

## *Good Shepherd Lutheran Church*

*A Member of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod*

**Worship Schedule: Sunday 9:00am**

**Education Hour: Sunday @ 10:30am**

**Office Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday from 8am-12:00am  
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We, the members of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, believing the Bible to be God's inspired and inerrant Word, acknowledging that Jesus Christ is Lord, and affirming that we are saved by Grace through faith in Him alone, offer the following as our statement of mission:

Empowered by the Holy Spirit and loving our neighbors as ourselves, we, as ambassadors for Christ, must strive to make disciples of all nations; Using the gifts the Lord has given to each of us, we must help the saints to grow in unity of faith through regular worship attendance, the partaking of the Sacraments, the study of God's Word, and by ministering to the spiritual needs of others; we will persevere in prayer and thanksgiving for all the opportunities and blessings which God places before us.

**Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity  
September 17, 2023**

Opening Song: **“Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)”** **GSLC 57**

**Opening Versicles** (common)

**L** This is the day which the Lord has made;

**C** **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

**L** From the rising of the sun to its setting,

**C** **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

**L** Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;

**C** **I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.**

**L** Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.

**C** **Teach me Your paths.**

**L** Sanctify us in Your truth.

**C** **Your Word is truth.**

**L** From the rising of the sun to its setting,

**C** **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

**C** **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.**

**Old Testament Canticle**

**LSB 261**

**C**



**C** The Lord God is my strength and my song, and



He has be - come my sal - va - tion.



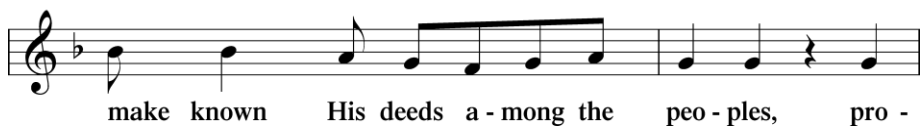
With joy will you draw wa - ter from the



wells of sal - va - tion. And you will say in that



day: “Give thanks to the Lord, call up - on His name,



make known His deeds a - mong the peo - ples, pro -



claim that His name is ex - alt - ed.”

*Refrain*



The Lord God is my strength and my song, and



He has be - come my sal - va - tion.



Sing prais - es to the Lord, for He has done



glo - rious - ly; let this be made known in all the



earth. Shout, and sing for joy, O in -



hab - i - tants of Zi - on, for great in your midst is the



Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el.

*Refrain*



The Lord God is my strength and my song, and



He has be - come my sal - va - tion.

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son  
 and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;  
 as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will  
 be for - ev - er. A - men.

*Refrain*  
 The Lord God is my strength and my song, and  
 He has be - come my sal - va - tion.

## Children's Message

### Readings from Holy Scripture

#### Old Testament Reading: 1 Kings 17:8–16

#### Psalm 146; (antiphon: v. 9a)

<sup>9</sup>The LORD watches over the sojourners;  
 he upholds the widow and the fatherless,  
 but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

<sup>1</sup>Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD, O my soul!

<sup>2</sup>**I will praise the LORD as long as I live;**

**I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**

<sup>3</sup>Put not your trust in princes,

in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.

<sup>4</sup>**When his breath departs he returns to the earth;  
 on that very day his plans perish.**

<sup>5</sup>Blessèd is he whose help is the God of Jacob,  
 whose hope is in the LORD his God,

<sup>6</sup>who made heaven and earth,  
the sea, and all that is in them,  
who keeps faith forever;

<sup>7</sup>who executes justice for the oppressed,  
who gives food to the hungry.  
The LORD sets the prisoners free;

<sup>8</sup>the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.  
The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;  
the LORD loves the righteous.

<sup>9</sup>The LORD watches over the sojourners;  
he upholds the widow and the fatherless,  
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

<sup>10</sup>The LORD will reign forever,  
your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the LORD!  
**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*  
and to the Holy | Spirit;  
as it was in the be- | ginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

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he upholds the widow and the fatherless,  
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

## Epistle: Galatians 5:25—6:10

## Holy Gospel: Matthew 6:24–34

### Responsory (common)

**L** Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.

**C** Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

**L** Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.

**C** Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

**L** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

**C** Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

### Ten Commandments

**C** You shall have no other gods.

You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

Honor your father and your mother.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house.

**You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.**

## **Apostles' Creed**

**☩ 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.**

## **Lord's Prayer**

**☩ 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.**

### *The Ten Commandments*

As the head of the family should teach it in a simple way to his household.

### *The Fifth Commandment*

**You shall not murder.**

*What does this mean?*

We should fear and love God so that we do not hurt or harm our neighbor in his body, but help and support him in every physical need.

## **Sermon**

**Sermon Hymn: "What God Ordains Is Always Good"      LSB 760**

## Offering

### Prayer

LSB 265

**L** In peace let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**L** 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.**

**L** 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.**

**L** 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.**

**L** For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**L** For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**L** 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.**

**L** For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**L** For . . . *[additional bids for prayer may be inserted here]* . . . let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**L** Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

### Collect of the Day

**L** O Lord, we implore You, let Your continual pity cleanse and defend Your Church; and because she cannot continue in safety without Your aid, preserve her evermore by Your help and goodness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

### Collect for the Word

**L** Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Morning Prayer

**C** I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

## New Testament Cantic

LSB 266



**C** Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -



lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.



Christ our Pass - o - ver Lamb has been sac - ri - ficed.



Raised from the dead, He will nev - er die a - gain.



Death has no more do - min - ion o - ver Him.



Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -



lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.



Dy - ing, Christ dies to sin, once for all. Liv - ing, He



lives to God. Count your - selves as dead to  
 sin and a - live to God in Christ Je - sus, our Lord.  
*Refrain*  
 Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -  
 lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

### Blessing

- L** Let us bless the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**
- L** The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.
- C** **Amen.**

Closing Song:

**"As the Deer"**

**GSLC 23**

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We ask here at the outset that all this may be realized in us and that his name may be praised through God's holy Word and Christian living. This we ask, both in order that we who have accepted it may remain faithful and grow daily in it and also in order that it may find approval and gain followers among other people and advance with power throughout the world. In this way many, led by the Holy Spirit may come into the kingdom of grace and become partakers of redemption so, that we may all remain together eternally in this kingdom that has now begun.

*The Book of Concord* – The Large Catechism, The Lord's Prayer, Second Petition, 52

**Those Serving today and  
next week Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>**

**9/17**

**Music:** Praise Band

**Acolyte:** Grant Lingl

**Elder:**

**Ushers:** David Berner & David Widman

**Counters:** Stephen Davis

**Servers:** NA

**9/24**

**Music:** Beth Steuck

**Acolyte:** John Mark Stefanic

**Elder:** Darwin Leek

**Ushers:** David Berner & David Widman

**Counters:** Peggy Peterson

**Servers:** NA

**Sunday, September 10th, 2023**

**Attendance: 111**

**Communicants: 70**

**This Week at Good Shepherd  
September 17<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>**

**Sunday**

9am – Service of Prayer & Preaching  
& Praise Band

10:30am – Educational Hour

**Monday**

8:30am-Matins/Homeschool Co-op

**Tuesday**

3:30pm – REM

5:30 – Board of Elders

7pm – AA Meeting

**Wednesday**

7am – Men's Bible Study @ McDonald's

5:30pm – Confirmation

**Thursday**

Pastor's Day Off/Office Closed

3:30pm – REM

**Saturday**

7:30am – Men's Breakfast

8am – Men's Book Study

**Sunday**

9am – Divine Service III

10:30am – Educational Hour

Lutherans have known some different ways of reverencing: among some, it is customary to enter one's pew and to stand and pray toward the altar before sitting. Others bow upon entering the pew. Some do genuflect if the Sacrament is present. The great majority of Lutherans have customarily done their most profound genuflecting at the altar, when they receive the Sacrament. There they do a double genuflexion (they kneel with both knees).

It is important that our practice be informed by our theology. What we believe ought to affect what we do; thus kneeling is always appropriate if Christ's Body and Blood are present. This is especially so in view of the fact that there have been churches who do not believe that the Sacrament truly is Christ, so they refuse to kneel. How much more ought we confess with our knees, then. For we believe Christ's words; "This is My Body; this is My Blood."

*Layman's Guide to the Liturgy: By Parts. – Why do we sometimes kneel and sometimes only bow toward the altar? Pg. 42, para. 4-5.*

## The Congregation at Prayer

How to use this bulletin for daily prayer all week long.

*Reading God's Word and offering up our prayers to God should be part of our daily routine.*

*Below is an outline for a simple daily devotion.*

*Also included is a portion of the Small Catechism for the week and the prayers of our parish.*

Invocation: **In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Introit: **Bulletin Insert**

Learn by Heart Bible Verses: **Proverbs 19:20; 1 John 5:18**

Catechism: **Table of Duties: To Everyone**

Daily Readings:

Sunday: **2 Chron. 36:1-23; Col. 4:1-18**

Monday: **Neh. 1:1-2:10; 1 Tim. 1:1-20**

Tuesday: **Neh. 2:11-20; 4:1-6; 1 Tim. 2:1-15**

Wednesday: **Neh. 4:7-23; 1 Tim. 3:1-16**

Thursday: **Neh. 5:1-16; 6:1-9, 15-16; 1 Tim. 4:1-16**

Friday: **Neh. 7:1-4; 8:1-18; 1 Tim. 5:1-16**

Saturday: **Neh. 9:1-21; 1 Tim. 5:17-6:2**

Readings for next Sunday: **1 Kings 17:17-24; Ephesians 3:13-21; Luke 7:11-17**

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

- **Birthdays:** Rachel Berner 9/16; Wyatt Brockberg 9/16; Carol Nienkerk 9/18; Spencer Petrich 9/19
- **Anniversaries:** Shawn & Michelle Bingham 9/16; Rolland & Jean Peirce 9/17 Matt & Monique Konrad 9/16
- **Sickness/Illness/Recovery:** Brent Winter, brother of Michelle Bingham; Brenda Dunlap, daughter of Karen Geske; Linda Priem, mother of Sarah Stefanic; Rick Geske; Randy Priem, father of Sarah Stefanic; David and Kim St. John, friends of Monique Konrad; Charles Holland; Matt Konrad; Sarah Johnson, friend of Lisa Haen; Karen Geske; Carole Rudig, caretaker of Esther Schrunk; Barb Werner; Dennis Chihansky, friend of Kathy Dahl; Laura Kero, aunt of Gwen Sturrock; Harper Thiesen, granddaughter of Gay Brockberg; Lena Peterson, mother of Travis Peterson; Rev. Carl Berner; Anita Johnson, sister of Kathy Brockberg; Mark Meffert, son of Mary Meffert; Carol Nienkerk; Joanne Christoffer; Diane, Aunt of Lisa Haen; Jon Gullickson; Lorraine Gullickson; David Sturrock; Floyd Brecheisen, brother of Gay Brockberg; Shirlene Schwab; Ruth Timm; Jon Gerken; Jean Peirce; Esther Schrunk; Hester, sister of David Sturrock; Tobias Haugen, grandson of Mavis Ochsendorf; Larry Pratt; Bonnie, mother of Lisa Haen

HYMN OF THE WEEK: **"Evening and Morning" LSB #726**

COLLECT (**Bulletin Insert**)

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LORD'S PRAYER

BLESSING: **The almighty and most merciful God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us. Amen.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Spiritual Discipline for September:** Attend Divine Service and Education Hour every Sunday.

**Join us for Bible Study** as we continue 1 Timothy.

**Good Shepherd's homeschool co-op continues tomorrow.** Matins is at 8:30am. All are welcome!

**Our next men's book study is scheduled for Saturday, September 23.** We will begin reading through the book: "No Apologies: Why Civilization Depends on the Strength of Men" by Anthony Esolen. If interested in the book, please let Pastor know.

**The 2023 Pipestone Zone Fall Rally will be at Trinity Lutheran Church in Slayton on Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup>.** \*Anyone wishing to attend should talk to Mary Meffert.\* The rally will begin at 10:00 a.m. A noon luncheon will be served following the rally. Zone Pastoral Counselor, Pastor Robert Moeller, Jr. will lead us in the 2023 LWML Prayer Service. Gifts from the Heart will be for the Our House Hospice in Slayton.

**Fall Dementia Event in Marshall, MN on Thursday, October 5<sup>th</sup> from 10am – 3pm.** Presented by Marshall Area Dementia Awareness Network. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m., at Living Word Lutheran Church, 800 E Southview Court, Marshall. Jolene Brackey to present. To register: <https://form.jotform.com/signatureaging/jolene-brackey> or see the flyer on the board in Fellowship Hall 1. For questions please contact Jamie @ 507-828-8891 or [marshallareadementia@gmail.com](mailto:marshallareadementia@gmail.com).

**New Adult and Kids Devotionals on the resource table.**

**Bookmarks can be found on the resource table** that include dates of both testaments, reminders of how to distinguish between law and gospel, and more.

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*If you missed being here last Sunday and would like a bulletin, they are available in the foyer on the free materials table.*