



*Together in Jesus Christ, we are freed by grace
to live faithfully, witness boldly and serve joyfully.*

TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN PENTECOST

OCTOBER 10, 2021

10:30 AM SERVICE

PASTOR DENISE KELTZ

MAKING CHRIST KNOWN

MISSION STATEMENT

In response to receiving God's profound love through Christ and being called to be His people, the people of ***Good Shepherd Evangelical Lutheran Church*** are to be a family of faith, at work in the midst of a community, which through worship, learning, witness and outreach, touches both members and non-members with a continuing challenge to commitment, that brings God into the center of daily life.

Thank you for being with us today in worship. Remember that **masks** must be **worn at all times in the building.**

Please turn off your cell phone or place it on Airplane Mode. We are streaming the worship service. We ask that your phone not interfere with the signal we are sending out to the members.

Please put your used Communion sets into the trash container in the Narthex as you leave. Thanks.

Today's Reader / Voice of the Congregation is Kristen Morrissey

Flowers on the Altar are presented by Carl to the Glory of God.

Please remember the following in your prayers:

Bell Ringing – Calling all to worship

Announcements

PRELUDE “Although I Speak with Angel’s Tongue”

CALL TO WORSHIP

P: God is faithful, giving us all that we need.

C: **What more could we desire?**

P: Behold the living bread that comes down from heaven.

C: **Whoever eats this bread will live forever.**

CONFESSION

P: We confess our sins before God and one another.

Time for Silence

P: Loving Creator,

C: **You have formed us, given us breath, and supplied our every need. And yet we are slow to recognize your blessings, quick to doubt and criticize, and eager to blame others for our own shortcomings. Forgive us when we fail to reflect the unconditional love of the One who made us. Have mercy on us and claim us once again as your own. Amen.**

FORGIVENESS

P: The Lord hears our every cry and grants forgiveness when we repent. Receive the promise that cannot be taken away: you are a child of God, loved, pardoned, and blessed forever. We pray in the name of Jesus our Savior. Amen.

GATHERING HYMN Where Charity And Love Prevail



1 Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail, there God is ev - er found;
2 With grate-ful joy and ho - ly fear, God's char - i - ty we learn;
3 Let us re - call that in our midst dwells Christ, God's ho - ly Son;



brought here to - geth - er by Christ's love, by love we thus are bound.
let us with heart and mind and soul now love God in re - turn.
as mem - bers of each bod - y joined, in him we are made one.

Text: Latin hymn, 9th cent.; tr. Omer Westendorf, 1916–1997, alt.
Music: TWENTY-FOURTH, attr. Lucius Chapin, 1760–1842

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: O God

C: Draw your church together into one great company of disciples, together following our teacher Jesus Christ into every walk of life, together serving in Christ's mission to the world, and together witnessing to your love wherever you will send us; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

God's Work – Our Hands Activities

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

P: Friends in Christ: Today we give thanks to God and seek God's blessing as we send these Christmas Stockings to the military personnel serving in our armed forces. Trusting God at work in and among us, we raise our hearts and voices in prayer for the needs of the world.

A brief silence

P: For your work in the church, we give thanks. Plant and tend relationships among faith communities, both ecumenical and interfaith, that in faithful listening, speech, and action, our hands work to bear fruit for the sake of all in need. God of grace, we pray,

C: hear us when we call.

P: For your work in creation, we give thanks. Sustain peoples and places affected by climate change, ecological devastation, and natural disasters. Prosper the work of creation-care ministries locally and globally, that with our minds and hearts opened, our hands work to lovingly care for the earth. God of life, we pray,

C: hear us when we call.

P: For your work in social ministry, we give thanks. Renew in us the commitment to use our gifts in the service of others, and especially of those in need. Let us be your hands to feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, clothe the naked, comfort the weary and outcast, welcome the stranger, care for creation, and be loving neighbors to all people. Bless the outreach ministries of the West Berks Mission District. We pray today for those walking in CROP Hunger Walks to raise money to feed the hungry both locally, through Helping Harvest Food Bank, and around the world, through Church World Service. God of kindness, we pray,

C: hear us when we call.

P: For your work in places of caregiving and healing, we give thanks. Bless the skillful hands and compassionate hearts of physicians, nurses, therapists and caregivers who help those needing their care. We ask your healing for all who are ill, especially those we name either aloud or in our hearts. . . God of restoration, we pray,

C: hear us when we call.

P: For your work in our neighborhoods, towns, and cities, we give thanks. Guide our common life together so that children, youth, and adults of all ages flourish. Teach us to listen attentively to our neighbors, that any new endeavors consider those who may be left out or under served. God of wisdom, we pray,

C: hear us when we call.

P: For your work in this worshiping community, we give thanks. Bless these Stockings, full of sweet treats and usable personal items, as gifts to our service personnel. May those who receive them find dignity in their use and comfort in their warmth, and may these gifts be a sign of your love to all people. God of love, we pray,

C: hear us when we call.

P: For your work among those who came before us, we give thanks. We remember those who have died and are held forever in your loving hands. Hold us in your presence now and always. God of heaven and earth,

C: hear us when we call.

P: Receive these and all our prayers, Gracious God. We pray in the name of Jesus and by the power of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Let us pray together the prayer that our Lord and Savior taught us.

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

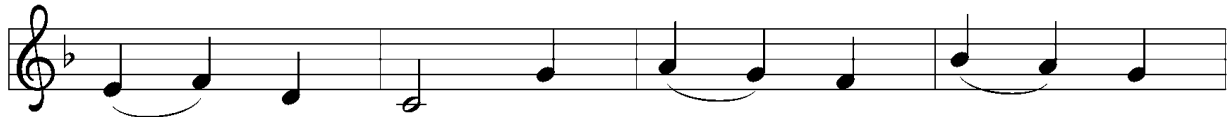
SENDING BLESSING

May the grace of God attend you,
 the love of Christ surround you,
 and the Holy Spirit keep you,
 this day and forever more. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN The Spirit Sends Us Forth To Serve



1 The Spir - it sends us forth to serve; we go in
 2 We go to com - fort those who mourn and set the
 3 We go to be the hands of Christ, to scat - ter
 4 Then let us go to serve in peace, the gos - pel



Je - sus' name to bring glad tid - ings
 bur - dened free; where hope is dim, to
 joy like seed and, all our days, to
 to pro - claim. God's Spir - it has em -



to the poor, God's fa - vor to pro - claim.
 share a dream and help the blind to see.
 cher - ish life, to do the lov - ing deed.
 pow - ered us; we go in Je - sus' name.

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 Music: CHESTERFIELD, attr. Thomas Haweis, 1734–1820
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DISMISSAL

Go in peace.

Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE “Praise Ye The Lord”



Today's Podcast/Streaming was broadcast under Good Shepherd's account with ONE LICENSE, License # 739070-A

Adults / Youth / Young Adult. **Sunday School** at 9 AM
Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall studying the book of Hebrews.

NOTE – **Children** Age 3 to Grade 6
Sunday School at **9:30 AM**
Bible stories, games, and songs outside or in case of rain,
inside in the Kids Korner room. Please dress casually.

TODAY

West Berks Mission District

Reading-Berks CROP Hunger Walk

CROP WALK - People who want to walk but don't have a team may register under the WBMD team! Registration on October 10th for the Walk at Gring's Mill will be open from 12:30-2:00. Teams can begin walking when-ever they are ready. This will help to eliminate a large group gathering at the start. Handouts to ALL walkers as you finish will be reusable tote bags.

OCTOBER 17th Fall Hymn Sing Doggie Roast Fun & Games

Sunday afternoon from 3 PM to 5 PM – Come to the hymn sing, stay for the Fun, have a couple of hot dogs and cotton candy before you leave. Games and activities for the kids. Arm-chair/pencil & paper games for adults. The events are free (donations accepted) and open to members, friends, pre-school & before/after school families and guests. Bring a comfortable chair and maybe a lap cover in case it is cool because we will be outside. No masks needed when you sing.

Food Pantry

Thursday October 21st

The Muhlenberg Churches collaborative food distribution ministry is held here at Good Shepherd Lutheran on the 3rd Thursday of the month. In addition to the food that is received from Helping Harvest are the dry goods and canned food that are collected at the local churches and civic organizations. If you would like to support this collaborative ministry, bring in your donations and place them on the white stand in the Gathering Area. Thank you for responding to God's call to "feed my sheep."

Affirmation of Baptism-

We will celebrate the Confirmation of four Confirmands Morgan Havens, Alexis Garl, Hayley Moyer, and Dolly Monroe on Sunday, October 31st, - Reformation Sunday.

We Are Hiring - Children's Programs

Looking for "subs" that can fill in for a time as needed. If you or someone you know is interested please contact Rebecca Watson at 610-926-4201 ext. 212 or beckywatson1997@gmail.com.

TABS – helping those with Cancer

Don't forget to save your **aluminum tabs**. They are greatly appreciated. We have the container on the Gathering Table for your donations.

Do you shop at Redner's ?

tapes are still accepted. Please see that Harry gets your tapes.



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