

Good Shepherd LUTHERAN CHURCH

EVERYDAY DISCIPLES



No one can serve two masters

Either you will love the one and hate the other
or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other
You cannot serve both God and money

Matthew 6:24 NIV

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 20 & 21, 2025

SHARING CHRIST, CHANGING LIVES!

Gathering, Growing, Giving, Going

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP TODAY! In our second reading for today, Paul writes to Timothy, “I want men everywhere to lift up holy hands in prayer, without anger or disputing.” Paul could certainly be writing to us today. There is so much anger and violence all around us. In many cases we are far removed from the situation and may think that there is nothing we can do. But with these words Paul reminds us that there is always something we can do – we can pray! 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: Luke 16: 1 - 15 and/or Memorize: : Luke 16: 13

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ORDER OF SERVICE

Divine Service, Setting Two

HYMNS:

LSB 907, Blue 5, Handout, LSB 641, Handout

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

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

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 21th, Anno Domini (The Year of Our LORD) 2025

✝ Preparation ✝

Welcome and Connection Cards

Opening Hymn - LSB 907 - “God Himself is Present”

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.

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

Introit

Psalm 119: 137 – 140, 142; antiphon: 144

ז TSADHE*

*ז ‘Tsadhe’ (TSAH-dee) (ז when written at the end of a word) is the eighteenth letter of the Hebrew alphabet. The pictograph for Tsadhe looks something like a man on his side (representing need), whereas the classical Hebrew script is constructed of a (bent) Nun (‘n’) with an ascending Yod (‘y’). Psalm 119 is an acrostic poem where each line of each stanza begins with the same letter, and each stanza (letter) praises God for His law (Torah) and His word. The Psalm for today is part of the “Ts” section.

P Your testimonies are righteous forever;
give me understanding that I may live.
Righteous are you, O LORD,
and right are your just decrees.
You have appointed your testimonies in righteousness
and in all faithfulness.
My zeal consumes me,
because my foes forget your words.
Your promise is well tried,
and your servant loves it.
Your righteousness is righteous forever,
and your law is true.

**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 Your testimonies are righteous forever;
give me understanding that I may live.

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.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The LORD be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

O LORD, keep Your Church in Your perpetual mercy; and because without You we cannot but fall, preserve us from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our LORD, 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 Annie Roxburgh in the Gathering Space.

Old Testament Reading

Amos 8:4-7

⁴Hear this, you who trample on the needy
and bring the poor of the land to an end,
⁵saying, “When will the new moon be over,
that we may sell grain?
And the Sabbath,
that we may offer wheat for sale,
that we may make the ephah small and the shekel great
and deal deceitfully with false balances,
⁶that we may buy the poor for silver
and the needy for a pair of sandals
and sell the chaff of the wheat?”
⁷The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob:
“Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.”

A/L This is the Word of the LORD.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalms

Psalms 113; antiphon: v. 3

P/A ¹Praise the LORD!

Praise, O servants of the LORD,
praise the Name of the LORD!

²Blessèd be the Name of the LORD
from this time forth and forevermore!

³From the rising of the sun to its setting,
the Name of the LORD is to be praised!

⁴The LORD is high above all nations,
and his glory above the heavens!
⁵Who is like the LORD our God,
who is seated on high,
⁶who looks far down
on the heavens and the earth?
⁷He raises the poor from the dust
and lifts the needy from the ash heap,
⁸to make them sit with princes,
with the princes of his people.
⁹He gives the barren woman a home,
making her the joyous mother
of children. Praise the LORD!

Epistle Reading

1 Timothy 2: 1 - 15

¹First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, ²for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. ³This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, ⁶who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time. ⁷For this I was appointed a preacher and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

⁸I desire then that in every place the men should pray, lifting holy hands without anger or quarrel; ⁹likewise also that women should adorn themselves in respectable apparel, with modesty and self-control, not with braided hair and gold or pearls or costly attire, ¹⁰but with what is proper for women who profess godliness—with good works. ¹¹Let a woman learn quietly with all submissiveness. ¹²I do not permit a woman to teach or to exercise authority over a man; rather, she is to remain quiet. ¹³For Adam was formed first, then Eve; ¹⁴and Adam was not

deceived, but the woman was deceived and became a transgressor.
¹⁵Yet she will be saved through childbearing—if they continue in faith and love and holiness, with self-control.

A/L This is the Word of the LORD.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Verse of the Day

1 Timothy 2: 5 – 6a

All: Alleluia! For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all. Alleluia!

Holy Gospel

Luke 16: 1 - 15

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

C Glory to You, O LORD.

¹[Jesus] also said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his possessions. ²And he called him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your management, for you can no longer be manager.’ ³And the manager said to himself, ‘What shall I do, since my master is taking the management away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴I have decided what to do, so that when I am removed from management, people may receive me into their houses.’ ⁵So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he said to the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ ⁶He said, ‘A hundred measures of oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.’ ⁷Then he said to another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He said, ‘A hundred measures of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and write eighty.’ ⁸The master commended the

dishonest manager for his shrewdness. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light. ⁹And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings.

¹⁰“One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. ¹¹If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹²And if you have not been faithful in that which is another’s, who will give you that which is your own? ¹³No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.”

¹⁴The Pharisees, who were lovers of money, heard all these things, and they ridiculed him. ¹⁵And he said to them, “You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts. For what is exalted among men is an abomination in the sight of God.”

P This is the Gospel of the LORD.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

Hymn of the Day - Blue 5 - “Ancient Words”

Sermon

"The Merciful Master"

Luke 16: 1 - 15

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

MEMORY VERSE: “No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.” Luke 16:13

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

Offertory Prayer

✠ 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 The LORD be with you.

C And also with you.

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 on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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
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



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



C 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:

Handout – “LORD I Need You”

LSB 641 – “You Satisfy the Hungry Heart”

Stand

Communion Dismissal

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.

C Amen.

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.

C Amen.

Sit

Announcements

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

Stand

Closing Hymn - Handout - “This Is Amazing Grace”

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.

Acknowledgments

Divine Service, Setting Two from Lutheran Service Book

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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 21 - 28, 2025 (at church unless noted)

Sunday: Worship/Communion, 8 AM & 11 AM
 Prayer Shawls, 12:30 PM
 Worship Team Meeting, 12:30 PM
 **Stained-glass Window Presentation

Monday: Women's Bible Study, 1 PM

Tuesday: Bible Study, 9:30 AM
 Church Council Meeting, 7 PM

Saturday: Worship/Communion, 5:30 PM
 Confirmation, 6:30 PM

Sunday: Worship/Communion, 8 AM & 11 AM
 Sunday School, 9:30 AM
 Prayer Shawls, 12:30 PM
 Worship Team Meeting, 12:30 PM
 Little Lambs Board 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 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 John Pilecki & Don Hendershot for mowing the lawn this past week and Sandy Voigt and JoAnn Pilecki, for their work on flower beds.

SERVING ON SEPTEMBER 27 & 28

SATURDAY EVENING: Marcus Battaglia, Mark Carlson, Debbie Chappelle

EARLY CHURCH: Karyl Hammond, Marcus Battaglia, Greg Trost, Scott Norris, Cindy Hemingway, Gayle Hendershot, Fred Salvagni, Leslie Smith

LATE CHURCH: Kathy Chapman, Sandy Voigt, Jacki Schieib, Andy, Amanda, & Ian Reding, Dave & Sandy Pittenger, Amanda Modzel, Kathey Drennan, Hugh Shipley, Ken & Barbara Barnes, Bob & Sandy Smith, Doc Tessendorf

SERVING IN OCTOBER

This week we will be working on the servers' scheduled for the month of October. If you plan to be away from worship any weekend, please let us know so that we do not schedule you to serve. Thank you.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

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.

COME AND SEE- BE A LITTLE LAMB VOLUNTEER THIS YEAR!

Volunteers are welcome to sign up to help in MANY ways this year , in Little Lambs! Pick up a volunteer form at the Host Station- fill it out- return it to “Miss Kelly’s” mailbox or drop it off at the office! There are SO many ways you can be a Little Lamb supporter this year!

PRAYER SHAWLS FOR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

We have a team committed to making beautiful prayer shawls, shawls that they pray over while they are being made and after completion. Please contact the office and let us know if you are or know a graduating HS Senior. We would like to offer them a prayer shawl in June as they graduate and move on to the next stage of their lives. Please share their name and favorite color(s). It may seem early to be requesting this information, but these shawls take time to make.

ADVENT IS COMING

It's not too soon to think about writing something for our Advent Devotion booklets. Look for more details to come, but remember you don't have to wait till the last minute. Any questions, ask Kathy Chapman or Jacki Scheib or any prayer team member.

NAME TAGS

Are you still waiting for a name tag? Did you now decide that you would really like one? If you would like a name tag, and you don't already have one, please sign up on your connection card. **Please be sure to print your name exactly as you would like it to appear on your name tag.**

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR – IT’S COMING SOONER THAN YOU THINK!

The Christmas Café and Bazaar is really just around the corner! In order to have a great sale, we need items to sell! There are pallets in the basement for your donations. Please remember that we cannot accept: accept TV's, computers or computer equipment, exercise equipment and items for babies that might have a recall such as cribs & car seats. For this sale, because we need the space to set up table for the café, we will not be accepting large furniture.

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!"*

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.

OPPORTUNITIES TO BE IN THE WORD

- **Monday afternoons at 1 PM** "Twelve Ordinary Men", a study of the disciples. The cost of the book is \$10, and is recommended, but not necessary. It's not too late to join!
- **Tuesday mornings at 10 AM:** "Life Guide Bible Series: Luke", the cost of the study guide is \$10, and is optional. It's not too late to join!

Sunday School classes for adults:

- **Join Sandy Voigt's Class in its study of the Gospel of John.** Our class is finishing its study. 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.

And of course, there is Sunday School for children!

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.

SUPPORT

A THOUGHT FROM THE PRAYER TEAM

“Everyday Disciples, Sharing Christ, Changing Lives!”

Gathering, Growing, Giving, Going

Sometimes we may feel what we can contribute is too small and goes unnoticed. While we may not be in a position of authority or public influence, God sees our quiet faithfulness. In the feeding of the 5,000, a boy offers his lunch, of five small barley loaves and two fish, to Jesus to help feed thousands of hungry people. Think about the backstory.... Who baked those five loaves? Who harvested and ground the barley? Who drew the water from the well and brought in the firewood to bake the loaves? It was likely the boy's mother or another family member, who lovingly baked bread for the family. Who wove the basket that the boy carried his lunch in? Did he have a cloth to cover it? It is unlikely that this family had any idea that their humble work and gracious offering would become part of one of Jesus' most well-known miracles and have such far reaching impact on the world.

It can be tempting to want to be in the spotlight and recognized for the work we do, but the story of the loaves and fishes reminds us that God often works through those who quietly and humbly serve behind the scenes. In your time with God this week, ask how you can be a part of His story.

“For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth.” 1 Corinthians 1:26

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

We have an amazing church family that truly takes care of others and are good servants of Christ, caring for our less fortunate neighbors through the donation of food items. As you may recall, I offered to do the shopping for you and I will continue to do so. Just put your gift in an envelope in Tammy Beattie's mailbox marked “CCIA”. **Items running low at the food pantry are: Pasta (anything type except for spaghetti), Cereal, Canned veggies and fruit.**

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!

SERVING OUR LORD SATURDAY EVENING

ELDER	Karyl Hammond
ASSISTING MINISTER	Marcus Battaglia
A/V	Glenn Banke
ALTAR CARE	JoAnne VanBuren

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SERVING OUR LORD AT 8 AM

ELDER	Bill Fuge
ASSISTING MINISTER	Marcus Battaglia
A/V TEAM	Richard Landholm
LECTOR	Brian Edwards
ALTAR CARE	Tracy Romano
COMMUNION ASSISTANT	Sudy Landholm
USHER	Vince Romano
GREETERS	Greg Trost

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SERVING OUR LORD AT 11 AM

ELDER	Jenny Tessendorf
ASSISTING MINISTER	Jill Persson
SERVICE SHEPHERD	Bob Smith
A/V TEAM	Andy & Amanda Reding
LECTOR	Cindy Hemingway
ACOLTYE	Elliot Reding
ALTAR CARE	Tommy Reding
KID'S WORSHIP	Annie Roxburgh
COMMUNION ASSISTANT	Tammy Beattie
USHERS	Gary & Colleen Paradise
GREETER	Jim & Joyce Wicker, Steve Hemingway
HOST	Sandy Voigt
OPENERS & CLOSERS	Greg Trost/Doc Tessendorf

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sept 20 & 21, 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 20 & 21, 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 & 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, Joe Benivegna, 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, Cheryl, family & friends of Don & Gayle Hendershot; Connie Pruden, John Dlugos & Violet, daughter & friends 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;

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:

- **CHRIS BEATTIE**, husband of Tammy
- **BRANDON & ISABELLA**, friends of Tammy Beattie
- Rejoicing in the healing of Julie Gray, Baby Lucas, MaryBeth Waterstram,
- **For the family of: Freeman Hausel**, family of Butch & Lisa Brahm, who died this past week.
- **For safe travels for Gary & Nancy Preece, Stephanie Cheney's parents**
- **For our hearts to be focused on the joys of the kingdom**
- **For those considering ministry to be guarded from the evil one**
- **For men and women to rejoice in their callings**
- **For those placed in high positions**
- **For those who need healing and those who rejoice**
- **For those who commune today**
- **For the will and desire to worship God joyfully**

