

Welcome to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Building up God's people through His word for His world

Day of Pentecost
June 8, 2025

On Pentecost, we celebrate that we have been given an Advocate to accompany us. Poured out in wind and fire, water, wine, and bread, the Holy Spirit abides in and among us. We give thanks that God speaks to each of us, no matter our origins, language, or life path. Filled with the Spirit of truth, we go out from worship to proclaim the saving power of Christ's love and the freedom of God's grace with all 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 August 31.

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.

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.

Prelude “Ev’ry Time I Feel the Spirit” arr. Bob Chilcott
 Sanctuary Choir

arr. Bob Chilcott

Welcome Pastor Johann

Please stand

Opening Hymn	“O Day Full of Grace”	Hymn No. 503 Verses 1-4
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Hymn No. 503

Verses 1-4

Invocation, Confession, and Forgiveness

The sign of the cross ✠ may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God's word and for self-examination. You may kneel or remain standing.

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Please stand

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Kyrie [Lord, have mercy] **Music in hymnal, pages 168-69**

Hymn of Praise “Glory to God in the Highest” **Music in hymnal, page 170**

Music in hymnal, page 170

Salutation and Prayer of the Day **Music in hymnal, page 172**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray

God our creator, the resurrection of your Son offers life to all the peoples of earth. By your Holy Spirit, kindle in us the fire of your love, empowering our lives for service and

our tongues for praise, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Please sit

First Reading

Acts 2:1-21

Before Jesus ascended into heaven, he told his disciples they would be filled with the Holy Spirit. Now, amid signs of fire, wind, and a variety of languages, the people were amazed and astonished at Jesus' promise coming true.

L: ¹ When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. ² And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³ Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵ Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶ And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷ Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸ And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹ Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." ¹² All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³ But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say.

¹⁵ Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning.

¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ 'In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.

¹⁸ Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹ And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

²⁰ The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.
²¹ Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'"

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading

Romans 8:14-17

*Here Paul speaks about the mystery of baptism: through the Holy Spirit we are claimed,
gathered, and welcomed into Christ's body, the church. And we receive a new name
in our adoption: child of God.*

L: ¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" ¹⁶ it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

Alleluia

Music in hymnal, page 173

Holy Gospel

John 14:8-17, 25-27

P: The Holy Gospel, according to St. John, the fourteenth chapter.

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

Music in hymnal, page 173

Though the disciples struggle with Jesus' nature and identity, they receive the promise that they too will be identified with God and God's mission. Though he must leave them now, Jesus promises the coming of the Advocate whom God will send to comfort and enlighten them.

P: ⁸ Philip said to [Jesus,] "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." ⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? ¹⁰ Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹ Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. ¹² Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³ I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

¹⁵ "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷ This is the Spirit of truth, whom

the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

²⁵ “I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶ But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Music in hymnal, page 173

Please sit

Hymn of the Day “Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord”

Hymn No. 497

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 “A Sermon for Pentecost”

Pastor James

Musical Reflection

Announcements

Pastor Johann

Offering

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

Anthem “To the Lamb on the Throne”

Dan Forrest

Sanctuary Choir and Brass Quintet

Worthy the Lamb. Worthy the Lamb
Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim
And publish abroad His wonderful name
The name all-victorious of Jesus extol
His kingdom is glorious and rules over all

Worthy the Lamb. Worthy the Lamb
“Salvation to God, who sits on the throne!”
Let all cry aloud and honor the Son
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim
Fall down on their faces and worship the
Lamb

Worthy the Lamb
Worthy the Lamb, the Lamb
Worthy the Lamb

God rules in the height, almighty to save

Though hid from our sight, His presence we
have
The great congregation His triumph shall
sing
Ascribing salvation to Jesus our King

Worthy the Lamb, the Lamb
Worthy the Lamb
Worthy, worthy the Lamb, the Lamb
Worthy the Lamb
Worthy, worthy the Lamb, the Lamb

Then let us adore and give Him His right
All glory and pow’r, all wisdom and might
All honor and blessing with angels above
And thanks never ceasing and infinite love

Worthy the Lamb, worthy the Lamb
Worthy, worthy the Lamb

Please stand

Offertory Prayer

C: Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. Amen.

Please sit

RITE OF CONFIRMATION

Luke Owen Arehart
Timothy Erik Austin

Andrew Rommie Misleh
Ryder Matthew Morgan

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 Vows

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, "Hear us, O God..."

The congregation responds, "Your mercy is great."

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

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.**

Blessing

P: The triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come, Sovereign, + Savior, and Spirit, light your way with resurrection dawn, now and always.

C: **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

"Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing"

Hymn No. 924

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. In Christ you are made new.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

"God of Grace"

Jonathan Crutchfield

Organ and Brass Quintet

As your schedule permits, please be seated during the postlude for a time of prayer and reflection.

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Please join us for coffee and conversation following the service.

Serving Today

Worship Leader	Pastor Johann
Preacher	Pastor James
Crucifer	Bradley Noble
Acolyte	*
Scripture Reader	Marty Gurtz
Prayer Leader	Henry Eickelberg
Cantor	Ted Lillestolen
Ushers	Ron Voigt (lead) Jamie Ellor Rob Fekete Jim Micsan
Organist	Anne Lee
Altar Guild	Sharon Gurtz
Projectionist	Chloe Vanderhoof
Audio Engineer	Adam Sherman
Livestream Manager	Matt Hardy
Greeters	Dick Orth (door) Deanine Thrash (welcome center)
Guest Welcome	Donna Harper
Engagement	Heidi Cooper
Opener	Ric Nickerson
Closer	Allen Millman
Coffee Setup	Drew Lipman
Kitchen Cleanup	Mia Millman

* = unfilled as of June 4

Brass Quintet

Hart Guonjian, Petit trumpet
Alexis Kalivretenos, trumpet
Claire Bradley, French horn

Marlia Nash, trombone
Cameron Farnworth, tuba

Board of Servant Leaders

Rob Fekete, chair
Tony Esse, vice-chair
John Purtilo, secretary

Larry Austin
Paul Kasulis
Jennifer Pelletier
Bernie Schoch

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 (Bill and Lisa Schuler); 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 Frankner), communications (Jeff Donahue), and technology (Gary Budzier).

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Please note that the church office is closed on Mondays.

Good Shepherd is a member congregation of the Southeastern District
of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

We hope you will continue to connect with us by liking our Facebook page and following us on Instagram. Find them by searching @gslcva on those platforms. We also encourage you to subscribe to our YouTube channel and follow us on Vimeo so that you don't miss any of our virtual services, kids' messages, and more. Questions? Contact Communications Director Jeff Donahue, jeff@gslcva.org