

*The Spirit
Himself
intercedes for us*

ROMANS 8:26



Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

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

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July 19, 2026

Eighth Sundry after Pentecost

Worship Service at 10:30 am

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Prelude

Announcements

Opening Hymn: How Great Thou Art #801

Sermon Hymn: How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds #524

Theme: Jesus the Sower Part 11

1. Be alert to the reality that day and night, there are two kinds of seeds being planted.
2. Trust that in the end, God will sort it all out.

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 Eighth 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.
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Week at a Glance

Monday July 20

Tuesday July 21

Wednesday 22

Thursday July 23

Saturday July 25

Sunday July 26

10:30 am TOPS

9-10 am Cardio Drumming

Pastor in Office

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7 pm AA Mtg

10:30 am Worship Service

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

UPDATE: We are progressing nicely with our **QUARTERS FOR CANCER** campaign. As of this date we have raised a bit over \$220.00!! Let's try to reach a goal of \$500.00 by the end of October. Thanks to all for their donations.

Reminder: We also have a Caring Fund Jar in the Narthex. This is to help our fellow Christians who are in need.

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 44:6–8

- ⁶ Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel
and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts:
“I am the first and I am the last;
besides me there is no god.
⁷ Who is like me? Let him proclaim it.
Let him declare and set it before me,
since I appointed an ancient people.
Let them declare what is to come,
and what will happen.
⁸ Fear not, nor be afraid;
have I not told you from of old and
declared it?
And you are my witnesses!
Is there a God besides me?
There is no Rock; I know not any.”

Epistle: Romans 8:18–27

¹⁸For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us.
¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God.
²⁰For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope ²¹that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²²For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. ²³And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

²⁶Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. ²⁷And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit,

because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 13:24–30, 36–43

²⁴[Jesus] put another parable before them, saying, “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, ²⁵but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. ²⁶So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. ²⁷And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?’ ²⁸He said to them, ‘An enemy has done this.’ So the servants said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ ²⁹But he said, ‘No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. ³⁰Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’” . . .

³⁶Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples came to him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” ³⁷He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. ³⁸The field is the world, and the good seed is the children of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, ³⁹and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the close of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the close of the age. ⁴¹The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, ⁴²and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.”



About the Cover: Sometimes the heartache of this world and our weakness can leave us speechless in our prayers. So we lean on the Word that God continues to speak into our lives, trusting that the “Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words.” Jesus has already won for us redemption and eternal life through His cross and resurrection. We wait in eager expectation for His return and the restoration of all creation.