



CHURCH OF THE  
**Good Shepherd**

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**SEPTEMBER 14, 2025**

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**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!

**Mission and Vision 2025**

During this season of mission and vision renewal for CGS, we'd love to hear from you! Use our Vision and Voices board out in the Narthex to share your hopes for CGS and to see what others love and hope for CGS as well.

Look for a card in the bulletin to complete each week and return it to the Vision and Voices board. In November, we'll share a summary of what was posted during our Church-wide retreat in November.



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September 14, 2025 | 10:45 AM

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## Welcome & Announcements

**Call to Worship** | Mark Whipple, Pastor of Community Formation

**Song** | *"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"*

**Song** | *"We Will Feast in the House of Zion"*

**Scripture Reading** | Elder Ray Toher, Exodus 24:7-11, pg. 65

## 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 14:15-24, pg. 875

**Sermon** | *Invitees to the Heavenly Feast* - Simon Stokes, Lead Pastor  
Series: Visions of the Church

**Song** | *"Come as You Are"*



## Confession of Sin

Gracious Father, if you should mark iniquities, who could stand? We know that if we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. Not one of us does good, no, not one. We have stiffened our necks against your will, hardened our hearts to your Word, refused to hear your voice, pulled away from your loving embrace, despised correction, and forgotten you in our thoughts. We have sinned against you. Father, we repent. Grant that we may bring forth the fruits of repentance from sincere hearts made clean by the blood of Christ. In his name we pray. Amen.

## Assurance of Pardon | Isaiah 1:18

Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.

## 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 | "Wood and Nails"

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

## Prayer of Response

## Song | "Come Ye Sinners"

## 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.

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*\*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.*

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## GROW TOGETHER

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Learn more at [cgsonline.org](https://cgsonline.org) or RSVP with the QR code below.

### Heads Up: Exciting Update Coming in October

We're transitioning to a new church management platform—and we need your help! Our new platform, Breeze, provides easier access to a new church directory and online giving portal. Look for an email this week with instructions on how to switch from ACS to Breeze.

### SMCs Resume | September 21

Five classes resume next Sunday at 9:30 a.m. Grab a Fall 2025 flyer in the Narthex to learn about available classes. Come by 9:15 a.m. for delicious coffee before heading to a classroom.

### Taste of CGS | September 28

Are you new to our church and looking to connect with others, or to learn more about our church? Join us at the Whipple's house after worship on September 28, from 12:15-1:30 p.m., for a delicious meal and a chance to hear from ministry staff about ways you can connect further. RSVP or contact Mark at [markwhipple@cgsonline.org](mailto:markwhipple@cgsonline.org).

### Membership Class | Saturday, October 4

Interested in learning more about Good Shepherd or exploring church membership? Join us on Saturday, October 4 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the Conference Room to ask questions and learn about the process of becoming a member here. Whether you're new to our community or have been worshiping with us for a while, this is a wonderful opportunity to take your next step with us. We'd love to have you there! Email us at [reception@cgsonline.org](mailto:reception@cgsonline.org) to let us know you're coming.

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## SERVE TOGETHER

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### Mission/Vision Evening of Praise and Prayer | September 21

Gather with us for worship and prayer, asking God to guide our hearts and show us His way forward as we work together to shape the mission and vision for CGS in the coming months. Upcoming Praise and Prayer events are on October 5, October 19, and November 2, from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

### Job Opening | Samaritan Health Center

Samaritan Health Center is seeking a nurse or medical assistant for a part-time position on Mondays. The staff nurse/medical assistant role is an essential member of the clinic team, collaborating with multiple colleagues and volunteers to ensure Samaritan Health Center patients receive the high-quality care they deserve. Details can be found at [samaritanhealthcenter.org/](https://samaritanhealthcenter.org/).

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## CGS FINANCES

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For Fiscal Year Beginning 7/1/2025

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:





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## CGS LEADERSHIP

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### ELDERS

Norman Acker  
Doug Betts  
Andrew Carlson  
Stephen Eckel  
Steve Jones  
Dave Long  
Kyle Osborne  
Alex Robeson  
Todd Rust  
Ray Toher

### DEACONS

Richard Alford  
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Justin Davis  
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Andrew Hassinger  
Aaron Mitchell  
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