



The Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd

**Holy Eucharist
Lectionary 15
July 12, 2026
8:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.**

God's word is like the rain that waters the earth and brings forth vegetation. It is also like the sower who scatters seed indiscriminately. Our lives are like seeds sown in the earth. Even from what appears to be little, dormant, or dead, God promises a harvest. At the Lord's table we are fed with the bread of life, that we may bear fruit in the world.

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Prelude

The assembly stands at the ringing of the bell.

At the entrance of the Nave:

Invocation

P In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Apostolic Greeting

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

Confession & Forgiveness

P My brothers and sisters, to prepare ourselves to celebrate these sacred mysteries, let us call to mind our sins.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P You were sent to heal the contrite of heart: Lord, have mercy.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P You came to call sinners: Christ, have mercy.

C **Christ, have mercy.**

P You are seated at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us: Lord, have mercy.

C **Lord, Have mercy.**

P In great mercy God has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. In obedience to our Lord's command, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Gathering Song

ELW 734

God, Whose Farm Is All Creation

HARVEST GIFTS

- 1 God, whose farm is all creation, take the gratitude we give;
take the finest of our harvest, crops we grow that we may live.**
- 2 Take our plowing, seeding, reaping, hopes and fears of sun and rain,
all our thinking, planning, waiting, ripened in this fruit and grain.**
- 3 All our labor, all our watching, all our calendar of care
in these crops of your creation, take, O God: they are our prayer.**

Entrance Antiphon

P In my justice I shall see your face, O Lord;

C **when your glory appears, my joy will be full. (Psalm 16:15)**

Canticle of Praise

Refrain

Glo-ry to God, give glo-ry to God. Glo-ry to God in the
 high - est. Peace on the earth and glo-ry to God.
 Peace to all peo-ple, peace to all peo-ple on earth. (3. For)

Verse 1

1. Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we
 to Refrain
 1. wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

Verse 2

2. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord
 2. God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer -
 2. cy, have mer - cy, have mer - cy
 2. on us; you are seat-ed at the right hand
 to Refrain
 2. of the Fa - ther: re-ceive our prayer.

Verse 3

(3. For) you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,
 3. you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho-
 to Refrain
 3. ly Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa - ther.

Prayer of the Day

P Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

The assembly may be seated.

Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Reading

Isaiah 55:10-13

God's word to Israel's exiles is as sure and effective as never-failing precipitation. Their return to the Holy Land in a new exodus is cheered on by singing mountains and by trees that clap their hands.

A A reading from Isaiah

¹⁰ For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,

giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,

¹¹ so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,

but it shall accomplish that which I purpose
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

¹² For you shall go out in joy
and be led back in peace;

the mountains and the hills before you
shall burst into song,

and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

¹³ Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;

instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle,

and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial,

for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

A The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Psalm 65: [1-8] 9-13

The antiphon will be sung by the cantor and repeated by the congregation. The antiphon is then repeated as indicated R.

Psalm Refrain

Your paths o - ver - flow with plen - ty, O God, your
paths o - ver - flow with plen - ty.

Psalm Tone

Second Reading

Romans 8:1-11

There is no condemnation for those who live in Christ. God sent Christ to accomplish what the law was unable to do: condemn sin and free us from its death-dealing ways. The Spirit now empowers proper actions and values in our lives and gives us the promise of resurrected life.

A A reading from Romans

¹ Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ² For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. ³ For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴ so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵ For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶ To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷ For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed, it cannot, ⁸ and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹ But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, then the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹ If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

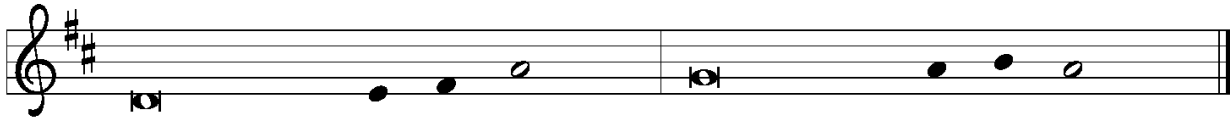
The assembly stands to welcome the Gospel.

Gospel Acclamation

The cantor introduces the acclamation. The assembly will repeat the acclamation. Following the verse, the acclamation is sung again by all.



Verse tone



Cantor

The word is very¹ near to you; it is in your mouth and¹ in your heart.*

Gospel

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

In Matthew's gospel, both Jesus and his disciples "sow the seed" of God's word by proclaiming the good news that "the kingdom of heaven is near." Now, in a memorable parable, Jesus explains why this good news produces different results in those who hear.

P The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew the 13th chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ²Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. ⁴And as he sowed, some seeds fell on a path, and the birds came and ate them up. ⁵Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. ⁶But when the sun rose, they were scorched, and since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹If you have ears, hear!"

¹⁸“Hear, then, the parable of the sower. ¹⁹When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. ²⁰As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, ²¹yet such a person has no root but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. ²²As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of this age and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. ²³But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly may be seated.

Sermon

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

The assembly stands at the last stanza.

Hymn of the Day

We Plow the Field and Scatter

ELW 681

WIR PFLUGEN

**1 We plow the fields and scatter the good seed on the land,
but it is fed and watered by God’s almighty hand,
who sends the snow in winter, the warmth to swell the grain,
the breezes and the sunshine, and soft refreshing rain. R**

Refrain: *All good gifts around us are sent from heav’n above.*

We thank you, Lord, we thank you, Lord, for all your love.

2 You only are the maker of all things near and far.

You paint the wayside flower, you light the evening star.

The winds and waves obey you, by you the birds are fed;

much more to us, your children, you give our daily bread. R

3 We thank you, our creator, for all things bright and good, the seedtime and the harvest, our life, our health, our food. No gifts have we to offer for all your love imparts, but what you most would treasure—our humble, thankful hearts. R

**Profession of Faith
The Apostles' Creed**

ELW p. 105

**C 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 power of 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 People

Hearing the Word of God in Scripture and in Preaching moves us to pray for the whole Church, the nations, those in need, the parish, and our special concerns. The intercessor moves to stand with the assembled people of God, as a rich symbol of the petitions truly being the Prayers of the People.

Each portion of the prayers ends with these words:

**A God of grace,
C hear our prayer.**

Response at the conclusion of the prayers of the people:

C Amen.

Peace

The words of the Peace are an ancient and solemn blessing signifying the reconciliation that we have with God and, through Christ, with one another. Please do not use this time for casual greetings or conversations.

P Jesus said: Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled.
The peace of the risen Christ be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

Please share some sign (a handshake, an embrace, etc.) with one another as you exchange the greeting of peace.

Greeting: Peace be with you.

Response: And also with you.

Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Offering

Offertory

Offering plates are located by the font and inside the West Nave entrance.

Offerings may also be made electronically by scanning the QR Code:



Offertory Song

Lord, let My Heart Be Good Soil (sung through twice)

ELW 512
GOOD SOIL

**Lord, let my heart be good soil, open to the seed of your word.
Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is understood.
When my heart is hard, break the stone away.
When my heart is cold, warm it with the day.
When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.
Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.**

Offertory Prayer

- P Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life.
- C Blessed be God forever!**
- P Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become our spiritual drink.
- C Blessed be God forever!**
- A 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.
- C Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving Dialogue

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Preface

Holy, Holy, Holy

C

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The musical notation is for a soprano part in G major, 4/4 time. It consists of four staves. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are written below the notes. The second staff has a 2/4 time signature change. The third and fourth staves continue the melody. The piece ends with a double bar line.

Eucharistic Prayer

At the Presiding Minister's invitation: "...we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes."

C

Christ has died, Christ is ris - en, Christ will come a - gain.

The musical notation is for a soprano part in G major, 4/4 time. It consists of one staff. The lyrics are written below the notes. The piece ends with a double bar line.

The Presiding Minister continues the prayer, and concludes: "... with all your saints in light."

C

A - men. A - men. A -
men. For ev - er and ev - er, a - men.

The musical notation is for a soprano part in G major, 4/4 time. It consists of two staves. The lyrics are written below the notes. The piece ends with a double bar line.

The Lord's Prayer

ELW p. 145

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.**

Lamb of God

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. It consists of three staves. The first staff is for the Cantor/Choir and the second for All. The lyrics are: "you take a - way the sins of the world: have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy, have mer-cy on (Final) world: O grant _ us peace, O grant _ us last - ing". The third staff has two sections: "1, 2... us." and "(Final) peace, Lamb of God." with a repeat sign and a final double bar line.

Invitation to Communion

P This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Happy are those who are called to his supper.

C **Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

Communion Of The Faithful

All baptized Christians are invited to share faithfully in the Holy Eucharist. In this sacrament, by the power of God's Word and the Holy Spirit, we receive the body and blood of Jesus Christ along with the bread and wine for our forgiveness and salvation, as we celebrate our unity with Christ and all the saints.

Please come by the center aisle as directed by the ushers.

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say, "The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you," and each person may respond, "Amen."

Music During Distribution

Song After Communion

*Lord, Let My heart Be Good Soil (sung through twice)
The assembly stands.*

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GOOD SOIL*

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When my heart is hard, break the stone away.

When my heart is cold, warm it with the day.

When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.

Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

Prayer After Communion

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Blessing

P Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, † one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always

C Amen.

Sending Song

The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve

ELW 551

CHESTERFIELD

- 1 The Spirit sends us forth to serve; we go in Jesus' name
to bring glad tidings to the poor, God's favor to proclaim.**
- 2 We go to comfort those who mourn and set the burdened free;
where hope is dim, share a dream and help the blind to see.**
- 3 We go to be the hands of Christ, to scatter joy like seed
and, all our days, to cherish life, to do the loving deed.**
- 4 Then let us go to serve in peace, the gospel to proclaim.
God's Spirit has empowered us; we go in Jesus' name.**

Dismissal

A The liturgy is ended. Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

C Thanks be to God.

Postlude

A warm welcome to our visitors in the Name of Christ.

We seek to minister to all who become a part of our community in Christ as we worship together. We are pleased to have you share in our worship and ministry and sincerely hope you will return. Please sign the guest register in the Narthex and introduce yourself to the Pastor.

- The liturgy and worship book page numbers are printed in the worship folder. Please join in the responses as indicated. You may stand as you are able where indicated or remain seated. Hymns marked with elw are in the red hymnal, Evangelical Lutheran Worship. Hymns marked with wov are in the blue soft cover hymnal, With One Voice.
- A rest room with a baby changing area is located off the Narthex of the Nave
- The guest register and devotional booklets are in the Narthex.

Holy Eucharist

Saturdays at 5:00 p.m. in the Chapel

Sundays at 8:30 a.m. in the Nave and 10:00 a.m. in the Chapel

Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in the Chapel

Adult Faith Formation

Adult Faith Formation is on hiatus for the summer and will return in October.

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Summer Fellowship

There will be a social time between Sunday services, from 9:30 a.m. until 10 a.m., on the patio off the education wing's Wilhelm Road entrance.

In case of inclement weather, we will move inside to the St. Stephen Room.

Last Week

Our praise and thanksgiving to God for our many blessings reflected in our tithes and offerings each week.

Spending Proposal Per Week	\$ 4,904.00
Total Received	\$5,470.00
Difference	566.00

This Week

Sunday 7/12 Lectionary 15	8:30 a.m. Word and Sacrament (Nave/YouTube—link may be found at www.goodshepherdpxtang.com) 9:30 a.m. Summer Fellowship (Wilhelm Road Patio) 10:00 a.m. Word and Sacrament (Chapel)
Monday 7/13	6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 42 (ASH) 6:30 p.m. Congregation Council
Tuesday 7/14	9:30 a.m. Workshop (St. Lydia/ASH) 11:00 a.m. Shawl Ministry (St. Lydia/ASH)
Wednesday 7/15	9:30 a.m. Word and Sacrament (Chapel) 7:00 p.m. Keystone Concert Band (ASH)
Saturday 7/18	5:00 p.m. Word and Sacrament (Chapel)
Sunday 7/19 Lectionary 16	August <i>Call</i> Deadline 8:30 a.m. Word and Sacrament (Nave/YouTube—link may be found at www.goodshepherdpxtang.com) 9:30 a.m. Summer Fellowship (Wilhelm Road Patio) 10:00 a.m. Word and Sacrament (Chapel)

Daily Readings

Sun	Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23, Romans 8:1-11, Isaiah 55: 10-13, Psalm 65:[1-8] 9-13
Mon	1 Thessalonians 4:1-8, Leviticus 26: 3-20, Psalm 92
Tues	Ephesians 4: 17—5:2, Deuteronomy 28: 1-14, Psalm 92
Wed	Matthew 13:10-17, Proverbs 11:23-30, Psalm 92
Thur	Hebrews 2: 1-9, Isaiah 41: 21-29, Psalm 86:11-17
Fri	Hebrews 6: 13-20, Isaiah 44: 18-20, Psalm 86: 11-17
Sat	Matthew 7: 15-20, Isaiah 44: 18-20, Psalm 86: 11-17
Sun	Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43, Romans 8:12-25, Isaiah 44: 6-8, Psalm 86: 11-17



Worship Dedications

The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God
and in memory of my dear Mother-in-Law, Josephine Duvall
by Marie Duvall.

The bulletins are given to the Glory of God
and in memory of James R. Stewart
by Kristen Stewart.

The lamps are burning to the Glory of God
and in honor of Frank Baker's 91st birthday
by his loving family.

July 5th flowers were given to the Glory of God
and in memory of her father, George Albright
by Edna Hafer.

Apologies for the error.

Announcements

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS all those who, because of illness or infirmity, are unable to be with us for worship. Your prayers, cards, and visits to them are invited so that Christ may be glorified by the manner in which his people care for one another.

ELECTRONIC GIVING OPTIONS AVAILABLE: Contributions may be made via eCheck or Credit Card by scanning the QR code with your smart phone or by clicking on the GIVE NOW button on goodshepherdpxtang.com.



SUMMER FELLOWSHIP: Will be held between the two Sunday services outside the Wilhelm Road entrance to the Chapel. Please sign-up to volunteer for one or more Sundays through September 6, inclusive. **The sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board outside the St. Stephen room.** Volunteers are responsible for set-up, food and beverage and clean-up. If you would like to share a Sunday with someone, you are welcome to do so. Necessities (table, table cloth, napkins, cups, plates, plastic ware) will be located behind the door in the St. Stephen room. Other needs may be obtained in \ kitchenette next to the Gathering Room.

It's Time to Think About Advent!

(*Perhaps more appropriately, it's time for the members of Good Shepherd to start thinking about Advent!) In 2025, we tried something new for Advent. Rather than ordering a devotional booklet from a publisher, we created our own. Members of the congregation wrote stories, shared memories, offered commentaries, reflected on scripture – all relating to the season of Advent. Some devotionals were a paragraph, others spanned several pages, and ALL helped us learn something important about the authors and ALL deepened and enhanced our journey through the Advent Season.

Because the devotional booklet was so well-received, we are doing it again for 2026! A devotional entry is needed for each day of Advent. Inspiration for your entry can come from a variety of sources:

- Scripture texts assigned for that day
- Traditional themes of Advent – waiting, watching, preparing, the coming of the Light
- The 4 Advent candles on the Advent wreath: HOPE, PEACE, JOY, LOVE
- A favorite scripture that reminds you of Advent
- A personal experience

The compilation of this booklet is a time-consuming process but well worth the effort.

Consequently, entries

for this year's Advent devotional need to be submitted by August 9, 2026. Your submission should include your name, a title, and a scripture reference if applicable, and then email it to the church – goodshepherdpxtang@gmail.com. Start thinking now. In the coming weeks, a list of the assigned Scripture texts will be placed in the Narthex and outside the Chapel entrance. Some people may choose to use these scripture texts while others may not. A sign-up sheet will also be made available. Last year, some of the writers selected a specific date because their Advent memory was tied to a birthday, anniversary, or special event. Please consider sharing your Advent message with your church family – a booklet written **for us by us.**

SUGGESTED TEXTS AND SIGNUP ARE AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX. —Vicki Delp

SAVE THE DATE: Our annual **Community Day** is scheduled to take place on **September 12, from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.** The event will feature a yard sale, soup sale, and bake sale. Entertainment will be provided by the Keystone Concert Band with a performance taking place at 10:00 a.m. Donations for the yard sale may be placed on the tables in All Saints Hall. We will be accepting clothing items that are in good and clean condition—**all donations of clothing and shoes, should be placed in the Choir Room.** Furniture items will also be accepted. We ask that any electronic items be in good working condition and inspected by a member of the Evangelism Committee prior to being placed in ASH. Televisions will not be accepted. Please contact Fred Sprunk with questions. If you are interested in helping, please fill out the volunteer form and return it to the church office.

PRAYER CHAIN: Good Shepherd members lift up prayer requests throughout the week. If you have a prayer request you wish to share, or if you would like prayer requests to include in your daily devotions, please contact Edna Hafer or Dix McCauley.

COMMUNITY AID: When dropping off your donations at a Community Aid center, **please note Good Shepherd's partner number—10055**—so the church will receive appropriate credit for donations. Thank you!

INDEPENDENCE DECLARED AT GOOD SHEPHERD: A crowd of more than sixty people braved 90-plus degree temperatures on the Fourth of July to celebrate the 250 th birthday of the United States of America at Good Shepherd. Fred Sprunk, replete in colonial garb, read the Declaration of Independence from the front steps of the church at noon. Dix McCauley, president of our church council and a proud veteran of the U.S. Air Force, served as flag bearer for our Betsy Ross American Flag. The festivities included patriotic music by the Keystone Concert Band and a closing blessing by Pastor Kathleen Baker. A huge thank you to Good Shepherd's U.S.A. Anniversary Committee and our Property Committee, who provided decorations and gave guests some relief from the heat with canopies and ice water. Those guests also received flag-themed bracelets and candy in U.S.A. wrappers. A special thank you to Swatara Township (and Lt. David Milsteen of the township police department, for providing permission and barriers to block off Rutherford Street in front of the church for the safety of our visitors.

INGATHERING: It's time to collect supplies for personal care kits and school kits. Please consider helping with donations. Collection bins are located in the narthex of the St. Mary's Chapel and the narthex of the Nave.

School Kits:

Unsharpened pencils

Black or blue ball point pens (no gel ink)

Small pencil sharpeners

70-80 Sheet spiral bound notebooks (280-300 sheets)

Children's scissors

16 or 24 count box of crayons

Large erasers

Personal Care Kits:

Dark colored lightweight bath towel (20"x40" to 27"x52")

Bath size bars of soap, individually wrapped

Adult size toothbrush

Sturdy comb (no picks or fine tooth combs)

Metal nail clippers

Fabric Kits

Cotton blend fabric (no knits):

2 1/4 yards of 58"-62"

3 yards 42"-45"

4 yards 34"-37"

Thread (200-400 yards)

School supplies should go on sale soon! Thanks!

—Georgia

GIVING ENVELOPES: Once again, the company that supplies our offering envelopes has experienced difficulty in production for their customers. The Congregation Council will be discussing how we might proceed moving forward, i.e., do we remain with our current envelope supplier or look for other options. Until this envelope problem is resolved, you may place your offering in any envelope (unused church offering envelopes or a plain envelope). Please include your name and the date on the outside of the envelope. We will keep you informed of any future decisions.

COMMUNITY MULTI-FAITH PICNIC: Save the date and come to meet and greet your neighbors at a Community Multi-Faith Picnic on **Sunday, August 9** from 1:30 p.m. until 5 p.m. at the 40 and 8 Club Pavilion (5831 Chambers Hill Road, Harrisburg). Bring a dish to share and a lawn chair to this free family event. All are invited!

Community Day Volunteer Form **Saturday, September 12, 2026**

Please complete and return to the church office. Questions? Contact Fred Sprunk

I will help set up for Community Day on **Sunday, September 6 at 10 a.m.**
(Additional days during the week will be added if necessary.)

I will donate an item for the Bake Sale.

What? _____

Please bring all baked items in disposable containers, dishes, or wraps to accommodate people who would like to purchase an entire pie or cake. Please drop off all baked items prior to 8 a.m. on September 12.

I will help Saturday, September 12.

wherever needed

specified area

Where? _____

I will help clean up after Community Day

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Serving God's People at the Liturgies

Preaching and Presiding

The Rev. Kathleen J. Baker, STM

Organist and Cantor

Nicholas P. Werner

Assisting Ministers

8:30 a.m.
10:00 a.m.

Fred Sprunk
Susan Master

Ushers

8:30 a.m.
10:00 a.m.

John and Sylvia McAnnaney
Vicki Delp

The Parish Staff

Kathleen J. Baker, STM, Pastor
Nicholas P. Werner, Director of Music
Carol J. Thai, Church Administrator

Kester T. Sobers III, Pastor Emeritus
Herbert O. Fowler, Cantor Emeritus

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