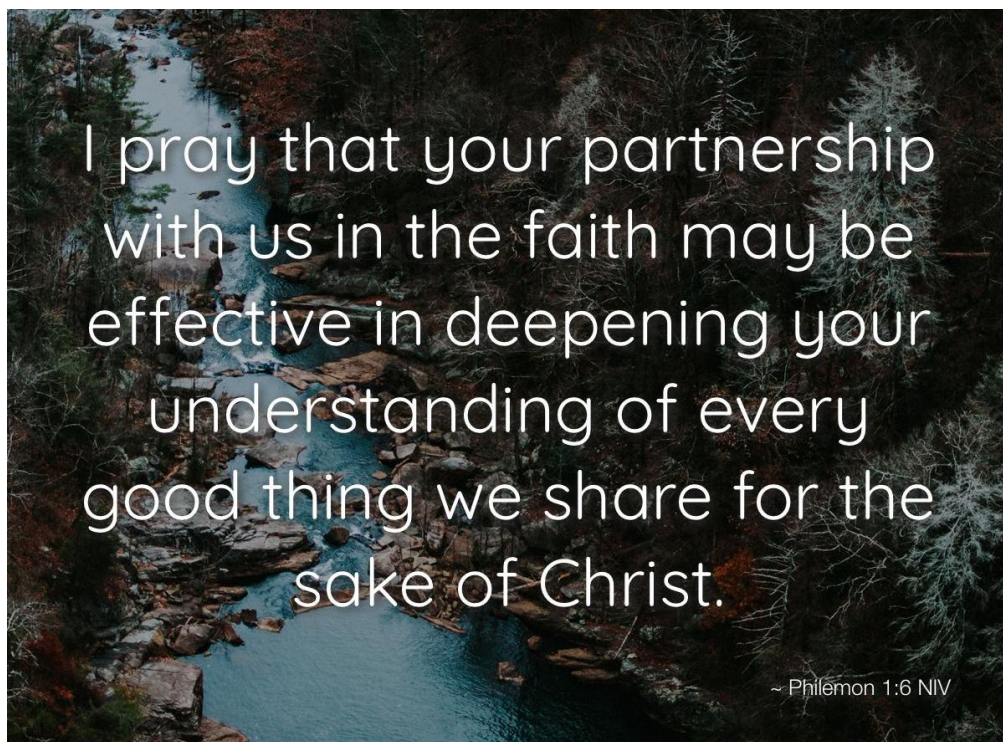


# *Good Shepherd* LUTHERAN CHURCH

## **EVERYDAY DISCIPLES**



I pray that your partnership  
with us in the faith may be  
effective in deepening your  
understanding of every  
good thing we share for the  
sake of Christ.

~ Philémon 1:6 NIV

## **THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**September 6 & 7, 2025**

**SHARING CHRIST, CHANGING LIVES!**

Gathering, Growing, Giving, Going

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**ALTAR FLOWERS FOR TODAY** are given to the Glory of God in honor of Slade & Shawna Tiller's wedding by Bob & Sandy Smith.

LSB 707, Blue 12, Red 435, LSB 649, LSB 698

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

# THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 7<sup>th</sup>, Anno Domini (The Year of Our LORD) 2025

## ✝ Preparation ✝

### Welcome and Connection Cards

Opening Hymn - LSB 707 - “Oh, That the LORD Would Guide My Ways”

*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 119: 28 - 32; antiphon: v. 27*

**P** Make me understand the way of your precepts,  
and I will meditate on your wondrous works.  
My soul melts away for sorrow;  
strengthen me according to your word!  
Put false ways far from me  
and graciously teach me your law!  
I have chosen the way of faithfulness;  
I set your just decrees before me.  
I cling to your testimonies, O LORD;  
let me not be put to shame!  
I will run in the way of your commandments  
when you enlarge my heart!

**All: 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.**

**P** Make me understand the way of your precepts,  
and I will meditate on your wondrous works.

## Kyrie

LSB 168

**A** In peace let us pray to the LORD.

**C** LORD, have mercy.

**A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the LORD.

**C** LORD, have mercy.

**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the LORD.

**C** LORD, have mercy.

**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the LORD.

**C** LORD, have mercy.

**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious LORD.

**C** Amen.

## This Is the Feast

LSB 171



**A** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



**C** Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,



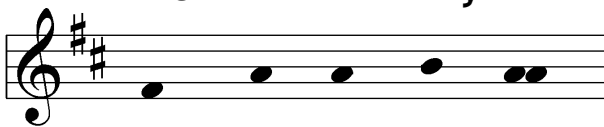
whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.



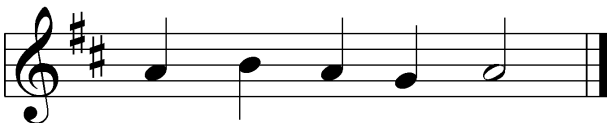
Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and strength and

hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are His.  
 This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le -  
 lu - ia. Sing with all the peo - ple of  
 God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:  
 Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and might be to  
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.  
 This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God,  
 for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun His reign.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al - so with you.

**P** Let us pray.

O merciful LORD, You did not spare Your only Son but delivered Him up for us all. Grant us courage and strength to take up the cross and follow Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

*Sit*

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

## Old Testament Reading

*Deuteronomy 30:15–20*

<sup>15</sup>“See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil.

<sup>16</sup>If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you today, by loving the LORD your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you

shall live and multiply, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. <sup>17</sup>But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, <sup>18</sup>I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. <sup>19</sup>I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, <sup>20</sup>loving the LORD your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.”

**A/L** This is the Word of the LORD.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Psalm

*Psalm 1; antiphon: v. 6*

<sup>1</sup>Blessèd is the man  
    who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,  
nor stands in the way of sinners,  
    nor sits in the seat of scoffers;  
<sup>2</sup>but his delight is in the law of the LORD,  
    and on his law he meditates day and night.  
<sup>3</sup>He is like a tree  
    planted by streams of water  
that yields its fruit in its season,  
    and its leaf does not wither.  
In all that he does, he prospers.  
<sup>4</sup>The wicked are not so,  
    but are like chaff that the wind drives away.  
<sup>5</sup>Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,  
    nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;  
<sup>6</sup>for the LORD knows the way of the righteous.



## Epistle Reading

*Philemon 1 - 21*

<sup>1</sup>Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,  
To Philemon our beloved fellow worker <sup>2</sup>and Apphia our sister and  
Archippus our fellow soldier, and the church in your house:

<sup>3</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the LORD Jesus  
Christ.

<sup>4</sup>I thank my God always when I remember you in my prayers,  
<sup>5</sup>because I hear of your love and of the faith that you have toward the LORD  
Jesus and all the saints, <sup>6</sup>and I pray that the sharing of your faith may become  
effective for the full knowledge of every good thing that is in us for the sake  
of Christ. <sup>7</sup>For I have derived much joy and comfort from your love, my  
brother, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you.

<sup>8</sup>Accordingly, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to  
do what is required, <sup>9</sup>yet for love's sake I prefer to appeal to you—I, Paul, an  
old man and now a prisoner also for Christ Jesus— <sup>10</sup>I appeal to you for my  
child, Onesimus, whose father I became in my imprisonment. <sup>11</sup>(Formerly he  
was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me.) <sup>12</sup>I am  
sending him back to you, sending my very heart. <sup>13</sup>I would have been glad to  
keep him with me, in order that he might serve me on your behalf during my  
imprisonment for the gospel, <sup>14</sup>but I preferred to do nothing without your  
consent in order that your goodness might not be by compulsion but of your  
own free will. <sup>15</sup>For this perhaps is why he was parted from you for a while,  
that you might have him back forever, <sup>16</sup>no longer as a slave but more than a  
slave, as a beloved brother—especially to me, but how much more to you,  
both in the flesh and in the LORD.

<sup>17</sup>So if you consider me your partner, receive him as you would  
receive me. <sup>18</sup>If he has wronged you at all, or owes you anything, charge that  
to my account. <sup>19</sup>I, Paul, write this with my own hand: I will repay it—to say  
nothing of your owing me even your own self. <sup>20</sup>Yes, brother, I want some  
benefit from you in the LORD. Refresh my heart in Christ.

<sup>21</sup>Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will  
do even more than I say.

**A/L** This is the Word of the LORD.

## **C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

### Alleluia and Verse

*LSB 173*

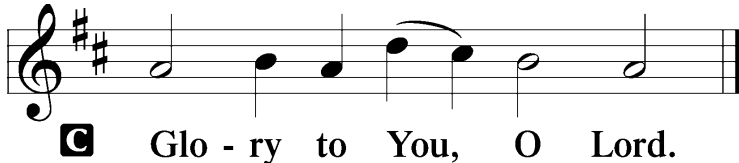


**C** Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

### Holy Gospel

*Luke 14: 25-35*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fourteenth chapter.



**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

<sup>25</sup>Now great crowds accompanied [Jesus], and he turned and said to them, <sup>26</sup>“If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. <sup>27</sup>Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. <sup>28</sup>For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? <sup>29</sup>Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, <sup>30</sup>saying, ‘This man began to build and was not able to finish.’ <sup>31</sup>Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who

comes against him with twenty thousand? <sup>32</sup>And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. <sup>33</sup>So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.

<sup>34</sup>“Salt is good, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? <sup>35</sup>It is of no use either for the soil or for the manure pile. It is thrown away. He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the LORD.



*Sit*

## Hymn of the Day - Blue 12 - “Bind Us Together”

**Sermon**

*"Onesimus"*

*Philemon 1*

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

**MEMORY VERSE: “I pray that your partnership with us in the faith may be effective in deepening your understanding of every good thing we share for the sake of Christ.” Philemon 1: 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.

*Following the prayers, the people may greet 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*

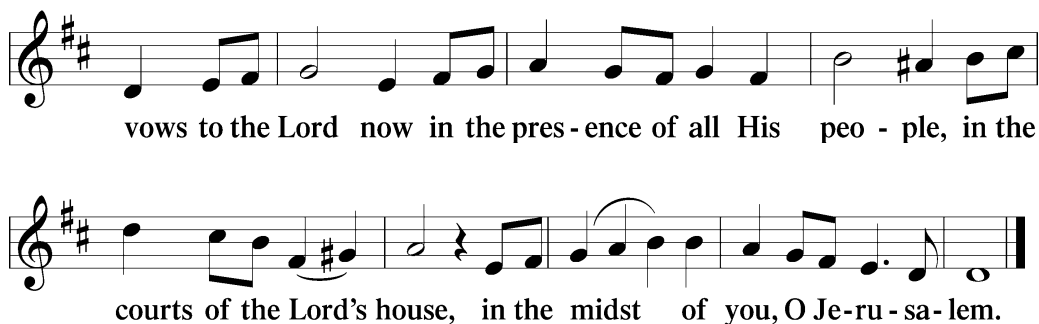


**C** What shall I ren - der to the Lord for all His ben - e-fits to

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



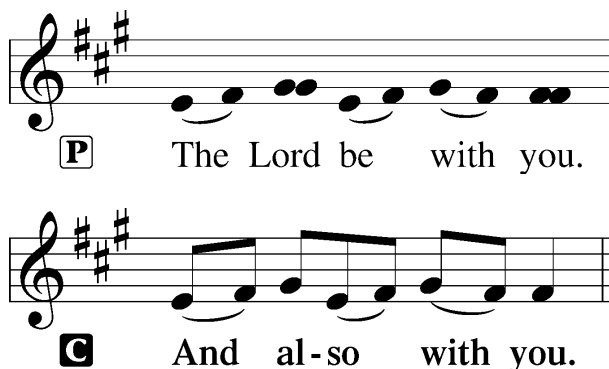
## ✠ Service of the Sacrament ✠

*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.*

*Stand*

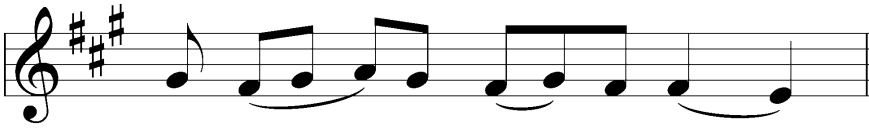
### Preface

*LSB 177*





**P** Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them to the Lord.



**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

**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*



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of



## 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.”

## 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;



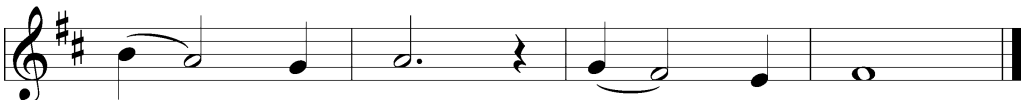
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the



sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of



God, You take a - way the sin of the world;



grant us peace, grant us peace.

*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:**

Red 435 – “LORD Speak to Me”

LSB 649 – “Blest Be the Tie that Binds”

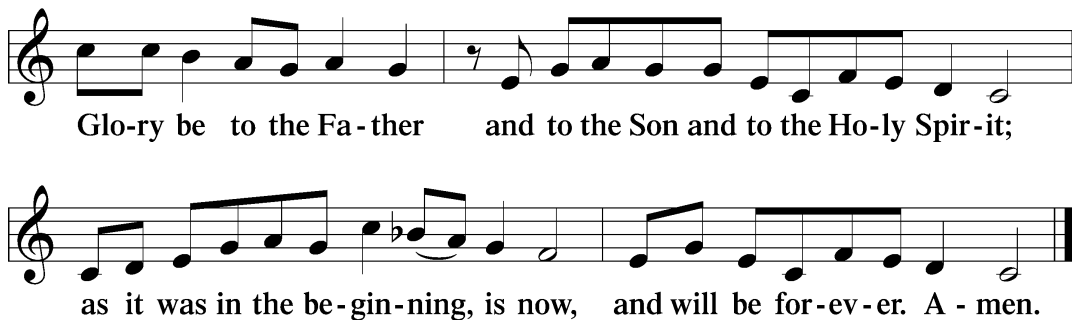
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## **Communion Dismissal**

### **Nunc Dimittis**

*LSB 182*

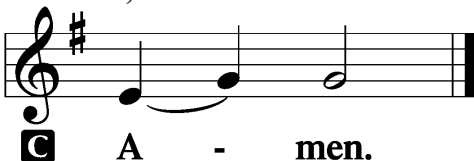
Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va-tion which You have prepared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to reveal You to the na-tions and the glo-ry of Your peo-ple Is - ra - el.



## 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

*LSB 183*

**A** 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.

**C** Amen.

*Sit*

## Announcements

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

*Stand*

**Closing Hymn - LSB 698 - “May We Your Precepts LORD Fulfill”**

*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
  - △** 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 September 7 - 14, 2025 (at church unless noted)**

Sunday: Worship/Communion, 8 AM & 11 AM  
Prayer Shawls, 12:30 PM  
**Sunday School Kick Off! 12:30 – 2:30 PM**

Monday: Women's Bible Study, 1 PM

Tuesday: Bible Study, 9:30 AM  
Vision Team Mtg, 6 PM

Saturday: Worship/Communion, 5:30 PM

Sunday: Worship/Communion, 8 AM & 11 AM  
Sunday School, 9:30 AM  
Prayer Shawls, 12:30 PM  
Prayer Team Meeting, 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 Beniveгна, 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 Dave Pittenger and Greg Trost for mowing the lawn this past week and Sandy Voigt, JoAnn Pilecki, and a mystery worker for their work on flower beds.

### SERVING ON SEPTEMBER 13 & 14

**SATURDAY EVENING:** Gail Herman, Marcus Battaglia, Glenn Banke, JoAnne VanBuren

**EARLY CHURCH:** Richard Landholm, Marcus Battaglia, Matt Meyers, Karyl Hammond, Hope Murray, Bob & Barbara Jauch, Terry & Linda Savage

**LATE CHURCH:** Tammy Beattie, Cindy Hemingway, Sandy Voigt, Andy & Amanda Reding, Jenny Tessendorf, Amanda & Addy Modzel, Kathey Drennan, Jill Persson, Katherine Costigan, Dean Bugenhagen, Christine Davis, Jacki Scheib, Greg Quinn, Doc Tessendorf

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

### SUNDAY SCHOOL KICK OFF CELEBRATION, SEPTEMBER 7!



Even if you didn't sign up, you can still 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! If you would like to make a contribution, please see Steve Hemingway.

### STAINED GLASS WINDOW PROJECT UPDATE!

At the worship services on September 20 and 21, there will be an update on the stained glass project. Come see one of the images for the windows and hear about our plans for the coming month. This presentation will be made at each of the services and we'll be glad to answer whatever questions you have.

### 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](mailto: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!”*

## 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.

- **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 soon and will start approximately 15 minutes after late service lets out. Watch your bulletin for the exact start date. 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](mailto:mrspastor1977@yahoo.com).

### **2026 OFFERING ENVELOPES BEING ORDERED THIS WEEK!**

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 contact the church office if you would like to make a change. Thank you.

### **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**

We are fast approaching the 2025 fall opening of schools, learning centers and Sunday Christian Education. 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 remember to pray, will be available on the ushers station and the Host station. Simply choose a student(s), teacher or other school employee and/or a school district or school or of higher learning to pray for throughout the upcoming school year.

This week let's focus our prayers on the littlest ones. The ones hesitantly, or VERY excitedly walking into a preschool room for the first time ever... Others, a little older ... who are 'seasoned' students .... excited about seeing friends again after a long summer and who will be in their class this year! *Lets also ask for guidance from the Holy Spirit for when and where each of us can engage in Bible Study. Several Sunday School and other Bible study options are offered right here at Good Shepherd.*

**“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**

**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:  
**September 22, October 20, November 17 & December 15**

**LEARN HOW TO COMMUNICATE WITH YOUR SPOUSE IN A WHOLE NEW WAY!**

Registration is now open for the next ONLINE enrichment, November 14 - 16, 2025. Marriage Encounter *ONLINE* via Zoom.com (Central Standard Time). You can participate privately from your home or anywhere that affords you privacy as a couple.

Apply Now or Learn More at [GodLovesMarriage.org](http://GodLovesMarriage.org)! Questions? Contact Randy & Jill Sigler via email, [info@godlovesmarriage.org](mailto:info@godlovesmarriage.org), or call 402-560-3475. Pre-registration is required to send you the materials you'll need for your experience via snail mail – don't miss out!

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**SERVING OUR LORD SATURDAY EVENING**

ELDER	Nola Trost
ASSISTING MINISTER	Marcus Battaglia
A/V	Greg Trost
ALTAR CARE	Lisa Serron

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**SERVING OUR LORD AT 8 AM**

ELDER	Gail Herman
ASSISTING MINISTER	Marcus Battaglia
A/V TEAM	Jim McGuire
LECTOR	Laura Ouimette
ALTAR CARE	Lisa Serron
COMMUNION ASSISTANT	Deborah Adams
USHER	Melanie McGuire
GREETERS	Fred Salvagni

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**SERVING OUR LORD AT 11 AM**

ELDER	Jenny Tessendorf
ASSISTING MINISTER	Bob Smith
SERVICE SHEPHERD	Sandy Smith
A/V TEAM	Andy & Amanda Reding
LECTOR	Kathy Chapman
ACOLTYE	Easton Modzel
ALTAR CARE	Annie Roxburgh
KID’S WORSHIP	Kelly Bainard-Nichols
COMMUNION ASSISTANT	Tammy Beattie
USHER	Ron Chapman
GREETER	Pete & Kerri Ellison, Hugh Shipley
HOST	John & JoAnn Pilecki
OPENERS & CLOSERS	Lisa Serron/Doc Tessendorf

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**WORSHIP SCHEDULE** **Sept 12 & 13, 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

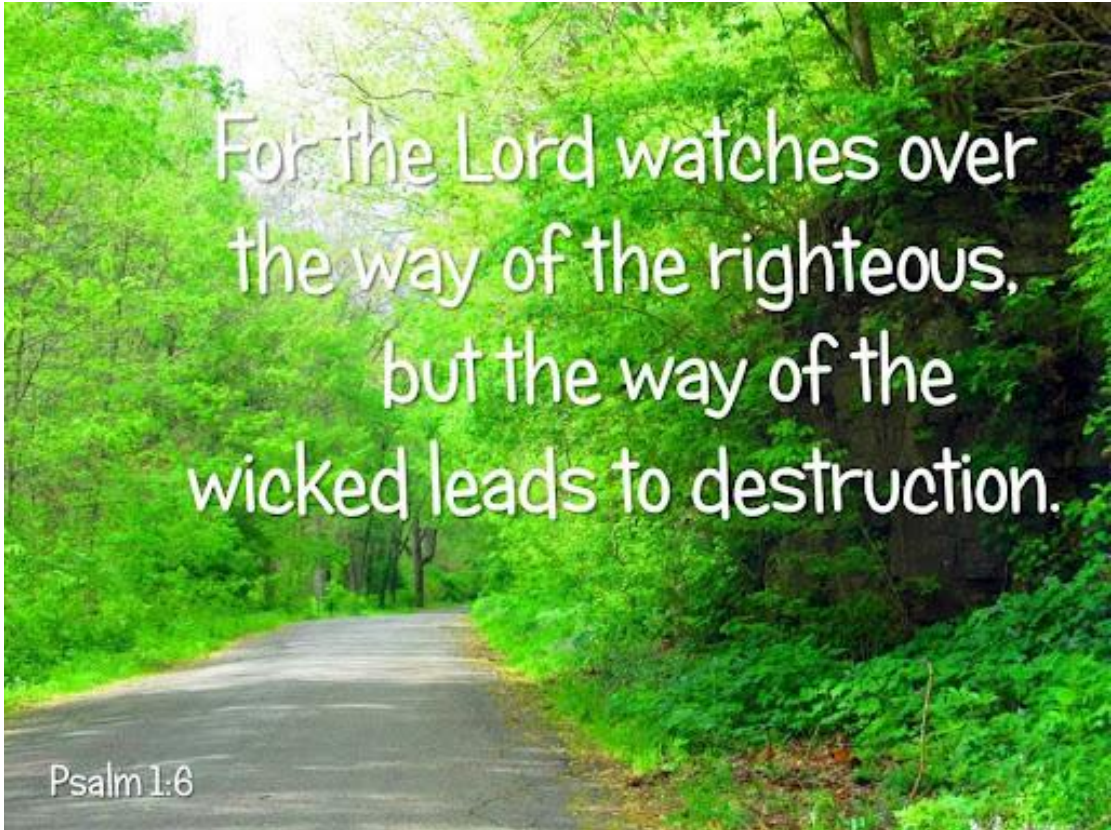
**September 6 & 7, 2025**

**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 & Jak, friends & 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, MaryBeth Waterstram, friends & family 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; **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; **Phyllis Granger**, friend of Zagata's and Hemingway's;



In our **PRAYERS** we remember:

- **Brandon, Isabella & their unborn baby, friends of Tammy Beattie**
- **Rejoicing in the healing of Ronald Baley**
- **For the families of:**
  - **Edna Gentry, sister-in-law of Sandy Pittenger who died recently.**
  - **Jackson Mumbe, friend of Parker & Carter Brahm, who died this past week.**
- **Blessings on the marriage of Slade & Shawna Tiller, who were married this weekend**
- **For us to salt and light in a dark world**
- **For those who lead in the Church**
- **For marriage and family to be blessed**
- **For our government and the nations**
- **For those who suffer among us**
- **For those who commune today**
- **For our prayers and those of the church universal to be heard until Jesus comes in power**