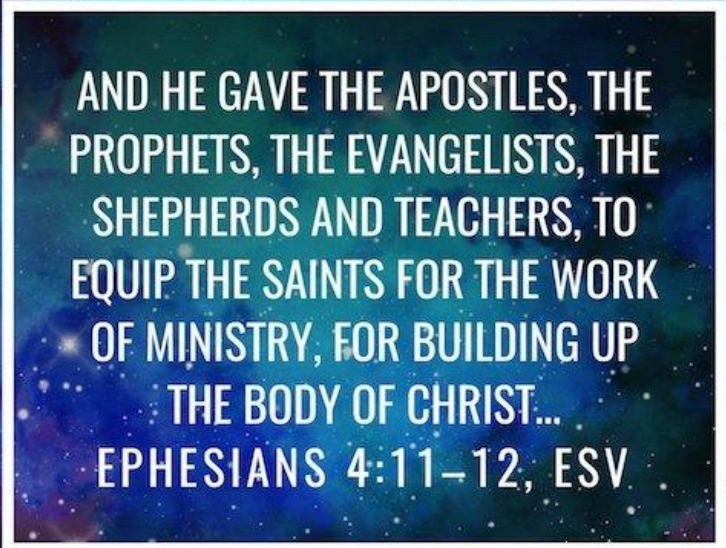


Good Shepherd LUTHERAN CHURCH

EVERYDAY DISCIPLES



AND HE GAVE THE APOSTLES, THE
PROPHETS, THE EVANGELISTS, THE
SHEPHERDS AND TEACHERS, TO
EQUIP THE SAINTS FOR THE WORK
OF MINISTRY, FOR BUILDING UP
THE BODY OF CHRIST...
EPHESIANS 4:11-12, ESV

17th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
September 20, 2026
SHARING CHRIST, CHANGING LIVES!
Gathering, Growing, Giving, Going

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP TODAY. Those who are sent as *“laborers for his vineyard”* (Matt. 20:1) depict the wide diversity of vocations to which the disciples of Christ Jesus are called. Whatever our particular stations in life may be, we are called to live and serve by faith in His promises. Our labors do not merit anything before Him, for He is already generous to one and all without partiality. In mercy, He has chosen to bear *“the burden of the day and the scorching heat”* on our behalf, to make us equal to Himself and to give us what belongs to Him, that is, the kingdom of heaven (Matt. 20:12–15). This way of the Lord is foolishness to the world and foreign to our thoughts, but He draws near, so that *“he may be found”* (Is. 55:6), *“have compassion”* and *“abundantly pardon”* (Is. 55:7). So it is that we are found in Christ Jesus, and He is honored in our bodies, *“whether by life or by death”* (Phil. 1:20), by *“fruitful labor”* (Phil. 1:22) or by suffering. It is by faith in His forgiveness that our works are *“worthy of the gospel”* (Phil. 1:27). 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: Ephesians 4: 1 - 12 and/or Memorize: Ephesians 4: 11 - 12

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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.

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 20th, Anno Domini (The Year of Our LORD) 2026

✠ Preparation ✠

Welcome and Connection Cards

Stand

Opening Song - Blue 70 - Spirit Song

1. O let the Son of God enfold you
with His Spirit and His love.
Let Him fill your life and satisfy your soul.
O let Him have the things that hold you
and His Spirit, like a dove,
Will descend upon your life
and make you whole.

Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.

Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.

2. O come and sing this song with gladness
as your hearts are filled with joy.
Lift your hands in sweet surrender to His Name.
O give Him all your tears and sadness,
give Him all your years of pain.
And you'll enter into life in Jesus' Name.
Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.
Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.

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

Invocation

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 116:12–13, 15–16; antiphon: v. 17

I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving
and call on the Name of the LORD.

What shall I render to the LORD

for all his benefits to me?
 I will lift up the cup of salvation
 and call on the Name of the LORD.
 Precious in the sight of the LORD
 is the death of his saints.
 O LORD, I am your servant;
 I am your servant, the son of your maidservant.
 You have loosed my bonds.
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.
 I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving
 and call on the Name of the LORD.

Kyrie

LSB 227



This Is the Feast

LSB 155





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.

LORD God, heavenly Father, since we cannot stand before You relying on anything we have done, help us trust in Your abiding grace and live according to Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our LORD, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

(11 a.m. only) Children between the ages of 3 years old and 5th grade are invited to meet Cathie Geske in the Gathering Space.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 55:6–9

⁶“Seek the LORD while he may be found;
call upon him while he is near;
⁷let the wicked forsake his way,
and the unrighteous man his thoughts;
let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.
⁸For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD.
⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.”

L This is the Word of the LORD.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 27:1–9; antiphon: v. 4a

¹The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?
The LORD is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?
²When evildoers assail me
to eat up my flesh,
my adversaries and foes,
it is they who stumble and fall.
³Though an army encamp against me,
my heart shall not fear;

though war arise against me,
yet I will be confident.

⁴One thing have I asked of the LORD,
that will I seek after:
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD
all the days of my life,
to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD
and to inquire in his temple.

⁵For he will hide me in his shelter
in the day of trouble;
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;
he will lift me high upon a rock.

⁶And now my head shall be lifted up
above my enemies all around me,
and I will offer in his tent
sacrifices with shouts of joy;
I will sing and make melody to the LORD.

⁷Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud;
be gracious to me and answer me!

⁸You have said, “Seek my face.”
My heart says to you,
“Your face, LORD, do I seek.”

⁹Hide not your face from me.
Turn not your servant away in anger,
O you who have been my help.
Cast me not off; forsake me not,
O God of my salvation!

Epistle Reading

Philippians 1:12–14, 19–30

¹²I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, ¹³so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my

imprisonment is for Christ. ¹⁴And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear. . . .

¹⁹for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, ²⁰as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. ²¹For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. ²²If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. ²³I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. ²⁴But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. ²⁵Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, ²⁶so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again.

²⁷Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. ²⁹For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, ³⁰engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

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



Holy Gospel

Matthew 20:1–16

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

G Glory to You, O LORD.

¹[Jesus said:] “The kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴and to them he said, ‘You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.’ ⁵So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. ⁶And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, ‘Why do you stand here idle all day?’ ⁷They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You go into the vineyard too.’ ⁸And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.’ ⁹And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. ¹⁰Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. ¹¹And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, ¹²saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ ¹³But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?’ ¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first last.”

P This is the Gospel of the LORD.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

Hymn of the Day - Red 171

Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart 171

GEORGE CROLY, 1780-1860 MORECAMBE FREDERICK C. ATKINSON, 1841-1897

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of music. The first system contains the first four lines of the hymn. The second system contains the next four lines. The third system contains the final four lines. The lyrics are printed below the vocal staves, with some lines split across two staves. The music is in G major, indicated by one sharp (F#) on the treble clef. The key signature is consistent throughout the piece.

1. Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart: Wean it from
2. Hast Thou not bid us love Thee, God and King? All, all Thine
3. Teach me to feel that Thou art al - ways nigh; Teach me the
4. Teach me to love Thee as Thine an - gels love, One ho - ly

earth, through all its puls - es move. Stoop to my weak - ness, might - y
own - soul, heart and strength and mind. I see Thy cross - there teach my
strug - gles of the soul to bear - To check the ris - ing doubt, the
pas - sion fill - ing all my frame; The bap - tism of the heav'n - de -

as Thou art, And make me love Thee as I ought to love.
heart to cling; O let me seek Thee, and O let me find.
reb - el sigh; Teach me the pa - tience of un - an - swered prayer.
scend - ed Dove - My heart an al - tar and Thy love the flame.

Sermon

"He Gave Gifts"

Ephesians 4:1-12

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.

[G] 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



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

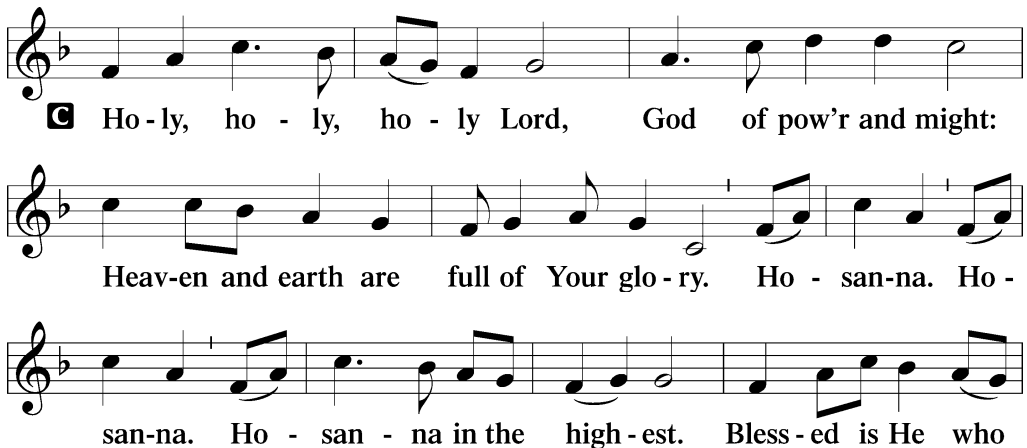
Preface

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:
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who



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.”

LORD's Prayer

**For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.**

Agnus Dei

LSB 163

C Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

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 - Red 176

Break Thou the Bread of Life 176
BREAD OF LIFE
MARY ANN LATHBURY, 1841-1913 WILLIAM F. SHERWIN, 1826-1888

1. Break Thou the bread of life, Dear Lord, to me, As Thou didst
2. Bless Thou the truth, dear Lord, To me - to me, As Thou didst
3. Thou art the bread of life, O Lord, to me; Thy ho - ly
4. O send Thy Spir - it, Lord, Now un - to me, That He may

break the loaves Be - side the sea: Be - yond the sa - cred page
 bless the bread By Gal - i - lee: Then shall all bond-age cease,
 Word the truth That sav - eth me: Give me to eat and live
 touch my eyes And make me see: Show me the truth con-cealed

as Thou art, And make me love Thee as I ought to love.
 heart to cling; O let me seek Thee, and O let me find.
 reb - el sigh; Teach me the pa - tience of un - an - swered prayer.
 scend - ed Dove - My heart an al - tar and Thy love the flame.

Distribution Hymn - Red 158

Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove 158

ST. AGNES

ISAAC WATTS, 1674-1748 JOHN B. DYKES, 1823-1876

1. Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, heav'n - ly Dove, With all Thy quick-'ning pow'rs;
2. Look how we grov - el here be - low, Fond of these earth - ly toys;
3. In vain we tune our for - mal songs, In vain we strive to rise;
4. Dear Lord, and shall we ev - er live At this poor dy - ing rate?
5. Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, heav'n - ly Dove, With all Thy quick-'ning pow'rs;

Kin-dle a flame of sa-cred love In these cold hearts of ours.
 Our souls, how heav-i-ly they go To reach e-ter-nal joys.
 Ho-san-nas lan-guish on our tongues, And our de-vo-tion dies.
 Our love so faint, so cold to Thee, And Thine to us so great!
 Come, shed a-broad a Sav-ior's love, And that shall kin-dle ours.

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

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

Closing Hymn - LSB 650 - Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling



1 Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er dwell - ing In the ho - liest
2 Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er liv - ing As the Church's
3 Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er work - ing Through the Church's



realms of light; Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er brood - ing
ver - y life; Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er striv - ing
min - is - try; Quick - 'ning, strength - 'ning, and ab - solv - ing,



O'er a world of gloom and night; Ho - ly Spir - it,
Through us in a cease - less strife; Ho - ly Spir - it,
Set - ting cap - tive sin - ners free; Ho - ly Spir - it,



ev - er rais - ing Those of earth to thrones on high; Liv - ing,
ev - er form - ing In the Church the mind of Christ: You we
ev - er bind - ing Age to age and soul to soul In com -



life - im - part - ing Spir - it, You we praise and mag - ni - fy.
praise with end - less wor - ship For Your gifts and fruits un - priced.
mu - nion nev - er end - ing, You we wor - ship and ex - tol.

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Tune: Oude en Nieuwe Hollantse . . . Contredansen, c. 1710, Amsterdam

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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. 20 – Sept. 27, 2026 **(at church unless noted)**

- Sunday: Worship/Communion, 9:30 AM
 Sunday School, 9:30 AM
 Prayer Shawls, 12:30 PM
 Worship Team, 12:30 PM
- Monday Women’s Bible Study, 1 PM
- Tuesday: Bible Study, 9:30 AM
 Grief Share, 5:30 PM
 Church Council Meeting, 7 PM
- Saturday: Worship/Communion, 5:30 PM
- Sunday: Worship/Communion, 8 AM & 11 AM
 Sunday School, 9:30 AM
 Prayer Shawls, 12:30 PM
 Little Lambs Board, 12:30 PM

SERVING AT WORSHIP IN OCTOBER

This week we will be working on the servers’ schedule for the month of October. If you plan to be away any weekend, please let us know so that we don’t schedule you to serve. 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, 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.

SERVING ON SEPTEMBER 26th & 27th

SATURDAY EVENING: Hugh Shipley, Greg Trost, Lisa Serron

SUNDAY EARLY: Richard & Sudy Landholm, Scott Norris, Laura Ouimette, Vince & Tracy Romano, Fred Salvagni

SUNDAY LATE: Ron & Kathy Chapman, Bob & Sandy Smith, Amanda, Andy & Jared Reding, Jenny Tessendorf, Addy Modzel, Christine Davis, Jill Persson, Dave Pittengere, Jim & Joyce Wicker, 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.

GRIEFSHARE 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 Advent:

- 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 Guastafarro 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

We were created by God for a unique purpose He gave each of us gifts to share with the world and make a meaningful difference in the lives of others. On our own, we tend to focus on our flaws, fears, and past failures. When we choose to obey and serve God... we are no longer defined by our past. Through Jesus, God sees us as whole, chosen, and perfectly equipped to make a difference in the world. Let us pray today that we can trust His vision for our lives. When we serve Him today..... let us step out of our doubts and into the strength He provides. Help me, Lord, to see myself the way You see me.

“For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.” Ephesians 2:10

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
- Dick Stell, at the death of his son-in-law, Donald Kilbourn

SERVING OUR LORD

The Ministers

Rev. Steven R. Geske, Pastor

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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 Leggett**, 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:

- **Leon and Theresa Pfuntner** – foot issues, other health issues
- **Mark Zagata** – ongoing health issues
- **Bart and Deb Adams** – ongoing health issues – Deb recovering from shoulder surgery
- **Steve & Barb Schnieder** – ongoing health issues
- **Bill and Judy Ballway** – ongoing health issues
- **Jacki Scheib** – ongoing health issues
- **Sandy Pittenger** – ongoing health issues
- **Shirley Perryman** – ongoing health issues
- **Robert Joslyn** – ongoing health issues
- **Mike & Judy** – friends of Sandy Voigt, Mike for treatments; Judy for an eye issue
- **Shelly**, daughter of Shirley Perryman, in the hospital
- **Vic, friend of Jill Persson, personal struggle**
- **Keith, friend of Gail Herman, being deployed to the Middle East**

For the family of Donald Kilbourn, son-in-law of Dick Stell, who died recently

**WORSHIP NEXT WEEKEND
EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST**

**September 26th – 5:30 PM
September 27th – 8 and 11 AM
Divine Service, Setting One
-With Holy Communion-**