



CHURCH OF THE
Good Shepherd

AUGUST 24, 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!

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.



August 24, 2025 | 10:45 AM

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship | Simon Stokes, Lead Pastor

Song | *“All Creatures of Our God and King”*

Song | *“Good, Good Father”*

Scripture Reading | Doug Betts, Elder; Isaiah 43:1-7, pg. 603

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 | Luke 15:11-32, pg. 874

Sermon | Matt Mahla, Campus Minister, Duke RUF

Song | *“Psalm 84 (I’m Home)”*



Confession of Sin

Gracious Father, we are full of sin. Forgive us. We cry out from our wounds. Heal us. We are steeped in foolishness. Make us wise. Cleanse us from selfishness, the fear of man, the love of praise, and the shame of being thought old-fashioned. Renew us by your Spirit. All for the sake of your son, Jesus.

Assurance of Pardon | 1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

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 | *“How Deep the Father’s Love for Us”*

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

Prayer of Response

Song | *“Death Was Arrested”*

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.

Youth and Kid's Ministry Dinner | Tonight

We're kicking off the fall with a Youth and Kid's Ministry Dinner **TONIGHT** from 5:00-6:45 p.m. in the Commons. Join us for games, pizza, and a fun look at what's coming up this year! See the calendar on the website for details.

Quarterly Town Hall: A Season of Vision | September 7

Join us in the Sanctuary on Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. as we begin the journey of shaping the work and direction of our church by listening to God, to one another, and to the unique story Christ is telling through our people.

CGS Neighborhood Picnics | September 7

Join your CGS Neighborhood for an afternoon picnic on Sunday, September 7 to connect with neighbors, meet your leaders, and learn about our upcoming **Mission and Vision** work this fall. Check your email this week for specific details about your neighborhood's picnic location and time. If you're new, contact Mark Whipple (markwhipple@cgsonline.org) who will connect you to your group!

Parenting Seminar | September 12-14

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.

SERVE TOGETHER

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

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.

CGS FINANCES

For Fiscal Year 2025-2026

New Donation Portal | Coming Soon!

Heads up! We will soon be migrating to a new platform for online giving.

Total Annual Budget:	\$1,830,500
Actual Contributions received as of 7/31/2025:	\$139,373
Difference (Annual Budget and Actual Contributions):	\$1,161,127

Scan the QR code to
register for an event:

