



The Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd

**Holy Eucharist
Lectionary 13**

June 28, 2026

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

The welcome of baptism is for all God's children. This baptismal gift sets us free from the power of sin and death. In today's gospel, Christ promises that the disciple who gives a cup of cold water to the little ones serves Christ himself. From worship we are sent on our baptismal mission: to serve the little ones of this world and to be a sign of God's merciful welcome.

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 by the font:

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 and Forgiveness

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

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P You are 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 plead for us at the right hand of the Father: 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

All Are Welcome

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TWO OAKS

**1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;
hear the love of Christ shall end divisions: *R***

Refrain

All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

**2 Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness and as symbol of God's grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus: *R***

**3 Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine, and wheat:
a banquet hall on holy ground where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space;
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us: *R***

**4 Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and
stone to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've
known. Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger: *R***

**5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions
heard and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace,
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter: *R***

Entrance Antiphon

P All nations, clap your hands.

C Shout with a voice of joy to God. (Psalm 47:2)

Canticle of Praise

Mass of God's Promise
Dan Schutte

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
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
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-
3. ly Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa - ther.

Prayer of the Day

P O God, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, 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

Jeremiah 28:5-9

Through a symbolic action Jeremiah insisted that Judah and all the surrounding nations should submit to the king of Babylon (Jer. 27). Hananiah contradicted the word of Jeremiah, who in reply insisted that Hananiah's rosy prediction should not be believed until it came true. God confirmed the word of Jeremiah and sentenced the false prophet Hananiah to death (vv. 16-17).

A reading from Jeremiah.

⁵ The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the Lord, ⁶ and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the Lord do so; may the Lord fulfill the words that you have prophesied and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the Lord and all the exiles. ⁷ But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. ⁸ The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. ⁹ As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the Lord has truly sent the prophet."

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 89

The refrain will be sung by the Cantor and repeated by the assembly. The Psalm is sung antiphonally with congregation singing verses in bold.

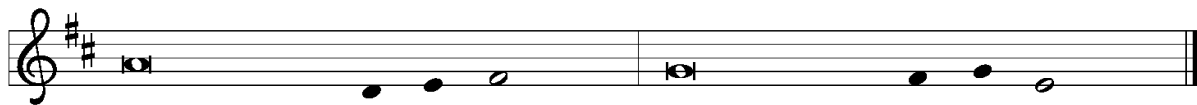
The refrain is then repeated as indicated **R**.

Psalm Refrain



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Psalm Tone



- 1 Your love, O Lord, forever | will I sing;
from age to age my mouth will pro- | claim your faithfulness.
- 2 For I am persuaded that your steadfast love is estab- | lished forever;
you have set your faithfulness firmly | in the heavens.**
- 3 "I have made a covenant with my | chosen one;
I have sworn an oath to Da- | vid my servant:
- 4 'I will establish your | line forever,
and preserve your throne for all | generations.' " R**

- 15 Happy are the people who know the | festal shout!
They walk, O Lord, in the light | of your presence.
- 16 They rejoice daily | in your name;
they are jubilant | in your righteousness.**
- 17 For you are the glory | of their strength,
and by your favor our might | is exalted.
- 18 Truly, our shield belongs | to the Lord;
our king to the Holy | One of Israel. R**

Second Reading

Romans 6:12-23

Sin is an enslaving power which motivates us to live self-serving, disobedient lives. Sin's final payoff is death. We, however, have been set free from sin's slavery to live obediently under God's grace, whose end is the free gift of eternal life.

A A reading from Romans.

¹² Do not let sin reign in your mortal bodies, so that you obey their desires. ¹³ No longer present your members to sin as instruments of unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. ¹⁴ For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

¹⁵ What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶ Do you not know that, if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷ But thanks be to God that you who were slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted ¹⁸ and that you, having been set free from sin, have become enslaved to righteousness. ¹⁹ I am speaking in human terms because of your limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and lawlessness, leading to even more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness, leading to sanctification.

²⁰ When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹ So what fruit did you then gain from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. ²² But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the fruit you have leads to sanctification, and the end is eternal life. ²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

A The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

The assembly stands to welcome the Gospel.

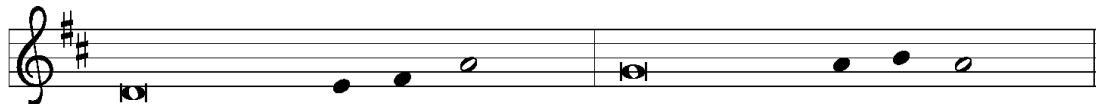
Gospel Acclamation

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

*Mass of God's Promise
Dan Schutte*



Verse Tone



Cantor:

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a | holy nation, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of the one who called you out of darkness into his | marvelous light .*

Gospel Reading

Matthew 10:40-42

When Jesus sends his disciples out as missionaries, he warns them of persecution and hardships they will face. He also promises to reward any who aid his followers and support their ministry.

P The Holy Gospel according Matthew the tenth chapter.

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

[Jesus said to the twelve:]⁴⁰ “Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me.⁴¹ Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous,⁴² and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The assembly may be seated.

Sermon

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

Hymn of the Day

The Church of Christ, in Every Age

ELW 729
WAREHAM

The assembly stands at the last stanza.

- 1 The church of Christ, in every age beset by change, but Spirit -led, must claim and test its heritage and keep on rising from the dead.**
- 2 Across the world, across the street, the victims of injustice cry for shelter and for bread to eat, and never live before they die.**
- 3 Then let the servant church arise, a caring church that longs to be a partner in Christ's sacrifice, and clothed in Christ's humanity.**
- 4 For he alone, whose blood was shed, can cure the fever in our blood, and teach us how to share our bread and feed the starving multitude.**
- 5 We have no mission but to serve in full obedience to our Lord; to care for all, without reserve, and spread his liberating word.**

**Profession of Faith
The Apostles' Creed**

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**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 and Chapel entrances.



Offertory Song

Just As I Am, without One Plea (verses 1 & 2)

ELW 592

WOODWORTH

The assembly stands as the ushers come forward with the gifts.

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| <p>1 Just as I am. Without one plea,
but that they blood was shed for me,
and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,
O Lamb of God , I come, I come.</p> | <p>2 Just as I am, though tossed about
with many a conflict, many a doubt,
fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.</p> |
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Offertory Prayer

P Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have 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!**

Offertory Prayer

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

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Dan Schutte

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.

Eucharistic Prayer

At the Presiding Minister's invitation, "...we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes."

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

The Eucharistic prayer concludes, "with all your saints in light."

C

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Dan Schutte

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

The Lord's Prayer

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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

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The musical score is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The first staff is for the Cantor/Choir and the second for the All. The lyrics are: (Invocations) 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 includes a repeat sign for the first two measures (1, 2... us.) and a final section (Final) peace, Lamb of God.

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

Just As I Am, without One Plea (verses 3 & 4)

The assembly stands.

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WOODWORTH

**3 Just as I am, thou wilt receive, wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
because thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**4 Just as I am; thy love unknown has broken ev'ry barrier down;
now to be thine, yea, thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

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
To Be Your Presence

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ENGELBERG

**1 To be your presence is our mission here,
to show compassion's face and list'ning ear,
to be your heart of mercy ever near, alleluia!**

**2 To be your presence is our mission bold,
to feed the poor and shelter homeless cold,
to be your hands of justice, right uphold, alleluia!**

**3 To be your presence is our mission blest,
to speak for all the broken and oppressed,
to be your voice of hope, your love expressed, alleluia!**

**4 We are your heart, O Christ, your hands and voice,
to serve your people is our call and choice,
and in this mission we, the church, rejoice, alleluia!**

Silent Prayer and Dismissal

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

C Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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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 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

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.

Adult Faith Formation

Adult Faith Formation is currently in recess for the summer.

This Week

Sunday 6/28 Lectionary 13	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 6/29	6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 42 (ASH)
Tuesday 6/30	9:30 a.m. Workshop (St. Lydia/ASH)
Wednesday 7/1	9:30 a.m. Word and Sacrament (Chapel) 7:00 p.m. Keystone Concert Band (ASH)
Saturday 7/4	11:30 a.m. America 250 (Rutherford Steps) 12:00 p.m. Reading of the Declaration of Independence 5:00 p.m. Word and Sacrament (Chapel)
Sunday 7/5 Lectionary 14	Food Pantry Sunday 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

M	1 Thessalonians 4:9-12, 1 Kings 21: 1-6, Psalm 119: 161-168
T	1 John 4: 1-6, 1 Kings 21: 17-29, Psalm 119: 161-168
W	Matthew 11: 20-24, Jeremiah 18: 1-11, Psalm 119: 161-168
Th	Romans 7: 1-6, Zechariah 1: 1-6, Psalm 145: 8-14
F	Romans 7: 7-20, Zechariah 2: 6-13, Psalm 145: 8-14
Sa	Luke 10: 21-24, Zechariah 4: 1-7, Psalm 145: 8-14
Su	Matthew 11: 16-19, 25-30, Romans 7: 15– 25a, Zechariah 9: 9-12, Psalm 145: 8-14



Worship Dedications

The bulletins are given to the Glory of God
and in celebration of our grandson, Parker's 9th birthday
by Larry and Dixie McCauley.

The flowers and lamps are burning
to the Glory of God.

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	<i>not available at the time of publication</i>
Difference	

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.

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.

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 at goodshepherdpxtang.com.



SUMMER FELLOWSHIP: We will hold 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. Join us for conversation, coffee, a cold drink, and/or a light snack. In case of inclement weather, we will move inside to the St. Stephen Room. There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board outside the St. Stephen Room for anyone willing to help by bringing a light snack and setting up. See you there.

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF DONATIONS: It's that time of year again, when we begin collecting donations for **In-Gathering** which will be on **Sunday, October 6**, this year. Workshop has been busy gathering materials and making quilts and school bags to be sent in October. Look for the green tubs in the narthexes and in the breezeway. We are in need of the following items:

Personal Care Kits: Bath size **towels** (dark colors preferred) (20" X 40" to 27" X 52") and 2 to 3 bath size **bars of soap** that are individually wrapped and total 8 - 9 oz.

School Kits: Notebooks: spiral notebooks 70-80 sheets wide or college ruled. School supplies are currently on sale at Staples. Some bulk items have been ordered to cover our needs at this time, but we always need the notebooks.

Monetary Donations are always needed to cover the cost of shipping the items. We will be sending Quilts (\$2.80), School Kits (\$2.85), Fabric Kits (\$1.80), and Personal Care Kits (\$1.50). Please mark donations for **LWR Shipping**.

COMMUNITY DAY AT GOOD SHEPHERD: Our annual Community Day is scheduled to take place on Saturday, September 12, 2026, 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. The Evangelism Committee noted anyone wishing to make donations for the yard sale may begin bringing items to the church after July 1. Clothing, jewelry and shoes may be dropped off in the choir room, while household items should be placed in the electric room adjacent to the kitchen in All Saints Hall. Please note that books and DVDs will no longer be accepted due to lack of interest in those items in recent years. We will be accepting clothing items that are in good and clean condition. 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. If you are interested in helping, please fill out the form on the back page of the bulletin and return it to the church office.

Thrivent T-Shirts: Thrivent t-shirts are available on the table in The Gathering Room and sorted by size. Please only take one per person.

SAVE THE DATE: THE ECUMENICAL PICNIC RETURNS: St. Catherine Laboure Church has again offered to host the Ecumenical picnic Sunday, August 9, from 1:30 to 5p.m. at the 40-and 8 Park, 5831 Chambers Hill Road. Members of area churches, including our Good Shepherd, are invited to attend for an afternoon of good food, fun and a healthy dose of Christian community. Last summer, we had nine members from Good Shepherd take part and had a good time socializing with new and old friends from other midstate churches. We hope to double or even triple that number participating this August. No reservations are needed, but we would appreciate having those hoping to attend to contact our church office.

ADVENT IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER!* (*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. 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.**

Listen...Is Jesus Calling You to Serve?

Every Sunday we gather for worship – we sing, we pray, we present our gifts, we commune, we give thanks. Worship feeds our souls and lifts our spirits as we connect with God and with God’s people. We know our pastor will be at the pulpit, and our organist will be on the bench. However, there will also be others who share their time and talent to ensure that our worship services run smoothly and in good order. Have you ever considered volunteering to assist in the tasks that need to be done every Sunday morning? Below is a brief description of the jobs which are a part of each Sunday service and what each job entails.

A Duty Officer(s) is scheduled for the 8:30 AM service and a different Duty Officer is scheduled for the second Sunday morning service. Duty Officers are usually the first people to arrive on a Sunday morning and the last people to leave following the second service. They unlock/lock the doors, turn on/turn off lights, fans, and microphones.

Ushers are often the first person a worshiper sees when entering the church. The Ushers distribute bulletins, present the offering and the communion elements, send worshippers forward for communion, and answer any questions about worship or the building, especially from visitors. Two ushers serve at the first service, and two different ushers serve at the second service. A sign-up sheet is located in the Narthex for anyone who is interested in serving as an Usher.

Assisting Ministers do just that – they assist the pastor. The Assisting Minister processes and recesses with the Cross, reads the Scripture lessons, leads the prayer, and assists the Pastor during communion. Two different Assisting Ministers are scheduled each Sunday – one for each service.

The Cantor sits in the Chancel and leads the congregational singing of liturgy and hymns, the Psalm, and often provides special music during the distribution of Holy Communion. On average, a worship volunteer might serve one Sunday per month.

Good Shepherd is blessed to have such a dedicated group of lay people who joyfully share their time and talents...BUT WE NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS so that our current volunteers are not overwhelmed and do not get burned out.

Please prayerfully consider how you might help, and if you feel the Holy Spirit moving you to serve during worship in any, some, or all of the listed opportunities, speak with Pastor Baker or Vicki Delp (Worship and Music Committee Chairperson).

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 10:00 a.m.

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.

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/Cantor

Nicholas P. Werner

Assisting Ministers

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

Kirk Barbour
John Switaj

Ushers

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

Mary and Fred Sprunk
Vicki Delp

The Parish Staff

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

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

The Church Office is open
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