



CHURCH OF THE
Good Shepherd

AUGUST 17, 2025

Welcome to the Church of the Good Shepherd!

We are excited to welcome you here. Please visit the welcome table in the narthex following the service to learn more about ways you can join in.

If you have not already, please complete the Connect Card in the pew in front of you so that we may better welcome you!

Kid's & Youth Ministry Family Fall Kickoff | August 24

Join us from 5:00-6:45 p.m. next Sunday, August 24, for games, a meal, and a chance to hear about what our ministry teams have planned for the kids and youth of CGS this upcoming year! RSVP using the website or QR code on the back of the bulletin and bring your family!



August 17, 2025 | 10:45 AM

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship | Simon Stokes, Lead Pastor

Song | *"Your Grace is Enough"*

Song | *"This is Amazing Grace"*

Scripture Reading | *Norman Acker, Elder, Psalm 80:7-19, pg. 491*

Congregational Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your Name. Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: for Yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Dismissal of Children | *(Ages 3 to 3rd grade)*

Q: What is our prayer for our children?

A: To know and enjoy God and his Word.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

Scripture Reading | Matthew 20:1-16, pg. 825

Sermon | *Mark Whipple, Pastor of Community Formation*

Song | *"Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder"*



Confession of Sin

Father in heaven, we confess today that we often live like slaves. Instead of living like you delight in us, we avoid you in shame and guilt. Instead of receiving your favor as a gift, we try to earn it with our efforts. Instead of accepting your freedom, we prefer our chains. Instead of pursuing your purposes, we cling to our short-sighted agendas. Forgive us. Embrace us. Cleanse us. Heal us. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon | Romans 5:1, pg. 942

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper*

Communion is for anyone who is united by faith to Christ and joined to any Christ-centered church.

Song | "Altogether Good"

We invite you to either join in singing or meditate quietly during this time.

Prayer of Response

Song | "Love Constraining to Obedience"

Benediction

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**White grape juice is located on the outer ring of the tray; red wine is on the inner rings.*

The pre-packaged elements in the center of the tray are certified gluten free.

The baked bread is prepared using a gluten free mix. Cross-contamination with common allergens is possible.

GROW TOGETHER

RSVP or find details at the QR code below.

Young Adults: Summer Evening Conversation | August 20

Sign up via the QR code to join other young adults for a home-cooked BBQ dinner at the Whipple's house (6:30-8:30 p.m.) followed by a panel discussion with YAC alumni.

Welcome Back, College Students | August 24

College students are coming back next week! Join us in welcoming them to our church and pray that they find a home here and on campus, where they can know and enjoy Christ and his Kingdom.

Parenting Seminar | September 13-14

Parents of children and youth are invited to participate in our "Navigating the Adolescent Years" seminar. Register to hear local counselor Erik Potter share hard-earned wisdom on how to navigate the challenges of raising adolescents. Childcare will be provided.

Women's Bible Study | Register Now Through August 31

Our study begins on September 17! We'll be using the Nancy Guthrie study guide for the book of Acts, entitled *Saved: Experiencing the Promise of the Book of Acts*. Contact Julie at julieburson@cgsonline.org with your questions.

SERVE TOGETHER

Find details at cgsonline.org at the QR code below.

Community Group Leader Kick-off | August 22

Community Group Leaders will gather at CGS on Friday August 22 from 6:00-8:30 p.m. to reconnect, refresh one another in the gospel, and renew our sense of purpose for the upcoming year.

Choir Rehearsals Resume | September 10

Join us on Wednesdays from 7:00-8:00 p.m. No auditions required! If you love to sing, contact Greg Wheatley (greg.a.wheatley@gmail.com) to find out more about our choir programs.

Seeking Paid Childcare Workers | Starting September 17

The Women's Bible Study provides childcare during the weekly Wednesday morning study from 9:45-11:45 a.m. Contact CGS Childcare Coordinator Courtney Johnson (courtneyjohnson@cgsonline.org) to learn more.

BUDGET SUMMARY

For Fiscal Year 2024-2025

Total Annual Budget:	\$1,950,000
Actual Contributions received as of 6/30/2025:	\$2,027,760
Difference (Annual Budget and Actual Contributions):	\$77,760

Scan the QR code to
register for an event:





CGS LEADERSHIP

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