Good Shepherd Episcopal Church

The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 19, 2026

Morning Prayer 10:30AM

The Book of Common Prayer

The Word of God

Prelude: From Thy Throne So High by Christoph Willibald von Gluck

Entrance: A Mighty Fortress Is Our God Hymn G607

Opening Statements

Officiant: Send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me, and bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling.

Psalm 43:3

Confession of sin **BCP 79**

Officiant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Officiant & People: *(Kneel as able)*

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
And walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Officiant alone, remains kneeling and says,
Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen**.

The Invitatory and Psalter *All Stand* **BCP 80**
*Officiant***:** O Lord, open our lips**.**
People: And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

***Officiant & People*:**
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
The mercy of the Lord is everlasting: Come let us adore him.

The Venite ***Psalm 95:1-7*** **BCP 82**
(Officiant and People read responsively)
1 Come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation!
2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving;
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.
3 For the Lord is a great God
and a great King above all gods.
4 In his hand are the caverns of the earth;
the heights of the hills are his also.
5 The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands have molded the dry land.
6 Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee,
and kneel before the Lord, our Maker.
7 For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.
Oh that today you would hearken to his voice! Amen.

The First Lesson **Genesis 28:10-19a**
Reader: A Reading from the Book of Genesis

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, “I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring

shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!" And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."
So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel.
Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm **139: 1-11, 22-23**
Domine, probasti
*105 Your word is a lantern to my feet **
and a light upon my path.
*106 I have sworn and am determined **
to keep your righteous judgments.
*107 I am deeply troubled; **
preserve my life, O Lord, according to your word.
*108 Accept, O Lord, the willing tribute of my lips, **
and teach me your judgments.
*109 My life is always in my hand, **
yet I do not forget your law.
*110 The wicked have set a trap for me, **
but I have not strayed from your commandments.
*111 Your decrees are my inheritance for ever; **
truly, they are the joy of my heart.
*112 I have applied my heart to fulfill your statutes **
for ever and to the end.
*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: **
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. ***Amen***

The Second Lesson **Romans 8:12-25** *Please be Seated*
Reader:
Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh-- for 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. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ-- if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.
Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle 20 **Glory to God** **BCP 94/95**
Officiant & People together:
Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
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.
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***.

Gradual: **Blessed Assurance Jesus Is Mine** **Hymn L184**

Gospel: **Matthew 13:24-30,36-43** *Remain Seated*
Reader: A Reading from Matthew

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along

with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"
Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon by Deacon Gail Kertland

The Apostle's Creed *Stand as able* **BCP 96**
(Officiant and People together):
I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He 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,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again 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

Offertory Meditation: In Christ Alone
by *Keith Getty and Stuart Townend*

Prayer *The people stand or kneel* **BCP 97**

Officiant: The Lord be with you.
***People*: And also, with you.**
Officiant: Let us pray**.**

The Lord's Prayer
Officiant & People together:

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 for ever and ever. Amen.

SUFFRAGES A *Stand or kneel, as able.* ***BCP 98***

Officiant and People read responsively.
V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;
R. And grant us your salvation.
V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
R. Let your people sing with joy.
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
R. For only in you can we live in safety.
V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;
R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.
V. Let your way be known upon earth;
R. Your saving health among all nations.
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

A Collect for Sundays ***BCP 98***

O God, you make us glad, with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor, through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen***.

A Collect for the Renewal of Life ***BCP 99***

O God, the King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done your will with cheerfulness during the day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen***.

A Collect for Peace ***BCP 99***

O God, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom: Defend us, thy humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in thy defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen***.

Prayer for Mission

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. ***Amen***.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *Stand or kneel, as able.*

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Officiant: As children of God and heirs with Christ, let us offer our prayers in the power of the Spirit, saying: Holy God, hear our prayer, **hear our prayer.**

For the Church: especially Sean our Presiding Bishop and Carlye, our bishop, that we may spread hope, joy, understanding and Good News with great liberality, so that all may experience the generosity of God. Holy God, **Hear our prayer.**

For this parish family, that empowered by the Spirit we may make space in our busy lives to allow the Word of God to challenge and take root in us so that we may bear abundant fruit. **Holy God, Hear our prayer.**

For all who are bound by hatred, resentment and revenge, that the seeds of the Evil One not lead to brutality and destruction in personal, racial, or international relations. **Holy God, hear our prayer.**

For all who sow and labor to produce food, that they may be helped by favorable weather and heartened by our gratitude and willingness to share. Holy God, hear our prayer.
For all who hunger for life, those who are lonely or depressed, those who live in fear, and for those who are ill, remembering especially (pause…), that God's abundant love will sustain and protect them. **Holy God, hear our prayer.**

For all those who work bravely to serve and save others, and for those in need of our prayers, especially **Kim, Jim, Belle, Andy, Jessica, Sarah, Michael, Virginia, Warren, Carol, Pat, Leslie, Joanie, Kathy, Joyce, Joanne, Caryl, Keith, Steve, Ron, Mark, Mary, Nadine, Helen, Archie** that God's Spirit will strengthen and renew them. God of life, **Hear our prayer.**

Lifting our voices with all creation, with Mary the God-bearer, James the Apostle and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ. To you, O Lord our God.

Officiant: Holy God, with a love both patient and powerful, you sustain the growth of the good seed your Son has planted. Hear our prayers and let your word bear rich fruit in us, that we may love and serve you in each other. This we ask in your most Holy Name. **AMEN.**

Post-communion prayer:
Gracious God,
as we are strengthened by Word and Sacrament,
may our lives be a continual offering,
holy and acceptable in your sight;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

The General Thanksgiving **BCP 101**
Officiant and People:
Officiant Together, let us pray the General Thanksgiving.

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives,

by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.
Officiant: Let us bless the Lord.
***People*: Thanks be to God.**

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom **BCP 102**
Officiant:
Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

Announcements:

The Officiant in conclusion of service: *Please be seated*
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. *2 Corinthians 13:14*
Officiant: Let us bless the Lord.
***People*: Thanks be to God.**

SENDING: **We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight** **Hymn G590**

POSTLUDE: Allegro
by Cesar Franck

PARISH NOTES FOR THE WEEK OF July 12, 2026

***Holy Communion Services are scheduled August 2 and September 6 led by Rev. Mark Waldon.**

Sunday, July 12 @ 10:30AM MORNING PRAYER
THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Gail Kertland, Deacon
Susan Leeds, Altar Guild
Shana Joy Grassi, Organist
TBD, Counters

Book Club: The July book is *This Tender Land* by William Kent Krueger, book club will meet the last Friday of the month at church at 9:30AM.

Food Pantry: Our next opportunity to staff and bring donations of food, hygiene items and paper goods to the Kiwanis Food Pantry in Montville is Saturday, July 18, 2026.

Craft Group: The next "first Tuesday" meeting is on July 7 from 6:00PM to 8:00PM at the Lincoln Park Library. The next "third Wednesday" of the month meeting will be on July 15 from 1:00PM to 3:00PM. at the Lincoln Park Library.

Backpack Donations are requested last week of July

Wine Tasting
Friday, October 23, 2026

Office Hours:
Please call and leave a message.