

**GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH  
120 West Gano Chance Road  
Centralia, Missouri 65240**

**Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
with Holy Communion  
September 17, 2023**

Good Shepherd Congregation welcomes baptized Christians at its altar who accept the doctrine of the Lutheran Confessions. On the basis of the Bible, we believe that the Lord's body and blood are truly present, together with the consecrated bread and wine (Matthew 26:26-28). By faith a penitent sinner receives the forgiveness of sins and strengthening of faith (1 Corinthians 11:28,29; Hebrews 10:14, 18); that person is truly worthy who has faith in the words of Jesus, "Given and shed for you for the remission of sins," (Matthew 26:28) and our Lord would invite such a person to receive the Sacrament. Any visitors wishing to commune are kindly asked to speak to the Pastor or an Elder before the service.

**Welcome  
Announcements**

**Pastor James Lanning**

**DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING THREE  
With Holy Communion  
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**OPENING HYMN "See This Wonder in the Making"**

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**CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION**

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**SERVICE OF THE WORD**

**INTROIT**

*Psalm 143:1-2*

Deliver me from my enemies, O LORD!

**I have fled to you for refuge!**

Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for mercy!

**In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness!**

Enter not into judgment with your servant,

**for no one living is righteous before you.**

**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.**

Deliver me from my enemies, O LORD!

**I have fled to you for refuge!**

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**GLORIA IN EXCELSIS**

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**SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY**

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**OLD TESTAMENT READING: Genesis 50:15-21 (ESV)****Reader: Danny Nadler**

<sup>15</sup> When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." <sup>16</sup> So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died: <sup>17</sup> 'Say to Joseph, "Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.'" And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. <sup>18</sup> His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." <sup>19</sup> But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? <sup>20</sup> As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. <sup>21</sup> So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE READING – Romans 14:1-12 (ESV)****Reader: Danny Nadler**

<sup>14</sup> As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. <sup>2</sup> One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. <sup>3</sup> Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him. <sup>4</sup> Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand. <sup>5</sup> One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. <sup>6</sup> The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God. <sup>7</sup> For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. <sup>8</sup> For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. <sup>9</sup> For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living. <sup>10</sup> Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; <sup>11</sup> for it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God." <sup>12</sup> So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

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 be to Thee, O Lord.**

**HOLY GOSPEL – Matthew 18:21-35 (ESV)**

<sup>21</sup> Then Peter came up and said to him, "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" <sup>22</sup> Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times. <sup>23</sup> "Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. <sup>24</sup> When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. <sup>25</sup> And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. <sup>26</sup> So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' <sup>27</sup> And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. <sup>28</sup> But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, 'Pay what you owe.' <sup>29</sup> So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' <sup>30</sup> He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. <sup>31</sup> When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. <sup>32</sup> Then his master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. <sup>33</sup> And should not you have had

mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?’<sup>34</sup> And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt.<sup>35</sup> So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

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**RITE OF HOLY BAPTISM – Elizabeth Josephine Crosby**

**Insert**

**SERMON HYMN “Come Down, O Love Divine”**

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**MESSAGE**

**Pastor James Lanning**

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**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

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### **SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT**

**THE LORD’S SUPPER**

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**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:**

“When Peace, Like a River”

**LSB 763**

“All Christians Who Have Been Baptized”

**LSB 596**

“Chief of Sinners Though I Be”

**LSB 611**

**CLOSING HYMN “Now Thank We All Our God”**

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**BENEDICTION**

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**NEXT SUNDAY**

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

Adult Bible Study: 9:00 a.m. (led by Pastor Lanning)

Worship Service: 10:00 a.m.

**SEPTEMBER EVENTS**

9.20 Adult Bible Study 10 a.m.

9.20 Worship Committee 4 p.m.

9.20 ZOOM Prayer Group 9 p.m.

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9.27 ZOOM Prayer Group 9 p.m.

**BIRTHDAYS – Benjamin Robertson – September 18; Gary Seider-September 18; Judy Mahieu-September 19; Wiley Rojas-September 21**

**ANNIVERSARY – Henry & Kim Rainey-September 22**

**THANK YOU!!**

**Katie Hoek and Kim Rainey for the fun Rally Day activities.**

**Jon, Henry and the men who grilled.**

**Donna for the pies for the pie eating contest.**

**Katie, the Sunday School teachers and families for the most appreciated gifts. Katie put a lot of thought and effort in the gifts and I appreciate them very much. Catherine**

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Ed Ramsey; Kim Decker; 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; 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.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please send any October newsletter items by 9:00 am on September 26<sup>th</sup>. I will try and include them.

### SAVE THE DATE

GSLC Women's Guild is hosting the **LWML Fall Rally on October 1, 2023**. Hannah and Gary will be sharing their LAMP Mission trip experiences. All are invited.

**GSLC Council** meeting Sunday, **October 8, 2023** following the service.

**Hayride** following hotdog roast with S'mores – Sunday, **October 15<sup>th</sup>** at **6 p.m.** a joint fellowship opportunity with Campus Lutheran Church at GSLC. In event of inclement weather, we will have game time.

**GSLC Congregational Meeting**, Sunday, **October 22, 2023** following service with carry-in lunch prior to the meeting.

## QUARTERLIFE EVENTS

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](mailto:NatalieDCarlson@gmail.com).

## 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

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