



CHURCH OF THE
Good Shepherd

SEPTEMBER 7, 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!

Mission and Vision 2025

As we kick off this season of renewing the mission and vision of 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 and return it to the Vision and Voices board. In November, we'll share a summary of what was posted during our November Church-wide retreat.



September 7, 2025 | 10:45 AM

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship | Chris Garrett, Pastor of Congregational Care

Song | *"Great and Mighty"*

Song | *"Lay Me Down"*

Scripture Reading | Elder Stephen Eckel, Psalm 90:10-17, pg. 497

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 | Matt. 25:14-30, pg. 830

Sermon | Simon Stokes, Lead Pastor

Series: Kingdom Stories

Song | *"Wood and Nails"*



Confession of Sin

Holy Father, we confess that though you are a great King, we often bring to you the leftovers of our time, energy, gifts, and worship. We have neglected your commands when it is inconvenient for us to keep them. We have disregarded our neighbors' needs and wondered aloud why other people do not meet our needs. O Father, have mercy on us! Forgive us of our many sins! Cleanse us and give us the mind and heart of Jesus, who came not to be served but to serve and to give His life a ransom for many. In His name, and for His sake, we come to you. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon | Ephesians 2:8

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God.

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 | "From the Depths of Woe (Psalm 130)"

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

Prayer of Response

Song | "Build Your Kingdom Here"

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

Learn more at cgsonline.org or RSVP with the QR code below.

Welcome Angie Heinrich!

Join us in celebrating Angie Heinrich as the next Children's Ministry Director. This month she will work alongside Bethany Porter in transitioning this role.

Legacy Brunch Club | September 11

Join other retired and later-career adults at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, September 11 here at CGS for our Legacy Brunch Club featuring Dr. Heidi White as she leads the first talk in our "The Different Experiences of Aging" series. RSVP or contact Bob at bobburns@cgsonline.org with questions.

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. Registration for childcare closes on Monday, September 8th.

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, 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.

SERVE TOGETHER

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.

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. Additional Praise and Prayer events are on October 5, October 19, and November 2, from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

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

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
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