

# **Privacy Statement for Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Website Donations**

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## **Introduction**

The Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd is committed to protecting your privacy when you visit our website or interact with our services, especially when you make a donation through our third-party donation service provider. This Privacy Statement outlines how we handle your information in these interactions.

## **Third-Party Donation Collection**

We use Tithe.Ly, a trusted third-party platform, to facilitate donations to our church. By using this platform, you acknowledge that you are subject to their privacy policy as well as ours. Here is how we manage your data in this process:

## **Information We Collect**

When you make a donation through Tithe.Ly:

- Personal Information: We collect your name, email address, contact information, and donation details. This information is necessary for processing your donation and issuing a receipt.
- Payment Information: We do not collect, store, or process payment information directly. All such data is handled by Tithe.Ly according to their security standards.

## **Why We Collect This Information**

- To Process Donations: We use your information to process your donation, send you a tax-deductible receipt, and provide any donation-related acknowledgments.
- To Communicate: We might use your contact information to thank you for your donation or to keep you updated about our church activities, only if you have opted into such communications.

## **How Information is Shared**

- With Tithe.Ly: Your donation details are shared with our third-party donation processor to complete your transaction. They have their own privacy policy which governs how they use and protect your data.
- Legal and Regulatory Compliance: We may disclose personal information if compelled by law or if necessary to protect our rights or property.

## **Security**

We take reasonable steps to ensure the security of your personal information. However, please note that no method of transmission over the Internet is 100% secure. Tithe.Ly employs industry-standard security measures to protect your payment information.

### **Your Rights**

- Access, Correction, or Deletion: You can request to view, update, or delete the personal data we hold about you. Contact us at [Your Church's Contact Email] for such requests.
- Opt-Out: You can opt out of receiving communications from us at any time by using the unsubscribe link in our emails or by contacting us directly.

### **Retention of Data**

We will retain your personal information only for as long as necessary for the purposes outlined in this statement unless a longer retention period is required or permitted by law.

### **Children's Privacy**

Our donation services are not directed to individuals under the age of 13. We do not knowingly collect personal information from children without parental consent.

### **Links to Other Websites**

Our site might contain links to other websites. We are not responsible for the privacy practices or content of these sites. We encourage you to be aware when you leave our site and to read the privacy statements of each and every website that collects personally identifiable information.

### **Changes to This Privacy Statement**

We may update this privacy statement to reflect changes in our practices or for other operational, legal, or regulatory reasons. We will notify you of any changes by posting the new privacy statement on this page.

### **Contact Us**

If you have any questions about this Privacy Statement or the use of your information, please contact us at:

- Email: [office.gslc.tona@gmail.com](mailto:office.gslc.tona@gmail.com)
- Phone: 716-832-5390
- Address: 2669 Sheridan Drive, Tonawanda, NY 14150

By using our donation service, you agree to this Privacy Statement and the privacy policy of Tithe.Ly. Your trust in us is important, and we are committed to safeguarding your personal information.