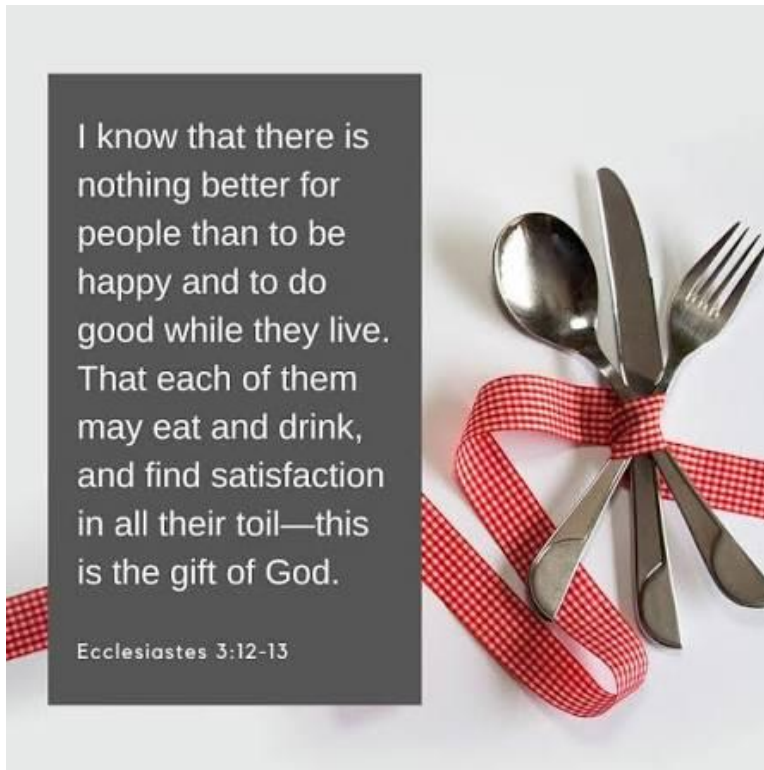


Good Shepherd LUTHERAN CHURCH

EVERYDAY DISCIPLES



I know that there is
nothing better for
people than to be
happy and to do
good while they live.
That each of them
may eat and drink,
and find satisfaction
in all their toil—this
is the gift of God.

Ecclesiastes 3:12-13

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 6, 2026

SHARING CHRIST, CHANGING LIVES!

Gathering, Growing, Giving, Going

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP TODAY. True greatness is not self-sufficient strength, but humility like that of a little child. The greatness of childlike faith receives all good things as gracious gifts from our Father in heaven. Apart from such faith, *“you will never enter the kingdom of heaven,”* but whoever is humbled like a little child will be *“the greatest in the kingdom of heaven”* (Matt. 18:3–4). Thus, we live in humility and faith before God as well as in love for our neighbor, which *“is the fulfilling of the law”* (Rom. 13:10). In the reverent fear of God, we do no harm to our neighbor, but we *“pay to all what is owed to them”* (Rom. 13:7) and we *“owe no one anything, except to love each other”* (Rom. 13:8). 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: Ecclesiastes 3: 9 – 13and/or Memorize: Ecclesiastes 3: 12 & 13

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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 Or if you prefer to have your gift automatically withdrawn from your checking or savings account, check that box on the right side of your connection card, “Automating My Giving” or contact the church office and we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.

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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.

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 6th, Anno Domini (The Year of Our LORD) 2026

✠ Preparation ✠

Welcome and Connection Cards

Stand

Opening Hymn - LSB 852 - O God of Mercy, God of Might



1 O God of mer - cy, God of might, In love and
2 And Thou, who cam'st on earth to die That our lost
3 Teach us the les - son Thou hast taught: To feel for
4 All are re - deemed, both far and wide, Since Thou, O



pit - y in - fi - nite, Teach us, as ev - er
world might live there - by, O hear us; for to
those Thy blood hath bought, That ev - 'ry word and
Lord, for all hast died. Grant us the will and



in Thy sight, To live our lives in Thee.
Thee we cry, In hope, O Lord, to Thee.
deed and thought May work a work for Thee.
grace pro - vide To love them all in Thee!

5. In sickness, sorrow, want, or care,
May we each other's burdens share;
May we, where help is needed, there
Give help as unto Thee!
6. And may Thy Holy Spirit move
All those who live to live in love
Till Thou shalt greet in heav'n above
All those who live in Thee.

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

L In the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

L 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.

L 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.**

L 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 92:1–4; antiphon: v. 5

How great are your works, O LORD!

Your thoughts are very deep!

It is good to give thanks to the LORD,

to sing praises to your Name, O Most High;

to declare your steadfast love in the morning,

and your faithfulness by night,

to the music of the lute and the harp,

to the melody of the lyre.

For you, O LORD, have made me glad by your work;

at the works of your hands I sing for joy.

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.

How great are your works, O LORD!

Your thoughts are very deep!

Kyrie

LSB 152

[L] In peace let us pray to the LORD.

[C] **LORD, have mercy.**

[L] For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the LORD.

[C] **LORD, have mercy.**

[L] 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.**

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

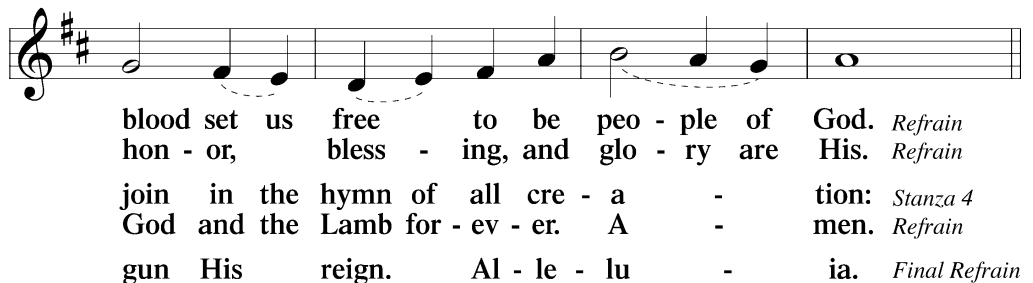
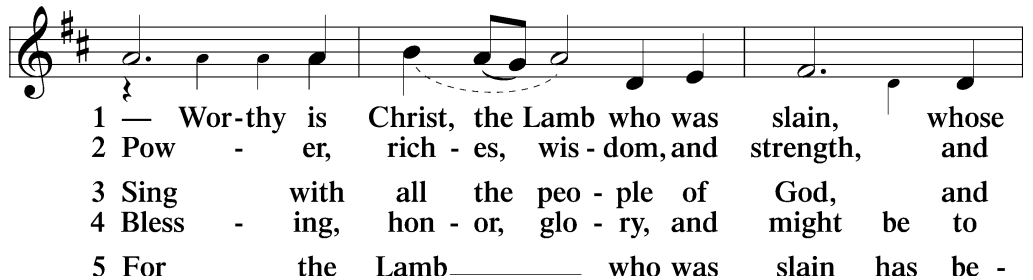
[C] **LORD, have mercy.**

L Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious LORD.

C Amen.

This Is the Feast

LSB 155





Salutation and Collect of the Day

L The LORD be with you.

C And also with you.

L Let us pray.

O God, from whom all good proceeds, grant to us, Your humble servants, Your holy inspiration, that we may set our minds on the things that are right and, by Your merciful guiding, accomplish them; 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

Old Testament Reading

Ezekiel 33:7–9

⁷“So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ⁸If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. ⁹But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.”

L This is the Word of the LORD.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalms

Psalms 32:1–7; antiphon: v. 1

- ¹Blessèd is the one whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.
- ²Blessèd is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity,
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.
- ³For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away
through my groaning all day long.
- ⁴For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.
- ⁵I acknowledged my sin to you,
and I did not cover my iniquity;
I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,”
and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.
- ⁶Therefore let everyone who is godly
offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found;
surely in the rush of great waters,
they shall not reach him.
- ⁷You are a hiding place for me;
you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

Epistle Reading

Romans 13:1–10

¹Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. ²Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. ³For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, ⁴for he is God’s servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God’s wrath on the

wrongdoer. ⁵Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience. ⁶For the same reason you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. ⁷Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed.

⁸Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

L This is the Word of the LORD.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

LSB 156



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

Holy Gospel

Matthew 18:1–20

L The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eighteenth chapter.

C Glory to You, O LORD.

¹At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" ²And calling to him a child, he put him in

the midst of them ³and said, “Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. ⁴Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

⁵“Whoever receives one such child in my Name receives me, ⁶but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.

⁷“Woe to the world for temptations to sin! For it is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the one by whom the temptation comes! ⁸And if your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life crippled or lame than with two hands or two feet to be thrown into the eternal fire. ⁹And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into the hell of fire.

¹⁰“See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven. ¹¹For the Son of Man came to save the lost. ¹²What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? ¹³And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. ¹⁴So it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.

¹⁵“If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. ¹⁶But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be

loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again 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. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my Name, there am I among them.”

L This is the Gospel of the LORD.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

Hymn of the Day: 826 Hark, the Voice of Jesus Crying



1 Hark, the voice of Je - sus cry - ing, “Who will go and work to - day?
2 If you can - not speak like an - gels, If you can - not preach like Paul,
3 If you can - not be a watch - man, Stand - ing high on Zi - on’s wall,
4 Let none hear you i - dly say - ing, “There is noth - ing I can do,”



Fields are white and har - vests wait - ing— Who will bear the sheaves a - way?”
You can tell the love of Je - sus, You can say He died for all.
Point - ing out the path to heav - en, Of - f’ring life and peace to all,
While the mul - ti - tudes are dy - ing And the Mas - ter calls for you.



Loud and long the Mas - ter call - eth; Rich re - ward He of - fers thee.
If you can - not rouse the wick - ed With the judg - ment’s dread a - larms,
With your prayers and with your boun - ties You can do what God com - mands;
Take the task He gives you glad - ly, Let His work your plea - sure be;



Who will an - swer, glad - ly say - ing, “Here am I, send me, send me”?
You can lead the lit - tle chil - dren To the Sav - ior’s wait - ing arms.
You can be like faith - ful Aar - on, Hold - ing up the proph - et’s hands.
An - swer quick - ly when He call - eth, “Here am I, send me, send me!”

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Sermon

"Work - God's Gift to Humans"

Ecclesiastes 3:9-13

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

LSB 180

P The peace of the LORD be with you always.

C Amen.

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

Please wave to all the worshipers online!

Sit

Connection Cards

Stand

Offering and 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

L The LORD be with you.

C And also with you.

L Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the LORD.

L Let us give thanks to the LORD our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

L 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. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

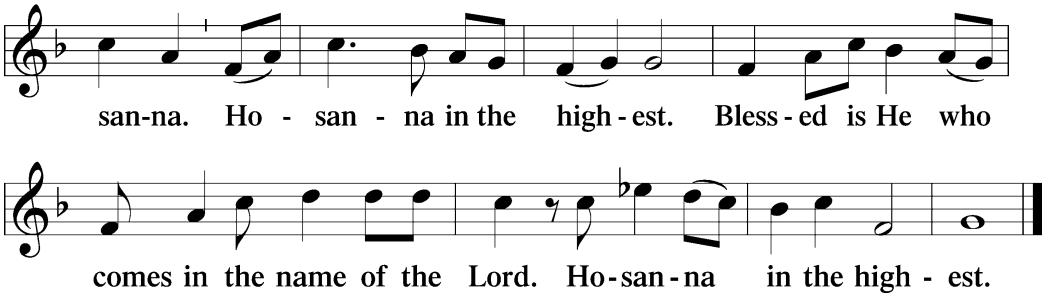
LSB 161



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 -



- L** These elements have been consecrated by Pastor Geske on this altar. We are reminded of the actions and the words of Jesus:

The Words of Our LORD

- L** 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 163

G 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 leader and those who assist them receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive.

Distribution Hymn - Red 437 - O Master Let Me Walk with Thee

- O Master, let me walk with Thee
In lowly paths of service free;
Tell me Thy secret help be bear
The strain of toil, the fret of care.

2. Help me the slow of heart to move
By some clear, winning word of love;
Teach me the wayward feet to stay
And guide them in the homeward way.
3. Teach me Thy patience still with Thee
In closer, dearer company.
In work that keeps faith sweet and strong,
In trust that triumphs over wrong.
4. In hope that sends a shining ray
Far down the future's broad'ning way,
In peace that only Thou canst give,
With Thee, O Master, let me live.

Washington Gladden, 1836-1918
H. Percy Smith, 1825-1898

Distribution Hymn - LSB 570 - Just as I Am, without One Plea

1 Just as I am, with - out one plea But that Thy
2 Just as I am and wait - ing not To rid my
3 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout With man - y a
4 Just as I am, poor, wretch - ed, blind; Sight, rich - es,

blood was shed for me And that Thou bidd'st me come to
soul of one dark blot, To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each
con - flict, man - y a doubt, Fight - ings and fears with - in, with -
heal - ing of the mind, Yea, all I need, in Thee to

Thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
out, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

5. Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because Thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
6. Just as I am; Thy love unknown
Has broken ev'ry barrier down;
Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

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Stand

Communion Dismissal

Thank the LORD

LSB 164



C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'-ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

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

Stand

Closing Hymn - LSB 857 - LORD, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way



1 Lord,	help	us	walk	Your	ser - vant	way	Wher -
2 You	came	to	earth,	O	Christ,	as	Lord,
3 No	gold -	en	scep -	ter	but	a	towel
4 You	bid	us	bend	our	hu -	man	pride
5 Lord,	help	us	walk	Your	ser -	vant	way
							Wher -



ev -	er	love	may	lead	And,	bend -	ing	low,	for -
pow'r	You	laid	a -	side.	You	lived	Your	years	in
place	with -	in	the	hands	Of	those	who	seek	to
count	our -	selves	a -	bove	The	low -	est	place,	the
ev -	er	love	may	lead	And,	bend -	ing	low,	for -



get -	ting	self,	Each	serve	the	oth -	er's	need.
ser -	vant -	hood;	In	low -	li -	ness	You	died.
fol -	low	You	And	live	by	Your	com -	mands.
mean -	est	task	That	waits	the	gift	of	love.
get -	ting	self,	Each	serve	the	oth -	er's	need.

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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
 - All:** Pastor or Leader and the congregation speak together
 - △** Doxological verse; the congregation stands in praise and honor of the Holy Trinity

GENERAL INFORMATION

CALENDAR OF EVENTS Sept. 6 – Sept. 13, 2026 (at church unless noted)

- Sunday: Worship/Communion, 9:30 AM
- Monday: Labor Day - Office Closed
- Tuesday: Vision Team, 6 PM
- Saturday: Worship/Communion, 5:30 PM
- Sunday: Worship/Communion, 8 AM & 11 AM
- Sunday School Resumes, 9:30 AM
- Prayer Shawls, 12:30 PM
- Prayer Team, 12:30 PM

CELEBRATING 60 YEARS TOGETHER!

Our dear friends Leon and Theresa Pfuntner will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on Sept. 10. As you may be aware, both Leon and Theresa have been in poor health for many years and are unable to get out much. Let’s shower them with good wishes by sending them lots of anniversary cards! Please contact the church office for their address.

CAN YOU HELP?

Jean Bucher is donating a very nice cabinet to hold our prayer shawls. **We need someone with a truck** willing to pick up and deliver it to church. If you can help, please contact the church office. Thank you.

DO YOU NEED A KING SIZE BEDFRAME?

Leslie Smith has a king size book case bed frame that she would love to pass along – for free! If you are interested, please contact Leslie at 585-396-0376 or via email at smithwaynee61860@gmail.com. Thank you.

THANKS TO THOSE SERVING JESUS

We thank Lisa Serron, Linda Benivegna, Lisa Brahm, Hugh Shipley, Glenn Banke, Doc Tessendorf, Sandy Voigt, Stephanie Cheney, John Pilecki, for their work in the office and building, Richard Landholm and Mike Hofer for cutting the grass. 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!

SERVING ON SEPTEMBER 12th & 13th

SATURDAY EVENING: Gail Herman, Glenn Banke, JoAnne VanBuren

SUNDAY EARLY: Bill Fuge, Greg & Nola Trost, Lisa Serron, Karyl Hammomd, Terry & Linda Savage

SUNDAY LATE: Hugh Shipley, Cindy Hemingway. Bob & Sandy Smith, Amanda & Jared Reding, Kathy Chapman, Addy & Easton Modzel, Cathie Geske, Kathey Drennan, Gary & Collen Paradise, Sandy Voigt

WHAT'S HAPPENING

WOULD YOU LIKE TO TRY PICKLEBALL?

Our Tuesday, Thursday 7:30AM pickleball group is having a great time together! We want to open up an opportunity for those who are available in the evening. On Monday, **Sept. 14th** at 7:00 PM, please come join the fun! All ages and skill levels are welcome. Sign up on the Wittenberg Door or call the church office.

OPEN TABLE, SEPT. 16 @ 6 PM

We have welcomed some great guests to our community dinners so far. After sharing a nice meal, we have enjoyed interesting discussions about a passage of scripture. It has been a wonderful

way to share our faith with our neighbors. Please sign up on the connection card to join us for the next dinner on Wednesday, **Sept. 16** at 6:00. You may also sign up to help with preparations. We hope you can come!

GRIEF SHARE GROUP TO BEGIN SEPT. 22

Are you grieving a loss? A new session of Grief Share, a Christ-centered grief support group, will begin on Tuesday, September 22nd at 5:30, here at Good Shepherd in the Teen Room. All are welcome.

CAKE BAKERS NEEDED

Do you like to bake? Do you like to join in the “receptions” that we have after worship? Those delicious cakes that we share are all made by people in our congregation. Currently, there is only one person who brings them in. It would be nice if there was at least one other person who enjoys baking and would be willing to provide a cake from time to time to “share the load” so to speak. If this is something you enjoy and would be willing to do, please check it off on your connection card or call the church office. If you have any questions, please contact Gayle Hendershot at 585-967-3661 or gaylehendershot@yahoo.com.

PRAYER SHAWLS NEEDED!

Do you like to make Prayer Shawls? We are running short on Prayer Shawls for men. We will take knitted, crocheted, woven, quilted, sewn and no-sew shawls. If you have any questions, please contact Jill Persson.

PRAY AROUND THE SCHOOLS

A brand-new school year is here! Students, teachers, and school staff are starting an exciting journey. We invite you to join our special prayer effort. Stop by the greeters and ushers station to pick up your prayer cards. You can join in!

- *Grab a prayer card to take home to remind you to pray
- *Write on the prayer poster the names of those you'll be praying for



Don't know who to pray for?? Simple!! Stop by the prayer poster any time you are in the building and choose a new person to pray for!

OPPORTUNITIES TO GROW IN FAITH THIS FALL

Sunday School for all ages will begin Sept. 13th. Adults will meet together to learn more about the Holy Spirit and how He guides and directs us. No materials need be purchased. There will also be classes for children and young adults.

Monday Women's Bible Study will begin a study of the book of Isaiah. No materials necessary.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study will begin on Sept. 15 and will continue their study of the Gospel of Luke. No addition material need be purchased.

Growth Groups will return! We will be studying "When God's Spirit Moves" by Jim Cymbala.

OUR FALL THEME: "THE HOLY SPIRIT: HIS FRUITS AND HIS GIFTS

Three ways to dig deeper and grow in our understanding of the Holy Spirit's role in our lives.

Starting on Sept.13th and running through to Avenet:

- Pastor's in-depth Sermon series
- Pastor will be leading the combined Adult Sunday School Classes- with Bob, Jill and Sandy leading discussion groups
- Growth Groups: a 6-week DVD study- small groups

Don't miss this "Trifecta" of gathering and growing in faith together!

GROWTH GROUP OFFERINGS

"When God's Spirit Moves" by Jim Cymbala

Growth Groups are offered at different times and in different places in the hopes that everyone will be able to join in. Please sign up on the Wittenberg Door or your connection card.

1. Steve and Cindy Hemingway – Hosts/Facilitators – Sunday's 1:30 at church – starting Sept. 20th
2. Pastor Steve facilitating – this is a ZOOM meeting, Tuesday evenings, 7 PM – starting Sept 22nd (* must also give accurate emails)
3. Bob and Sandy Smith – Hosting; John Evarts Facilitating –Wednesdays, 7 PM, starting Sept. 23. 3852 Chatham Lane, Canandaigua

4. Gary and Colleen Paradise – Hosting; Bob Smith Facilitating – Thursdays, 7 PM, starting Sept. 24. 3925 Rileys Run, Canandaigua. Please note that there is a cat “in residence” that will very likely come out to say hello!

“HE HEARS YOU” INTERFATIH PRAYER RETREAT, OCT. 23 – 24

Please join us for a weekend of fellowship on Oct. 23rd – 24th at Notre Dame Retreat House, 5151 Foster Rd, Canandaigua. The theme of the retreat is “He Hears You.” Kim Raduns will lead the women; Peter Sprigg the men and Jeanne & Jo Guastaferro will lead the couples. The cost of the retreat is: \$155 (single); \$140 (shared room); \$185 (couples) and \$100 commuters.

*Registration forms are available in the church office and must be received, with payment, by Oct. 9th.

DAYS OFF SCHOOL CAMP AND PARTY PACKAGES

Summer Day Camp has ended for this year but when the children are off of a day of school, **what do working parents do** with them? Camp-in-Daigua keeps going year-round to meet the needs of children and families! **Want to have a party with kids** but don’t want all of the work? Birthday, Anniversary, Baptism parties, and any kind of reception are available especially where there are many children present. Please call/text Cathie Geske at (585) 369-5696 for more details, or talk to her after service.



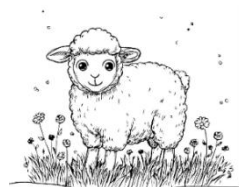
OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD BOXES



If your family is getting-together to celebrate Labor Day - what if you packed a few Operation Christmas Child boxes as part of the fun?!? It could be a great way to engage kids in providing some joy - both physical and eternal- to children who are in sad places of the world. Please help yourself to free boxes in the OCC collection box in the coatroom. Attached to the boxes are lists of suggested items. Multiply the joy of being together by giving some of that joy to others!

SPOTS ARE FILLING UP! REGISTER SOON!

Do you know someone with a child who is ready for preschool? Suggest Little Lambs! Spots are filling up for the 2026/2027 school year. If they have questions, they are free to call the church office and Miss Kelly will return their call. Remember, word of mouth is the best advertisement!



SUPPORT

A THOUGHT FROM THE PRAYER TEAM **Everyday Disciples – Sharing Christ – Changing Live** **Gathering, Growing, Giving, Going**

Many of us welcome the change of weather as it begins to cool and the leaves turn to gorgeous colors. Other changes, however, can make us feel uneasy... especially a sudden unexpected change! THEN we remember that our God does not shift. He does not change like the seasons ... He is our rock....our solid foundation and strength. He has walked with us, given us gifts and prepared us for whatever we encounter in life. His love remains steady in every season of our lives. As we pray ... we can tell Him how we are feeling ... If we feel like we are spinning out of control, or just quietly sitting unsure how to proceed. We can ask that He give each of us peace in the unknown and to give us a perceptible reminder of His steady love.

“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.” Hebrews 13:8

For a better understanding read the surrounding verses

****Check out the prayer resources in The Study Room at the rear of the sanctuary**

REMEMBER CCIA!



God has blessed our church family with SO much-let's do for others as God commands and feel the joy of helping others in your soul. As always, pasta sauce, cereal, tuna fish and pasta are general staples for the pantry if you'd rather stick with donating those foods, but everything is appreciated! Why not pick up something for the CCIA box when you're doing your weekly shopping? You may think that bringing one or two items isn't enough to make a difference, but remember that those are things that our neighbors wouldn't have if you didn't!

God Bless you for doing God's work! Questions? Call Tammy Beattie at (585) 402-4980.

CARING NOTES

- Leon & Theresa Pfuntner as they both deal with health issues
- Donna Allhusen, daughter of Mary, as she deals with health issues
- Delores Furnum as she deals with health issues
- Marlene Pawlukewicz, (spouse, Joe) as she deals with health issues
- Jonathan Allhusen, son of Mary, (wife, Andrea, son, Christian), as he deals with health issues

- Steve Schneider (spouse, Barb) as he deals with health issues
- Sandy Pittenger, as she recuperates
- Barbara Jauch as she recovers from surgery
- Deborah Adams, as she recovers from surgery

COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

FAMILY PROMISE EVENT: GOLF TO END FAMILY HOMELESSNES



Join the fun and support a great cause! The Family Promise Annual “Golf to End Family Homelessness” golf tournament will be held at Winged Pheasant Gold Links, 1475 Sand Hill Rd, Shortsville, NY 14548 on Sept. 12th. The cost is \$100 for a single player and \$400 for a foursome. For more information, visit www.familypromiseontariocounty.org or call (585) 905-3988. Check the flyer on the bulletin board.

SERVING OUR LORD

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SERVING OUR LORD AT WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY, Sept. 6, 2026

ELDER	Pete Ellison
ASSISTING MINISTER	Sandy Voigt
SERVICE SHEPHERD	Jill Persson
A/V TEAM	Amanda & Jared Reding
LECTOR	Kerri Ellison
ACOLYTE	Ian Reding
ALTAR CARE	Tammy Beattie
KID'S WORSHIP	Jill Persson
COMMUNION ASSISTANT	Jared Reding
USHER	Melaine McGuire
GREETERS	Brian & Bev Edwards
HOSTS	John & JoAnn Pilecki
OPENERS & CLOSER	Brian & Bev Edwards, Sandy Voigt

ONGOING PRAYERS

Connected to Good Shepherd by family or friendship:

Pat & Mark Gunn, Tashi & Emma Benivegna, Kerri Eames, family & friends of Benivegna's; **Donna & Jonathan Allhusen**, daughter & son of Mary; **Marsha Johnson**, family of Terry & Linda Savage; **John & Sandy Beatty, Allison Sacheli and Rena Faulkner**, friends of Bill Fuge; **Sara Romano**, s-i-l of Vince and Tracy Romano; **Erin Smith Bernard**, daughter of Bob & Sandy Smith; **Judy Brainard**, mother of Kelly Nichols; **Charles Bucher**, brother of Jean Bucher; **Tim Genaway & Slade Tiller**, friend & son of Tammy Beattie; **Marilyn Lane**, friend of Sandy Voigt; **Chad Wood**, son of Fred & Sandy Salvagni; **Gary Pohlman**, brother of Mark; **Monica Reding**, mother of Andy; **Summer Miller & Mike Legrett**, friend of Sandy Voigt; **Joan Trost**, mother of Greg; **Judy Dreesen**, niece of Dorothy Cherry; **Bob Chrisman**, brother of Dave Chrisman; **Bob Purvis**, friend of Glenn Banke; **Frank Cardavale**, friend of Mark Serron; **Cindy R.**, friend of Jill Persson; **Shawna Tiller**, d-i-l of Tammy Beattie, **Joy Clark**, aunt of Cindy Hemingway

Please review this prayer list and let the church office know of any updates or if the prayer has been answered.

In our **PRAYERS** today we remember:

- **Mark Zagata** – ongoing health issues
 - **Bart and Deborah Adams** – ongoing health issues – Deb recovering from shoulder surgery
 - **Bill and Judy Ballway** – ongoing health issues
 - **Steve & Barb Schnieder** – ongoing health issues
 - **Barbara Jauch³** – recovery for a broken leg
 - **Jacki Scheib** – ongoing health issues
 - **Leon and Theresa Pfuntner** – foot issues, other health issues
 - **Robert Joslyn** – ongoing health issues
 - **Sandy Pittenger** – ongoing health issues
 - **Shirley Perryman** – ongoing health issues
 - **Linda Burstrom²** - sister of Barb Schneider, health concerns
 - **Mike L. & wife, Judy²** – friends of Sandy Voigt
 - **Bob²** – neighbor of Kathy Chapman – broken collar bone
 - **Karen Schumacher²** – waiting for housing
 - **Mike L. & wife, Judy** – friends of Sandy Voigt, Mike for treatments; Judy an eye issue
 - **Bob** – neighbor of Ron & Kathy Chapman, broken collarbone
 - **Joyce White & Suzann McClurg¹**, friends of Terry & Linda Savage, health concerns
- For the family of Steve Engle**, friend of Pfuntners, who died this past week.

**WORSHIP NEXT WEEKEND
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST**

**September 12th – 5:30 PM
September 13th – 8 and 11 AM
Divine Service, Setting One
-With Holy Communion-**