

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 .

Please remember the following in your prayers:

Bell Ringing – Calling all to worship
Time of meditation

Announcements

PRELUDE “I Heard the Voice of Jesus” tune Vox Dilecti

CALL TO WORSHIP

P: As a deer longs for flowing streams,

C: **So do our souls long for you, O God.**

P: The hour is coming, and is now here.

C: **It is the time to worship God in spirit and truth.**

CONFESSION

P: We confess our sins before God and one another

Time for Silence

P: Merciful Lord,

C: **We come before you with heavy hearts. We do not always follow our Savior’s lead. We insist on our own way, putting worldly things before you. We doubt, we discriminate; we scatter—preferring darkness to the brilliance of your truth. For all this we ask your mercy and forgiveness, that our hearts may be made clean again. Amen.**

FORGIVENESS

P: As a loving shepherd gathers his sheep, so our Lord protects and cares for us. As patient as a parent for a wayward child, so is God’s mercy for us. Let us rejoice that we have received forgiveness, and that every day our Lord seeks to renew us in the image of our Creator, in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN As the Deer Runs to the River



1 As the deer runs to the riv - er, parched and wea - ry from the chase,
2 "Come and drink," I - sai - ah sum - moned, "all who for God's mer - cy plead!
3 Christ, we come from de - sert pla - ces, deep - est thirst un - sa - tis - fied.



we have come from hurt and hur - ry, thirst - ing for your heal - ing grace.
God's for - give - ness, like a foun - tain, flows to sa - tis - fy your need."
Lead us to the wa - ters flow - ing from the cross on which you died.



Je - sus, Source of liv - ing wat - er, may we drink of you and live!

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., 1923-2007

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Music: PICARDY, French folk tune, 17th cent.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Lord of all nations,

**C: You are the life-giving water we seek. Give us this water always,
that we may no longer thirst after that which does not satisfy.
We ask this in the name of the One who revives us daily,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE SCRIPTURE READING

R: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, Chapter 4, verses 1-42

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Now when Jesus learned that the Pharisees had heard, "Jesus is making and baptizing more disciples than John" ²-although it was not Jesus himself but his disciples who baptized- ³he left Judea and started back to

Galilee.

⁴But he had to go through Samaria. ⁵So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. ⁷A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." ⁸(His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.)

⁹The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) ¹⁰Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water."

¹¹The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? ¹²Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?"

¹³Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life."

¹⁵The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water." ¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." ¹⁷The woman answered him, "I have no husband."

Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; ¹⁸for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" ¹⁹The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. ²⁰Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem."

²¹Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²²You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. ²⁴God is spirit, and those who worship him

must worship in spirit and truth.”

²⁵The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming” (who is called Christ). “When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.”

²⁶Jesus said to her, “I am he, the one who is speaking to you.”

²⁷Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, “What do you want?” or, “Why are you speaking with her?”

²⁸Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, ²⁹“Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?” ³⁰They left the city and were on their way to him.

³¹Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, “Rabbi, eat something.” ³²But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.” ³³So the disciples said to one another, “Surely no one has brought him something to eat?” ³⁴Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. ³⁵Do you not say, ‘Four months more, then comes the harvest’? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. ³⁶The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. ³⁷For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’ ³⁸I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.”

³⁹Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I have ever done.” ⁴⁰So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. ⁴¹And many more believed because of his word. ⁴²They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world.”

R: The gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

What Wondrous Love Is This



1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
 2 When I was sink - ing down, sink-ing down, sink-ing down, when
 3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; to



won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this
 I was sink - ing down, sink-ing down, when I was sink - ing down
 God and to the Lamb I will sing; to God and to the Lamb,



that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread-ful curse for my
 be - neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my
 who is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will



soul, for my soul, to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul?
 soul, for my soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul.
 sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing.

Text: North American folk hymn, 19th cent., alt.
 Music: WONDROUS LOVE, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

APOSTLES' CREED

P: Let us confess our faith in the words of the 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 into hell.

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 THE PEOPLE

P: We pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence

P: Our souls thirst for you, O Lord. Satisfy our longing with true refreshment rather than fleeting pleasures. Teach us how to offer this life-giving water to others. Renewing God,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: Our souls thirst for you, O Lord. Droughts parch one part of the earth, while melting oceans and flood waters drown another. Show us the folly of our greed and shortsightedness, and make us part of the solution to heal our struggling planet. Renewing God,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: Our souls thirst for you, O Lord. Show us the places where we have been blind to your vision, and give us the wisdom and courage to dismantle what divides us from others. We ask your blessing on the community outreach work of the West Berks Mission District as we remember in our prayers Christ Lutheran Church in Reading and Pastor Bruce Osterhout. Renewing God,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: Our souls thirst for you, O Lord, and your life-giving water is exactly what a suffering world needs. Pour it out upon us and all those who desire an extra measure of your grace as we lift their names to you, aloud or in our hearts . . . Renewing God,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: Our souls thirst for you, O Lord. You have revived your tired servants of all generations and sustained them with your bountiful love. Keep us steadfast until that day when we join our brothers and sisters by the crystal river in your eternal city. Renewing God,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: We are satisfied just being in your presence, O Lord. Accept our prayers and use us to relieve others of their searing burdens, for the sake of your son, Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

OFFERTORY Solo – Beautiful Savior

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: O Lord,

C: You desire worship in spirit and truth, and the honest offerings of open hearts. Accept these gifts we bring before you, that they may further your will in the world, and break down the barriers which we have imposed on one another. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

P: Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Let us pray together the prayer our 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**

P: Come, eat the bread of life! Come, drink the cup of salvation and thirst no more! Jesus comes to quench every longing and fill every heart with the fullness of his grace. Who could resist such a meal? Wait no longer, for all is ready. For these are the gifts of God for the people of God.

C: Thanks be to God.

P: This is the body of Christ given for you. Take and eat.

C: Amen.

P: This is the blood of Christ shed for you. Take and drink.

C: Amen.

TABLE BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: **Amen**

POST COMMUNION

P: Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace:

C: **your word has been fulfilled.**

P: My own eyes have seen the salvation

C: **which you have prepared in the sight of every people.**

P: A light to reveal you to the nations

C: **and the glory of your people Israel.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Let us pray.

C: **O God, in this holy communion you have welcomed us into your presence, nourished us with words of mercy, and fed us at your table. Amid the cares of this life, strengthen us to love you with all our heart, serve our neighbors with a willing spirit, and honor the earth you have made; through Christ our Lord. Amen**

SENDING BLESSING

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C: **Amen.**

Solo - "Irish Blessing"

SENDING HYMN Sent Forth by God's Blessing



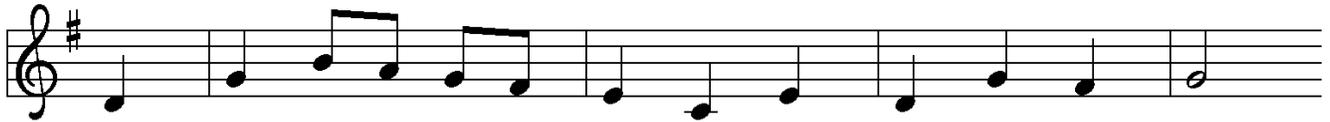
1 Sent forth by God's bless - ing, our true faith con - fess - ing,
 2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er - liv - ing,



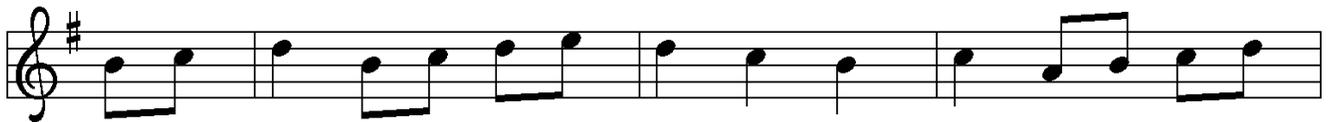
the peo - ple of God from this dwell - ing take leave.
 the tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will face—



The sup - per is end - ed. Oh, now be ex - tend - ed
 our faith ev - er shar - ing, in love ev - er car - ing,



the fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve.
 em - brac - ing God's chil - dren, the whole hu - man race.



The seed of Christ's teach - ing, re - cep - tive souls
 With your feast you feed us, with your light now



reach - ing, shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all.
 lead us; u - nite us as one in this life that we share.



Your grace shall in - cite us, your love shall u - nite us
 Then may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks - giv - ing



to work for your king - dom and an - swer your call.
 give hon - or to Christ and his name that we bear.



DISMISSAL

Go in peace.
Share the good news.
Thanks be to God.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Please see the meeting booklet for reports

POSTLUDE “Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”

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News of the Church

Activities

Adults / Youth / Young Adult. **Sunday School** at 9 AM

Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall

NOTE – **Children** Age 3 to Grade 6

Sunday School at **9:30 AM** Please dress casually, wear masks.

Bible stories, games, and songs in the Kids Korner room.

Inclement Weather Notice - Winter season closures.

Any closures of the church for worship / meetings / children’s Functions will be announced both on **WFMZ – TV channel 69** and the web page www.wfmz.com/worshipclose. The staff and council of the church wish for you to remain safe from driving and/or walking in ice and snow, so please check the information before going out in the storms.

If the building is closed due to the weather, please go online to join the Sunday service on Zoom at 10:30 AM.

Council Members for 2022

President – Lynn Shollenberger

V. President – Gary O'Brien Secretary – Cathy Meck

James Culley

Duane Maurer

Rodney Haupt

Betty Nelson

Duane Kring

Allyn Swavely

Helenna Lutz

Harry Walters

ALTAR GUILD –

They are looking for someone to help one Sunday a month to assist in getting things ready for the service. This is not a time consuming task.

Readers Needed

If you are interested in helping or reading during the service, please contact Betty _____ or the church office. We are looking for a coordinator to schedule readers for the Sunday services.

Would you sponsor our bulletins? Remember someone's birthday, anniversary or as a memorial, and dedicate that week's bulletin to them. The sign-up book is on the lectern in the Gathering area.

Do you shop at Redner's ?

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

Food Pantry

Thursday February 17th

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."

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.

LIFE LINE SCREENING

The medical group will be back in February. They will be using the Fellowship Hall on February 24th, 2022 for anyone who is interested in Having the screenings.

These screenings are used to discover any risk for chronic diseases such as atherosclerosis, peripheral arterial disease or other vascular conditions.

All test results are reviewed by a board-certified physician and the Results are sent to participants within 21 days. They encourage everyone to review the results with their personal physician.

To register for an appointment call 1-888-653-6450 or go online to <https://llsa.social/HSC>. Financial assistance to help cover the costs of the screenings is available. Please ask about coupons when you call to set up an appointment.

Saint Francis Home - an end of life home located in Shillington, is in need of caregiving volunteers. The home, established in 2017, provides end of life care to hospice patients and their families, regardless of their ability to pay. It is run 24/7 by volunteers under hospice guidance. A medical background is not required, we will train you. All that is needed is a caring, compassionate heart and willingness to embark on this sacred journey. Please call, text or email Terry Leatherman @ 484-646-3016, or Tleatherman1951@gmail.com. for more information.



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