

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH
120 West Gano Chance Road
Centralia, Missouri 65240
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 10, 2023

WELCOME

Pastor James Lanning

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING FOUR
Lutheran Service Book (LSB pp. 203-212)

OPENING HYMN – “God’s Own Child, I Gladly Say It”

LSB 594

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

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SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT

Psalm 92:1-4; antiphon v. 5

How great are your works, O LORD!

Your thoughts are very deep!

It is good to give thanks to the LORD,

to sing praises to your name, O Most High;

to declare your steadfast love in the morning,

and your faithfulness by night,

to the music of the lute and the harp,

to the melody of the lyre.

For you, O LORD, have made me glad by your work;

at the works of your hands I sing for joy.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning,

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

How great are your works, O LORD!

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KYRIE and GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

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SALUTATION and COLLECT

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OLD TESTAMENT READING – Ezekiel 33:7-9 (ESV)

Reader: Catherine Simmons

⁷“So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ⁸If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. ⁹But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING – Romans 13:1-10 (ESV)**Reader: Catherine Simmons**

13 Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. ²Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. ³For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, ⁴for he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer. ⁵Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience. ⁶For because of this you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. ⁷Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed. ⁸Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹For 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." ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

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Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eighteenth chapter.

All: Glory to You, O Lord.

HOLY GOSPEL – Matthew 18:1-20 (ESV)

18 At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" ²And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them ³and said, "Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. ⁴Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. ⁵"Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, ⁶but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea. ⁷"Woe to the world for temptations to sin! For it is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the one by whom the temptation comes! ⁸And if your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life crippled or lame than with two hands or two feet to be thrown into the eternal fire. ⁹And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into the hell of fire. ¹⁰"See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven. ¹²What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? ¹³And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. ¹⁴So it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish. ¹⁵"If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. ¹⁶But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to You, O Christ.

APOSTLES CREED

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SERMON HYMN – “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

LSB 686

MESSAGE

Pastor James Lanning

OFFERING

OFFERING HYMN – “My Soul Now Praise Your Maker”

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

BENEDICAMUS and BENEDICTION

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CLOSING HYMN – “Shepherd of Tender Youth”

LSB 864

NEXT SUNDAY

Prayer Group: 8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. in the sanctuary.

Adult Bible Study: 9:00 a.m.

Worship Service: 10:00 a.m.

September Events

9.10 Rally Day Activities **TODAY**

9.17 Worship with Baptism

9.11 Women’s Guild 1 p.m.

9.12 Mission Planning committee 7:00 p.m.

9.20 Adult Bible Study 10 a.m.

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9.20 Worship Committee 4 p.m.

9.13 Shared Ministry w/Campus 6:30 p.m.

9.20 ZOOM Prayer Group 9 p.m.

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9.27 Adult Bible Study 10 a.m.

9.14 Heritage Hall 2 p.m.

9.27 ZOOM Prayer Group 9 p.m.

Mission Planning committee will meet Tuesday, September 12th at 7:00 pm – please join as we plan outreach for our community and surrounding area.

BIRTHDAYS – Angel Arnall – September 11; Donna Hoek – September 16

ANNIVERSARY – no anniversaries this next week.

BEREAVED

The family of Mildred Seider, Gary’s mother, who passed away September 3.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Ed Ramsey- rehabbing at the Neighborhood; Kim Decker – health issues; Susan Ross; Gayle Billings; Ed & Ernestine Ramsey; Bill & Judy Mahieu; Kyle Lutz – recovering from kidney/pancreas transplant; Bonnie Berthelsen; Arland Stemme - mother of Alane Gronefeld; Mark Ramsey; Calvin Stemme – treatment for cancer; Doreen Loeffler –cancer treatments; Julia Rainey; Travis Barr –cancer treatments; Mary Brechler; Jane St. John; Linda Benoit; Dennis & Jackie Nadler; Don Crump – uncle of Jacki Stelzer; Martha Blevins; Susan Harris; Wayne Nolan – stepfather of Jeff Jaeger; Michelle Smith – daughter of Jane St John; Arla Benskin – daughter of Mary Brechler.

Missionaries - Pastor Tim Schulte and his wife Erin

Community Prayers: Father Mike Coleman; Susan Prewitt; Donna Hargis; Tracy Ross; Evie Ross 2 months old-heart defect; Phil Nelson-cancer; Jennifer-recovering from liver transplant

ARMED FORCES

Brandon and Jesse Lowery, U.S. Navy – brothers of Rachel Rojas (Robertson); **Donevin Leonard, U.S. Marine Corps** – grandson of Russell & Jacki Stelzer; **Rafe Mechlin, U.S. Marine Corps** – husband of Abby Mechlin, brother to Brittany Gorczyca and Shelby Banks; **Chris Chism, U.S. Navy** – son of Vickie & Eric Chism; grandson of Barbara Fischer; **Brittany Macklin** – great-niece of Ernestine Ramsey; **Zachary Warden** – grandson of Betty Warden; Community: **Ray Finlay, U.S. Army.**

Welcome and Prayer Request Cards

Please place any prayer request cards in the offering plate when it comes around. The ushers will give them to the pastor. **Please complete the welcome card and leave it at the end of your pew.** Thank you

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Notary services are available during the secretary's work hours.

Save the Date!!

Sunday School Rally Day is **TODAY** following the service. Please stay for food, fun and fellowship.

GSLC Women's Guild is hosting the **LWML Fall Rally** on **October 1, 2023**. Following a 2 pm short zone business meeting, Hannah and Gary will be presenting information about *Lutheran Association of Missionaries and Pilots* (LAMP). Part of the fun to host a rally is to offer refreshments to the attendees which are estimated to be about 50 LWMLers, a few pastors, and guests. Please consider attending and if you would like to help us with refreshments--contact a Women's Guild member or sign up on our Refreshment sheet on the table in the narthex.

Hayride following hot dog roast with S'mores – Sunday, **October 15th at 6 p.m.** a joint fellowship opportunity with **Campus Lutheran Church** at GSLC. In event of inclement weather games will follow the meal.

Today only half of U.S. adults (46%) say they know or understand their own gifts. Come discover your gifts and the gifts of your neighborhood at the **Missouri LLL District Convention** on **Saturday, October 21** at St. Matthew Lutheran Church, 700 NE Chipman Road, Lee's Summit, Missouri. Our guest speaker Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler, Speaker of the Lutheran Hour® will be presenting on *Gifted for More* the latest research in the Lutheran Hour Ministries – Barna partnership. LHM – Madagascar director, Daniel Andriajanaka will share an update on LHM ministry efforts in Madagascar. Doors open at 9:00 a.m. with the convention beginning at 9:30 a.m. Lunch will be included with the convention concluding at 2:30 p.m. Please register by October 16 for our meal and seat count. Registration fee is \$15.00 per person (includes lunch).

For hotel reservations at the Best Western – Lee's Summit, contact Brian Mitchell, MO LLL Convention Chairman by phone: 816.525.6016 or email: mkbmitch306@sbcglobal.net. The room is \$135 per night – make your reservation through Brian to forgo the state sales tax. Everyone is a gift, everyone has gifts, everyone is called, and everyone can grow. Register today! Complete the registration form and mail to Brian Mitchell, 306 SW White Ridge Dr., Lee's Summit, MO. Make checks payable to Missouri LLL District.

QUARTERLIFE

Quarterlife Camp-Out at Arrow Rock State Park on Friday, October 13, through Sunday, October 15. Join us for hiking, bonfires, fishing, and more! Camp gear is available to borrow. If you're interested and/or have questions, please contact Natalie at NatalieDCarlson@gmail.com.

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