



**May 31, 2026**

**Good Shepherd Lutheran Church**

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*Our Mission: Created, saved and strengthened through God's grace,  
we give, share, love and care for all people.*



# Gathering

## Welcome and Announcements

### Prelude

*Please stand as able*

### Confession and forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, whose compassion endures forever.  
**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin to God. Compassionate God, **we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.**

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

### Hymn

Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones

ELW 424

### Greeting

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

**And also with you.**

## Canticle of Praise



- 1 O liv-ing Breath of God, wind at the be-gin - ning up-on the wa - ters;
- 2 O liv-ing Breath of God, by whose pow'r the Son came to birth a - mong us;
- 3 O liv-ing Breath of God, bear-ing us to life through bap-tis-mal wa - ters;



- O liv-ing Breath of God, bear-ing the cre - a - tion to won-drous birth:
- O liv-ing Breath of God, who to the cre - a - tion gives life a - new:
- O liv-ing Breath of God, sigh-ing with cre - a - tion for free-dom's birth:



Come now, and fill our spir - its; pour out your gifts a - bun - dant.



O liv-ing Breath of God, Ho-ly Spir-it, breathe in us as we pray.

## Prayer of the Day

*Response: Amen.*

# Word

*Please be seated*

## First Reading

Genesis 1:1—2:4a

When God began to create the heavens and the earth, the earth was complete chaos, and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. And God saw that the light was good, and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day,

and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day. And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day. And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day. And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day. And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind and the cattle of every kind and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let us make humans in our image, according to our likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over the cattle and over all the wild animals of the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth." So God created humans in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the air and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day. Thus the heavens and the earth were finished and all their multitude. On the sixth day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation. These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

## Second Reading

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Paul writes: Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Be restored; listen to my appeal; agree with one another; live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand if able at the introduction*

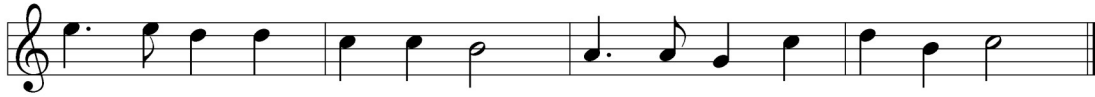
## Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing Word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

## Gospel

Matthew 28:16-20

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 28<sup>th</sup> chapter.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated through the Offering*

## **Homily**

# **Response to the Word**

**Hymn of the Day**

Holy God We Praise Your Name

ELW 414

## **Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was 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 Intercession**

*Gathered together by the Holy Spirit,...God of grace, **hear our prayer**  
....O God, through Jesus, our Savior. **Amen.***

## **Lord's Prayer**

**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.**

## Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you. **And also with you.**  
*Greet those near you.*

## Offering

*Please stand as able through the Holy, Holy*

### Offering Response

We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;  
all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord from thee.

## Offering Prayer

# Meal

## Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## Preface *join their unending hymn...*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might:  
heav'n 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.

*Please be seated*

### Thanksgiving at the Table

#### Invitation to Communion

Heaven has come near. **Come, share in the feast!**

#### Lamb of God

*Choir* S 208

1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
 2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
 3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;

you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
 you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
 e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

## Communion

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

*(All take the wafer located in the bottom of the chalice)*

The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

*(All drink from the top of the chalice)*

## Prayer after Communion

*Response: Amen*

# Sending

## Blessing

*Response: Amen.*

## Hymn

God Whose Almighty Word

ELW 673

## Dismissal

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news! **Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

### Worship Assistants

#### **Homilist**

*Lei Fahrner*

#### **Lector**

*TJ Miller*

#### **Greeter**

*Lee Deem*

#### **Ushers**

*Karen & Chuck Pressler*

#### **Main Camera/Production**

*Carl & Anne Fahrner*

#### **Organist/Pianist**

*Pat Hoffman/Linda Miller*



*Today's altar flowers are given by  
Wil & Judy Baum to the glory of  
God and in honor of all who sacri-  
ficed their lives for our freedom.*



### **May Concern of the Month**

### **Monetary Donations for Beacon Charitable Pharmacy**

During May, GSLC will be accepting monetary donations for Beacon Charitable Pharmacy. Beacon is Northeast Ohio's ONLY charitable pharmacy. The pharmacy helps those at, to 300% below, the Federal Poverty Level afford life saving medications that they otherwise could not afford.



### **Annual Congregational Meeting**

**Sunday, June 7th**

**After Service**

**We need 30 to make a quorum!**



**Wednesday, July 15th**

**Trip to Ohio Star Theatre to see**

**Elijah: Prophet of Fire**

We will enjoy lunch at Dutch Valley buffet and then see the 1pm showing of Elijah: Prophet of Fire.

Ticket Cost (includes lunch): \$68

Please sign up in the Gathering Space.

### **Lunch at Desert Inn**

**Wednesday, June 17th**

**Please sign up in the gathering  
space**



***Please turn mobile phones off or put them in the vibrate mode.***

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Worship


Assistants

THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

Date	Usher	Lector	Greeter	Flower Wrapper	Pew Racks	Opening
5/31	Karen & Chuck Pressler	TJ Miller	Lee Deem	Linda Lautenschlager	Pat Long	Hoffman
6/7	Jan & Neil Carlson	Anne Fahrner	Annick Schrader	Linda Lautenschlager	Gloria Kohl	Miller
6/14	Linda & Don Neil	Pat Hoffman	Gloria Kohl	Gay Rankin	Gloria Kohl	Burgess
6/21	Linda & Gary Miller	Rod Swartz	Bill Toy	Gay Rankin	Gloria Kohl	Robinson
6/28	Jill & Bill Toy	Judy Flading	Neil Carlson	Karen Pressler	Gloria Kohl	Davenport
7/5	Cindy & Howard Leasure	Jen Lowry	Connie H/Linda L	Karen Pressler	Linda Neal	Miller
7/12	Annick Schrader/Judy Flading	Shirley Dobry	Don Neal	Jill & Bill Toy	Linda Neal	Burgess
7/19	Judy & Wil Baum	Pat Long	Pat Hoffman	Jill & Bill Toy	Linda Neal	Robinson
7/26	Kathy & Dave Schmidt	Gary Miller	Judy Baum	Kathy Schmidt	Linda Neal	Davenport

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Quilting 10a	2
3 Lei Worship 9:15a	4	5 Dominoes 7p	6 AA7p	7 Yoga 10a	8 Crafts & Conversations 10a	9
10 Pastor Eli Worship 9:15a Muffins for Mom	11	12 Dominoes 7p	13 AA7p Council 7p	14 Yoga 10a	15 Quilting 10a	16
17 Pastor Eli Worship 9:15a	18	19 Dominoes 7p	20 AA7p Tour of Glamorgan Castle	21 Yoga 10a	22 Crafts & Conversations 10a	23
24 Pastor Eli Worship 9:15a	25 	26 Dominoes 7p	27 AA7p	28 Yoga 10a	29	30
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