

THE GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH
MONROEVILLE, PENNSYLVANIA

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the Eleventh
Sunday after
Pentecost

Sunday, August 9, 2026

WOV Setting Four

PRELUDE

Pastorale on “Munich” – Lani Smith

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

The assembly stands and faces the baptismal font.
All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is
marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

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

Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

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.

***GATHERING SONG**

ELW # 632 – O God, Our Help in Ages Past

***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

WOV p.14

REFRAIN:

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father: We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. *Refrain*

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy, have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. *Refrain*

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen. *Refrain*

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Celebrate insert

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray.

FIRST READING

Celebrate insert

After the reading,

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

PSALM

Celebrate insert

SECOND READING

Celebrate insert

After the reading,

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

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

WOV p.17

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

*GOSPEL

Celebrate insert

The gospel is announced.

The Holy Gospel according to _____.
Glory to you, O Lord.

After the reading,

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

SERMON

Silence for reflection may follow.

*HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW # 756 – Eternal Father, Strong to Save

*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**

Celebrate insert

After each petition,

Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

***PEACE**

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.

OFFERING AND ANTHEM

Voluntary on "Aurelia" – Edward Broughton

The Offering is received as the Lord's table is prepared.

***PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS**

WOV p. 20

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord,
fill to the brim our cup of blessing.
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,
that we may be fed, we may be fed with the bread
of life.

Gather the hopes and the dreams of all;
unite them with the prayers we offer now.
Grace our table with your presence,
and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

***OFFERING PRAYER**

Jesus, Bread of life,
you have set this table with your very self,
and called us to the feast of plenty.
Gather what has been sown among us,
and strengthen us in this meal.
Make us to be what we receive here,
your body for the life of the world.
Amen.

***DIALOGUE**

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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**

It is indeed right ...
...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

WOV p.22

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed, blessed is he who comes in the name of
the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

***THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

***LORD'S PRAYER**

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

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.

*COMMUNION SONG

WOV p.25

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us, have mercy on us, have mercy.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us, have mercy on us, have mercy.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world
grant us peace.**

COMMUNION

*As the ministers give the bread and cup to each
communicant, they say these words:*

The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Each person may respond: **Amen.**

COMMUNION MUSIC

ELW # 785 – When Peace Like a River
ELW # 772 – Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways

*BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus
Christ keep you in his grace.
Amen.

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and
wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your
love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal,
may share your love freely, as you have shared with
us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the
Spirit nourishing us now and forever.
Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*BLESSING

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ✚ one God,
bless, heal, and hold you today and always.
Amen.

*SENDING SONG

ELW # 763 – My Life Flows on in Endless Song

*DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

Postlude in D – Caleb Simper



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Announcements

August 9, 2026

News and Notices

Donut Sunday-Donut Sunday will be rescheduled to August 23.

Worship & Picnic in the Park-We have been invited to join in a Lutheran community worship event on **Sunday, August 16, 2026**, at Pavillion 1 in Monroeville Community Park West. The worship service begins at 10:30 am and a potluck lunch will follow. As we have agreed to participate in the event, we will not be holding worship here at the church on that day. The worship service will be livestreamed on YouTube for those unable to attend in person.

Those attending are encouraged to bring chair(s) for lawn seating, a dish to share, drinks and games. For lunch, Zion Penn Hills will be providing hot dogs, hamburgers, buns and condiments. St. John's North Versailles will be providing paper plates and napkins. Some water will be provided. Several members of our congregation attended last year and really enjoyed it! We hope to see a nice turnout again this year!

The Service Committee-The Service Committee would like to thank the VBS Express participants for the donation to the Shelter Meal this month! Thank you for thinking of others!

We could use 2 more sloppy joe makers for the Shelter Meal this month on August 21.

Save the Dates! As we prepare for our move to Garden City, we hope you'll mark your calendars and join us for these important moments in our life together:

Sunday, August 30, 2026
Final Worship Service in Our Current Building
10:30 AM

Congregational Luncheon at Jaden's – 12:00 PM
4721 William Penn Highway, Monroeville
Please register for worship and lunch at goodshepherdlife.org/RSVP or use the paper sign-up sheets in the Narthex or Church Office. Registration is due on or before Aug 23rd.

Sunday, September 6, 2026
First Worship Service at Garden City – 9:00 AM
Coffee and fellowship will follow the service.

Date TBD
Garden City Open House
Join us for a special celebration and tour of our new dedicated ministry space. This will happen sometime later in September/early October after our area is completed and our furniture moved. Details will be announced soon.

“GOD’S WORK. OUR HANDS”-Sunday, September 13th is “God’s Work. Our Hands.” World Day of Service. We will assemble the Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief on the 13th following the church service. Collection begins today, August 9th and runs until September 6th. The Service Committee will purchase towels and combs with seed money from Thrivent.

Other items we need are:
-4-ounce bars of soap
-Nail clippers
-Toothbrushes (individually wrapped preferred)

Or use a green envelope to make a monetary donation (checks to Good Shepherd Church). Details are not complete at this time, but assembly will probably be at Garden City Church, and a light lunch is planned.

Please sign up in Narthex if you plan to attend!

A Call to Serve: Financial Leadership Opportunities-The ministries of our church flourish because of faithful stewardship and careful financial oversight. Our long-serving financial leadership team of Steve Smith and David Pogue have informed the Council of their decisions to retire from this work at the end of 2026. We are grateful for their decades of outstanding service to our congregation and Council and wish them well as they step away from this important work.

We are now seeking two individuals who are willing to step into these important financial leadership roles —protecting our resources, supporting our mission, and upholding the transparency and accountability that strengthen our life together. Our goal is to have the successors named as soon as possible so that an orderly transition of responsibilities can take place.

The roles are summarized as follows:
The financial secretary receives and keeps records of all income from contributing members and other sources and makes written reports of all financial transactions to the Congregation Council monthly and to the congregation, together with a satisfactory audit, at the annual meeting.

The treasurer keeps the books of account, receives all funds and disburses them on proper orders such as electronic bank checks or handwritten checks to paid staff, vendors, and reimbursement to members for church-incurred expenses.
If you are interested in considering either of these roles, or simply learning more about them, please contact John Lowe or Steve Smith.

Music

Director of Music- Mary K. Walley

We are grateful to Linda Marino for graciously stepping in as our organist today during Mary K.’s much-deserved time away.

Hymn of the Day:
“Eternal Father, Strong to Save”

Serving You Today

Altar Guild
Mary Duggan
Margie Short

Assisting Minister
Leigh Pogue

Ushers
Patty and Joe Cummings

Calendar

SUNDAY, 8/9

- 10:30 am- Worship, Sanctuary

MONDAY, 8/10

- 7:30 pm-Council Meeting

TUESDAY, 8/11

- 1:30 pm-Bible Study, Luther Room

WEDNESDAY, 8/12

THURSDAY, 8/13

- 5:30-TCT Meeting, Parlor

FRIDAY, 8/14

SATURDAY, 8/15

SUNDAY, 8/16

- 10:30 am-Worship in the Park, Pavillion 1, Monroeville Community Park West, luncheon to follow.

Prayer Concerns

New Prayer Concerns
Jenn Lowe

Ongoing Prayer Concerns
The George Family
Matteo
Tricia
Barbara O”Connor
Mary Jo Batley
Diane Rossetti
Jenn Lowe
Brittany Vasko
Diane B.
Lorraine Z.
Sue Lyons
Steve B. and family
Delaney Miller
Fred Wiesner
Ron
Chris Warden
Rhonda Erkye
Donna Shubert
Baby Miles
Elijah
Ralph Beatty
Al
R. Rose
Shirah Goldstein
Debbie Lendo Finke
Jan B.
Jennifer Tirko
Kerry Luehring
Michelle DePaulo
Mary Ross

Military Service
Nathan Ridge-deployed
Gracie Ridge-deployed to Israel

Current Prayer List-A current prayer list can be found by going to:
www.goodshepherdlife.org/prayers