



The Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

MONROEVILLE, PENNSYLVANIA

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the Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, September 27, 2026

WOV Setting Four

HANDBELL PRELUDE

All Creatures of Our God and King – arr. Krug

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 # 416 – At the Name of Jesus

***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.

*KYRIE

WOV p.12

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
Amen.

*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 # 818 – O Master, Let Me Walk with You

***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,

Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

***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

Come, Let Us Sing – James J. Chepponis

*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**

WOV p.21

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 # 447 – O Blessed Spring
ELW # 814 – Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am

***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 # 772 – Oh, That the Lord Would Guide Our Ways

***DISMISSAL**

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

POSTLUDE

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Announcements

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News and Notices

We Welcome Your Feedback-As we continue settling into our new life at Garden City, we want to be sure we are hearing from you. Each week we learn more about what can be improved or adjusted to help our new space feel like home, and your insights are an important part of that process.

If there is something on your mind—large or small—that you feel needs attention, please let us know. We can only address the concerns we're aware of, and your feedback helps guide our efforts. And of course, if there is something that feels really right... let us know that too!

Feel free to speak with any member of the Congregation Council, the Transition Team, or other committee members. We will also have the "Ask the Council" forms available on the bulletin board for your use as needed.

Thank you for sharing your thoughts and helping us grow into this new chapter together.

Good Shepherd News on the Narthex Bulletin Board

A portion of the large bulletin board in the narthex is dedicated to news from the Good Shepherd. We encourage you to take a moment each week to check this section for updates about what's happening in our congregation and in the wider community.

The board is located on the outside wall immediately to your right as you enter the building via the narthex. Our Good Shepherd section is centered on the board and currently features a seasonal gold background (thank you, Nicole Larson!).

While you're there, be sure to look at the information posted on either side of our section:

- **Left side:** updates and needs from the Food Pantry
- **Right side:** announcements and activities from the Garden City Methodist congregation
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Thank you for staying connected and informed as we continue to share ministry in this space.

Open House — Sunday, November 8-We are settling in at Garden City, and our new home is truly beginning to take shape. The furniture brought from Old William Penn is now in place, and our dedicated space is starting to feel familiar and comfortable. As we continue adjusting our worship experience in this new setting, we are grateful for the ways God is guiding our transition.

The Congregation Council invites you to join us for an **Open House on Sunday, November 8**, immediately following worship. This will be a chance to explore the entire building—both our dedicated areas and the shared spaces we use alongside the Garden City Methodist congregation. Please plan to stay after worship for a walk-through, fellowship, and refreshments as we celebrate this new chapter together.

Parking Lot Update-We have heard from a few of our members and friends that walking from the parking lot across the street can be challenging. The Congregation Council is actively exploring options to improve accessibility on Sunday mornings for those who may need additional support.

Please remember that the **circle driveway directly in front of the Sanctuary entrance** is available as a **drop-off area** for anyone who would benefit from being let out closer to the door. This circle may also be used for short-term parking when coming to the building for meetings, rehearsals, Shelter Meal drop-offs, or other brief visits during the week. We ask that it remain reserved for drop-off use on Sunday mornings.

Thank you for your patience and care for one another as we continue settling into our new space.

Music

Director of Music- Mary K. Walley

Bell Prelude:

“All Creatures of Our God and King”-arr. Krug

Bell Choir:

Darlene Beatty

Mary Duggan

Cathy Holm

Amy Imblum

Today’s Anthem:

“Come, Let Us Sing” by James J. Chepponis

Text based on Psalm 95

REFRAIN

Come, let us sing joyfully to God.

Let us acclaim the Rock of our salvation.

Let us greet Him with thanksgiving.

Let us joyfully sing psalms to Him.

For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

In His hands are the depths of the earth,
and the tops of the mountains are His.

His is the sea, for He has made it,
and the dry land which His hands have formed.

Come, let us bow down in worship;
let us kneel before the Lord who made us.
For He is our God, and we are His people,
The flock He shepherds, the flock He guides.

REFRAIN

Serving You Today

Altar Guild

Maya Asars

Donna Barr

Assisting Minister

Nicole Larson

Ushers

Patty and Joe Cummings

Calendar

SUNDAY, 9/27

- 9:00 am-Worship and Coffee Hour

MONDAY, 9/28

TUESDAY, 9/29

- 1:30 pm-Bible Study, Shepherd’s Room

WEDNESDAY, 9/30

- 4 pm- Bell Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 5:30 pm-Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

THURSDAY, 10/1

FRIDAY, 10/2

SATURDAY, 10/3

SUNDAY, 10/4

- 9:00 am-Worship and Coffee Hour
- 10:30 am-Children’s Sunday School

Prayer Concerns

New Prayer Concerns

Flo Riley

Gaye

Ongoing Prayer Concerns

Tricia

Mark Ridge

Jane Wills

Jackson Murray and the Murray family

Rick Graper

Kate O'Donnell

Baby Stella

Fred Wiesner

Mary McDonald

Mary Jo Batley

The George Family

Barbara O'Connor

Jenn Lowe

Delaney Miller

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

