

# Good Shepherd

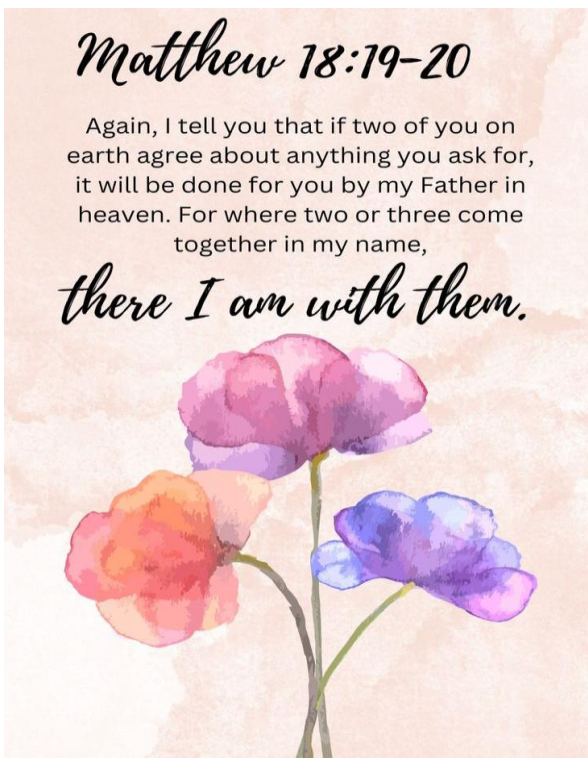
LUTHERAN CHURCH

## EVERYDAY DISCIPLES

*Matthew 18:19-20*

Again, I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three come together in my name,

*there I am with them.*



**EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**October 11 & 12, 2025**

**SHARING CHRIST, CHANGING LIVES!**

Gathering, Growing, Giving, Going

# GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**WELCOME TO WORSHIP TODAY!** We thank God each morning that we have been brought safely through the night. We thank God before each meal. We thank God for the day that He gave us before we fall asleep. How often do we thank God for the incredible blessing of forgiveness? How often are we like the nine lepers in the Gospel lesson for today? By Christ's death and resurrection we are freed from the burden of our sins. And that is truly something to be thankful for! 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: Rev. 5, Ruth 2: 4, Matt. 18: 19 and/or Memorize: : Matthew 18: 19 - 20

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**ALTAR FLOWERS** for last week were given to the Glory of God in memory of Rhys Lewis by Karyl Hammond. Altar flowers this week are given to the Glory of God for blessings received by the Serron family.

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**ORDER OF SERVICE** Divine Service, Setting One  
**HYMNS:** Handout, LSB 660, LSB 578, Red 361, Red 55

The color next to the number denotes which resource to use.  
\*Going forward, the Burgundy hymnal will be referred to as LSB \*

# **SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

October 5, Anno Domini (The Year of Our LORD) 2025

✝ Preparation ✝

**Welcome and Connection Cards**

*Stand*

**Opening Hymn - Handout - Wonderful Merciful Savior**

*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 ✠

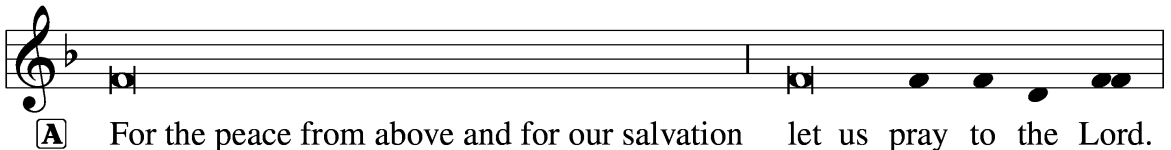
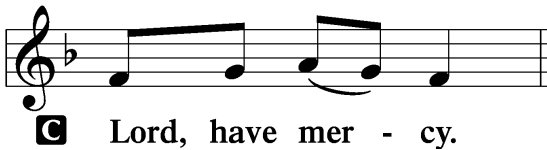
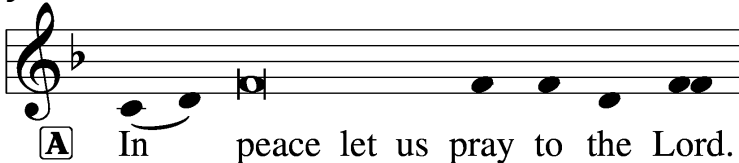
**Introit**

*Psalm 34:2–4, 17; antiphon: Psalm 48:1a*

Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised  
in the city of our God!  
My soul makes its boast in the LORD;  
let the humble hear and be glad.  
Oh, magnify the LORD with me,  
and let us exalt his Name together!  
I sought the LORD, and he answered me  
and delivered me from all my fears.  
When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears  
and delivers them out of all their troubles.  
**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.**  
Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised  
in the city of our God!

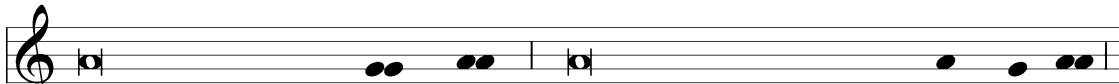
## Kyrie

*LSB 152*

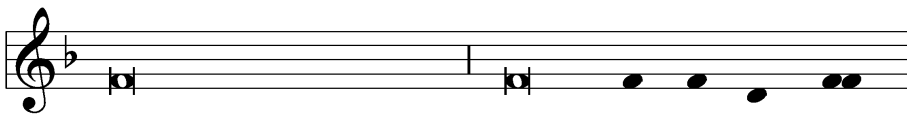




**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



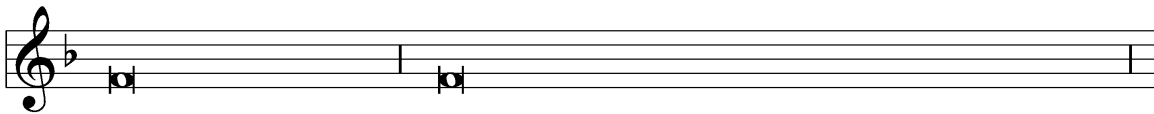
**A** For the peace of the whole world,      for the well-being of the Church of God,



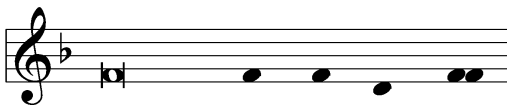
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

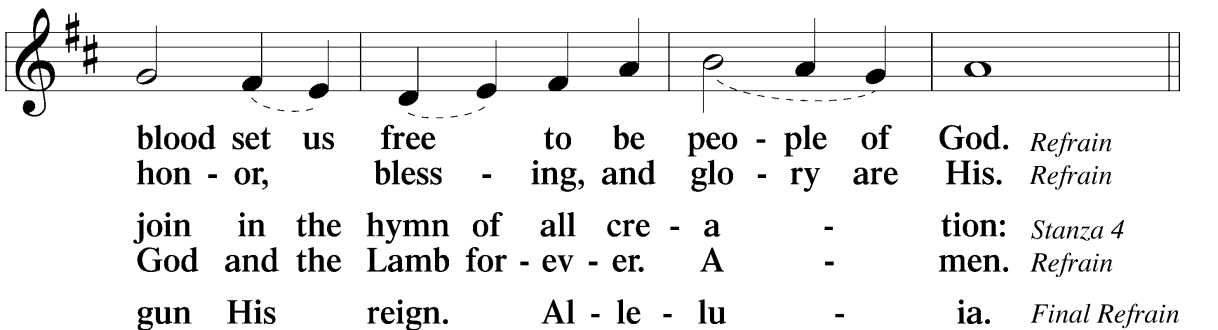
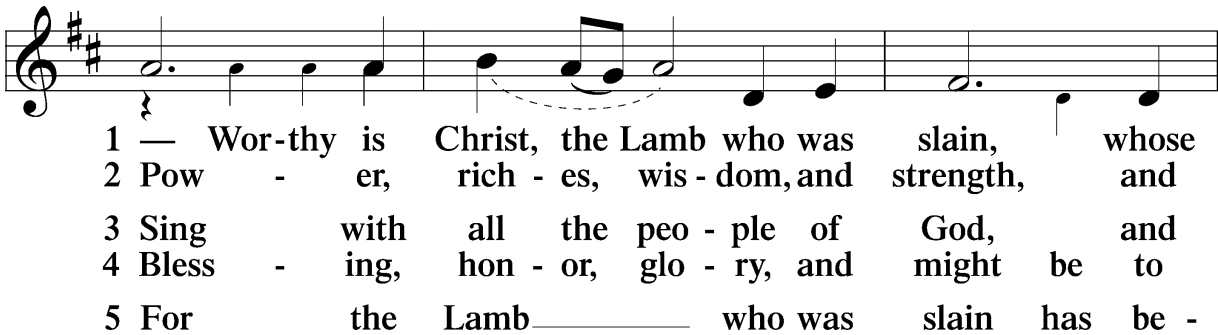
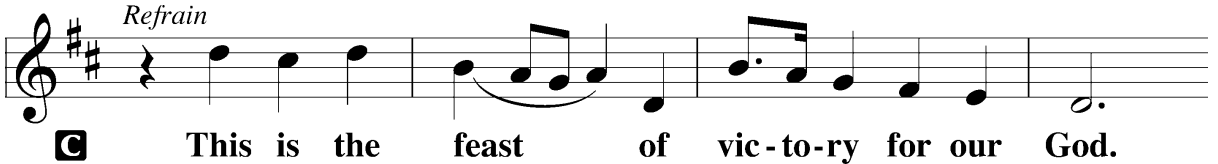


**[A]** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



## This Is the Feast

LSB 155





## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The LORD be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, You show mercy to Your people in all their troubles. Grant us always to recognize Your goodness, give thanks for Your compassion, and praise Your holy Name; 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 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to meet Cathie Geske in the Gathering Space.*

## Old Testament Reading

*Ruth 1:1–19a*

<sup>1</sup>In the days when the judges ruled there was a famine in the land, and a man of Bethlehem in Judah went to sojourn in the country of Moab, he and his wife and his two sons. <sup>2</sup>The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion. They were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. <sup>3</sup>But



Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. <sup>4</sup>These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. They lived there about ten years, <sup>5</sup>and both Mahlon and Chilion died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband.

<sup>6</sup>Then she arose with her daughters-in-law to return from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the fields of Moab that the LORD had visited his people and given them food. <sup>7</sup>So she set out from the place where she was with her two daughters-in-law, and they went on the way to return to the land of Judah. <sup>8</sup>But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, “Go, return each of you to her mother’s house. May the LORD deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. <sup>9</sup>The LORD grant that you may find rest, each of you in the house of her husband!” Then she kissed them, and they lifted up their voices and wept. <sup>10</sup>And they said to her, “No, we will return with you to your people.” <sup>11</sup>But Naomi said, “Turn back, my daughters; why will you go with me? Have I yet sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? <sup>12</sup>Turn back, my daughters; go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. If I should say I have hope, even if I should have a husband this night and should bear sons, <sup>13</sup>would you therefore wait till they were grown? Would you therefore refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, for it is exceedingly bitter to me for your sake that the hand of the LORD has gone out against me.” <sup>14</sup>Then they lifted up their voices and wept again. And Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her.

<sup>15</sup>And she said, “See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law.” <sup>16</sup>But Ruth said, “Do not urge me to leave you or to return from following you. For where you go I will go, and where you lodge I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God my God. <sup>17</sup>Where you die I will die, and there will I be buried. May the LORD do so to me and more also if anything but death parts me from you.” <sup>18</sup>And when Naomi saw that

she was determined to go with her, she said no more. <sup>19</sup>So the two of them went on until they came to Bethlehem.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Psalm

*Psalm 111; antiphon: v. 10*

**P/A** <sup>1</sup>Praise the LORD!

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,  
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

<sup>2</sup>Great are the works of the LORD,  
studied by all who delight in them.

<sup>3</sup>Full of splendor and majesty is his work,  
and his righteousness endures forever.

<sup>4</sup>He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered;  
the LORD is gracious and merciful.

<sup>5</sup>He provides food for those who fear him;  
he remembers his covenant forever.

<sup>6</sup>He has shown his people the power of his works,  
in giving them the inheritance of the nations.

<sup>7</sup>The works of his hands are faithful and just;  
all his precepts are trustworthy;

<sup>8</sup>they are established forever and ever,  
to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

<sup>9</sup>He sent redemption to his people;  
he has commanded his covenant forever.

Holy and awesome is his Name!

<sup>10</sup>The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;  
all those who practice it have a good understanding.  
His praise endures forever!

## Epistle Reading

*2 Timothy 2:1–13*

<sup>1</sup>You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>2</sup>and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. <sup>3</sup>Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. <sup>4</sup>No soldier gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to please the one who enlisted him. <sup>5</sup>An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. <sup>6</sup>It is the hard-working farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops. <sup>7</sup>Think over what I say, for the LORD will give you understanding in everything.

<sup>8</sup>Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring of David, as preached in my gospel, <sup>9</sup>for which I am suffering, bound with chains as a criminal. But the word of God is not bound! <sup>10</sup>Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory. <sup>11</sup>The saying is trustworthy, for:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;

<sup>12</sup>if we endure, we will also reign with him;

if we deny him, he also will deny us;

<sup>13</sup>if we are faithless, he remains faithful—for he cannot deny himself.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## Alleluia and Verse

*LSB 156*

The musical notation is on a single staff with a treble clef and a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes. Below the staff, the lyrics are written in a large, bold, sans-serif font. A small black square icon is positioned at the beginning of the first line of lyrics.

**Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the**



## Holy Gospel

*Luke 17: 11-19*

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



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

<sup>11</sup>On the way to Jerusalem [Jesus] was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. <sup>12</sup>And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance <sup>13</sup>and lifted up their voices, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.” <sup>14</sup>When he saw them he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went they were cleansed. <sup>15</sup>Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; <sup>16</sup>and he fell on his face at Jesus’ feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. <sup>17</sup>Then Jesus answered, “Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? <sup>18</sup>Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” <sup>19</sup>And he said to him, “Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.”

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



**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

*Sit*

## Hymn of the Day - LSB 660 - Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus

**Sermon**      *"Prayer and Praise"*      *Revelation 5, Ruth 2:4, Matthew 18:19*

**MEMORY VERSE:** <sup>19</sup>“Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. <sup>20</sup>For where two or three are gathered in my Name, there am I among them.”  
Matthew 18:19-20

*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**

*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!*

## **Pax Domini**

*LSB 163*

**A** The peace of the LORD be with you always.

**C** Amen.

*Sit*

## **Connection Cards**

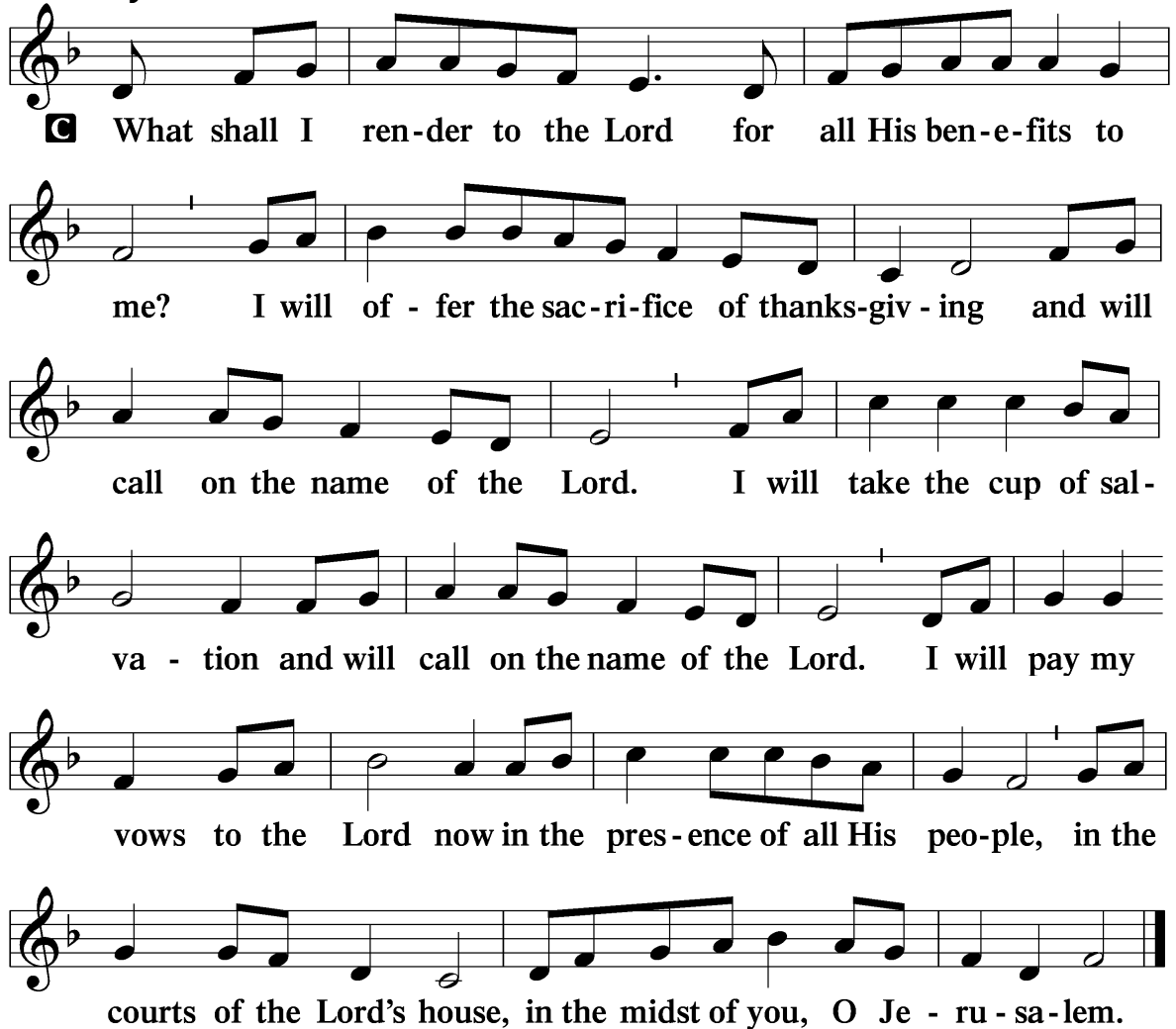
*Stand*

## **Offering**

*Stand*

## Offertory

*LSB 159*



**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  
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 Lutheran Christians 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 160*

**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, 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 161*

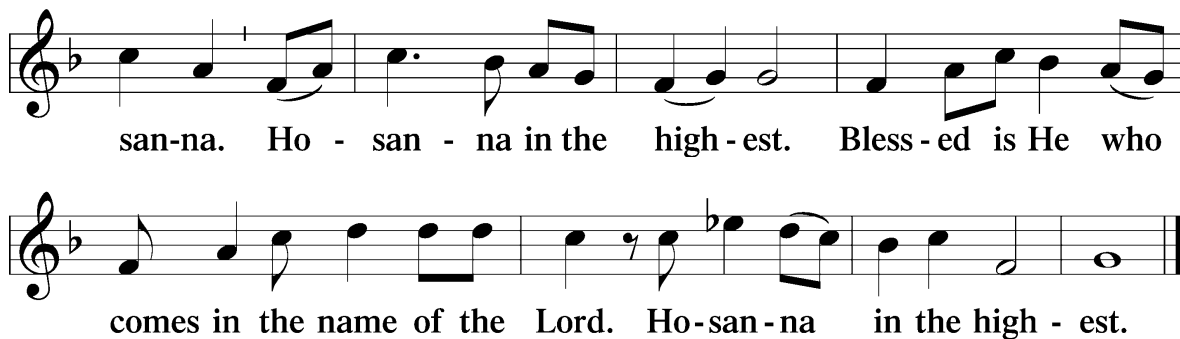


**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -





## 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.”

**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

*LSB 162*

**P** LORD, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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 163

☐ 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.

*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 Hymn - LSB 578 - Thy Strong Word**

**Distribution Hymn - Red 361 - Sweet Hour of Prayer**

*Stand*

## Communion Dismissal

### Nunc Dimittis

*LSB 165*



The musical score is written on six staves in treble clef with a common time signature (C). The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some slurs and ties. The lyrics are printed below the staves, aligned with the notes.

**C** Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been ful -

filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va-tion which You have pre -

pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re -

veal You to the na-tions and the glo-ry of Your peo-ple Is - ra - el.

Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir-it;

as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.

### 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.

**C** Amen.

## Announcements

*Stand*

*Children are invited to come forward and assist in leading the Closing Song with percussion instruments (11 a.m. only)*

## Closing Hymn – Red 55 - Come Christians Join to Sing

*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**

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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 October 12 - 19, 2025  
(at church unless noted)**

- Sunday:      Worship/Communion, 8 AM & 11 AM  
                 Sunday School, 9:30 AM  
                 Prayer Team Meeting, 12:30 PM  
                 Prayer Shawls, 12:30 PM  
                 Christmas Musical Rehearsal, 12:30 PM
- Monday:      Women’s Bible Study, 1 PM
- Tuesday:     Bible Study, 9:30 AM

Elders' Meeting, 7 PM  
Basics of the Faith, 7 PM  
Saturday: Worship/Communion, 5:30 PM  
❖ Dedication of Stained-glass Windows  
Sunday: Worship/Communion, 8 AM & 11 AM  
Sunday School, 9:30 AM  
Worship Team Meeting, 12:30 PM  
Prayer Shawls, 12:30 PM  
Christmas Musical Rehearsal, 12:30 PM  
❖ Dedication of Stained-glass Windows at each service

### 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 Bob Jauch and Dave Chrisman for mowing the lawn this past week and Sandy Voigt and JoAnn Pilecki for their work on flower beds.

## **SERVING ON OCTOBER 18 & 19**

**SATURDAY EVENING:** Karyl Hammond, Mark Carlson, Debbie Chappelle

**EARLY CHURCH:** Richard & Sudy Landholm, Jim & Melanie McGuire, Deobrah Adams, Lisa Serron, Greg Trost

**LATE CHURCH:** Tammy Beattie, Cindy Hemnigway, Jill Persson, Andy, Amanda & Ian Reding, Dave & Sandy Pittenger, Kelly Brainard-Nichols, Bob Smith, Ron & Kathy Chapman, John & JoAnn Pilecki, Hugh Shipley

## **WHAT’S HAPPENING**

### **BASICS OF THE FAITH**

**Tuesdays, 7 p.m. October 7<sup>th</sup> to November 18<sup>th</sup>**

What do Christians believe, and why? What do Lutherans believe? What Christian practices matter that 'we do it that way', and which don't? Whether it is a refresher, wanting to be a member of Good Shepherd, or a way to be more familiar with the basics, the Basics of the Faith Class is for you. There is no obligation upon completion. Each participant will receive Luther's Small Catechism (Book of Learning about the faith). To be a part of the class come at class time or contact Pastor Steve Geske: call, voice and text: (585) 465-0620.

### **KIDS’ WORSHIP**

We are seeking those called to serve in kids’ worship and ask anyone interested to contact Cathie Geske, [mrspastor1977@yahoo.com](mailto:mrspastor1977@yahoo.com), or Jill Persson, [persson\\_jill@hotmail.com](mailto:persson_jill@hotmail.com).





## **SAVE THE DATE: LITTLE LAMBS THIRD ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE DEC.13/14 & 20/21**

The “Little Lambs Boutique” will be in the Gathering Space the weekends of Dec.13 & 14 and 21 & 22 to support the Roxann Muller Scholarship Fund! You won’t want to miss it!

### **CHRISTMAS MUSICAL IS COMING!**

This year will be a series of 3 short acts with musical interludes. If you are interested in participating in this year’s production, rehearsals will be held each Sunday after late worship, approximately 12:30. If you have questions, please contact either Cindy Hemingway (schemingway@hotmail.com) or Stephanie Cheney (the88keys4me@gmail.com).

Want to save the date? The musical will be presented on Saturday, December 6 at 5:30 and Sunday, December 7 during late worship at 11.

### **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!

### **STAINED GLASS WINDOW PROJECT UPDATE!**

We hope you received your information last week about the Stained-glass windows that **will be dedicated on Oct. 18 & 19** at each of the services. We thank Pastor Dan Hofmann, Barbara Jauch, Debbie Chappelle and Pastor Don & Roxann Muller for all their work. We hope you will be led to offer a gift to enable us to dedicate these windows to the Glory of God, so that they may be received without any balance due on them. Each of us, offering what God leads us to give will enable us to accomplish this. Thank you, in advance, for your response.



### **PRAYER SHAWLS FOR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES**

Are you or do you 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).

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

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 BLACK OR BLUE PENS, PACKS OF COLORED PENCILS, PENCIL SHARPENERS, PACKS OF MARKERS, ZIPPER PENCIL CASES, PAIRS OF CHILDREN’S SCISSORS**—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)

When we have finished packing the boxes we will need to ship them. And as we all know, shipping is expensive. If you would be able to “sponsor” a box (that is, pay for shipping - \$10/box), that would be a wonderful gift! Sign up on your connection card to let us know we can count on you. 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!”*

### SPIRITUAL WARFARE CLASS WITH PASTOR STEVE AND CATHIE ONCE A MONTH 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).

## SUPPORT

## A THOUGHT FROM THE PRAYER TEAM

**"Everyday Disciples, Sharing Christ, Changing Lives!"**

## Gathering, Growing, Giving, Going

We often have our lives mapped out .... plans, goals, and dreams **we** want to chase. But sometimes, God steps in with a gentle nudge or a sudden turn, asking us to **redirect**. It can feel frustrating or confusing, especially when we're sure of our own direction. But Scripture reminds us that while we plan, God **establishes** our steps.

When God redirects us, it's not rejection of our plans ... it's redirection for **something better**. Like a GPS rerouting us when we've taken a wrong turn, God lovingly guides us toward the path that leads to life, purpose, and deeper trust in Him. Ask Him this week if you need redirection.

“When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come.” John 16:13

*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



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". Or, you can certainly shop yourself! **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!*

## COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

## FAMILY PROMISE UPDATE

Thank you to all who participated in Family Promise's most recent fundraiser: the Golf Tournament at Ravenwood. It was a success again this year thanks to community support.

Approximately \$10,000 was raised toward the completion of Shelter Project. The shelter continues to move forward toward completion. Updates to follow.

Upcoming Events:

- **Rotary Casino Night – Saturday Nov. 1** @ Rotary Club of Canandaigua. See the flyer posed on the bulletin board. If you have questions contact JoAnne VanBuren at: [Joannevanburen1@gmail.com](mailto:Joannevanburen1@gmail.com)

**Looking ahead – Holiday Angels** – Stay tuned for more information coming later this fall. We can make the holidays brighter again this year!

**CAMP PIONEER IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS**

Pioneer on the Lake is looking for help raking leaves around their property. If you have free time to help them, call their office to let them know ahead of time and they will have everything you will need ready! (716) 383-6157

**SERVING OUR LORD THIS WEEKEND, OCT. 11 & 12**

**SERVING OUR LORD SATURDAY EVENING**

ELDER	Gail Herman
A/V	Glenn Banke
ALTAR CARE	JoAnne VanBuren

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**SERVING OUR LORD AT 8 AM**

ELDER	Bill Fuge
A/V TEAM	Richard Landholm
LECTOR	Stephanie Cheney
ALTAR CARE	Cindy Hemingway
COMMUNION ASSISTANT	Barbara Jauch
USHER	Bob Jauch
GREETERS	Terry & Linda Savage

**SERVING OUR LORD AT 11 AM**

ELDER	
ASSISTING MINISTER	Marcus Battaglia
SERVICE SHEPHERD	Sandy Smith

A/V TEAM	Andy & Amanda Reding
LECTOR	Kathey Drennan
ACOLTYE	Addy Modzel
ALTAR CARE	Christine Davis
KID’S WORSHIP	Cathie Geske
COMMUNION ASSISTANT	Jared Reding
USHERS	Hugh Shipley
GREETER	Amanda & Easton Modzel
HOST	Greg Quinn, Jacki Scheib
OPENERS & CLOSERS	Terry Savage/Hugh Shipley

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Oct. 18 & 19, 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

October 4 & 5, 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 & Deborah 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, 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, Gerry Beattie, Teresa Carey**, family of Tammy Beattie; **Sydnee, Dale Tomlin, Ben Cramer**, friends & family of Pete & Kerri Ellison; **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 Tigue & 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; Pat Kropp, mother of Cathie Geske; Ben Edwards, son of Brian & Bev Edwards; Judy Brainard, mother of Kelly Brainard-Nichols

In our **PRAYERS** we remember:

**EMMETT**, friend of Annie Roxburgh

**FOR THE FAMILY OF DARRYL BROWN**, friend of Jill Persson, who died this week.