



## GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

*A Mission & Ministry of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod that is...  
Proclaiming Christ's Word through Truth, Innovation & Fellowship!*

**Celebrating the Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**September 12<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024**



*"...Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him to his feet, and he stood up."*

*From Mark 9:27*



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**Worship Services:** Thursday: 6:30 pm

**Sunday:** 8:00 & 10:30 am

*Sunday school for all ages Sunday morning 9:15-10:15*

**Church Office Hours: Monday-Thursday:** 8:00-1:00 pm

*(Pastor always available via cell! Call or text!...763-913-8445)*

### *As We Gather...*

*Welcome to **Good Shepherd** Lutheran Church! It's a privilege and honor to worship our Crucified, Risen, Ascended & Glorified Good Shepherd, Jesus, with you today! We're all glad to have you here! As always, make yourself at home, you are among family!*

*The power of evil is indeed frightening. Who among us is comfortable facing the demons of darkness? Those who stand in Christ, however, stand in His power and might. What causes us fear cannot overcome the Lord. Like the disciples of old, we want to know why it is so hard for us. Like the disciples of old, our Lord reminds us that it is a matter of faith. Our confidence does not lie in our power and strength but in the Lord. In Him we trust; He is our courage and He is our victory. Like the father in today's Gospel lesson, we stand before Jesus both confessing our faith and praying our Lord to help our unbelief that we may be strong and immovable in Christ.*

### *Service Notes...*

**In preparation for worship:** Please take some time to greet the people you are worshipping with! The order of worship for today is *Divine Service Setting Three* beginning on **page 184** in the Lutheran Service Book (*LSB*). An outline of the service and the additional Psalm & Scriptures are printed for you below. Please take a few minutes to familiarize yourself with the order of worship before we begin. You may also want to mark the additional songs: **726, 849, 819, 554, 846 & 918** in the *LSB*. **Reminder:** If you have a smart phone, and you're on Facebook, please "check in" at *Good Shepherd* Lutheran Church...then turn the sound off! May our Good and Gracious Shepherd bless your worship this day...this NEW day of salvation!

**To Stand or Sit:** There are certain parts of the service where you will be invited to stand. Sometimes, “wrestling” with kids, or a personal health condition makes standing uncomfortable... please know: **It is okay to either stand or sit. Both are appropriate!** So please, make yourself comfortable, receive the gifts God loves to give and **BOLDLY** sing His praises!

**Children:** We are blessed to have a lot of young families and young children here at *Good Shepherd*. We take Jesus’ words very seriously when He says, “Let the little children come to me...” We also know how difficult it can be to keep children sitting quietly for any period of time, much less an hour long church service! For your convenience, “Quiet Bags” have been provided for young worshippers. They are located in the narthex to your right (on the “Noah’s Ark” wall mounting, next to the big bulletin board) when exiting the sanctuary. Also, for your convenience, a “Crying Room” is located at the back of the sanctuary for use during those “difficult” times. Also, please keep in mind that everyone here loves to have the children here and will help you in any way they can! *Please note: Non-communion services may have a children’s message which could be recorded via Facebook live. If you have any issues with your child being seen at church on the World Wide Web just listen from the pew!*

**Guests, Visitors & The Offering:** If you are our guest today, you are **not** expected to contribute monetarily to God’s work at *Good Shepherd* ... you are our guest! Please take this service as our gift to you! If you choose to give an offering, know this: **The gifts we give back to God are used by His church to transform lives.** *(The offering plate is located at the sanctuary entrance)*

**The Lord’s Supper:** *(Thursday & Sunday at 8:00 am)* *Good Shepherd* joyfully celebrates the Lord’s Supper, and we do that in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another *Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25*. **Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes** *Matthew 5:23; 18:15-35*. Because those who eat and drink our Lord’s body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm *1 Corinthians 11:27-29* and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession *Matthew 10:32* differing from that of this congregation and the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor. Because Scripture says we ought to “examine ourselves” before receiving the Holy Meal *1 Corinthians 11:28*, it is recommended that we review the “*Christian Questions with Their Answers*” section of the *LSB* before communion (**page 329 of the LSB**), please take a few moments before the service or during the offering to do so. Thank you! *Please note: There are two or three cups at the center of each tray that are non-alcoholic wine for those who prefer such for personal or medical reasons (The wine containing alcohol is white, the non-alcohol is red/pink).*

### *Pre-Service Meditation...*

*Please check out some of the pre-service prayers in the front of the LSB and/or meditate on one or more of the Psalms printed in the LSB (specifically Psalm 116 today) ...or just spend some time quietly in prayer & meditation before we begin.*

### *Prelude...*

### *Words of Welcome...*

*The Opening Song: “Evening and Morning”*

*(LSB pg. 726...please stand for verse four)*

*Confession & Forgiveness...*

*(LSB pg. 184)*

*The Introit ~ Entrance Psalm (From Psalm 31)*

Pastor: Be strong and take heart, all you who hope in the Lord. *Psalm 31:24*

**All: But I trust in you, O Lord; I say, “You are my God.”**

Pastor: Let your face shine on your servant;

**All: save me in your unfailing love.** *Psalm 31:14, 16 ....(Sung, as on top of page 186)...Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

*The Kyrie ~ Lord, Have Mercy* *Mark 10:47*

*(pg. 186 bottom)*

*Gloria In Excelsis ~ Glory to God in the Highest* *Luke 2:14; John 1:29*

*(pg. 187 top)*

*The Prayer of the Day...*

*(pg. 189 middle)*

**+ We Hear God’s Word +**

**The Old Testament Reading:** *Isaiah 50:4-10 (The Lord has given me ears to hear and a voice to speak.)*

The Sovereign LORD has given me an instructed tongue, to know the word that sustains the weary. He wakens me morning by morning, wakens my ear to listen like one being taught. <sup>5</sup> The Sovereign LORD has opened my ears, and I have not been rebellious; I have not drawn back. <sup>6</sup> I offered my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who pulled out my beard; I did not hide my face from mocking and spitting. <sup>7</sup> Because the Sovereign LORD helps me, I will not be disgraced. Therefore have I set my face like flint, and I know I will not be put to shame. <sup>8</sup> He who vindicates me is near. Who then will bring charges against me? Let us face each other! Who is my accuser? Let him confront me! <sup>9</sup> It is the Sovereign LORD who helps me. Who is he that will condemn me? They will all wear out like a garment; the moths will eat them up. <sup>10</sup> Who among you fears the LORD and obeys the word of his servant? Let him who walks in the dark, who has no light, trust in the name of the LORD and rely on his God...This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

*From Psalm 116:1–9*

Pastor: Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; our God is merciful.

**Men:** I love the LORD, because He has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy.

**Women:** Because He inclined His ear to me, therefore I will call on Him as long as I live.

**Men:** The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish.

**Women:** Then I called on the name of the LORD: “O LORD, I pray, deliver my soul!”

**Men:** Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; our God is merciful.

**Women:** The LORD preserves the simple; when I was brought low, He saved me.

**Men:** Return, O my soul, to your rest; for the LORD has dealt bountifully with you.

**Women:** For You have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling;

**Men:** I will walk before the LORD in the land of the living.

Pastor: Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; our God is merciful.

*The Second Reading: James 3:1-12 (The tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness.)*

Not many of you should presume to be teachers, my brothers, because you know that we who teach will be judged more strictly. <sup>2</sup> We all stumble in many ways. If anyone is never at fault in what he says, he is a perfect man, able to keep his whole body in check. <sup>3</sup> When we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we can turn the whole animal. <sup>4</sup> Or take ships as an example. Although they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are steered by a very small rudder wherever the pilot wants to go. <sup>5</sup> Likewise the tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts. Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark. <sup>6</sup> The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole person, sets the whole course of his life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell. <sup>7</sup> All kinds of animals, birds, reptiles and creatures of the sea are being tamed and have been tamed by man, <sup>8</sup> but no man can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. <sup>9</sup> With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in God’s likeness. <sup>10</sup> Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers, this should not be. <sup>11</sup> Can both fresh water and salt<sup>a</sup> water flow from the same spring? <sup>12</sup> My brothers, can a fig tree bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Neither can a salt spring produce fresh water.... This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

*We Stand and Sing our Alleluias...*

*(pg. 190 middle)*

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<sup>a</sup> Greek *bitter* (see also verse 14)

***The Gospel Reading:*** *Mark 9:14-29 (Jesus releases a youth from a demon that he might speak again.)*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the ninth chapter.

**All:** *(sung; pg. 157 middle)* ***Glory be to Thee, O Lord.***

When they came to the other disciples, they saw a large crowd around them and the teachers of the law arguing with them. <sup>15</sup> As soon as all the people saw Jesus, they were overwhelmed with wonder and ran to greet him. <sup>16</sup> “What are you arguing with them about?” he asked. <sup>17</sup> A man in the crowd answered, “Teacher, I brought you my son, who is possessed by a spirit that has robbed him of speech. <sup>18</sup> Whenever it seizes him, it throws him to the ground. He foams at the mouth, gnashes his teeth and becomes rigid. I asked your disciples to drive out the spirit, but they could not.” <sup>19</sup> “O unbelieving generation,” Jesus replied, “how long shall I stay with you? How long shall I put up with you? Bring the boy to me.” <sup>20</sup> So they brought him. When the spirit saw Jesus, it immediately threw the boy into a convulsion. He fell to the ground and rolled around, foaming at the mouth. <sup>21</sup> Jesus asked the boy’s father, “How long has he been like this?” “From childhood,” he answered. <sup>22</sup> “It has often thrown him into fire or water to kill him. But if you can do anything, take pity on us and help us.” <sup>23</sup> “If you can?” said Jesus. “Everything is possible for him who believes.” <sup>24</sup> Immediately the boy’s father exclaimed, “I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!” <sup>25</sup> When Jesus saw that a crowd was running to the scene, he rebuked the evil<sup>a</sup> spirit. “You deaf and mute spirit,” he said, “I command you, come out of him and never enter him again.” <sup>26</sup> The spirit shrieked, convulsed him violently and came out. The boy looked so much like a corpse that many said, “He’s dead.” <sup>27</sup> But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him to his feet, and he stood up. <sup>28</sup> After Jesus had gone indoors, his disciples asked him privately, “Why couldn’t we drive it out?” <sup>29</sup> He replied, “This kind can come out only by prayer.<sup>b</sup>” ... This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All:** *(sung)* ***Praise be to Thee, O Christ!***

***The Apostles’ Creed***

*(LSB pg. 192 top)*

***We Sing:*** *“Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”*

*(LSB pg. 849)*

***The Message:*** *“Broken Darkness”*

*(Sermon Application...)*

What did God teach you in His Law today *(What you should do, or have failed to do for God)?*

What did God teach you in His Gospel today *(What God has done for you through Christ)?*

What is the main thing you’re taking home from this message today?

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<sup>a</sup> Greek *unclean*

<sup>b</sup> Some manuscripts *prayer and fasting*

Have a comment or question about today's message? Have **any** questions about any of this Jesus/Christian stuff? Text the Pastor at 763-913-8445 or email him at [pastor@oshkoshgoodshepherd.org](mailto:pastor@oshkoshgoodshepherd.org). If you'd like to hear Sunday's message, or share it with a friend, it posts on our Facebook page and/or Website by 10 am on Monday...



***We Sing: The Offertory*** Psalm 51:10-12  
(LSB pg. 192 bottom)

*(Sunday at 8 am we welcome and install the Good Shepherd Sunday School Teachers)*

***The Prayer of the Church*** [1 Timothy 2:1-4]

*The Pastor will conclude each short petition with the words, "Lord in Your mercy." Please respond with, "Hear our prayer." Today's prayer is based on Psalm 116:1-2, 5, 7-9*

*(Sunday at 10:30 am the service continues with the Lord's Prayer, blessing and closing hymn...)*

***The Service of the Sacrament...*** (LSB pgs. 194-202)

***The Distribution...***

*We come forward to receive the Body & Blood of Christ in, with and under the bread and wine for remembrance; for forgiveness; for the strengthening of our faith. You may sit and sing while you wait for the Holy meal. The ushers will assist you.*

***Sung during the distribution...***

*"Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good" (LSB pg. 819)*

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*"O Jesus, King Most Wonderful" (LSB pg. 554)*

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*"Your Hand, O Lord, in Days of Old" (LSB pg. 846)*

***After Communion, the service continues with Nunc Dimittis ~ Song of Simeon*** Luke 2:29-32  
(LSB pg. 199 middle)

***Thanksgiving...***

***Prayer...***

*Salutation & Benedicamus ...*

*Benediction...*

*The Closing Song: "Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer"  
(LSB pg. 918)*

*Thank you for worshiping with us today. It's better with YOU here!*

*Please stick around for some food and fellowship, Good Shepherd style!  
Sunday School for ALL AGES is from 9:15-10:15 on Sundays.*

*If you're visiting us today, please remember to sign the guestbook before you depart...and  
come soon to see us again!*

*If you haven't checked in at the Good Shepherd Kiosk, please take a moment to do so before  
you leave! It's fun!*

*To God Alone all Glory Goes!*

*Questions about the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod? Check out, [www.lcms.org](http://www.lcms.org)*

*Postlude...*

**Altar Flowers are sponsored by Mike and Melissa Kirchoff in  
Loving memory of Gloria Schuff**

**Bulletins are sponsored by Deb Bochinski in  
Memory of Joe and Lois Bochinski**

**The sanctuary light is sponsored by Deb Bochinski in  
Memory of Virginia Pflanzer**

**Next Week's Texts: Is. 50:4-10; James 3:1-12; Mark 9:14-29**

**Search the Scriptures! (John 5:39)**



*Serving Us Today*

Pastor & Celebrant.....Pastor Koepsell  
Organist.....(Thu) Stuart Giese (Sun) Bridget Cullen  
Elder.....(Thu) Gary Bedroske (Sun) Jerry Ratchman & Jacob Schroeder  
Ushers.....Donna Tritt, Kevin Konrad, Doug Zuhlke, and Gene Gohlke

**OUR FATHER’S BUSINESS THIS WEEK**

<b>Sunday, September 15</b>	<b>8:00 A.M.</b>	<b>Worship Service with Communion</b>
	<b>9:15 A.M.</b>	<b>Education Hour</b>
	<b>10:30 A.M.</b>	<b>Worship Service</b>
<b>Monday, September 16</b>	<b>5:30 P.M.</b>	<b>Bell Choir</b>
	<b>6:30 P.M.</b>	<b>Adult Choir</b>
<b>Tuesday, September 17</b>	<b>7:00 P.M.</b>	<b>Council Meeting</b>
<b>Wednesday, September 18</b>	<b>10:30 A.M.</b>	<b>Adult Bible Study</b>
	<b>12:30 – 4:00 P.M.</b>	<b>Craft Time</b>
	<b>5:15 P.M.</b>	<b>Confirmation Class</b>
	<b>6:45 P.M.</b>	<b>Youth Group</b>
<b>Thursday, September 19</b>	<b>6:30 P.M.</b>	<b>Worship Service with Communion</b>
<b>Saturday, September 21</b>	<b>7:00 A.M.</b>	<b>Men’s Group</b>
	<b>8:30 A.M.</b>	<b>Women’s Group</b>
<b>Sunday, September 22</b>	<b>8:00 A.M.</b>	<b>Worship Service</b>
	<b>9:15 A.M.</b>	<b>Education Hour</b>
	<b>10:30 A.M.</b>	<b>Worship Service with Communion</b>

**SEPTEMBER’S MISSION:** This month, Good Shepherd is excited to support the Oshkosh Police K9 Kare Fund. The police K9 Program is not only an invaluable resource to the Oshkosh Police Department, it also serves as an effective tool in the protection and safety of our citizens. The Oshkosh Police Department K9 Unit is funded solely through donations from the public.

**ATTENTION GOOD SHEPHERD FANS:** Team Fellowship is looking for anyone who would be interested in making a snack or dessert for Sunday Fellowship Hour. Please sign up on the sheets located in the atrium. Any assistance is greatly appreciated.

**SCRIP NEWS:** August 31st - September 27th, Kwik Trip Scrip cards will be offering an extra bonus rebate to the church. Kwik Trip gas cards will be a 9% rebate and Kwik Trip Grocery cards will be a 15% rebate instead of the regular 10%. This is a great time to stock up on cards for yourself or to give to your kids to use as they return to school. Please contact Linda, 920-252-2942, with any questions.

**SUPER SUNDAE SUNDAY:** This Sunday is Super Sundae Sunday! After worship service, please enjoy an ice cream sundae as a “thank you” for your help in supporting Missions at Good Shepherd.

**COUNCIL OPENINGS:** The nominating committee is in the process of creating a slate of candidates for the Church Council positions at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. These are two-year positions and will be voted on at the October Voters' Meeting. The positions up for election are President, Recording Secretary, Financial Secretary, Evangelism, Fellowship, and Stewardship. We are also accepting interest for the Board of Youth Chair which will be a one-year position to fill a current vacancy. Please contact Kevin Konrad, 920-279-7694, no later than September 16, 2024, if you have any questions about a specific Council position listed above or if you would like to be a candidate for any of these positions.

**INTERESTED IN MEMBERSHIP?** We will be welcoming new members to Good Shepherd soon. If you are interested in becoming a member, please fill out the information sheet and a New Member Packet. They are both located on the green table in the atrium.

**LUTHERAN LAYMAN LEAGUE:** The North and South Wisconsin LLL Districts invite you to come together and celebrate Energizing Mission. Learn of God’s impact in people’s lives every day at their annual convention on October 12<sup>th</sup>. Special speakers include: Dr. Kari Vo, Theological Editor & Author of LHM Daily Devotions, Dick Gast, LHM Float & Tournament of Roses Parade Presentation, and Kathy Robinson Orphan Grain Train: Wisc. Division. Download the registration form at: <https://www.nw-sw-lll-lhm.org/>

**THIS WEEK ON KFUE.ORG:** Continue studying Psalm 119 on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT) and Hosea on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), and join us for more stories of KFUE's 100-year history on The Coffee Hour (weekdays at 9:00 a.m. CT). Remember to mark your calendars for KFUE Radio's Centennial Celebration broadcast, October 12 at 10:00 a.m. CT! Tune in at [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org) or RSVP for the in-person event at [kfuo.org/rsvp](http://kfuo.org/rsvp) by September 20.

**Last Week at Good Shepherd...**

**Attendance:** Thursday: 43 Sunday 8:00: 126 Sunday 10:30: 94 Weekly Total: 263

**Offerings For Week of 9/08:**

- General Fund: \$7,199.00
- Missions: \$41.00
- Strategic Fund: \$30.00

Total Offerings: \$7,270.00

*Weekly Budget Needs at Good Shepherd: \$7,381.00*

*("...So it is with you. Since you are eager to have spiritual gifts, try to excel in gifts that build up the church.") -1 Corinthians 14:1*

**Please remember in your prayers:**

**Church Members:**

*Wayne Guy, Janet Weier & Family (on the passing of Janet's mother, Virginia), Joni Schloesser, Sherri Groskreutz, Don Borgen, Bonnie Wenzel, Marion Fenlon, Kelly Crowe, Liz Hoversten, JoAnn Haskins, Tom Dunham, Bill Zorr, Joann Behm, Jim & Sharron Ziemer, Sharon Leinweber, Ed Huebner, Louise Gabert, and Brenda Hawig.*

**Friends & Relatives of Church Members:**

*Linda Brehmer's friend, Deanne Schubring; Marie; Lee Paris' nephew & nephew's wife; Pastor Koepsell's mother, Lorraine; Jan Peterson's sisters & niece & son, Scot and daughter, Paula; Ron & Chris Feutz's grandson, Logan Feutz; Kim & Keith Reetz's grandbaby, Tobias; Janet Weier's son, Adam & family; Gene & Donna Gohlke's nephews, Kirk and Michael, & granddaughter, Karley; and Doug Flouro's brother, Allan.*

**Those Who Want to Worship with Us But Aren't Currently Able:**

*Bill & Louise Gabert, Jim Ziemer, Muriel Guy, Lee Paris, Emily Brunner, Edward Huebner, Jean Stauber, Vicki Beck, Bill Zorr, Bette Lienhard, Marge Bolding & Milt & JoAnn Haskins.*

**Military/Overseas Members & Their Families:**

*Malayna Brehmer (granddaughter of Barry & Linda Brehmer),  
Ryan Weber (son of Tim & Liz Hoversten), Chris Hibben, Alycia Mueller, and Jared Rivera*

*\*Please let Lynn Paulus, our Prayer Chain Coordinator, know when we can take you or your loved one off the prayer list [lynn@travellers.com](mailto:lynn@travellers.com)*