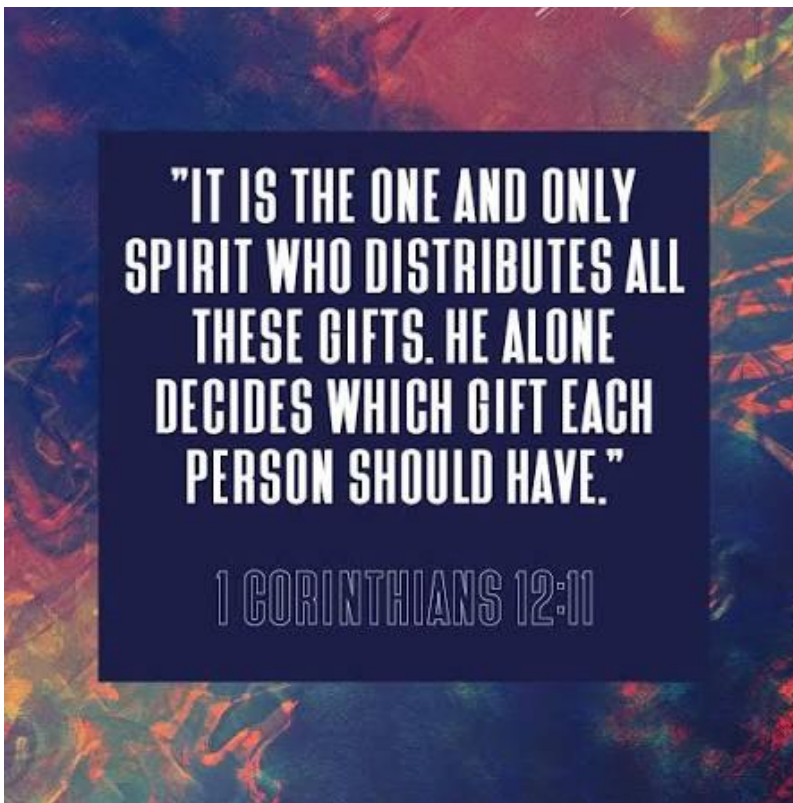


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EVERYDAY DISCIPLES



SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 13, 2026

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Gathering, Growing, Giving, Going

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP TODAY. In settling His accounts with us, our LORD acts not with anger, but with compassion. He does not imprison us as we deserve, but He forgives all our debts and releases us (Matt. 18:23–27). Therefore, our LORD bids each of us to have *“mercy on your fellow servant”* and *“forgive your brother from your heart”* (Matt. 18:33, 35). By the LORD’s forgiveness of our sins, we are free to forgive those who sin against us, because He has been handed over to the jailers in our stead and He has paid our entire debt with His lifeblood. Whether we live or die, we *“are the LORD’s”* (Rom. 14:8). Since we all will *“stand before the judgment seat of God,”* we are not to despise our brother (Rom. 14:10), but gladly forgive him. By the grace of God, our brother also *“will be upheld, for the LORD is able to make him stand”* (Rom. 14:4). Though we daily sin against each other, the LORD intends *“to bring it about that many people should be kept alive”* (Gen. 50:20). Jesus speaks kindly by His Gospel and promises: *“I will provide for you and your little ones”* (Gen. 50:21). 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: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 and/or Memorize: I Corinthians 12:1, 4-6

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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.

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 13, Anno Domini (The Year of Our LORD) 2026

✝ Preparation ✝

Welcome and Connection Cards

Stand

Opening Song - 10,000 Reasons (Bless the LORD)

Chorus:

Bless the LORD, O my soul

O my soul

Worship His holy Name

Sing like never before

O my soul

I'll worship Your holy Name

1. The sun comes up it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes.

Chorus

2. You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your Name is great and Your heart is kind.
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

Chorus

3. And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and forevermore

Chorus

Ending:

Worship Your holy Name

LORD I'll worship Your holy Name

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 143:1–2; antiphon: v. 9

Deliver me from my enemies, O LORD!

I have fled to you for refuge!

Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for mercy!

In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness!

Enter not into judgment with your servant,
for no one living is righteous before you.

**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.**

Deliver me from my enemies, O LORD!

I have fled to you for refuge!

Kyrie

LSB 204

P In peace let us pray to the LORD.

C **LORD, have mercy.**

P For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the LORD.

C **LORD, have mercy.**

P For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the LORD.

C **LORD, have mercy.**

P For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the LORD.

C **LORD, have mercy.**

P For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the LORD.

C **LORD, have mercy.**

P For those who labor, those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the LORD.

C LORD, have mercy.

P For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the LORD.

C LORD, have mercy.

P For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the LORD.

C LORD, have mercy.

P For these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the LORD.

C LORD, have mercy.

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

C LORD, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; LORD, have mercy.

This Is the Feast

LSB 155

Refrain



 This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

1 — Wor- thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
 5 For the Lamb _____ who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*



Final Refrain
This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The LORD be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

O God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, hear the devout prayers of Your Church, especially in times of persecution, and grant that what we ask in faith we may obtain; through Jesus Christ, 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 Cathie Geske in the Gathering Space.

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 50:15–21

¹⁵When Joseph’s brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, “It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him.” ¹⁶So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, “Your father gave this command before he died, ¹⁷‘Say to Joseph, Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.’ And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father.” Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, “Behold, we are your servants.” ¹⁹But Joseph said to them, “Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? ²⁰As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. ²¹So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones.” Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

L This is the Word of the LORD.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 103:1–12; antiphon: v. 13

¹Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all that is within me,
bless his holy Name!
²Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits,
³who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,
⁴who redeems your life from the pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,
⁵who satisfies you with good
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle’s.
⁶The LORD works righteousness
and justice for all who are oppressed.
⁷He made known his ways to Moses,

his acts to the people of Israel.
⁸The LORD is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
⁹He will not always chide,
nor will he keep his anger forever.
¹⁰He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.
¹¹For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;
¹²as far as the east is from the west,
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

Epistle Reading

Romans 14:1–12

¹As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. ²One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. ³Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him. ⁴Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the LORD is able to make him stand.

⁵One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. ⁶The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the LORD. The one who eats, eats in honor of the LORD, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the LORD and gives thanks to God. ⁷For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. ⁸If we live, we live to the LORD, and if we die, we die to the LORD. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the LORD's. ⁹For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be LORD both of the dead and of the living.

¹⁰Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; ¹¹for it is written,

“As I live, says the LORD, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall confess to God.”

¹²So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

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 18:21–35

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

C Glory to You, O LORD.

²¹Peter came up and said to [Jesus], “LORD, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?”

²²Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven.

²³“Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. ²⁵And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. ²⁶So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ ²⁷And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, ‘Pay what you

owe.’ ²⁹So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ ³⁰He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. ³¹When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. ³²Then his master summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?’ ³⁴And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. ³⁵So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.”

P This is the Gospel of the LORD.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

Hymn of the Day - LSB 496 - Holy Spirit, Light Divine



1 Ho - ly Spir - it, light di - vine, Shine up - on this heart of mine;
 2 Let me see my Sav - ior's face, Let me all His beau - ties trace;
 3 Ho - ly Spir - it, pow'r di - vine, Cleanse this guilt - y heart of mine;
 4 Ho - ly Spir - it, joy di - vine, Cheer this sad - dened heart of mine;
 5 Ho - ly Spir - it, all di - vine, Dwell with - in this heart of mine;



Chase the shades of night a - way, Turn the dark - ness in - to day.
 Show those glo - rious truths to me Which are on - ly known to Thee.
 In Thy mer - cy pit - y me, From sin's bond - age set me free.
 Yield a sa - cred, set - tled peace, Let it grow and still in - crease.
 Cast down ev - 'ry i - dol throne, Reign su - preme, and reign a - lone.

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Sermon

"The Holy Spirit: His Gifts and Fruit"

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Stand

Nicene Creed

**All: I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one LORD Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and
the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the LORD and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and
glorified, who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ✝ of the world to come. 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).

(11 a.m. only) 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

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. 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:



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.

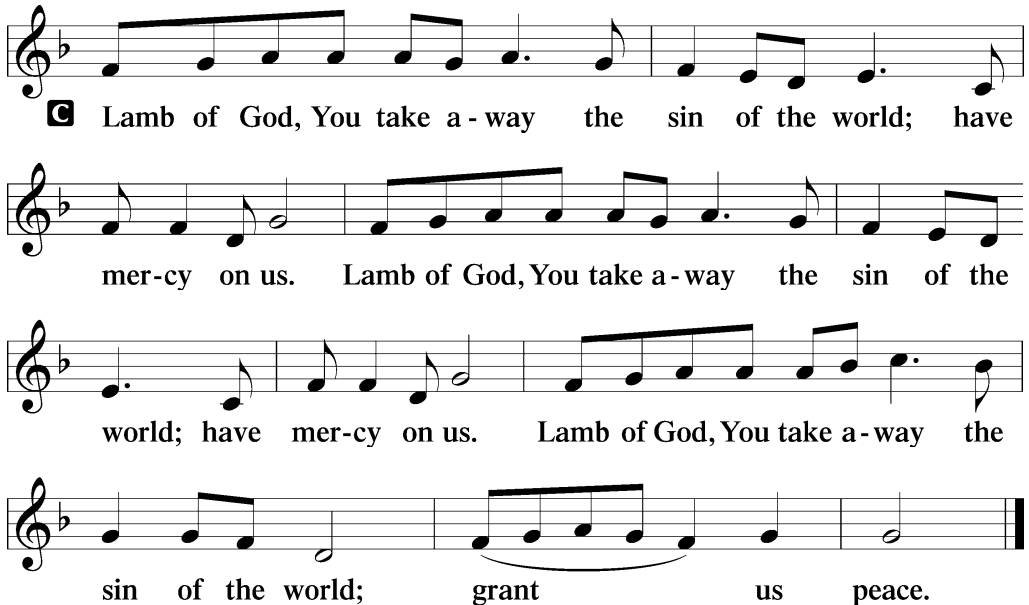
P O LORD Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD's Prayer

**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 - Blue 78 - The Wonderful Cross

1. When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss
And pour contempt on all my pride.
2. See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown.

Chorus:

- O the wonderful cross!
O the wonderful cross
bids me come and die
and find that I may truly live.
O the wonderful cross!
O the wonderful cross
All who gather here
by grace draw near
and bless Your name.
3. Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a tribute far too small;
Love so amazing so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all. (*Chorus*)
 4. When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss
And pour contempt on all my pride.

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Distribution Hymn - LSB 427 - In the Cross of Christ I Glory

1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, Tow'r - ing
 2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, Hopes de -
 3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing, Light and
 4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure By the

o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of sa - cred
 ceive, and fears an - noy, Nev - er shall the cross for -
 love up - on my way, From the cross the ra - diance
 cross are sanc - ti - fied; Peace is there that knows no

sto - ry Gath - ers round its head sub - lime.
 sake me; Lo, it glows with peace and joy.
 stream - ing Adds more lus - ter to the day.
 mea - sure, Joys that through all time a - bide.

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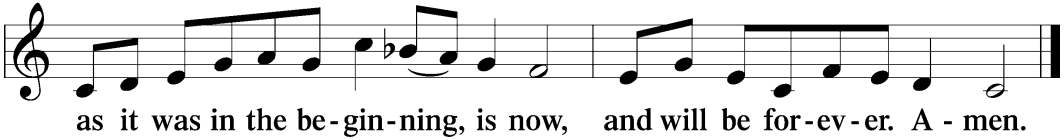
Stand

Communion Dismissal

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 165

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 -



Benediction

LSB 166

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

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

Closing Hymn - LSB 922 - Go, My Children, with My Blessing



1 Go, My chil-dren, with My bless - ing, Nev - er a - lone.
2 Go, My chil-dren, sins for - giv - en, At peace and pure.
3 Go, My chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, Clos - er to Me;
4 I the Lord will bless and keep you And give you peace;



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you; You are My own. In My
Here you learned how much I love you, What I can cure. Here you
Grow in love and love by serv-ing, Joy - ful and free. Here My
I the Lord will smile up - on you And give you peace: I the



love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you Mine for - ev - er.
heard My dear Son's sto - ry; Here you touched Him, saw His glo - ry.
Spir - it's pow - er filled you; Here His ten - der com - fort stilled you.
Lord will be your Fa - ther, Sav - ior, Com - fort - er, and Broth - er.



Go, My chil-dren, with My bless-ing— You are My own.
Go, My chil-dren, sins for - giv - en, At peace and pure.
Go, My chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, Joy - ful and free.
Go, My chil-dren; I will keep you And give you peace.

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

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P Pastor or Presiding minister; sole pastor, Liturgist

C Congregation

L Leader or Lector; an Elder, one of the Readers, or another lay person

A Assisting minister; an Elder, Commissioned Minister or other trained worship leader

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. 13 – Sept. 20, 2026
(at church unless noted)

Sunday: Worship/Communion, 9:30 AM
 Sunday School Resumes, 9:30 AM
 Prayer Shawls, 12:30 PM
 Prayer Team, 12:30 PM
Monday First day of Little Lambs, 9:00 AM-11:30 AM
 Women's Bible Study, 1 PM
Tuesday: Bible Study, 9:30 AM
 Elders Team, 6 PM
Wednesday Open Table, 6 PM
Thursday Helping Partners, 3:30 PM
Saturday: Worship/Communion, 5:30 PM
Sunday: Worship/Communion, 8 AM & 11 AM
 Sunday School, 9:30 AM
 Prayer Shawls, 12:30 PM
 Worship Team, 12:30 PM

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 smithwayne61860@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, John Pilecki & Don Hendershot 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!

We thank Jean Bucher for the beautiful cabinet in the Gathering Space and Greg Trost, Don Hendershot, Andrew Hendershot & Bob Jauch for bringing it from Jean's home to church.

THANK YOU!

Thank you to all who helped set up, cook, man tables and games, and put things away for our Open House/Picnic on August 30. A heartfelt thank you goes out to Hannah Zurek who designed the beautiful flyer for the event. We were blessed with a representative from CCIA as well. Our

mission and vision was to reach out to the community, as well as our members, to bless them with the love of Christ, have some fun and good food, and show many of the teams and ministries that we have. We had some Camp families, Little Lamb families, and other members of the community join us, reaching out to about 100 people that day. Thank you all so much for helping to make this day a success!

Steve Hemingway, Mission Team Chair

SERVING ON SEPTEMBER 19th & 20th

SATURDAY EVENING: Glenn Banke, JoAnne VanBuren

SUNDAY EARLY: Karyl Hammond, Bill Fuge, Stephanie Cheney, Cindy Hemingway, Gayle Hendershot, Brian & Bev Edwards, Leslie Smith, Greg Trost

SUNDAY LATE: Jenny Tessendorf, Jill Persson, Sandy Voigt, Amanda, Andy, Jared, Ian, Tommy Reding, Cathie Geskie, Tammy Beattie, Merrick Tessendorf-Khan, Hugh Shipley, Kathey Drennan

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 p.m. 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 GIFTS AND FRUIT”

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 Guastaferrero 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.

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

Be Still

We see it on mugs and cozy blankets... we see a T-shirt that proclaims it... You may even have some of these items yourself. What thoughts go through your head when you see the words, "Be Still"? In the Bible, the verses just before we are told to **"Be still"** are not peaceful and calm. Instead, they describe total chaos... mountains falling into the sea, and waters roaring and foaming. There are times when wars rage and armies advance.... and in the middle of it all.... God says, "Be still." This command does not mean to wait for the day to quiet down.... It calls for each of us to stop frantically trying to control and power through the chaos on our own. God is commanding us to rest, relax, and stop grasping for control. He is saying, "I've got this....I am God."

Let us pray and ask for strength and vision to drop our hands and let go and know that He is God... and He's got this!

"Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."
Psalm 46:10

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

SERVING OUR LORD

The Ministers

Rev. Steven R. Geske, Pastor

Rev. Don Muller, Pastor Emeritus

Lisa Serron, Office Manager

Linda Benivegna, Administrative Assistant

Stephanie Cheney, Music Director

Kelly Brainard-Nichols, Preschool Teacher

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SERVING OUR LORD AT WORSHIP THIS WEEKEND **SEPT. 12 & 13, 2026**

SERVING OUR LORD SATURDAY EVENING

ELDER

A/V

ALTAR CARE

Gail Herman

Glenn Banke

JoAnn VanBuren

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SERVING OUR LORD AT 8 AM

ELDER

A/V TEAM

LECTOR

ALTAR CARE

COMMUNION ASSISTANT

USHER

GREETERS

Bill Fuge

Greg Trost

Nola Trost

Lisa Serron

Karyl Hammond

Lisa Serron

Terry & Linda Savage

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SERVING OUR LORD AT 11 AM

ELDER	Hugh Shipley
ASSISTING MINISTER	Cindy Hemingway
SERVICE SHEPHERD	Bob Smith
A/V TEAM	Amanda & Jared Reding
LECTOR	Kathy Chapman
ACOLYTE	Addy Modzel
ALTAR CARE	Sandy Smith
KID'S WORSHIP	Cathie Geske
COMMUNION ASSISTANT	Kathey Drennan
USHER	Easton Modzel
GREETERS	Gary & Collen Paradise
HOSTS	Sandy Voigt
OPENERS & CLOSER	Terry & Linda Savage, 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 & Shawna Tiller**, friend & son & d-i-l 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; **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:

- **Mike L. & wife, Judy³** – friends of Sandy Voigt, Mike for treatments; Judy for an eye issue
- **Mark Zagata** – ongoing health issues
- **Bill and Judy Ballway** – ongoing health issues
- **Bart and Deborah Adams** – ongoing health issues – Deb recovering from shoulder surgery
- **Steve & Barb Schnieder** – ongoing health issues
- **Leon and Theresa Pfuntner** – foot issues, other health issues
- **Jacki Scheib** – ongoing health issues
- **Shirley Perryman** – ongoing health issues
- **Sandy Pittenger** – ongoing health issues
- **Robert Joslyn** – ongoing health issues
- **Joyce White & Suzann McClurg²**, friends of Terry & Linda Savage, health concerns
- **We rejoice with Mark Carlson** at the birth of his granddaughter, Zoey, born to Kaylee on Friday, Sept. 4.

**WORSHIP NEXT WEEKEND
SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST**

**September 19th – 5:30 PM
September 20th – 8 and 11 AM
Divine Service, Setting One
-With Holy Communion-**