



GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**September 6,
2026**

**Fifteenth
Sunday after
Pentecost**

**8:30 am
Service of
Holy
Communion**

**10:00 am
Service of
the Word**

**The Pastor:
Rev. Chris
Buresh**

**The Associate
Pastor:
Rev. Andrew
Bell**

**The Director of
Children's &
Family Ministry:
Lori
Puttkammer**

**The Pastor
Emeritus:
Rev. Dr. Wayne
A. Basch**



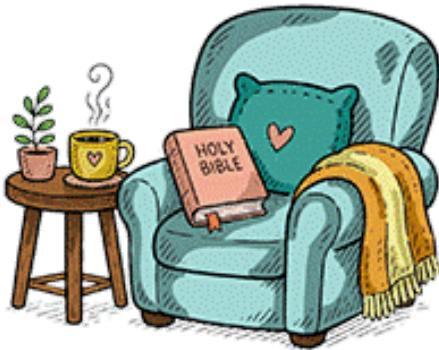
*I am there
among them*

MATTHEW 18:20

Welcome

It is a genuine joy to welcome all who have come to praise our Lord. Let us begin this service as we should begin every day: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Rest for the Soul



Studies show many Americans don't get enough sleep, and the effects can take a toll on both body and mind. Whether it's a packed schedule or restless nights, a lack of rest makes it harder to think clearly, stay focused and care for our overall well-being. Over time, that constant fatigue begins to wear us down.

Our spiritual lives follow a similar rhythm. When we rush from one task to the next without pausing to spend time with God, we can feel just as drained. We need consistent, quiet moments with Him to stay grounded, encouraged and strong in our faith.

Even Jesus made space for this kind of rest. Luke 5:16 tells us that He often withdrew to quiet places to pray. If He needed that time with the Father, how much more do we? When we step away from the noise and listen for God's voice, we find the renewal our souls have been longing for.



A primer on love

Is life not full of opportunities for learning love? Every man and woman every day has a thousand of them. The world is not a playground; it is a schoolroom. Life is not a holiday, but an education. And the one eternal lesson for us all is how better we can love.

—Henry Drummond

GATHERING

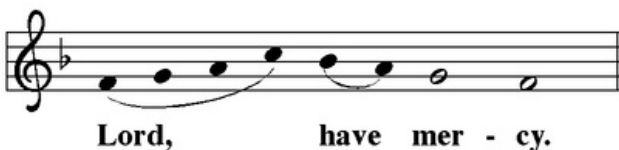
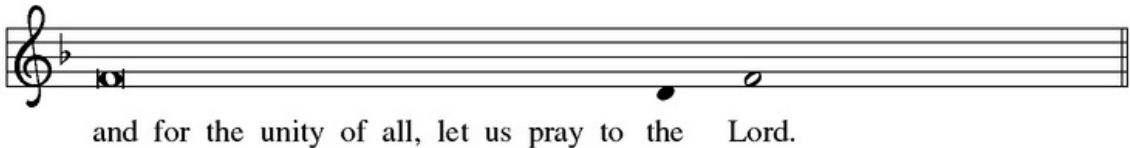
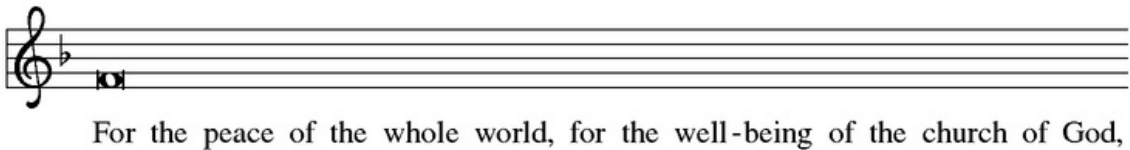
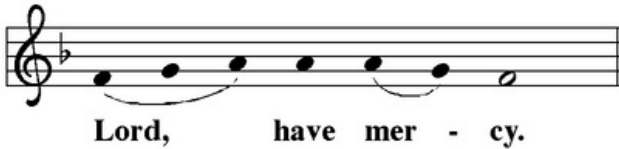
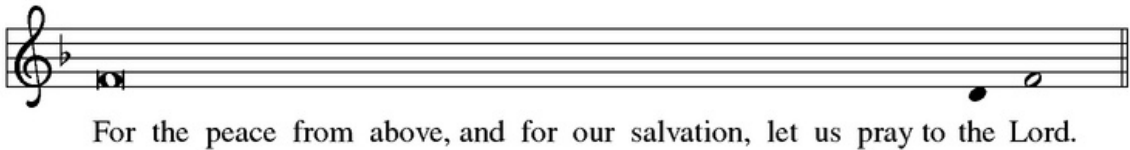
The Prelude: *"They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love"* Hayes

+The Opening Hymn: "IN CHRIST THERE IS NO EAST OR WEST" No. 650

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

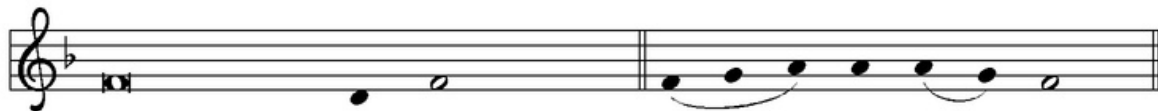
The Service of Holy Communion - 8:30 am

+ The Kyrie:



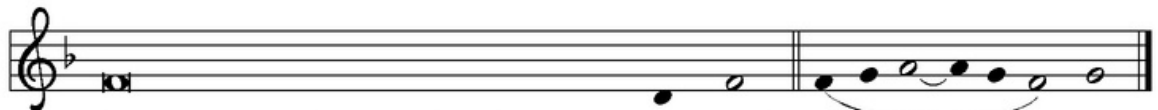


For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.

A - men.

+ The Canticle of Praise:



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



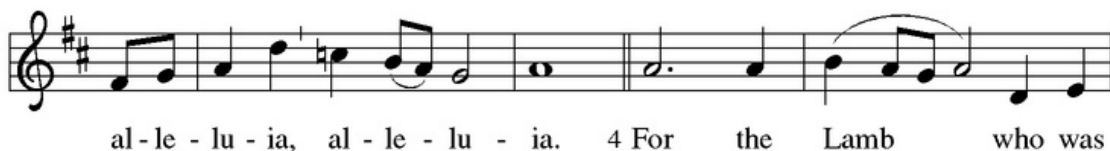
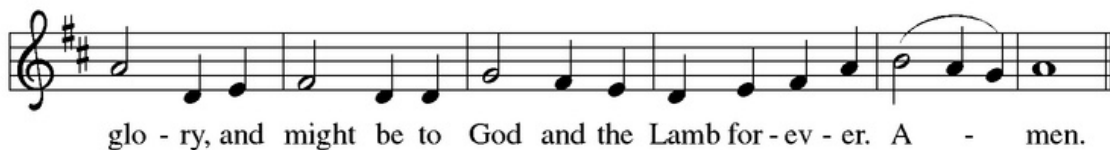
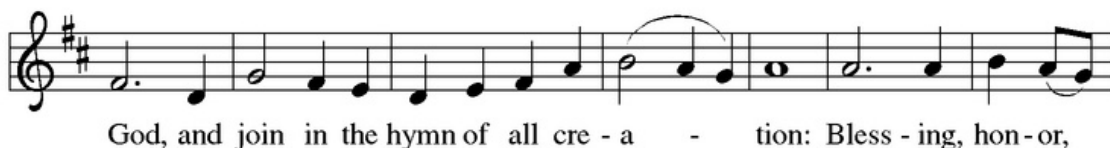
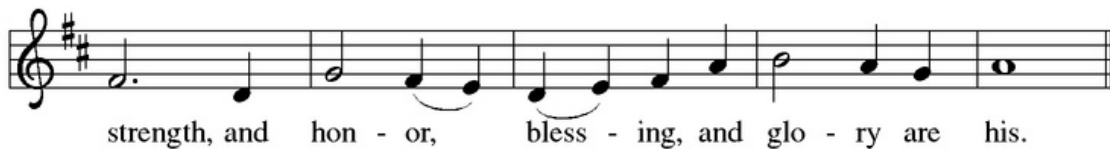
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. I Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb



who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.



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The Service of the Word - 10 am



Today we joyfully participate in celebrating a baptism. Join in the baptismal liturgy as it is found on page 227 in the front of your hymnal.

+ The Prayer of the Day

O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.



WORD

+ The Readings for the Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Romans 13:8-14

⁸ Owe no one anything, except to love one another, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹ The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; you shall not murder; you shall not steal; you shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁰ Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

¹¹ Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is already the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹² the night is far gone; the day is near. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³ let us walk decently as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in illicit sex and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴ Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵ "If your brother or sister sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If you are listened to, you have regained that one. ¹⁶ But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷ If that person refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church, and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸ Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹ Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰ For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

L: This is the Word of God, the Word of life.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon: **"Some People"**

+The Hymn of the Day: "GOD, WHEN HUMAN BONDS ARE BROKEN"

No. 603

+ The Apostles' Creed (8:30 am only)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

+The Prayers

Reminded of God's gracious and abundant love, we offer our prayers, confident that God hears us.

A brief silence.

Proclaiming God, empower your church here, in Coronationville, and throughout the world to announce the words you give us. Open us to receive your word in unexpected ways. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Forming God, renew the cycles of your creation that provide for the needs of all. Heal communities crying out after disaster. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Governing God, turn all who create, enforce, or interpret legislation away from selfish gain and toward your promise of good for all. Bless and guide those who serve our country and communities. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Attending God, awaken us to those around us who are in need. Restore broken relationships, failing health, frayed emotions, and all who carry hurts deep within them. (*Especially . . .*) Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Gathering God, resolve conflicts in this community through your righteousness and grace. Reconcile us to each other, making your good news known even through our imperfections. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Loving God, all who die in faith have life with you. We give you thanks for the nearness of your salvation for all who have gone before us. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Grant the prayers we have offered, what we have forgotten to ask, and whatever else you see that we need. We ask this in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

+ Sharing the Peace of Christ (8:30 am only)

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

The Voluntary: "*Blest Be the Tie That Binds Us Together*" Hayes

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Service of Holy Communion - 8:30 am

MEAL

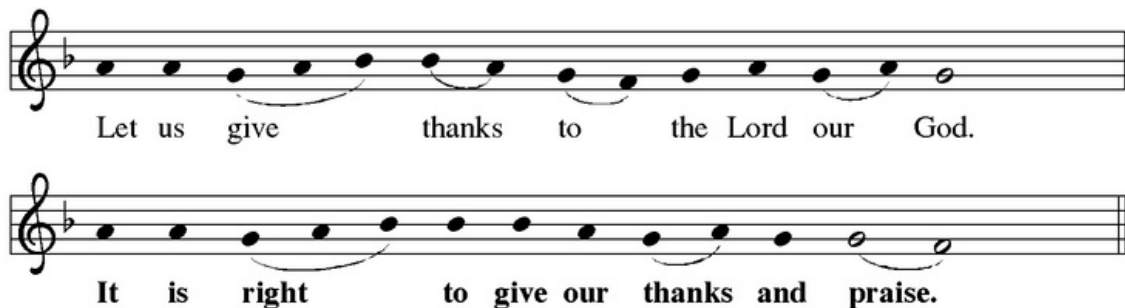
+The Offering Prayer

+The Great Thanksgiving

The musical notation consists of two staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The first staff contains two measures of music. The first measure has a half note on G4, a quarter note on A4, a quarter note on B4, a half note on C5, and a whole note on D5. The second measure has a half note on E5, a quarter note on F5, a quarter note on G5, a half note on A5, and a whole note on B5. The second staff also contains two measures of music. The first measure has a half note on C6, a quarter note on D6, a quarter note on E6, a half note on F6, and a whole note on G6. The second measure has a half note on A6, a quarter note on B6, a quarter note on C7, a half note on D7, and a whole note on E7.

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

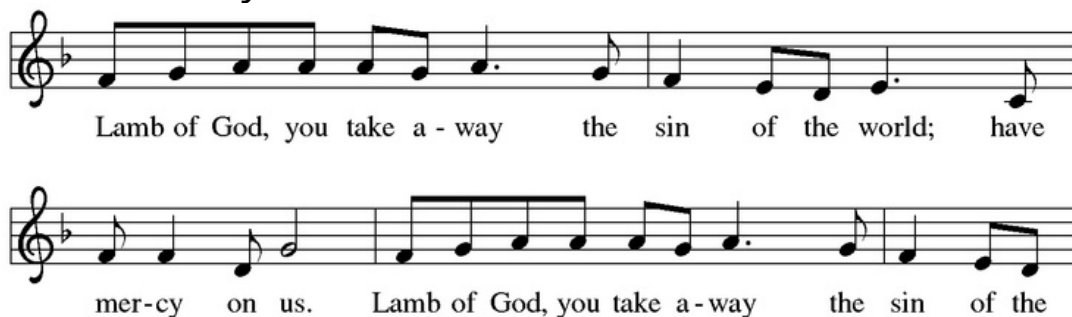


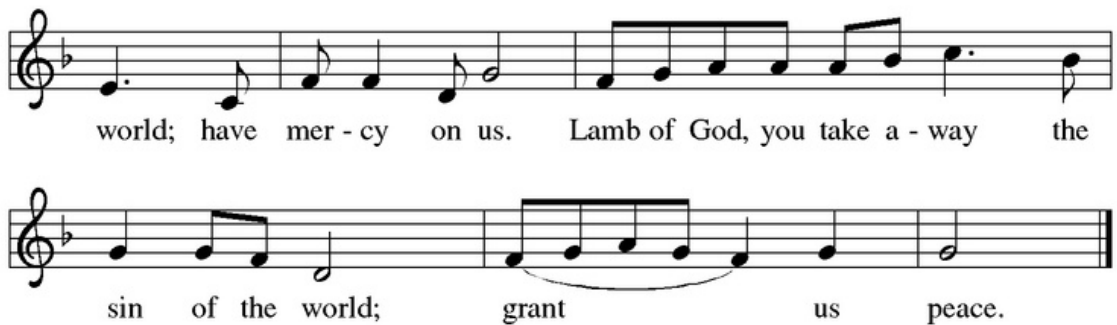
+The Preface is sung by the pastor.



+The Words of Institution are spoken by the pastor.

+The Lord's Prayer

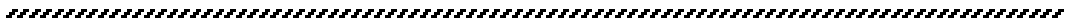




THE COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION:

Please use this time for quiet reflection on the tremendous gifts of love and forgiveness that Jesus offers to all.

+ The Prayer after Communion



Service of the Word - 10:00 am

+The Canticle of Thanksgiving:



Refrain



sing the glo - ry of your name? Sal - va-tion be-longs to our



God and to Christ the Lamb for - ev - er and ev - er.



2 For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, and



bless-ed is the one whose name is the Word of God. All

Refrain



praise and thanks to you, ho - ly God! Sal - va-tion be-longs to our



God and to Christ the Lamb for - ev - er and ev - er.

+ The Prayer of Thanksgiving for the Word

+ The Lord's Prayer

OUR FATHER,
WHO ART IN
heaven.



SENDING

+The Benediction

+The Dismissal is spoken by the pastor.

Response: **Thanks be to God**

+SENDING HYMN: "GO, MY CHILDREN, WITH MY BLESSING" No. 543

The Postlude: "*March in D*" Handel

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SERVING TODAY:

The Organist - *Beth Ridderhoff*

The Readers -8:30 - *Sue Hennessy*

10:00 - *Cassie Facko*

The Acolytes - 8:30 - *Ron Krapf and Emily Ladewig*

10:00 - *Kalina Bell*

Today's chancel flowers are given by the Zirbes family for the blessings of family, friends and our Good Shepherd community.



Our Mission Statement

A caring fellowship of all God's people empowered by grace to proclaim the gospel and lovingly serve as Jesus teaches.

Our Vision Statement

Transforming lives by making the hope of God real through bold faith, service, outreach, discipleship and helping all people discover their God-given value.

Core Values

Encouraging each other in our lifelong journey of faith through our core values of:

-Drawing nearer to God

-Prioritizing Love over Judgment

-Practicing Grace

-Welcoming All

-Generously Serving

-Fostering Community

Our Intercessions Include:

The hospitalized: Joan Northrup, Barb Bergamo (Palos)

The bereaved: Walter Hojka upon the passing of his stepfather, Jürgen Daartz

The Holy Baptism: *Vanessa Renée Bush*, daughter of Edward and Elizabeth (nee Floren). Born: April 4, 2026. Sponsors: Mary Floren and Edward Sambol.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our mission offerings for last Sunday and this Sunday will go to help those suffering from the flooding in Nepal.

Cooking With Care is CANCELLED this Tuesday, September 8. We look forward to meeting again in October.

Next Sunday, September 13, is RALLY DAY! We return to regular worship hours of 9:00 am and 11:00 am. Head down to the FLC after the late service for a luncheon beginning at 12:15 pm followed by games, fun, and more fellowship. Please join in this church family day as we kick off the program year!

RALLY DAY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Please sign up this morning if you are able to help with running a game site, serving lunch, clean up, etc. or by making a dessert. ***Attention confirmation and high school students***, this is a great way to get some service hours! Sign-up sheets are on a table in the narthex.

The Bowling League starts on Sat., September 12. Please consider joining this once a month league (Sep–May). We could use two more bowlers, and you can always sub. Contact Donna if you are interested.

Rudolph's BIG BUILD is scheduled for Fri., Sept. 25 at 5:00 pm and Sat., Sept. 26 beginning at 8:00 am. Come join this all church mission project to help a family in need! Sign-ups in the narthex begin today, Sept. 6 and continue through Sept. 20.

Our choirs begin the week of Sept. 13; Jr. Choir begins Sept. 21. If you're aged 3 through adult, there is a choir for you! Please consider joining. For more information, see the August or September newsletter.

You should have received your annual printed phone directory in the mail. PLEASE CHECK YOUR LISTING (especially the phone number), and let Donna know of any changes. If you did not receive a directory, stop by the office to pick one up. Thank you!

MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attention College Students! We need your new campus address and name of school so we can keep you updated with church news and send a care package. Complete the form out in the narthex today or call/email the office during the week. Thank you!

6th and 7th Grade Confirmation instruction begins on September 14 while 8th grade begins on September 20. If you know of any 6th – 8th grader eligible for this adventure, please see Pastor Chris, Pastor Bell or Mrs. Lori.

Pastor Bell is contacting 8th - 12th grade youth regarding the 2027 Youth Gathering in Minneapolis (June 28 - July 2). Come to the “info” luncheon meeting on Sun., Sept. 20 after the 11 am service. Please RSVP to Pr. Bell.

Sunday School is looking for Jr. High and High School students to join the Kid's Ministry Team as class assistants for the new program year starting September 13. Please sign up on the bulletin board, email or call Mrs. Lori. Service hours can be earned. **We have a brief orientation meeting for the class assistants on Sept. 13 at 10:15 am.**

Attention Junior Choir Members! Save the date! Our second annual kickoff pool party will be on Sat., Sept. 19 at 3 pm. Siblings/parents are welcome too! More details to follow; text Joanna Bergmann with questions.

The calendar for the week of September 6

MON	Church office is closed	HAPPY LABOR DAY!
TUE	7:30 pm	Youth and Education Meeting
WED	2:00 pm	Peace Village Service
THU	9:00 pm	Prayer Walk
SAT	3:15 pm	Bowling League
SUN	9:00 am 9:00 am 10:15 am 10:30 am 11:00 am 11:00 am 12:15 pm	Service of the Word <i>Online Service</i> Sunday School Assistants Meeting Cherub Choir Service of Holy Communion Sunday School Rally Day Lunch & Games

PRAYER LIST

Members of the Congregation

Barb Bergamo
Matt Brett
Joan Northrup
Rita Petritsch
Ed Schussler
Beth Wetzig
Gail Kendall

Shirley Hulse
Marsha Hladik
Lori Cronin
Barry Garr Jr.
Gerhard Haigis
Jim Srbeny
Bill Innocenti

Friends of the Congregation

The Walsh Family
John Ledwitch
Nicholas Lyon
Matt Mansfield
Donna O'Malley
Pattie Hayes
Ray Doerrer
Linda D'Oyley
Dan Hall
Susan Kaysen
Kathleen Cantillon
Linda Celesia
Kim Heck
Robbie Glocker
Margarert Kruse
Christina Carroll
Dave Kosvick
Adrienne Manley
Ron Warnke
Craig Chismarick
Marilyn Veselack

Unicy Karunakaran
Walter Kroll
Dorothy Koopman
Dolores Wrzesinski
Kaylee Wynn
Andre Swanson
Sara Bogosh
Chuck Singleton
Laura Nicholson
Tom Elsner
Debra Casey
Laura Reynolds
Joe Kaderabek
Louise Sims
Jason Randall Glugla
Tim Hennessey
Katy Peterman
Dale Koch
Maryanne Campbell
Alex Gersic
Silvia Guijarro

Please let us know if there is someone you need added or removed from the prayer list by contacting the church office by 9 am on Friday. Thank You!

Pictures may be taken at our service to use on our updated website. Please contact us if you desire we not use any photograph including your image.