

Good Shepherd LUTHERAN CHURCH

EVERYDAY DISCIPLES



For the Lord disciplines
the one He loves,
and He chastises every
son He receives.”

Hebrews 12:6 BSB

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 23 & 24, 2025

SHARING CHRIST, CHANGING LIVES!

Gathering, Growing, Giving, Going

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP TODAY! The Bible is very clear about what God expects from His people: faith, trust, obedience & love. But the world holds so many distractions to get us off track. Thankfully, we have a loving and forgiving God who guides us back to the right path toward that narrow door when we repent and ask for that forgiveness and guidance. If you are our guest, we pray that you find the Spirit of God alive and moving in our congregation. We rejoice that you joined us in that Spirit today. Please come again!

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CONNECTION CARD READING OR MEMORY WORK:

Read: Hebrews 12: 4 - 24 3 and/or Memorize: : Hebrews 12: 6

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ALTAR FLOWERS FOR TODAY are given to the Glory of God in memory of Arthur Brundage by Sandy Voigt.

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ORDER OF SERVICE

Divine Service, Setting Two

HYMNS:

Red 449, LSB 528, LSB 686, LSB 637, Blue 77

The color next to the number denotes which resource to use.

***Going forward, the Burgundy hymnal will be referred to as LSB ***

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 24th, Anno Domini (The Year of Our LORD) 2025

✝ Preparation ✝

Welcome and Connection Cards

Opening Hymn - Red 449 - “To God Be the Glory”

Stand

The sign of the cross ✝ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

[P] In the Name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

[C] Amen.

[P] If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

[C] But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God’s Word and for self-examination.

[P] Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

[C] Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy Name. Amen.

[P] Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained

servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Stand

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

Introit

Psalm 117; antiphon: Psalm 96:6a, 115: 18

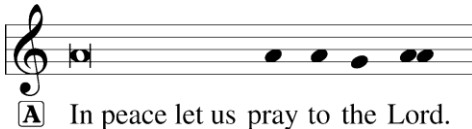
Splendor and majesty are before him;
we will bless the LORD from this time forth and forevermore. Praise the LORD!
Praise the LORD, all nations!
Extol him, all peoples!
For great is his steadfast love toward us,
and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever. Praise the LORD!

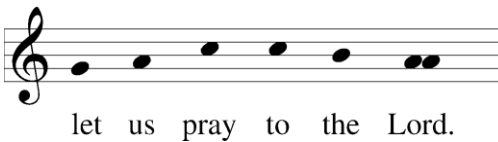
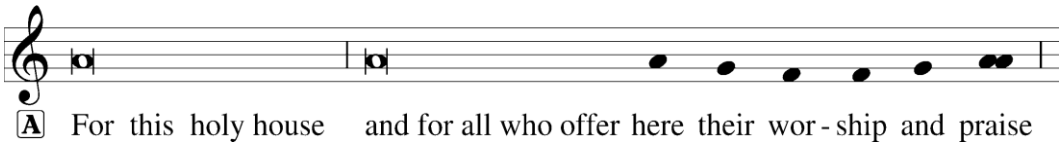
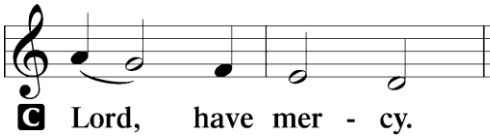
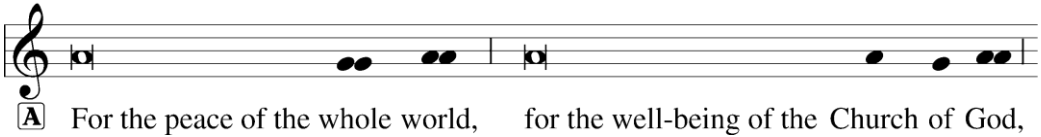
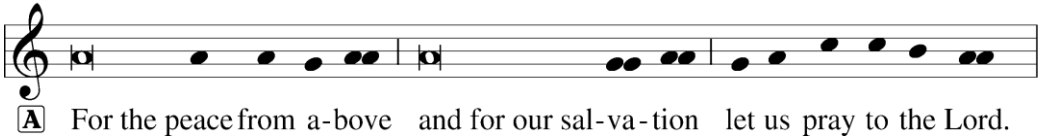
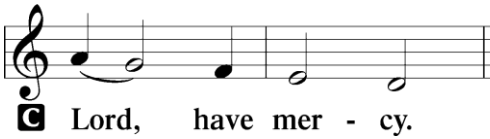
**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

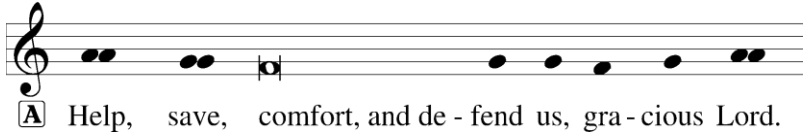
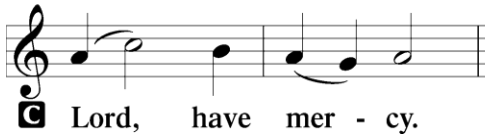
Splendor and majesty are before him;
we will bless the LORD from this time forth and forevermore. Praise the LORD!

Kyrie (*11 a.m. only*)

LSB 168







Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The LORD be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

O LORD, You have called us to enter Your kingdom through the narrow door. Guide us by Your Word and Spirit, and lead us now and always into the feast of Your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

(11 a.m. only) Children between the ages of 3 years old and 5th grade are invited to meet Kelly Brainard-Nichols in the Gathering Space.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 66:18–23

¹⁸“For I know their works and their thoughts, and the time is coming to gather all nations and tongues. And they shall come and shall see my glory, ¹⁹and I will set a sign among them. And from them I will send survivors to the nations, to Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, who draw the bow, to Tubal and Javan, to the coastlands afar off, that have not heard

my fame or seen my glory. And they shall declare my glory among the nations. ²⁰And they shall bring all your brothers from all the nations as an offering to the LORD, on horses and in chariots and in litters and on mules and on dromedaries, to my holy mountain Jerusalem, says the LORD, just as the Israelites bring their grain offering in a clean vessel to the house of the LORD. ²¹And some of them also I will take for priests and for Levites, says the LORD.

²²“For as the new heavens and the new earth
that I make
shall remain before me, says the LORD,
so shall your offspring and your name remain.

²³From new moon to new moon,
and from Sabbath to Sabbath,
all flesh shall come to worship before me,
declares the LORD.”

A/L This is the Word of the LORD.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Psalms 34:9, 19, alt.

Fear the LORD, you his saints,
for those who fear him lack nothing!
Many are the afflictions of the righteous,
but the LORD delivers him out of them all.

Epistle Reading

Hebrews 12:4–24

⁴In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. ⁵And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons?

“My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the LORD,
nor be weary when reproved by him.

⁶For the LORD disciplines the one he loves,
and chastises every son whom he receives.”

⁷It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline? ⁸If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. ⁹Besides this, we have had earthly fathers who disciplined us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live? ¹⁰For they disciplined us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness. ¹¹For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

¹²Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, ¹³and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed. ¹⁴Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the LORD. ¹⁵See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no “root of bitterness” springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled; ¹⁶that no one is sexually immoral or unholy like Esau, who sold his birthright for a single meal. ¹⁷For you know that afterward, when he desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no chance to repent, though he sought it with tears.

¹⁸For you have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest ¹⁹and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them. ²⁰For they could not endure the order that was given, “If even a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned.” ²¹Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, “I tremble with fear.” ²²But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, ²³and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, ²⁴and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

A/L This is the Word of the LORD.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

LSB 173

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

The image shows two staves of music in G major (one sharp). The first staff begins with a C-clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody for 'Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?' is written on this staff. The second staff continues the melody for 'You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.' The lyrics are written below the notes.

Holy Gospel

Luke 13:22–30

P/A The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the thirteenth chapter.

C Glory to You, O LORD.

²²[Jesus] went on his way through towns and villages, teaching and journeying toward Jerusalem. ²³And someone said to him, “LORD, will those who are saved be few?” And he said to them, ²⁴“Strive to enter through the narrow door. For many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able. ²⁵When once the master of the house has risen and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, ‘LORD, open to us,’ then he will answer you, ‘I do not know where you come from.’ ²⁶Then you will begin to say, ‘We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets.’ ²⁷But he will say, ‘I tell you, I do not know where you come from. Depart from me, all you workers of evil!’ ²⁸In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God but you yourselves cast out. ²⁹And people will come from east and west, and from north and south, and recline at table in the kingdom of God. ³⁰And behold, some are last who will be first,

and some are first who will be last.”

P This is the Gospel of the LORD.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

Hymn of the Day - LSB 528 - “Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

Sermon *“Two Mountains” Hebrews 12:4-24*

(As you listen to the message, use the space below to jot down things you want to remember)

MEMORY VERSE: “For the LORD disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives.” Hebrews 12:6

Stand

Apostles’ Creed

**All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our LORD,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.**

Prayer of the Church

Pax Domini

LSB180

A The peace of the LORD be with you always.

C Amen.

The congregation now greets one another in the name of the LORD, saying, “Peace be with you,” as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).

(11 a.m. only) Please wave to all the worshipers online!

Sit

Connection Cards

Offering

Stand

Offertory

LSB 176



What shall I ren - der to the Lord for all His ben - e-fits to



me? I will of - fer the sac - ri - fice of thanks - giv - ing and will



call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal -



va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my



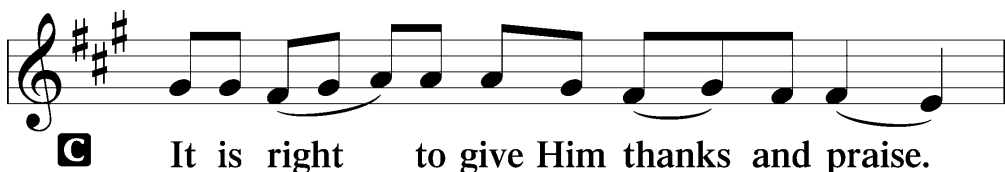
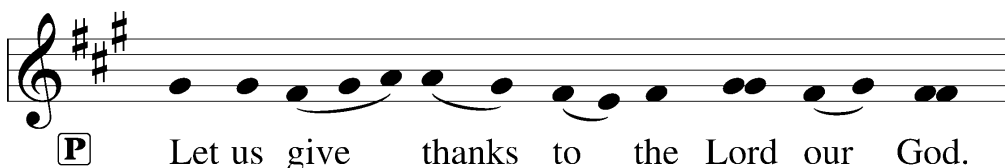
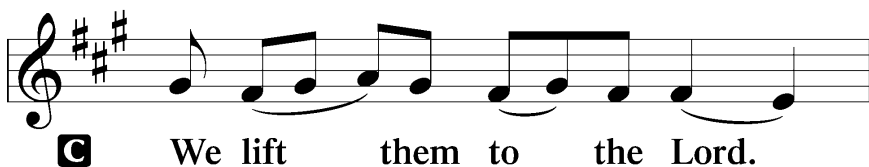
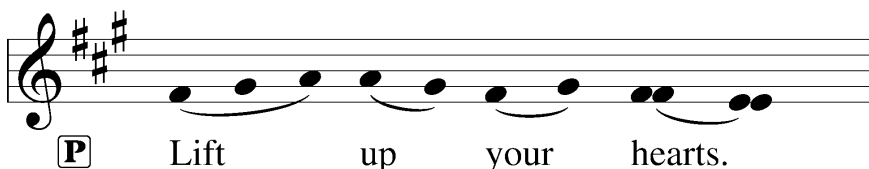
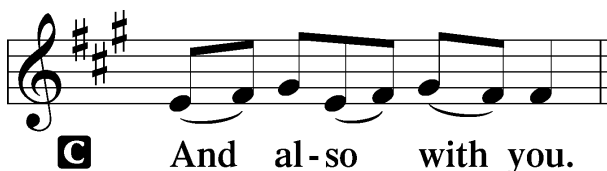
vows to the Lord now in the pres - ence of all His peo - ple, in the



courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

✠ Service of the Sacrament ✠

As Lutherans we understand that the body and blood of Jesus is present in, with, and under the bread and wine. St. Paul exhorts in 1 Corinthians 11(:27-32) that we ought to examine ourselves and recognize the body and blood of Christ in this sacrament. We welcome all to the LORD's Table who are baptized in the Name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit and wish to participate with this understanding.



P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy LORD, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our LORD, who, having

created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and singing:

Sanctus

LSB 178



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of
pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is He who comes in the name
of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

LSB 178

P Blessed are You, LORD of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the Name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O LORD, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

The Words of Our LORD

P Our LORD Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

Proclamation of Christ

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the LORD’s death until He comes.

C Amen. Come, LORD Jesus.

P O LORD Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven,

and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD's Prayer

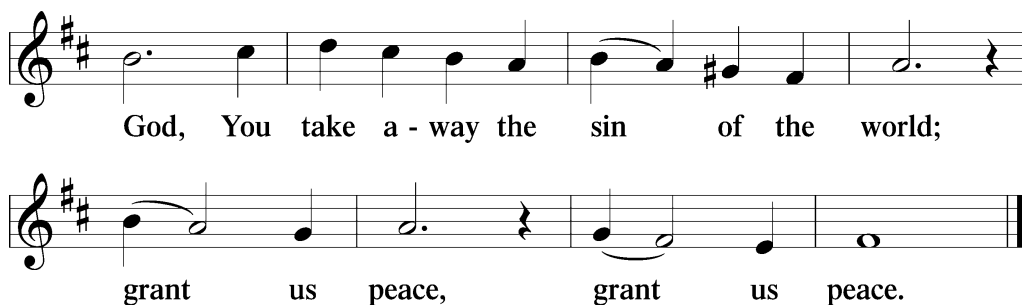
**All: Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy Name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.**

Agnus Dei

LSB 180



☐ Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world;
have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the
sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of



Sit

The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive.

Distribution Hymns:

LSB 686 – “Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

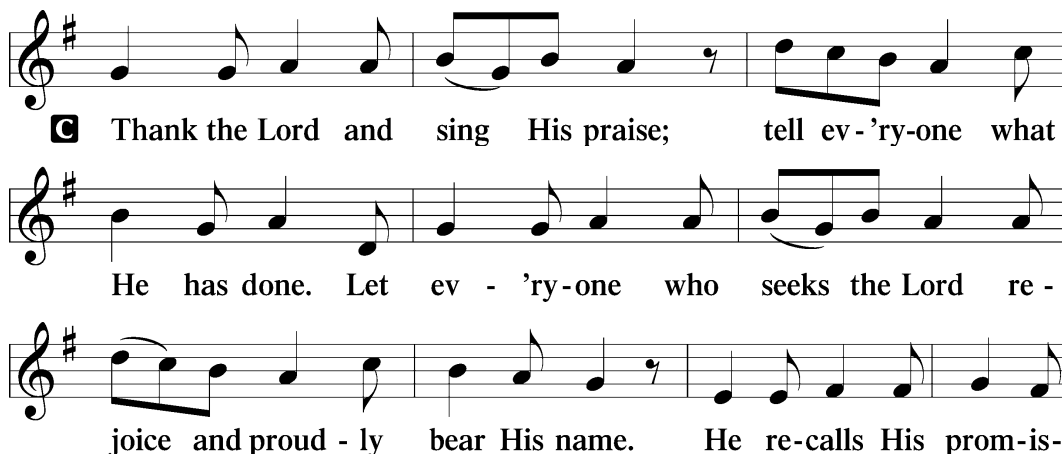
LSB 637 – “Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord”

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Communion Dismissal

Thank the LORD

LSB 181

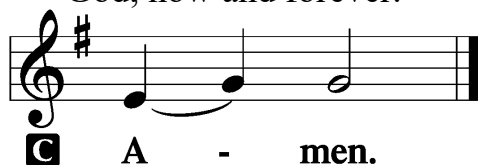




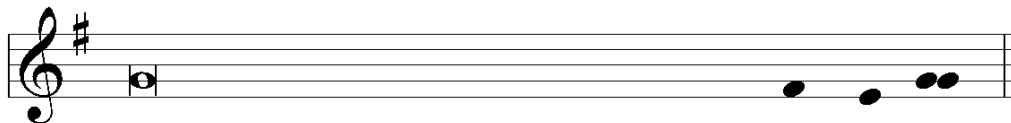
Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our LORD, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



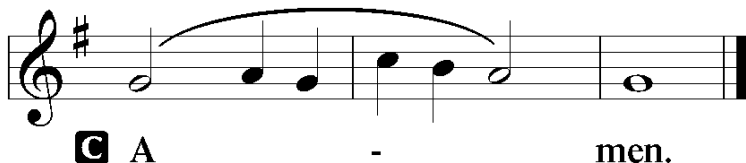
Benediction



P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you
and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.



Sit

Announcements

Children are invited to come forward and assist in leading the Closing Song with percussion instruments

Stand

Closing Hymn - Blue 77 - "Trees of the Field"

Our elders offer a ministry of prayer. If you would like personal prayer or for them to gather others to pray with you, please speak to anyone whose name tag says "Elder" on it.

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- P** Pastor or Presiding minister; sole pastor, Liturgist
- C** Congregation
- L** Leader or Lector; an Elder, one of the Readers, or another lay person
- A** Assisting minister; an Elder, Commissioned Minister or other trained worship leader
- A/L** First worship leader on Saturday/Second worship leader on Sunday
- All:** Pastor or Leader and the congregation speak together
- Δ** Doxological verse; the congregation stands in praise and honor of the Holy Trinity
- ✙** The pastor makes the sign of the cross; individual worshipers may also as fits personal preference; this is a kinesthetic reminder of grace

GENERAL INFORMATION

CALENDAR OF EVENTS August 24 - 31, 2025
(at church unless noted)

- Sunday: Worship/Communion, 8 AM & 11 AM
Mission Team, 9:15 AM
Prayer Shawls, 12:30 PM
- Monday: Pickleball Lessons, 1 – 2:30 PM
- Saturday: Worship/Communion, 5:30 PM
- Sunday: Worship/Communion, 8 AM & 11 AM
Member Visits with Pastor Steve, 12:15 – 1:30 PM
Prayer Shawls, 12:30 PM

REACH OUT TO PASTOR STEVE



Pastor Steve would love to talk to you whenever he is needed. If you have a life event, or just need to talk through something, please don't hesitate to call, text, Facebook Message, or come by church. Examples are: Going for surgery, hospitalization, death of family/friends, job change, etc. Cell: (585) 465-0620. Office: (585) 394-2760 Ext. 303. Facebook: Steven R. Geske.

ANOTHER WAY TO GIVE

If you prefer the convenience of offering your gift via your smartphone there is a way to do that. Go to the Apple Store or Google Play and search for "Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement" (the half purple V) to download for free. Then enter Good Shepherd; next tap *Donate Now*. 3. Choose a fund and a preset amount or enter another amount. You can make a one-time donation or set up recurring giving right through the app. Select *Add* to add another fund or move forward to the payment information. 4. Scan or enter your card or bank account information. 5. Review your donation summary then select *Complete Donation*. Or if you prefer to have your gift automatically withdrawn from your checking or savings account, check that box on the right side of your connection card, "Automating My Giving" or contact the church office and we will provide you with the form you will need to complete in order for us to set that up.

HEARING LOOP

Good Shepherd is equipped with a hearing loop in both the Worship Space and the Gathering Space. If you don't have a hearing aid but need hearing assistance, we have system devices that you can use. Please see the folks at the tech board and they will supply you with one.

THANKS

THANKS TO THOSE SERVING JESUS

We thank Andy & Amanda Reding and Michael & Stephanie Cheney for working out a means for us to share worship with this week. We also thank Lisa Serron, Linda Benivegna, Lisa Brahm, Hugh Shipley, Glenn Banke, Doc Tessendorf, Sandy Voigt, Jacki Scheib, Stephanie Cheney for their work in the office and building. We also thank all who serve at worship this weekend. There are many "angels" in our congregation and community who go about living out their vocations as the Body of Christ. We know they do this not to be recognized, but because God has called and led them to do what they do. God bless you all and thank you to all!

We also thank Bob Jauch for mowing the lawn this past week and Sandy Voigt, JoAnn Pilecki, and a mystery worker for their work on flower beds.

SERVING ON AUGUST 30 & 31

SATURDAY EVENING: Glenn Banke, JoAnne VanBuren

EARLY CHURCH: Scott Norris, Deborah Adams, Hope Murray, Gayle Hendershot, Leslie Smith, Lisa Serron

LATE CHURCH: Jenny Tessendorf, Sandy Smith, Andy, Amanda, Jared & Elliot Reding, Tammy Beattie, Jill Persson, Dave & Sandy Pittenger, Steve & Cindy Hemingway, Merrick Tessendorf-Khan, Jacki Scheib, Greg Quinn, Ron Chapman

WHAT'S HAPPENING

PRAY AROUND THE SCHOOLS

It's that time of year again! Students head off to an exciting new year. Teachers, other staff and support persons as well. Prayer cards are offered, available at the greeters and ushers station, to help each of us focus on prayer for a particular student, age or grade and/or district for the upcoming school year.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD (OCC) IS BACK!

What is OCC? It is an amazing opportunity to spread the love of Jesus to children around the world!



We will be creating 120 "shoe boxes" this year with items from the approved list to be delivered just after Thanksgiving. Right now we are focusing on bar soap and soap boxes—if this is something you can assist with—you can drop your items in the OCC box in the coat room—right next to the CCIA box-or reach out to Tammy Beattie (585-402-4980) or Jared Reding at: RedingJaredm@gmail.com Look for our chart and video coming out soon! Thank you for your support as we witness to the world

as instructed by our Lord Jesus: (2 Corinthians 5:20) *“So we are Christ’s ambassadors; God is making his appeal through us. We speak for Christ when we plead, “Come back to God!”*

MEET WITH THE GOEHRINGS, SAT. SEPT. 6

Did you know that the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod sponsors missionaries? They do! Ben and Ella Goehring, a nice young couple who worship at St. Paul Lutheran in Clarence, NY will be serving our Lord as missionaries in Romania beginning in November. They have agreed to come and share with us their plans and the excitement of their call. They will join us on Saturday, Sept. 6th after worship. They will talk for approximately 30 minutes and answer any questions you might have. Then we will have a cookies and punch reception.



If you would be able to provide cookies and/or plan to attend, please sign up on your connection card or the Wittenberg Door.

SUNDAY SCHOOL KICK OFF CELEBRATION, SEPTEMBER 7!



Come join the fun as kick off a new year of Sunday School! Our theme this year will be **“You are a Piece of God’s Plan”** and, like the classes, this party is for all ages. There will be food (hot dogs, chicken nuggets, ice cream sundaes) and fun (a photo booth, games with prizes and a surprise!) and of course fellowship!

An event like this does take a lot of hands to make it work. If you would like to have fun serving at the kick off, please sign up on your connection card or the Wittenberg Door.

And if you would like to make a contribution, please see Steve Hemingway.

NEW CLASSES BEGIN IN SEPTEMBER!

It may be hard to believe but September is right around the corner and there will be many opportunities for growth as classes resume. For classes that offer the opportunity to purchase a book/study guide, orders will be placed in just a few weeks.

BOOKS WILL BE ORDERED EARLY THIS WEEK! PLEASE SIGN UP OR CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE IF YOU WISH TO RECEIVE A BOOK FOR ANY CLASS.

- **Monday afternoons at 1 PM begins Sept. 8th:** “Twelve Ordinary Men”, a study of the disciples. The cost of the book is \$10, and is recommended, but not necessary.
- **Tuesday mornings at 10 AM begins Sept. 9th:** “Life Guide Bible Series: Luke”, the cost of the study guide is \$10, and is optional

Sunday School classes for children and adults:

- **Join Sandy Voigt’s Class in it study of the Gospel of John.** Our class is finishing its study of the Gospel of John by Warren Wiersbe and it ISN’T too late to join!
We are in the final chapters of John’s insights into Jesus. Come join us!
This study will run through to Thanksgiving and then the class will choose another study.
(A book can be ordered for you. The cost of the book is \$10)
- **Jill Persson’s class will be studying *Jeremiah, Lamentations: A Comprehensive Verse-by-Verse Exploration of the Bible* by Barbara Ferguson.** According to the study guide we will explore "speaking for God, desire for revenge, being angry with God, covenants, human nature, what to hope in and power". The cost of the book is \$15.
- **Bob Smith’s class will be studying the version of Holy Week and Jesus’ resurrection found in the Gospel of Mark.** After Thanksgiving, this class will study 1 & 2 Thessalonians – the Gospel of the End Times. These are Bible studies, no additional books are needed.

**SPIRITUAL WARFARE CLASS WITH PASTOR STEVE AND CATHIE
SUNDAYS AFTER LATE WORSHIP**

Join Pastor Steve and Cathie Geske for an in-depth look at what the Bible has to say about spiritual warfare and putting on the whole armor of God on Sundays after late service. This class is an intense look at the scriptures and what it means to actively work against the fiery darts of the enemy and how to protect ourselves and our families against the devil as he prowls around like a lion seeking whom he can devour. This class will begin on Sunday, Sept. 14th and will start approximately 15 minutes after late service lets out. We will meet weekly unless there is another meeting begin held at the same time. Please bring a bible (any translation you prefer) and lunch with you as this class will last approximately 1 – 1 ½ hours each week depending on

the specific topic. Questions? Call Cathie at 585-369-5696 or email her at mrspastor1977@yahoo.com.

STAMPIN UP! WITH NANCY BURT-PREECE

Nancy Burt-Preece leads a stamp class every month at Good Shepherd. You don't have to have any prior experience with stamping. Just bring adhesive (tape runner or craft glue) and scissors. The cost is \$20 for 4 projects. Plus we make up extras for the Good Shepherd card ministry. Please email Nancy for any questions and to pre-register: nancyburtpreece@gmail.com. The next two classes will be held on August 30 & Sept. 6 at 10 AM.

2026 OFFERING ENVELOPES

2026? Are we crazy? Well, not really. In order to avoid a delay in receiving offering envelopes for next year, we should place our order soon. With that in mind...

If you already receive offering envelopes and would like to continue doing so, you don't need to do a thing!

- If you currently receive offering envelopes, but have chosen to give your offering electronically or via some other method so you won't need them next year, please let us know.
- If you are not currently using offering envelopes, but you would like them for 2026, let us know and we will be sure that you get them.

****If you do not currently have offering envelopes, but would like to have them for the rest of 2025, we can provide you with a set of envelopes, just notify the office.



Please see your connection card if you would like to make a change. Thank you.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU...

It is time for Pastor Steve to get to know as many people in the congregation as possible. There will be sessions for 8-12 people in the next weeks and months, after Saturday and Sunday late services, and during the week day and evening. This is a chance for the congregation to ask questions of Pastor (and Cathie when possible) and for him to know people better. Sign up sheets for the dates in August are on the Wittenburg Door. Please take a moment to choose a time.

THERE IS STILL ROOM!



Do you know anyone who is looking for preschool for their 3 or 4 year old child? There are still some spaces available for registering for this year's LL class! Wednesday's are FULL! . Word of mouth is the best advertising so be sure to share the news! Contact the office quickly to get your Lamb registered!

SUPPORT

A THOUGHT FROM THE PRAYER TEAM "Everyday Disciples, Sharing Christ, Changing Lives!" Gathering, Growing, Giving, Going

In our area we are fast approaching the 2025 fall opening of schools of higher learning, followed quickly by local school districts welcoming students back through the doors. Schools in other areas of the country and world have already started.... some in homeschool learn year-round. Together we can pray for each student, educator and any other staff to be safe and work to their potential while making good choices and being kind.

Pray Around the Schools prayer cards for you to take home, to help you to remember to pray, will be available on the Ushers' Table and the Host Station. Simply choose a student(s), teacher or other school employee and/or a school district or school of higher learning to pray for throughout the upcoming school year. Feel free to write on the prayer poster, in this year's color, to add to last year's prayers.

This week let's focus our prayers on those entering colleges, trade schools.
"Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it."
Proverbs 22:6

For a better understanding read the surrounding verses

****Check out the prayer resources in the prayer room. Prayer Shawls are available should you desire to have one or wish to gift one to someone you know**

CCIA UPDATE

Summer is nearly over and even during these busy months of family vacations, reunions, graduations, weddings and the like—you still showed up!

We have an amazing church family that truly takes care of others and are good servants of Christ, caring for our less fortunate neighbors. Matthew 22:39 reminds us of this, “A second (commandment) is equally important: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’



As you may recall, I offered to do the shopping for you...and many have responded to that call. We have some “regulars” who give money every month and also a VERY generous donor recently—I can’t list names as I don’t know who they are—but YOU know who you are and more importantly JESUS knows.

Items running low at the food pantry are: Pasta (anything type except for spaghetti), Cereal, Canned veggies and fruit. ***Can you help our neighbors?*** Put your food donations in the CCIA box in the coat room, or a note in my mailbox. God bless you for being a blessing to others!

Your food donations can be placed in the wooden box labeled CCIA under the Mission counter in the coat room. Thanks in advance for being a good servant!

COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

FAMILY PROMISE GOLF TOURNAMENT, SEPT. 6



On Saturday, Sept. 6, Family Promise of Ontario County will host their third annual *Golf to End Family Homelessness* tournament at The Winged Pheasant Golf Course in Shortsville, NY.

PLEASE CONSIDER SUPPORTING THE MISSION

Below are a few ways that you can help us make this a successful event:

- Donate a raffle basket or an item that we can use as a raffle. Please contact JoAnne VanBuren (585 398-2987) or sign up on your connection card. **Baskets need to be brought to church by August 31.**
- Enter a team (or register as an individual) to play in the tournament. The cost is \$100 per person to play, which includes 18 holes of golf, cart, lunch, and dinner. For details visit: <https://birdease.com/familypromise>
- Become a sponsor: Sponsor levels range from \$200 - \$5,000. (contact JoAnne VanBuren).

ONTARIO CARES POP-UP FOOD PANTRY



There will be pop-up food pantries held at the Town of Canandaigua Highway Dept. Barn, 5440 Route 5 & 20, Canandaigua (use the Buffalo St. entrance) on the following Mondays beginning at 10 AM and lasting until the food is gone:

August 25, September 22, October 20, November 17 & December 15

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SERVING OUR LORD SATURDAY EVENING

ELDER	Jenny Tessendorf
A/V	Glenn Banke
ALTAR CARE	JoAnne VanBuren

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SERVING OUR LORD AT 8 AM

ELDER	Nola Trost
A/V TEAM	Matt Meyers
LECTOR	Laura Ouimette
ALTAR CARE	Tracy Romano
COMMUNION ASSISTANT	Greg Trost
USHER	Vince Romano
GREETERS	Lisa Serron

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SERVING OUR LORD AT 11 AM

ELDER	Kathy Chapman
SERVICE SHEPHERD	Bob Smith
A/V TEAM	Andy & Amanda Reding
LECTOR	Merrick Teseendorf-Khan
ACOLTYE	Addy Modzel
ALTAR CARE	Christine Davis
KID'S WORSHIP	Kelly Brainard-Nichols
COMMUNION ASSISTANT	Ian Reding
USHER	Easton Modzel
GREETER	Jim & Joyce Wicker, Sandy Voigt
HOST	Doc Tessendorf
OPENERS & CLOSERS	Lisa Serron/Ron Chapman

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE **August 30 & 31, 2025**

Saturday	5:30 PM	Worship/Holy Communion
Sunday	8 AM	Worship/Holy Communion
	11 AM	Worship/Holy Communion

THE PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION

****If you have placed someone on the prayer list, please let us know if they need to be removed. We would love to add their names to the prayers of rejoicing or pray for their family if they have passed away. Thank you.**

PRAYER BIDS FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK

August 23 & 24, 2025

Connected to Good Shepherd directly: Bill & Judy Ballway & Gary Paradise & Steve Hemingway & Jean Bucher & Terry Henninger & Steve & Barb Schneider & Joe Benivegna & Brian & Bev Edwards & Family & Bev Carlson & Maryanna Chard & Jim Wicker & Marlene Pawlukewicz & Bill Fuge & Fran Beswick & Dorothy Castle & Leon & Theresa Pfuntner & Bart Adams & Sharon Ridley & Karen Schumacher & Mari Dibble & Kathey Drennan & Donna Allhusen & Jonathan Allhusen & Karen Lenz & Tierney Bristol & Mary Ann Menge & Delores Furnum & Pam Rood & Shirley Perryman

Connected to Good Shepherd by family or friendship: Pat Gunn, Mark Gunn, Tashi Benivegna, Kerri Eames, Ruthee Krop, family & friends of Benivegna'; Bob & Barbara Muller, Barbara Skillman, Ruth Boselli & Wendy Carrier, family & friend of Mullers, Bill Rifenburg, Deb Reding & Larry Almeter, friend & family of Andy & Amanda Reding; Wes Utter, Steve Cochrane, Charlene Johnson, Carol Caskey & Cheryl, family & friends of Don & Gayle Hendershot; Connie Pruden & John Dlugos, daughter & friend of the Bart & Deborah Adams; Alex, grandson of Ken & Barbara Barnes; Donna & Jonathan Allhusen, daughter & son of Mary; Marsha Johnson, Theresa Pulver family & friends of Terry & Linda Savage; Lin S., Mike L., & Kathy Fox, friends & family of Sandy Voigt;

Julie Gray, Baby Lucas, friends of Mark & Lisa Serron; Joyce Willard, aunt of Charlotte Chrysler; Jackson Coston, great-great grandson of Kathey Drennan; John & Sandy Beatty, Allison Sacheli & Kitty Braddon, friends of Bill Fuge; Dawn Lucas, daughter of Bill & Judy Ballway; Sara Romano, s-i-l of Vince and Tracy Romano; Chris Shepherd, friend of Jill Persson; Erin Smith Bernard & Chris Wyant, daughter & friend of Bob & Sandy Smith; Paige Bianchi, s-i-l of Mike & Stephanie Cheney; Blain Tiller, Mark Carey, Teresa, family and friend of Tammy Beattie; Sydnee, Dale Tomlin, Ben Cramer, friends & family of Pete & Kerri Ellison; Brooks Wehnke, nephew of Laura Ouimette; Bev Wicher, wife of Rev. Dr. Chris Wicher (Eastern District President Emeritus); Stan Klimeczko, brother of Mike; Ernie Cratsley, Theresa Thompson, Arlene Lead, family and friend of Leon & Theresa Pfuntner; Derek Pittenger, son of Dave & Sandy; Lorna Frennette & Lalia Nichols, aunt & mother of Cliff & Kelly Nichols; Garrison Ball, son of Rev. Mark (St. Paul, Hilton) and Leslie Ball; GH, friend of many; Chelsea Ellis, daughter/step-daughter of John & Cindy Marino; Mike Tigie & Linda Chapman, friend & family of Chapmans; Joe Lewis, father of Jay Powell; Greg Zeuge, friend

of Glenn Banke; **Ronda Stiles**, friend of Leon & Theresa Pfuntner; **Sue Wagner & Mathais**, friends of Gary & Colleen Paradise; **Belle Browne**, friend of Pastor Steve & Cathie Geske; **Brian Torres**, friend of Richard & Sudy Landholm; **Anne Flannery**, cousin of Annie Roxburgh; **Bob Bassage**, brother of Bev Edwards; **Charles Bucher**, brother of Jean Bucher; **Nora Swatly**, sister-in-law of Fred Salvagni; **Lucy Stanley**, aunt of Cindy Hemingway; **Kathy Harris**, friend of Nola Trost; **Kian**, friend of Hannah Battaglia; **Annie McGee**, friend of Greg Quinn; **Alan Vossler**, friend of Steve & Cindy Hemingway

Call on Me in the day of trouble;
I will rescue you,
and you shall honor
and glorify Me.”
Psalms 50:15



In our **PRAYERS** we remember:

- **Phyllis Granger** – friend of Zagata's and Hemingway's
- **Ronald Baley** – father of Ron Baley
- **Pastoral Vacancies** for Rochester South Circuit 7
- **For God to gather many into His kingdom**
- **For the church and preaching of the Word**
- **For students, staff, and faculty as they return to school**
- **For bold witness of the church**
- **For those who travel or move**
- **For those who serve or protect**
- **For those who commune today**
- **For the church to embolden her witness**