GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 11:00

Chime Choir

September 14, 2025

(Radio FM 89.9)

Personal Prayer before Worship

O Lord, our Creator, Redeemer, and Comforter, as we come together to worship you in spirit and in truth, we humbly pray that you may open our hearts to the preaching of your Word, so that we may repent of our sins, believe in Jesus Christ as our only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear us for his sake. Amen.

Prelude: Come, Christians Join to Sing

Welcome

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Confession and Absolution

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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.

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- C Amen.
- **P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- **©** 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.
- 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 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.
- In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- C Amen.

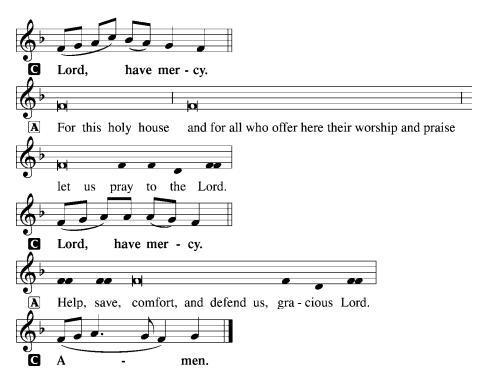
Kyrie

Service of the Word

Lord, have mer - cy.

A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.









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Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

Let us pray. Lord Jesus, You are the Good Shepherd, without whom nothing is secure. Rescue and preserve us that we may not be lost forever but follow You, rejoicing in the way that leads to eternal life; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Ezekiel 34:11-24

¹¹"For thus says the Lord GoD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. ¹²As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. ¹⁴I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord God. ¹⁶I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice.

¹⁷"As for you, my flock, thus says the Lord GoD: Behold, I judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and male goats. ¹⁸Is it not enough for you to feed on the good pasture, that you must tread down with your feet the rest of your pasture; and to drink of clear water, that you must muddy the rest of the water with your feet? ¹⁹And must my sheep eat what you have trodden with your feet, and drink what you have muddied with your feet?

²⁰"Therefore, thus says the Lord GoD to them: Behold, I, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. ²¹Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad, ²²I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. ²³And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be

their shepherd. ²⁴And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the LORD; I have spoken."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle 1 Timothy 1:3–17

³As I urged you when I was going to Macedonia, remain at Ephesus that you may charge certain persons not to teach any different doctrine, ⁴nor to devote themselves to myths and endless genealogies, which promote speculations rather than the stewardship from God that is by faith. ⁵The aim of our charge is love that issues from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith. ⁶Certain persons, by swerving from these, have wandered away into vain discussion, ⁷desiring to be teachers of the law, without understanding either what they are saying or the things about which they make confident assertions.

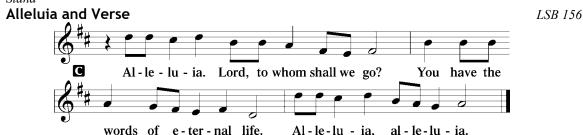
⁸Now we know that the law is good, if one uses it lawfully, ⁹understanding this, that the law is not laid down for the just but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and sinners, for the unholy and profane, for those who strike their fathers and mothers, for murderers, ¹⁰the sexually immoral, men who practice homosexuality, enslavers, liars, perjurers, and whatever else is contrary to sound doctrine, ¹¹in accordance with the glorious gospel of the blessed God with which I have been entrusted.

¹²I thank him who has given me strength, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he judged me faithful, appointing me to his service, ¹³though formerly I was a blasphemer, persecutor, and insolent opponent. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, ¹⁴and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.
¹⁵The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. ¹⁶But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. ¹⁷To the King of ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand



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Holy Gospel Luke 15:1–10

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

G Glory to You, O Lord.

¹Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear [Jesus]. ²And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, "This man receives sinners and eats with them."

³So he told them this parable: ⁴"What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it? ⁵And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. ⁶And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' ⁷Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

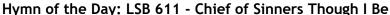
⁸"Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and seek diligently until she finds it? ⁹And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' ¹⁰Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

Children's Message







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Sermon: "FIGHT...Against False Teaching"

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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.

Prayer of the Church

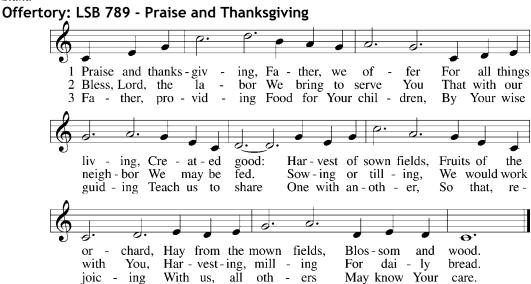
- Let us pray to the Lord, who in Christ will hear our prayers and, in His time, turn our mourning into dancing. Heavenly Father, heaven rejoices when a sinner repents. Guard us against self-righteousness that sees no need to hear of Christ and His redemption, and preserve us in Your Word and grace, that as Your people we might always be about the proclamation of repentance and the forgiveness of sins for the sake of Jesus. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- Almighty God, You call pastors and set them to the task of shepherding Your people. Bless them in their work of providing Your gifts to those You have gathered and as they seek those who have wandered away. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- ② Lord, look with favor on the households of this congregation, and grant that all may live in love that issues from a pure heart, a good conscience and a sincere faith. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- E King of the ages, immortal and invisible, the only God, look in kindness upon all entrusted with public office in our land, and grant them wisdom and courage to serve our nation according to Your will. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- Lord God, You promise to shepherd Your sheep for the sake of Jesus. According to Your Word, seek the lost, bring back the stray, bind up the injured and strengthen the weak. Have mercy upon all who look to You for deliverance. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- We recall with thanksgiving, O Lord, those who served You in days past and now rest from their labors, and we pray that You would keep us in fellowship with all Your saints. By this holy communion, give us grace to sustain us through the changes and chances of this mortal life, and keep us to that day when Christ shall call us unto Himself and we shall know Him face to face in the marriage supper of the Lamb that knows no end. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- We entrust all these petitions to Your care, loving Father, confident in Your great mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who is worshiped together with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

Offering

Your continued tithes and special offerings are appreciated and support God's work at Good Shepherd. You may give by plate, by mail, or make a secure gift online by scanning this QR code with your smartphone.



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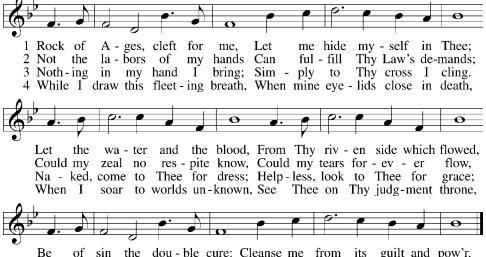
Lord's Prayer

- P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:
- 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.

Benediction LSB 166

- 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.

Hymn to Depart: LSB 761 - Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me



All for sin could not a - tone; Thou must save, and Thou a - lone. Foul, I to the foun-tain fly; Wash me, Sav - ior, or I die. Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my - self in Thee.

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Dismissal

P Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Divine Service, Setting One from Lutheran Service Book

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Altar Flowers

are given in memory of Max Downs by June Downs & Family

(If you'd like to dedicate flowers in honor or memory of a loved one, the flower chart is posted in the hallway.)

NEEDING OUR PRAYERS for body, soul, and spirit:

(names in italics are new or have a new development)

Adams family; Hester Allen; Josh Allen; Frank Altland; Sonya Alwine; Annette Anderson; Tina Bell; Darlene Bentzel; Tammy Bosley; Bill Bucher; Nancy Buckley; Jeffery Cogan; Dawn Coley; Dona Dellinger; Joyce Devan; Judy Eckenrode; Dave Eicholtz; Jane Esterby; Bob & Marge Filangeri; Pastor Thurman Frey; Jack & Donnalene Gingerich; Bob and Sandy Hahn; Wayne, Allyson & Christopher Hoffmann; Alice Jakupciak; Bob Jakupciak; Beatrice Jeanette; Sandy Knisely; Linda Latif; Joe Miller; Randy Miller; Neenan family; Norma Orsie; Dave Polimeni; Yvonne Rudacille; Denise Sater; Tom Shearer; Bill Smith; Cary Smith; Pat Smith; Bill Svobota; Beth Ann Thompson; Joe & Donna Toomey; Elizabeth Turner; Rick Weidner; Ella Weisbord; Jim Williams; John Wills Jr; Cole Young

Let's remember our Homebound Members in Prayer too: Will & Chris Candisky; Denise Eckert; Bob & Sandy Hahn; Patty Hoshall; Jo Reese; Doris Ruesskamp; Pauline Schaefer; Donna Siple; Joe & Donna Toomey; Sharon Warnecke; George Yovich

CAN'T BE HERE IN PERSON? Join us online at the Good Shepherd Youtube channel: **Good Shepherd Lutheran Church York, PA.** Alternatively, you can tune into the service on your car radio at 89.9 FM from our parking lot.

"MANY ARE CALLED" says Jesus, but please silence your cell phone during worship.

FOOD AND BEVERAGES IN SANCTUARY: Please refrain from bringing any food or beverage into the sanctuary except for water. Thank you.

NEW HERE?

WELCOME TO GOOD SHEPHERD! We are glad you are here today and hope you have found a warm welcome. If you are our guest, please sign our guest book at the Welcome Center; we would like to thank you for worshiping with us and would appreciate your feedback on your experience today. This bulletin includes the Order of Worship, which is also projected on-screen at our 9am service. Good Shepherd follows a traditional Liturgy (order of service); if you are unfamiliar with a liturgical service, beneath several chairs in your row, you'll find a tall, laminated pew card that explains the various elements of the service. (Our 9am service follows a similar order, but this resource is more suited for the 11am service.) Our nursery, located down the hall to the right, is available to parents with young children and offers comfortable chairs, interactive play space and a TV monitor to follow worship. Childcare volunteers are also available for those who wish to return to the sanctuary.

TROUBLE HEARING? Assistive listening devices (personal receivers/earpieces) are available upon request of the AV booth.

SEPTEMBER LOCAL MISSION: Human Life Services

"Because we love our Creator, and He loves life, we are committed to helping women and men in crisis – often alone and frightened – discover the wonder and awesome privilege of carrying life." (from friendsofhls.org)

If you would like to give to this mission, please note this on your offering.

SERVING GENEROUSLY FAIR – AGAIN: The Stewardship, Fellowship and Outreach committees is once again providing an opportunity to view and volunteer for the many ministries happening at Good Shepherd this upcoming fall and winter. These dates coincide with Good Shepherd's hosting the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life Car Show, as well as with our own annual Yard Sale. Since we open our doors to visitors during those events, the Serving Generously Fair will also be a visual communication to those visitors as to the activities with which our church is involved. These sign-ups also assist church staff, leadership and ministry leaders in identifying those who would like to serve in specific ministries. Please join us for these events.

GOOD SHEPHERD QUILTERS are back at their sewing machines **every Tuesday** at 9:30am. If you have a desire to help make quilts for Lutheran World Relief - stop in the quilt room. Instructions available. The Ham and Cheese on a Pretzel Roll Sandwich sign-up ends **next Sun. Sept. 21**. Sandwich pick-up will be **Thurs. Sept. 25** from 4-6pm. The sign-up sheet is on the table in the Narthex.

AUGSBURG CONFESSION STUDY: If you are interested in discussing the history of Lutheran teachings and their Scriptural basis, come **Mondays** from 6:30-7:30pm **starting tomorrow Sept. 15** to read and discuss the Augsburg Confession along with its Scripture references. A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex. Copies of the study guide will be provided. See Al Mokris for any questions.

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY is a personal finance class based on biblical principles of money management. It is focused on budgeting, debt elimination, and behavior modification. First St. John's has provided funds to cover the tuition cost of this program for each of the families participating. We will still be collecting \$20 at the start of the program (so participants still have some skin in the game) but we will be returning \$50 to all families that "graduate" (attending 8/9 sessions). This course will be on Tuesdays starting at 6:30pm at First St. John's with the first session **this Tues. Sept. 16**. See the flyer on the narthex table or scan the QR code for more information.

Our **REGULAR CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** is scheduled for **next Sun. Sept. 21**, following the 11am worship service. The following proposal from the Council will be presented: That MR Roofing of Manheim, PA, be contracted to replace the roof of the Church building in the Spring of 2026. See the proposal from MR Roofing for details. If approved, the Financial Committee is requested to review options for financing the roofing project, to include current church savings, a loan for \$60,000.00 and a program for soliciting funds over and above current giving to pay for the work and to develop a comprehensive plan to keep the cost, to the congregation, of replacing the roof in 2026 at a minimum. [Note: This is a combination of two motions approved by the Council on Aug. 13, 2025.]

Help LWML **RAISE SOME DOUGH**. We are having a fundraiser on **Sun. Sept. 21**, all day, at **MOD Pizza** at 370 Town Center Dr, York, PA 17408. Grab a flyer from the narthex table and present it at the register. We will receive 25% of the proceeds from the day--as long as you present the flyer. Please share the flyer with your friends as well! Look for other dining fundraisers coming in the future. Thank you for your continued support!

CALLING ALL LUTHERANS! Gather with pro-life Lutherans on **Mon. Sept. 22** prior to the 2025 PA March for Life at The Hilton in Harrisburg, One N. 2nd St. to be encouraged and take a stand for the dignity of all lives from conception to natural death. A full breakfast, free of charge, will be served from 9am-10am. Scott Licht of Lutherans for Life (slicht@lutheransforlife.org) and Mary Ann Albertini, Advancement Director of A Woman's Concern Pregnancy and Parenting Resource Center (MaryAnnA@pregnancylancaster.com) will briefly address us before we walk together to the Capitol steps for the 11am Rally and 12pm Mile March.

MUMS FOR FALL: LWML is taking orders for mums to be displayed for LWML Sunday on Oct. 12, which can be taken home after the service. Price is \$10 for a 9" pot. Payment is due when ordering; make checks payable to LWML. Questions? Contact Shirley Dreyer. All orders must be in by **Sun. Sept. 28.**

CARING FOR A LOVED ONE WITH DEMENTIA: GRACE Caregiver Network offers a free monthly session with speakers, discussion of memory support challenges and advice to provide education, strategies and empathy. Monthly sessions take place at Country Meadows (1920 Trolley Rd - just 3 minutes from Good Shepherd: right on Roosevelt Ave, left on Kenneth Rd, then right on Normandie Dr. and straight to the entrance). This month's session is **Tues. Sept. 30** at 5:30pm and is entitled "Winter Calm; Coping with Dementia when the days get shorter." Interested? See the poster in the Narthex and RSVP to Tammy Sharp: tsharp@countrymeadows.com.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY – BAD GIRLS OF THE BIBLE: Lot's wife, Delilah, Jezabel, the woman at the well – each exhibited behavior that, to put it mildly, would be considered unacceptable. Each week, we will discover how God reached out to one of them with mercy, compassion and love – just as He reaches out to us. All women are welcome. Please sign up in the narthex. We will meet on Thursdays at 10am beginning **Thurs. Oct. 2** and continuing for 10 weeks.

OCTOBERFEST DINNER TICKETS NOW ON SALE: Tickets for the **Oct. 10** Octoberfest dinner are now being sold. Details on the dinner with ticket prices are displayed on the poster in the narthex. See Larry Kaetzel if you have questions. Proceeds for the event will benefit a new roof for the church.

LUTHERAN WITNESS MAGAZINE: If you would like to renew or subscribe for the first time, please place a check for the \$22 on Kelly's desk. **Please make the check out to Good Shepherd, but be sure to include "Lutheran Witness" in the memo.** Payment is due on or before **Sun. Oct. 12.**

24/7 CONFIDENTIAL CRISIS SUPPORT: 1.866.482.LIFE (5433) Are you or is someone you know facing personal challenges like struggling in a marriage? Depression? Substance abuse? Anxiety? Thoughts of harming yourself? Confidential, Caring, Christ-Centered help is literally a phone call away! Call the number or scan this QR code to learn more. Cards are available on the chest of drawers in the Narthex



UNTAPPED RESOURCES: Do know where you can find information about a program to help you remain at home as an alternative to moving into assisted living? Did you know there's a grief support ministry to help you survive the loss of a loved one and get through the holidays? What resources are available to parents of children struggling with sexual orientation or gender identity issues? What's happened this summer when 20,000 young people gathered to worship and serve the city of New Orleans at the National Youth Gathering? What has the LCMS done about HIV/AIDS in Kenya? Where can you find support when you're taking care of someone with dementia? What are some Biblical perspectives when facing stress? You'll find these questions answered and more, just outside the sanctuary on the bulletin board, bureau, and brochure stand.

MISSING YOUR HOTDOT? A portable electric HotDot hand-warmer was found in one of the counseling rooms. If this is yours, please contact the office.

Pray for your fellow members and friends this week:

Monday – Snook; Tuesday – Sollenberger; Wednesday – Stetler; Thursday – Stonecipher; Friday – Stoner; Saturday – Street

The Week Ahead

Date	Time	Event
Sun. 9/14	9:00 am	Alternative Worship Service
	10:00 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Traditional Worship Service
	12:00 pm	Serving Generously Fair
	7:00 pm	Confirmation Class
Mon. 9/15	6:30 pm	Augsburg Confessions Study
Tues. 9/16	9:30 am	Good Shepherd Quilters
Wed. 9/17	9:45 am	Biblical Tabernacle Experience
	10:00 am	New Members' Class
	6:30 pm	New Members' Class
Thurs. 9/18	9:30 am	Men's Zoom Bible Study
	6:00 pm	Praise Team Rehearsal
	7:00 pm	Chime Choir Rehearsal
Sun. 9/21	9:00 am	Alternative Worship Service
	10:00 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Traditional Worship Service
	12:15 pm	Congregational Meeting
_	7:00 pm	Confirmation Class

Zsalm 119:169-176

- ¹⁶⁹ Let my cry come before you, O LORD; give me understanding according to your word!
- ¹⁷⁰ Let my plea come before you; deliver me according to your word.
- ¹⁷¹ My lips will pour forth praise, for you teach me your statutes.
- ¹⁷² My tongue will sing of your word, for all your commandments are right.
- ¹⁷³ Let your hand be ready to help me, for I have chosen your precepts.
- ¹⁷⁴I long for your salvation, O LORD, and your law is my delight.
- ¹⁷⁵ Let my soul live and praise you, and let your rules help me.
- ¹⁷⁶I have gone astray like a lost sheep; seek your servant, for I do not forget your commandments.

Organist: Rachel Booz **Acolyte:** Jase Blechertas

Chime Choir: June Downs; Louann Stetler; Bryan & Julie Deel

Scripture Reader: Allyson Hoffmann

Ushers: Lori Bowman; Sheila Denny; June Downs; Kim Meyer

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Rev. Brian K. Smith

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