rose,
Yet of that rose the stem,
The root whence mercy ever flows,
The Babe of Bethlehem.

Crown him the Lord of Love—
Behold his hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above
In beauty glorified.

No angel in the sky
Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bend their burning eyes
At mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of life,
Who triumphed o’er the grave
And rose victorious in the strife
For those he came to save.

His glories now we sing,
Who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring
And lives that death may die.

Congregation and Choir:
Crown him the Lord of years,
The potentate of time,
Creator of the rolling spheres,
Ineffably sublime.

All hail, Redeemer, hail!
For thou hast died for me;
Thy praise and glory shall not fail
Throughout eternity.

Please stand

Offertory Prayer

C: Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. Amen.

Please sit

RITE OF CONFIRMATION

When directed by the Pastor, the congregation will join the confirmands in the profession of faith.

P: Do you believe in God the Father Almighty?

C: Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son?

C: Yes, I believe in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

P: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

C: Yes, 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.

Confirmation Blessing and Scripture Verse

Each confirmand receives a blessing and a selected scripture verse.

P: Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake, stir up in _____ the gift of Your Holy Spirit; confirm (her/his) faith; guide (her/his) life; empower (her/him) in (her/his) serving; give (her/him) patience in suffering; and bring (her/him) to everlasting life.

After all confirmands have received their blessing and scripture verse, they rise.

P: Upon this profession and promise, I invite and welcome you as confirmed members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church and of this congregation to share with us in all the gifts our Lord has for his Church, and to live them out continually in his worship and service.

C: We welcome you as confirmed members of the Lord's family; we affirm you as fellow members of the Body of Christ, children of the same heavenly Father, working with us in his kingdom.

P: The Almighty and most merciful God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit bless and keep you.
C: **Amen.**

Please stand

Prayer of the Church

At the end of each petition, the prayer leader will say, "God, of grace ..."

The congregation responds, "hear our prayer."

Please see the News and Announcements sheet for a listing of intercessions.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Preface and Proper Preface

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Sanctus ~ *Holy, Holy, Holy*

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Lord's Prayer

C: **Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power
and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini ~ *The peace of the Lord*

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

Agnus Dei ~ *Lamb of God*

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Please sit

Distribution

We believe that Christ is truly present in the bread and wine, according to His Word: "This is My Body . . . this is My blood" (Matthew 26:26-27), and that in this sacrament our Lord gives us forgiveness of our sins, unity with God, and strength for a life of service.

We invite all baptized Christians who have made their First Communion, examined themselves, discern the body and blood of Christ in the sacrament for the forgiveness of their sins, and sincerely seek to amend their lives to join us at His Table.

Distribution procedure: Communion will be distributed in a continuous walking fashion. At the direction of the ushers, walk toward the front of the church in two lines. The pastors will distribute the host (communion wafers). Receive the host in hand, consume it, and then take a cup

of wine from the tray (held by communion assistants). Place your empty communion cup in the bowl near the end of the rail. **Return to your seat via the aisle next to the windows.** If you are not receiving communion, please fold your arms across your chest with hands toward your shoulders (St. Andrew's cross) and approach to receive a blessing.

There will be a single dismissal blessing after all have communed.

Cups in the innermost circle of the communion tray contain juice for those who do not wish to drink wine. **For those who need gluten-free wafers:** Bring with you one of the brightly colored pieces of paper from the pews and hand it to the person distributing wafers to your line. A gluten-free wafer will be brought to you.

If you are unable to walk to receive communion, please speak to an usher, and we will bring the sacrament to you.

Music during Distribution

Anthem "The Lord Bless You and Keep You" John Rutter
 Sanctuary Choir

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up the light of His countenance upon you and give you peace. Amen.

Hymns "'Come, Follow Me,' the Savior Spake" **Hymn No. 688**
 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" **Hymn No. 686**

Farewell & Godspeed to Lisa and Bill Schuler

P: Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act.

C: I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come?

P: My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

C: Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

P: Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

C: Blessed shall you be in the city, and blessed shall you be in the field.

P: Blessed shall you be when you come in, and blessed shall you be when you go out.

C: Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

P: Let your work be shown to your servants, and your glorious power to their children.

C: Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish the work of our hands upon us; yes, establish the work of our hands!

C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Musical Farewell "God Be with You till We Meet Again"
 Sanctuary Choir

God be with you till we meet again,
By good counsels guide, uphold you,
With a shepherd's care enfold you;
God be with you till we meet again.

Till we meet, till we meet,
Till we meet at Jesus' feet;
Till we meet, till we meet,
God be with you till we meet again.

Please stand

Blessing

P: Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, + one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always.

C: **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

“Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”

Hymn No. 924

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Share the good news.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Sonata from *Die Bänkelsängerlieder*
Brass Quintet

Anonymous

During the postlude, please take a moment to get up and greet guests and worshippers at this service who are new to you. You are also welcome to stay seated for a time of prayer and reflection.

Please remember Good Shepherd in your prayers and giving this summer.

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Please join us for coffee and conversation following the service.

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Serving Today	
Worship Leader	Pastor James
Preacher	Pastor Johann
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Acolyte	James Ellis
Scripture Reader	Chris Miller
Prayer Leader	Andrew Otterbacher
Cantor	Stephanie Kruskol
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Ushers	Rob Fekete (lead) Marty Gurtz Martin Farley *
Organist	Anne Lee
Altar Care	Joey Tempel
Projectionist	Chloe Vanderhoof
Audio Engineer	Adam Sherman
Livestream Manager	Matt Hardy
Greeter	Karen Kidwell (door) Deanine Thrash (welcome center)
Guest Welcome	Donna Harper
Engagement	Heidi Cooper
Opener	Ric Nickerson
Closer	Martin Farley
Coffee Setup	Mia Millman
Kitchen Cleanup	Drew Lipman

* = unfilled as of June 3

Special thanks to our instrumentalists: Hart Guonjian-Pettit, trumpet;
Eric Williams, trumpet; Claire Bradley, French horn; Dave Mosko, trombone;
Cameron Farnsworth, tuba.

Board of Servant Leaders

Tony Esse, chair
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John Purtilo, secretary

Rob Fekete
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Core Ministry Areas

Worship

Team Leaders: Georgia Thorstenson and Julie Schorfheide; Staff Liaison: Pastor Johann
The Worship Team encompasses music, seasonal celebrations, arts, worship schedule, Sanctuary Choir (Anne Lee), Handbell Choir (Anne Lee), traditional worship, and contemporary worship (Matt Hardy), the worship spaces, and support personnel (e.g., ushers, greeters, acolytes).

Discipleship

Team Leader: Pastor James
The Discipleship Team oversees adult education, Sunday school, Vacation Bible School, children's ministry (Michelle Tenhaeff), and youth ministry (Holly Vanderhoof).

Parish Life

Team Leader: Brian Cors; Staff Liaison: Heidi Cooper
The Parish Life Team helps foster our community through Life Groups, member engagement, fellowship events, new member inclusion, concerts, public events, picnics, and intergenerational events, and reaches out to guests who worship at Good Shepherd.

Mission

Team Leader: Pastor Johann
Through this core ministry area, Good Shepherd supports a variety of mission efforts: financial and prayerful partnering with missionaries, worldwide and local (Randy and Melanie Stockman); synod/district, social ministry, and community service (Holly Vanderhoof); evangelism, publicity, media, and social media (Jeff Donahue).

Congregational Care and Nurture

Team Leader: June McGurn; Staff Liaison: Pastor Johann
The Congregational Care and Nurture Team helps support the mental, physical, emotional, and spiritual health of the congregation through literature, programs, and opportunities to serve others at Good Shepherd. This ministry's volunteers help in many ways: at memorial services and receptions; through member care visits and transportation; by sending cards for life events; and by arranging meals ("Take Them a Meal" team) for the sick and infirm, for their families, and for families with newborns.

Administration

Team Leader: Pastor Johann
This team is in charge of property and contracts (Roger Thorstenson), financing the mission (Mike DeWan), stewardship (Don Kidwell), human resources/personnel (Matt Franker), communications (Jeff Donahue), and technology (Gary Budzier).

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