

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 24, 2025

(Radio FM 89.9)

11:00

Today we thank Rev. Mark Esser for leading our service

Personal Prayer before Worship

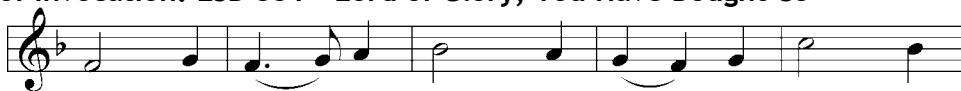
O Lord, our Creator, Redeemer, and Comforter, as we come together to worship you in spirit and in truth, we humbly pray that you may open our hearts to the preaching of your Word, so that we may repent of our sins, believe in Jesus Christ as our only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear us for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

Prelude

Welcome

Stand

Hymn of Invocation: LSB 851 - Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us



1 Lord of glo - ry, You have bought us With Your
 2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give You Glad - ly,
 3 Won - drous hon - or You have giv - en To our
 4 Lord of glo - ry, You have bought us With Your



life - blood as the price, Nev - er grudg - ing for the
 free - ly of Your own. With the sun - shine of Your
 hum - blest char - i - ty In Your own mys - te - rious
 life - blood as the price, Nev - er grudg - ing for the



lost ones That tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice;
 good - ness Melt our thank - less hearts of stone
 sen - tence, "You have done it all to Me."
 lost ones That tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice.



And with that have free - ly giv - en Bless - ings
 Till our cold and self - ish na - tures, Warmed by
 Can it be, O gra - cious Mas - ter, That You
 Give us faith to trust You bold - ly, Hope, to



count - less as the sand To the un - thank - ful
 You, at length be - lieve That more hap - py
 deign for alms to sue, Say - ing by Your
 stay our souls on You; But, oh, best of



and the e - vil With Your own un - spar - ing hand.
 and more bless - ed 'Tis to give than to re - ceive.
 poor and need - y, "Give as I have giv'n to you"?
 all Your grac - es, With Your love our love re - new.

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Confession and Absolution

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 Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word and to call upon Him in prayer and praise, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. 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

Kyrie

LSB 204



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

Gloria in Excelsis: LSB 947 - All Glory Be to God on High

1 All glo - ry be to God on high And thanks for all His
 2 We praise and laud and wor - ship You; We give You thanks for -
 3 O Je - sus Christ, the on - ly Son Be - got - ten of the
 4 O Ho - ly Spir - it, our de - light And source of con - so -

fa - vor; No harm can touch or ter - ri - fy A
 ev - er, O Fa - ther, for Your rule is true And
 Fa - ther, Your sav - ing death has made us one With
 la - tion, Pro - tect us from the dev - il's might Through

child of God for - ev - er. God shows His good and
 just and chang - es nev - er. With bound - less pow'r, Your
 God and with each oth - er. O Lamb of God, to
 Je - sus, our sal - va - tion, Who by His death up -

gra - cious will And grants His peace, the world to fill—
 might - y reign Ful - fills what - ev - er You or - dain.
 You on high In our dis - tress we sin - ners cry,
 on a tree Has res - cued us from mis - er - y:

All strife at last has end - ed.
 Lord, grant us ev - 'ry bless - ing!
 Have mer - cy on us, a - men!
 To this we hold for - ev - er.

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Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray. O Lord, You have called us to enter Your kingdom through the narrow door. Guide us by Your Word and Spirit, and lead us now and always into the feast of Your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 66:18–24

¹⁸“For I know their works and their thoughts, and the time is coming to gather all nations and tongues. And they shall come and shall see my glory, ¹⁹and I will set a sign among them. And from them I will send survivors to the nations, to Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, who draw the bow, to Tubal and Javan, to the coastlands afar off, that have not heard my fame or seen my glory. And they shall declare my glory among the nations. ²⁰And they shall bring all your brothers from all the nations as an offering to the LORD, on horses and in chariots and in litters and on mules and on dromedaries, to my holy mountain Jerusalem, says the LORD, just as the Israelites bring their grain offering in a clean vessel to the house of the LORD. ²¹And some of them also I will take for priests and for Levites, says the LORD.

²²“For as the new heavens and the new earth
that I make
shall remain before me, says the LORD,
so shall your offspring and your name remain.
²³From new moon to new moon,
and from Sabbath to Sabbath,
all flesh shall come to worship before me,
declares the LORD.”

²⁴“And they shall go out and look on the dead bodies of the men who have rebelled against me. For their worm shall not die, their fire shall not be quenched, and they shall be an abhorrence to all flesh.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Hebrews 12:4–29

⁴In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. ⁵And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons?

“My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord,
nor be weary when reproved by him.

⁶For the Lord disciplines the one he loves,
and chastises every son whom he receives.”

⁷It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline? ⁸If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. ⁹Besides this, we have had earthly fathers who disciplined us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live? ¹⁰For they disciplined us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness.

¹¹For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

¹²Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, ¹³and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed. ¹⁴Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord. ¹⁵See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no “root of bitterness” springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled; ¹⁶that no one is sexually immoral or unholy like Esau, who sold his birthright for a single meal. ¹⁷For you know that afterward, when he desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no chance to repent, though he sought it with tears.

¹⁸For you have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest ¹⁹and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them. ²⁰For they could not endure the order that was given, “If even a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned.” ²¹Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, “I tremble with fear.” ²²But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, ²³and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, ²⁴and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

²⁵See that you do not refuse him who is speaking. For if they did not escape when they refused him who warned them on earth, much less will we escape if we reject him who warns from heaven. ²⁶At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, “Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heavens.” ²⁷This phrase, “Yet once more,” indicates the removal of things that are shaken—that is, things that have been made—in order that the things that cannot be shaken may remain. ²⁸Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, ²⁹for our God is a consuming fire.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

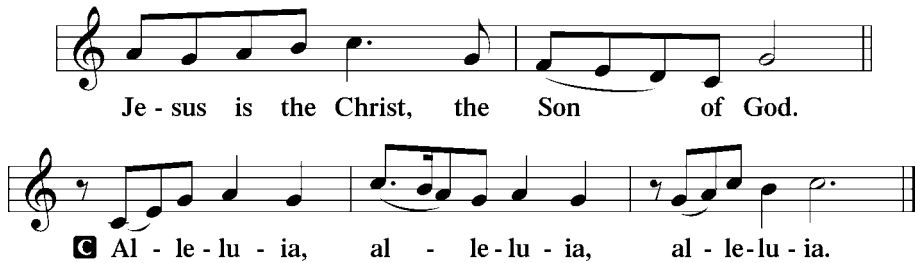
Alleluia and Verse



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



C These things are writ-ten that you may be - lieve that



Holy Gospel

Luke 13:22–30

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

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

²²[Jesus] went on his way through towns and villages, teaching and journeying toward Jerusalem. ²³And someone said to him, “Lord, will those who are saved be few?” And he said to them, ²⁴“Strive to enter through the narrow door. For many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able. ²⁵When once the master of the house has risen and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, ‘Lord, open to us,’ then he will answer you, ‘I do not know where you come from.’ ²⁶Then you will begin to say, ‘We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets.’ ²⁷But he will say, ‘I tell you, I do not know where you come from. Depart from me, all you workers of evil!’ ²⁸In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God but you yourselves cast out. ²⁹And people will come from east and west, and from north and south, and recline at table in the kingdom of God. ³⁰And behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

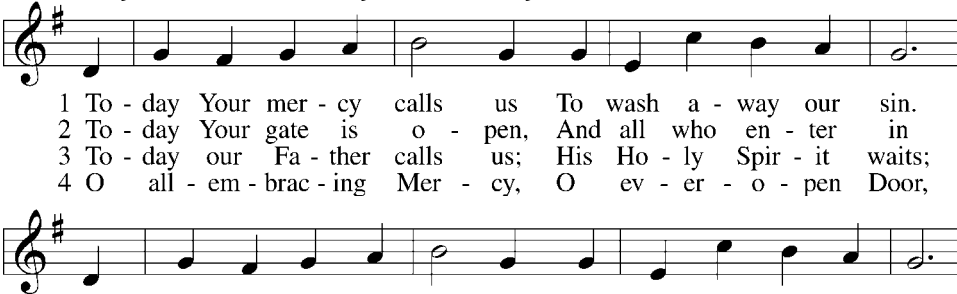
Apostles' Creed

C 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 \dagger everlasting. Amen.

Sit

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day: LSB 915 - Today Your Mercy Calls Us



1 To - day Your mer - cy calls us To wash a - way our sin.
2 To - day Your gate is o - pen, And all who en - ter in
3 To - day our Fa - ther calls us; His Ho - ly Spir - it waits;
4 O all - em - brac - ing Mer - cy, O ev - er - o - pen Door,

How - ev - er great our tres - pass, What - ev - er we have been,
Shall find a Fa - ther's wel - come And par - don for their sin.
His bless - ed an - gels gath - er A - round the heav'n - ly gates.
What should we do with - out You When heart and eye run o'er?



How - ev - er long from mer - cy Our hearts have turned a - way,
The past shall be for - got - ten, A pres - ent joy be giv'n,
No ques - tion will be asked us How of - ten we have come;
When all things seem a - gainst us, To drive us to de - spair,



Your pre-cious blood can wash us And make us clean to - day.
A fu - ture grace be prom - ised, A glo - rious crown in heav'n.
Al - though we oft have wan - dered, It is our Fa - ther's home.
We know one gate is o - pen, One ear will hear our prayer.

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Sermon

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Prayer of the Church

- P** God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, grant us repentant faith to strive to enter ever more deeply into Your blessings of forgiveness, life and salvation. By the witness of Your saints, gather many from the very corners of this world to enter Your kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** O Lord, prosper Your Church, the preaching of the Word, and the work of all pastors and church workers. Guide and strengthen the catechumens and all who teach and learn Your Word. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Lord God, heavenly Father, You have called fathers to bring up their children in Your fear and love. Sanctify and sustain them through Your Word, that they would lovingly discipline their children and so show forth Your own divine care for Your baptized children. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Eternal King, the kingdoms and nations of this world rise and fall while Your Church remains before You. Give Your Church a holy confidence in Your eternal life so she fears no worldly threat and ministers to the nations boldly and faithfully. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Almighty God, bless all those who care for the sick and attend to the dying; all those who care for our children; and our police, firefighters, emergency personnel and disaster-relief workers. Increase our generous support of those in need. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**

P Lord, be with the sick and those who suffer, those troubled in mind or heart, the grieving in their sorrow, and the dying in their last days on earth. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O Lord, we give thanks to You for St. Bartholomew and for Your prophets, apostles and faithful people in every age. Have mercy on us and keep us steadfast in their fellowship to the end. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord God, You have drawn to Yourself believers from all nations and sanctified them in Holy Baptism as priests and Levites in Your Church. Fortify their faith and embolden their witness, that many may be gathered into the new heavens and new earth; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

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

C **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.**

Sit

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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P Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Benediction

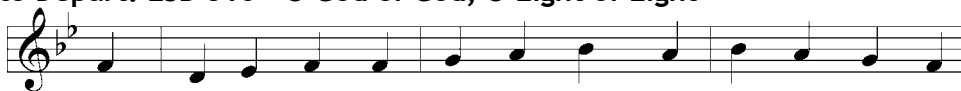
P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C **Amen.**

Hymn to Depart: LSB 810 - O God of God, O Light of Light



1 O God of God, O Light of Light, O Prince of Peace and
 2 For deep in proph-ets' sa - cred page, And grand in po - ets'
 3 That life of truth, those deeds of love, That death so steeped in
 4 Then raise to Christ a might - y song, And shout His name, His



King of kings: To You in heav-en's glo - ry bright The song of
 wing-ed word, Slow - ly in type, from age to age The na - tions
 hate and scorn— These all are past, and now a - bove He reigns, our
 mer-cies tell! Sing, heav'n-ly host, your praise pro-long, And all on



praise for - ev - er rings. To Him who sits up - on the throne,
 saw their com - ing Lord; Till through the deep Ju - de - an night
 King once crowned with thorn. Lift up your heads, O might - y gates!
 earth, your an - them swell! All hail, O Lamb for sin - ners slain!



The Lamb once slain but raised a - gain, Be all the glo - ry
 Rang out the song, "Good - will to men!" Sung once by first - born
 So sang that host be - yond our ken. Lift up your heads, your
 For - ev - er let the song as - cend! Wor - thy the Lamb, en -



He has won, All thanks and praise! A - men, a - men.
 sons of light, It ech - oes now, "Good - will!" A - men.
 King a - waits. We lift them up. A - men, a - men.
 throned to reign, All glo - ry, pow'r! A - men, a - men.

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Dismissal

- P** Go in peace, serve the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

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Altar Flowers

(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; 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; 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; Lola Strickler; 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.

AUGUST LOCAL MISSION: *Valley Youth House* provides support to youth ages 18-24, especially those leaving foster care or experiencing homelessness. If you would like to give to this mission, please note this on your offering.

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 Service, which is also projected on-screen. 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.

SYNOD = WALKING TOGETHER: Good Shepherd is a member congregation of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. Part of our walking together is serving together, which occurs not only in our church, but in our Southeastern District and nationally as part of a Synod; in short, when you share your time, experience and skills, you contribute to the kingdom work of the church. The LCMS is calling for nominations to Board and Commission positions. Lay representatives are sought for the following: LCMS Board of Directors, LCMS Boards for National and International Mission, Commission on Theology and Church Relations (CTCR), Concordia Historical Institute Board of Governors, Concordia Publishing House (CPH) Board of Directors, Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF) Board of Directors, LCMS Foundation Board of Trustees, Concordia University System Board of Directors, Synod University and Seminary Board of Regents. If you would like to learn more about the duties, term, and desired qualifications, please see the "Christ is Risen Indeed; Call for Nominations" clipboard for detailed information. If you are interested in being nominated to serve in any of these positions, please contact Pastor at yorkshepherd@verizon.net

LWML BACK TO SCHOOL PROJECT: During the month **August** we're asking for donations from the congregation to fill backpacks, donated by Thrivent, with school supplies. Help keep students at the top of their game. Take a 'pencil' from the LWML bulletin board, purchase the supplies listed, and place the items in the basket located in the hallway. The backpacks, filled with mechanical and colored pencils, glue sticks, 3-ring binders, pocket folders, notebook paper, crayons, and pens, will be delivered to the York Salvation Army in support of the York City School District. **Thank you for your support!**

LWML MITES will be collected **Aug. 24 and 31**. Look for the mite box in the narthex.

SERVING GENEROUSLY FAIR – AGAIN: On the **Sundays August 31, September 7 & 14** the Stewardship, Fellowship and Outreach committees will once again be providing an opportunity to view and volunteer for the many ministries happening at Good Shepherd this upcoming fall and winter. These dates will coincide with Good Shepherd's hosting the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life Car Show on September 1, as well as with our own annual Yard Sale on September 13. 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.

8th ANNUAL RELAY FOR LIFE CAR SHOW: **Mon. Sept. 1** from 10am-2pm. All types of vehicles are welcomed! \$10 donation per vehicle (until 12pm). Come show off your vehicle and support a great cause in the American Cancer Society. Perks include 50/50 raffle, silent raffle, door prizes, trophies, DJ Rick Rock and food vendors! RSVP and/or questions: jmfrantz3@hotmail.com.

MEN'S ZOOM BIBLE STUDY will not be meeting during the month of August. We will resume at our usual day/time of Thursday 9:30am on **Sept. 4**. The book of Joshua will be our next study. If you would like to join us, or would like additional information, please contact Ron Webb or Dave Stetler.

CHIME CHOIR: Weekly rehearsals will resume beginning **Th. Sept. 4** at 7pm. Contact Rachel Booz if interested in joining!

UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETING DATES:

- **Wed. Sept. 3 at 6pm** – Monthly meeting
- **Sun. Sept. 7 at 12:15pm** – SPECIAL meeting
- **Wed. Oct. 15 at 6pm** – Monthly meeting

WEIS & GIANT GIFT CARDS: Selling these gift cards began in August 2010. Total sales have been over \$526,000. The Building Fund has received 5% or over 26,300 in the 15 years. Plan ahead – no sales on **Sun. Sept. 7**. We'll look for you in August or on Sept. 14.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES: Confirmation classes begin **Sun. Sept. 7** at 7pm. More details to follow.

GOOD SHEPHERD YARD SALE: Sat. Sept. 13 from 8am-1pm. Spaces available @ \$15 and tables @ \$10. There will be a food tent and baked goods for sale. To reserve a space and rent a table contact Shirley Dreyer or contact Larry Kaetzel for general inquiries. **PLEASE SIGNUP IN THE NARTHEX TO HELP OR PROVIDE BAKED GOODS.**

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 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.

SHEPHERD'S FLOCK FELLOWSHIP DAY TRIP: Biblical Tabernacle Experience + Lunch – Wednesday September 17: Join us for a day trip to Lancaster and visit the Biblical Tabernacle Experience and lunch at the Oregon Dairy Restaurant. We will carpool and leave the Good Shepherd Parking Lot at 9:45 a.m. We will have a host meet us for a 35-minute visit in the tabernacle. We will then drive to the Oregon Dairy restaurant for a buffet lunch at 12:30. We will return to Good Shepherd at approximately 3:00 p.m. The cost of the tour is \$10 per adult and the buffet lunch price is \$17.99 per person plus tip. Sign-up in the narthex to reserve one of the 15 spots. **Deadline for sign-up is September 10, 2025.** Allyson Hoffmann will be leading the group for the day. Please pay the \$10/pp tour cost the day of the tour.

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 on **Tues. Sept. 16**. See the flyer on the narthex table or scan the QR code for more information.



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: Our next congregational meeting is scheduled for **Sun. Sept. 21** at 12:15pm.

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.

OCTOBERFEST DINNER TICKETS NOW ON SALE: Tickets for the **October 10th** 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.

Pray for your fellow members and friends this week:

Monday – Rodrigo; Tuesday – Rojahn; Wednesday – Rose;
Thursday – Rosenau; Friday – Rudacille; Saturday – Ruesskamp

The Week Ahead

Date	Time	Event
Sun. 8/24	9:00 am	Alternative Worship Service
	10:00 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Traditional Worship Service
Thurs. 8/28	6:00 pm	Praise Team Rehearsal
Fri. 8/29	8:00 am	Men's Breakfast
Sun. 8/31	9:00 am	Alternative Worship Service
	10:00 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Traditional Worship Service

Psalm of the day: Psalm 50:1-15

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