

Seventh Sunday of Pentecost

July 13 and 16 in the year of our Lord 2023

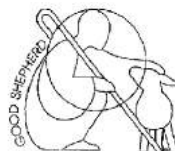


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**WE ARE GOD’S FAMILY OF FAITH—  
GATHERED BY HIM AND EXPECTING HIS GUESTS**

**WELCOMING SONG:** *As We Begin Another Week* stanzas 1 & 2 #223 [RED]



**1 As we begin another week, In Jesus’ name Your grace we seek.  
God, grant that through these seven days no evil may befall our ways.**

**2 Your gentle blessings, Lord, outpour on all our labors evermore.  
Our hearts with your good Spirit fill that we may gladly do Your will.**

**INVOCATION**

LEADER: In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**ADULTS & CHILDREN: Amen.**

**CONFESSION/ABSOLUTION**

*TUNE: HERR JESUS CHRIST, MEINS*



**“As surely as I live,” God said,  
“I would not have the sinner dead,  
But that he turn from error’s ways,  
repent, and live through endless days.”**

**To us, therefore, Christ gave command:  
“Go forth and preach in ev’ry land;  
Bestow on all my pard’ning grace  
that they repent of sinful ways.**

Dear friends, let us approach God our Father with a true heart and publicly confess our sins against Him and others. Let us ask Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind; and, love your neighbor as yourself. ." Luke 10

***Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin. For faithless worrying and selfish pride, for my sins of habit and my sins of choice, for the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do, You should cast me away from Your presence forever. For Jesus' sake, O Lord, forgive me my sins.***

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In His great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the personal assurance of Christ through His called servant: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.



**For us Christ rose from death again  
For us He went on high to reign  
For us He sent His Spirit here  
To guide, to strengthen and to cheer.**

**The words which absolution give  
are His who died that we might live;  
The minister whom Christ has sent  
is but His humble instrument.**

**And following our Lord's command,  
We are absolved surely stand;  
Stand in God's grace and mercy free,  
Forgiveness, sure and sweet, received.**

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## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your Word. By Your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy and to bring forth fruits in faith and hope and love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

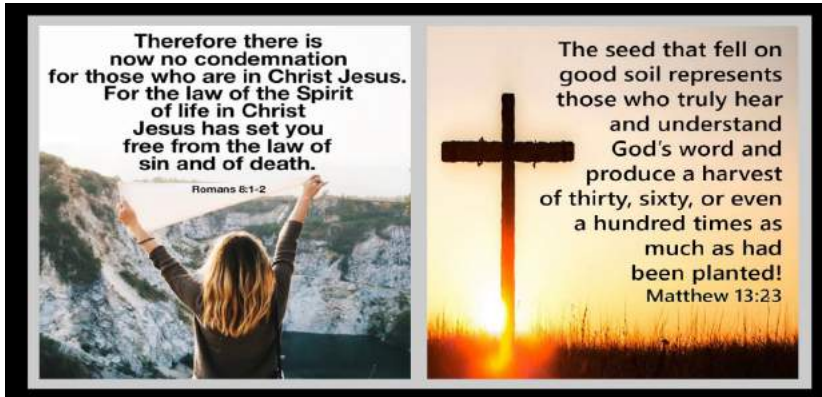
## **THE WORD**

- 4 "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind; and, love your neighbor as yourself. ." Luke 10

First reading: Isaiah 55:6-11



Second Reading Matthew 13:1-9,18-23



*LEADER:* We Christians live in the Gospel's joyful confidence, in God's gift of faith. Let us now join to confess this one true faith using the words of the Apostles' Creed:

**I believe in God, the Father, Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus, Christ, His 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.**


**The third day He rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended into heaven and**

**is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there  
He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church—the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind; and, love your neighbor as yourself. ." Luke 10

 **VICTORY SONG OF THE DAY:** *Praise to You and Adoration* stanza 1 470 [RED]

**INSTRUCTION IN THE WORD Isaiah 55:6-11** God's Word Works:  
Why? How? When?

 **RESPONSE:** *Praise to You and Adoration* stanza 2 470 [RED]

### THE LORD'S PEOPLE CAN'T HELP BUT RETURN THANKS

Dear friends of Good Shepherd God loves to give. God does His work for us with the gifts He gives to us in the first place. That's just how cool God really is! So here at Good Shepherd, we do not charge families for services rendered. Instead we cheefully return to our Savior a percentage of His generous gifts first given to us. We thank our Lord, and we thank you, for your gifts for His use.

We **freely** give away what God has freely given first to us. God doesn't want His people bullying anybody into giving. God does not force His people to give. Giving is not about guilt, it is about freedom.

So if you are visiting and God moves you to give a gift, thank you. In joyful confidence God's people live, give, serve and encourage one another — all for Jesus' sake.

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### **Responsive PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**LEADER:** Lord God, our Maker and Preserver, we praise and thank You for all that you give us day after day.

***ADULTS & CHILDREN: We thank You, Jesus, for Your kindness and we praise You, gracious Lord!***

You have given us Your precious Word to nourish our souls and to protect s from the temptations of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature. Bless Your Word faithfully brought to Your people by Your workers.

***We thank You, Jesus, for Your kindness and we praise You, gracious Lord!***

Heavenly Father, shield us from every kind of danger: sudden tragedy, terrors of crime, and the pain of disease. Watch over those who travel by land, sea, and air. Protect our country's servicemen and women wherever they may be. Keep our loved ones from whatever perils may threaten them.

***We thank You, Jesus, for Your kindness and we praise You, gracious Lord!***

Bless our nation and those who hold offices of high trust. Keep our government and schools upright and strong for the advancement

of good citizenship and useful vocations. Let us enjoy Your gifts of peace, security, and well-being.

**We thank You, Jesus, for Your kindness and we praise You, gracious Lord!**

Grant Your Word free course to every nation on earth. Where there are wars, may there be peace. Where there is hatred, let it be healed. Where there is poverty, danger, or disaster, come with your almighty power to help and restore. Heal those who are sick, cheer those who are sad, calm those who are distressed, and comfort all who are old and infirm. We bring to Your throne of grace and mercy these requests brought to us:

Hear us, Lord, as we bring to You our private petitions. [silence]

We bring all our requests, spoken and unspoken, before You in the name of Jesus our Lord. At Your Word, we ask You to hear us. Take all that we have, our bodies and minds, our time and skills, our ministries and offerings, and use them to Your glory.

**We thank You, Jesus, for Your kindness and we praise You, gracious Lord! Bless us to serve You in ways that are pleasing in Your sight.**

**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.**

- 8 “Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind; and, love your neighbor as yourself. .” Luke 10

## **BENEDICTION**

Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another.  
Serve the Lord with gladness.

The LORD bless you and keep you.  
The LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The LORD look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

**PARTING SONG:** *From All that Dwell Below the Skies* 250 [RED]



**From all that dwell below the skies  
Let the Creator's praise arise.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Let the Redeemer's name be sung  
Through ev'ry land, by ev'ry tongue.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Eternal are Your mercies, Lord;  
Eternal is Your glorious Word.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Your praise shall sound from shore to shore  
Till suns shall rise and set no more.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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**We welcome all who worship the living God today!**

We are blessed you could be with us this day in Jesus!  
THANK YOU for supporting Good Shepherd's ministries in so many ways.  
THANK YOU to all the various helpers who today blessed us in our worship of Jesus Christ.  
THANK YOU for your generous, faithful service to Jesus!

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# WELCOME TO GOOD SHEPHERD



## Our mission is simple and bold:

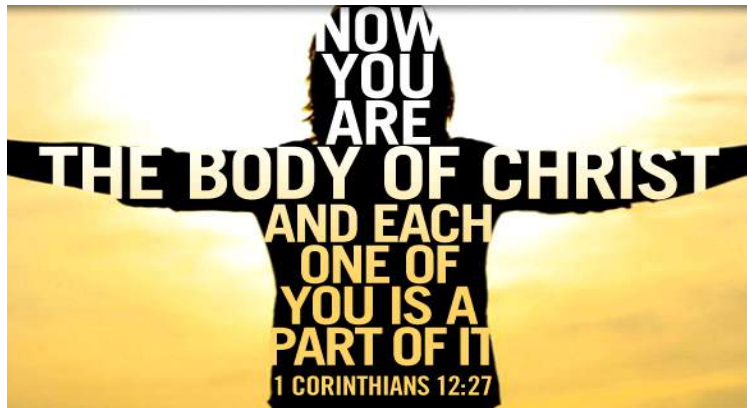
We seek to grow in faith and knowledge of our Savior Jesus. We want to *make Him known to others* so they, too, might share in the joy Jesus won for them.

### Youth Group Mini Golf

All children 5th grade to 12th grade are invited to a night of mini golf at Papa Bears in Rome (266 Matterhorn Trl).

**Wednesday, July 19th at 7pm**

Questions? Contact Mike Irwin  
715-459-7026



**July 19<sup>th</sup> Youth Mini Golf**

**July 23<sup>rd</sup> Rafter's game**

**August 3<sup>rd</sup> VBS**

**Our Extended & Growing  
Family of Faith remains in our  
prayers to God our Father**

Pat Tesch  
Emily Erwin  
Connie Heitl  
Chris Ryun  
Family of Mistie Griffith  
Pat & Al Rozelle  
Diane Bannerman  
Jerry Blum  
John & Bonnie Haag  
Elmer Loechler  
Alberta Schroeder  
Sonia in India  
Lynn & Deb Ives  
Melissa in England  
Curtis Schultz  
Dr. Cheli & DeeDee Marichal family  
Bill & Elaine Harrington  
Family of Shirley Johnson  
Brad Roberts  
Troy Marks  
Jerry & Donna Marks  
Betty Havlik  
Jon Mittelsteadt  
Gloria Kraus, Kim Mittelsteadt's mom  
Robert in Ecuador  
Gloria Walters in NY  
Mandy Ehlke & Family  
Pastor Mike Wolff  
Sam & Becky Piper  
Pat Hunziker in IN  
Sarah Allarding's Grandma  
Forrest & Elizabeth in CA  
Junita in Hong Kong  
Kristin in USA  
Dyde -France  
Janet in CA  
Erik & Leah Alair & Family (Sem. student)  
Sean Jenkins in TN  
Syed Gul in Pakistan  
Family of Lisa Cooper  
Nick Carpenter



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## OUR WEEK WITH JESUS



<b>7/16 SUNDAY</b>	9:00 am	Worship Service
	2:00 pm	Cable TV of <b>Last week's</b> service
	Solarus	Ch 3 & Spectrum Ch 985
Worship Online	24/7 at	<a href="http://live.1goodshepherd.org">live.1goodshepherd.org</a>
<b>7/17 Monday</b>	11:00 am	Coffee with Christ @ Grace's
	6:30pm	School Advisory Committee
<b>7/19 Wednesday</b>		Newsletter Deadline
<b>7/20 Thursday</b>	7:00 pm	Worship service with communion
<b>7/21 Friday</b>	9:00 am	Outreach at Rome Farmers Market

### **Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week :**

7/16 Austin Irwin

7/17 Dan & Lori Deitz (2) 7/20 Drew & Maddy Mangler (10)

**Usher Teams:** 7/16 Chris Rhein & Bruce Mohns  
 7/23 David Hoppe & Andy Hogan  
 7/30 Adam Timmermann & Jim Timmermann

**PLEASE PLACE IDEAS FOR OUR  
 SCHOOL'S FUTURE IN THE BOX IN  
 THE NARTHEX**

**FIRST ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
 MEETING : JULY 17 @ 6:30 PM**

**Quarterly  
 Congregational  
 Assembly Meeting**

**TODAY @ 10:15 AM**

**Agenda items:**

- Extend a divine call to  
Amanda Irwin  
(3K-K teacher/director)
- Updated on Planned  
Giving Expenses
- School Advisory  
Committee  
& more...

**SCHOOL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**—Board of Education chairman, Tommy Woltman is assisted by members: Karen McGarry, Jim Timmermann, Rev. Dennis Valleau and a parent from our school family. The role of this group is to recommend how to proceed with our school when Mrs. Tullberg retires as it is challenging to call a single teacher for grades 1-8. You are encouraged to offer your input no later than August 20th by submitting your ideas on paper and placing them in the designated box in the narthex.



**THURSDAY**

**AUGUST 3**

### **DOCKING SOON! SPACE STATION SALVATION**

**ALL DAY IMMERSIVE VBS**

**FOLLOWED BY A PICNIC FOR PARTICI-  
 PANTS AND FAMILIES, AND THEN OUR  
 THURSDAY**

**STARTS @ 9:00 AM SERVICE AT 7:00 PM**  
**REGISTER ONLINE: [1GOODSHEPHERD.ORG](http://1GOODSHEPHERD.ORG)**  
**FILL OUT A FORM FROM THE NARTHEX**