The Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

MONROEVILLE, PENNSYLVANIA

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The Twenty-Fifth Sunday *after* Pentecost

Sunday, November 15, 2026

ELW Setting Two

TRUMPET PRELUDE

Morning Has Broken – arr. Brant Adams

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,
our dwelling place for all generations,
whose compassion never slumbers.
Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God
and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God,
we confess that we have trusted in our preparation
instead of your invitation.
We prioritize our piety over care for your beloved.
We trust the voice of our shame and fear,
which keeps us from entering fully
into relationship with you and others.
We are not awake to the coming of your reign.
Rouse us and rescue us,
that we may enter into your joy.
Amen.

Inherit the riches of God's grace.
☩ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy.
You are forgiven.
Blessed are you.
Amen.

*GATHERING SONG

ELW # 707 – Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us

*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

ELW p.120

... let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

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

*CANTICLE OF PRAISE

ELW p.121

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 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

ELW p.124

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Abide in me as I a- | bide in you;*
those who abide in me | bear much
fruit. *(John 15:4, 5)*
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, 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 # 695 – As Saints of Old

*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,

God, in your mercy,
hear 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

The Morning Trumpet – arr. Mark Hayes

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

*PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

ELW p.128

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord,
and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,
that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gather the hopes and dreams of all;
unite them with the prayers we offer.
Grace our table with your presence,
and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

*OFFERING PRAYER

Eternal God,
our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you.
Receive what we offer,
and all that you entrust to us,
until hungry no more, all the world is fed,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

*DIALOGUE

ELW p.129

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

ELW p.130

Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. 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

ELW p.134

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

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

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

COMMUNION

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

Each person may respond:

Amen.

COMMUNION HYMNS

ELW # 438 – My Lord, What a Morning
ELW # 441 – Oh, Happy Day When We Shall Stand

*BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

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

*SONG AFTER COMMUNION

ELW p.135

Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace:
your word has been fulfilled.
My own eyes have seen the salvation
which you have prepared
in the sight of ev'ry people:
a light to reveal you to the nations
and the glory of your people Israel.

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy God,
we have received your never-ending mercy in this meal.
You continuously seek the lost,
bind the injured,
and feed your people abundantly.
Now send us out,
awake to your presence,
now and forever.
Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*BLESSING

The holy Trinity,
Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you with wisdom to welcome the reign of God,
today and always.

*SENDING SONG

ELW # 437 – On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand

*DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Encourage one another.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Sharing Our Gifts

Upcoming Food Ministry Opportunities- We are blessed as a congregation to have loving, giving members who are always so willing to share their gifts. There are a few opportunities in the next few weeks for food ministries that are in need of volunteers.

Rise Against Hunger - *Saturday, November 21, 2026,* at St. John's Lutheran in North Versailles. Rise Against Hunger is a fun meal preparation event for all ages. The event begins at 9:30 am and lasts about 2 hours. Volunteers fill bags with rice and dehydrated vegetables to make meals for those in need. Last year's event provided meals for hundreds of people.

Thanksgiving Dinner Delivery - ***Wednesday and Thursday, November 23 & 34th*** at Garden City United Methodist Church. We are all invited to share in this wonderful act of service to prepare and/or deliver meals to local families for the Thanksgiving holiday. Last year's event was a huge success. If you are interested in volunteering, there is a sign-up sheet located in the narthex. Or if you, or someone you know is in need of a meal, there is a number to call on the bulletin board or on their Facebook page.

The following is the link to volunteer with the dinner. If you do not want to sign up online, you can call Lynn, at 412-373-0391 and she will add your name to the volunteer list.

Volunteer link: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084FA4A72BA6FBCE9-66854162-thanksgiving#/

Monthly Shelter Meal - The Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Service Committee is continuing to provide a meal for the Northside Common Ministries shelter on the third Friday of every month. A sign-up sheet to provide food donations or a financial contribution is available on the bulletin board in the narthex. Or you can sign up at the church office. ***Next Shelter Meal event – Friday, November 20.***

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Announcements

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News and Notices

Temple David's "Invite Your Neighbor Shabbat"- November 20th at 7:30pm at Temple David, 4415 Northern Pike, Monroeville. This is an invitation from Cantor Kalix to all houses of worship. The service will be explained as it goes along, and the sermon will be universal. The goal is to invite people who have never been to a Jewish service to come and experience one in community with a diverse group of people. We hope you can attend and bring a friend!

Property Transition Complete-We are thankful to share that the sale and closing of our former property with Sampson Morris has been finalized. The church is no longer responsible for any matters related to the property.

We offer heartfelt thanks to the many members and friends who helped in countless ways throughout the moving and transition process. Your dedication, hard work, and support have been a tremendous blessing to our church family.

Garden City Food Pantry in Need of Help
The Garden City Food Pantry serves Monroeville and surrounding communities with food and personal items. They distribute food to clients on a schedule - one day each month. In addition, they stock and maintain a 7 day/week, 24 hour/day shelter that includes fresh produce, frozen foods, canned goods, etc. that is open to anyone in the community.

If you are interested in supporting the GC Food Pantry, you can provide food, personal items or make a monetary donation. Donations of items can be placed in the shopping cart located in the narthex and financial donations could be placed in the GC Food Pantry mailbox located in the area outside the Shepherd's Room.

In addition, you could sign up to volunteer. Volunteers are needed:

1st Friday of the month at 9:00 am to receive deliveries and stock shelves.

2nd Wednesday of the month at 10:00 am to receive deliveries and stock shelves

2nd Thursday of the month to assist clients

Check out the GC Food Pantry bulletin board in the narthex!

Please prayerfully consider how you might support this wonderful ministry helping so many in need in our community!

Monroeville United Methodist Free Market- Saturday, November 21, 2026, 219 Center Road, Monroeville. Neighbors helping neighbors. There will be FREE-TAKE WHAT YOU NEED items for your kitchen, bathroom, bedroom, seasonal decorations, toys, games and gift items!

You can also help by donating items that are clean and in working condition. No clothing, TVs, car seats, computers, monitors, etc. If you wouldn't buy it, please don't donate it!

Donations will be accepted at Monroeville United Methodist during church office hours Monday-Thursday 9 am to 4 pm starting Monday, November 9 through Thursday morning, November 19.

Music. Reflection. Community- On Monday, November 23 at 7 pm, the Monroeville Interfaith Ministerium will host "Lifting our voices in Gratitude" an Interfaith Thanksgiving Gathering. We look forward to sharing this space of peace and friendship with you.

Music

Director of Music- Mary K. Walley

Prelude: Andrew Imblum, Trumpet Solo

"Morning Has Broken"-arr. Brant Adams

Today's Anthem:

"The Morning Trumpet" -arr. Mark Hayes

Serving You Today

Altar Guild
Kay Roberts
Diane and Bob Rossetti

Assisting Minister
Cathy Holm

Ushers
Andrew, Jakob and Johanna Larson

Calendar

SUNDAY, 11/15

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

MONDAY, 11/16

- 6:30 pm-Education Committee Meeting
- 7:30 pm-Council Meeting, Zoom

TUESDAY, 11/17

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

WEDNESDAY, 11/18

- 2:30 pm- Worship Committee Meeting, Chapel
- 4:30 pm- Bell Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 5:30 pm-Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

THURSDAY, 11/19

FRIDAY, 11/20 MEN'S SHELTER MEAL

SATURDAY, 11/21

SUNDAY, 11/22

- 9:00 am-Worship and Coffee Hour

Prayer Concerns

New Prayer Concerns
Brian Combs
Family and friends of Millie Armbrust
Gretchen Wiesner
Mary

Ongoing Prayer Concerns
Kathy M.
Mark Ridge
Fred Wiesner
Pastor John Cawkins
Declan George
Jenn Lowe
Tricia
Beth Brucker
Barbara O'Connor
Delaney Miller
Ron
Chris Warden
Rhonda Erkye
Donna Shubert
Baby Miles
Ralph Beatty
Al
R. Rose
Shirah Goldstein
Debbie Lendo Finke
Jan B.
Jennifer Tirko
Kerry Luehring
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