

We cry,
**“Abba!
Father!”**

Romans 8:15

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

“Connecting People to Christ in the Tri-County Area”

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July 12, 2026

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Service at 10:30 am

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Prelude

Announcements

Opening Hymn: From All That Dwell Below the Skies #816

Sermon Hymn: My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less # 576

Theme: Jesus the Sower Part 1

1. Indifferent Ivan
2. Shallow Sadie
3. Indecisive Ian
4. Responsive Rita

Closing Hymn: Wonderful Merciful Savior HANDOUT

Closing Words

P: When we follow Jesus at home

C: Our families get stronger

P: When we follow Jesus together

C: We get the support we need

P: When we follow Jesus into our neighborhood

C: Our neighbors get the care they need.

We welcome all members and visitors to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (LCMS) on this Seventh Sunday after Pentecost. We are delighted that you are with us this morning and pray for God’s Word to encourage and guide your hearts and minds. All are urged to fill in the fellowship Register located at the end of each pew.

Holy Communion: Before communing at our altar, all communicants are invited to examine themselves on the basis of these three points of Christian Faith.

1. I am sorry for my sins and believe that Jesus is my Savior.
2. I believe that Christ’s body and blood are truly present in the Sacrament.
3. I desire to amend my sinful ways and live for the glory of God.

Week at a Glance

Monday July 13	10:30 am TOPS
Tuesday July 14	9-10am Cardio Drumming
Thursday July 16	9-10 am Cardio Drumming
Saturday July 18	7 pm AA Mtg
Sunday July 19	10:30 am Worship Service

Wednesday 9-3 - Pastor Griffin in office.

We will be beginning children’s Sunday School on September 13. This will be held during the Sermon. Children of all ages are invited to attend.

FYI-7-19-26 8:30 AM COUNCIL MEETING

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 55:10–13

- ¹⁰ "For as the rain and the snow come
down from heaven
and do not return there but water
the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread
to the eater,
¹¹ so shall my word be that goes out
from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I
purpose,
and shall succeed in the thing for
which I sent it.
- ¹² "For you shall go out in joy
and be led forth in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall break forth into singing,
and all the trees of the field shall
clap their hands.
- ¹³ Instead of the thorn shall come up
the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up
the myrtle;
and it shall make a name for the LORD,
an everlasting sign that shall not be
cut off."

Epistle: Romans 8:12–17

¹²So then, brothers, we are debtors, not
to the flesh, to live according to the flesh.
¹³For if you live according to the flesh you
will die, but if by the Spirit you put to
death the deeds of the body, you will live.
¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God
are sons of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive
the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear,
but you have received the Spirit of adop-
tion as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba!
Father!" ¹⁶The Spirit himself bears wit-
ness with our spirit that we are children
of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs—
heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ,

provided we suffer with him in order that
we may also be glorified with him.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 13:1–9, 18–23

¹That same day Jesus went out of the
house and sat beside the sea. ²And great
crowds gathered about him, so that he
got into a boat and sat down. And the
whole crowd stood on the beach. ³And he
told them many things in parables, say-
ing: "A sower went out to sow. ⁴And as
he sowed, some seeds fell along the path,
and the birds came and devoured them.
⁵Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where
they did not have much soil, and imme-
diately they sprang up, since they had
no depth of soil, ⁶but when the sun rose
they were scorched. And since they had
no root, they withered away. ⁷Other seeds
fell among thorns, and the thorns grew
up and choked them. ⁸Other seeds fell
on good soil and produced grain, some a
hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹He
who has ears, let him hear. . . .

¹⁸"Hear then the parable of the sower:
¹⁹When anyone hears the word of the
kingdom and does not understand it,
the evil one comes and snatches away
what has been sown in his heart. This is
what was sown along the path. ²⁰As
for what was sown on rocky ground,
this is the one who hears the word and
immediately receives it with joy, ²¹yet he
has no root in himself, but endures for a
while, and when tribulation or persecu-
tion arises on account of the word, imme-
diately he falls away. ²²As for what was
sown among thorns, this is the one who
hears the word, but the cares of the world
and the deceitfulness of riches choke the
word, and it proves unfruitful. ²³As for
what was sown on good soil, this is the
one who hears the word and understands
it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in
one case a hundredfold, in another sixty,
and in another thirty."



About the Cover: Our upward cries of "Abba, Father" stem not from fear but from the faith created in us by the Holy Spirit through the Word. We have been made the very children of God because Christ, the Son of God, who became our Brother by taking on human flesh, died on our behalf! Since we are the children of God, we are also heirs with Christ and receive what He has already accomplished: forgiveness of sins and resurrection from the dead. Our Father in heaven wants to hear all our prayers.