

**GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**120 West Gano Chance Road**  
**Centralia, Missouri 65240**  
**Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**September 24, 2023**

**WELCOME**

**Pastor James Lanning**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

**OPENING HYMN – “Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise”**

**LSB 680**

**CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION**

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**SERVICE OF THE WORD**

**INTROIT**

*Psalm 116:12–13, 15-16 antiphon v. 17*

I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving  
**and call on the name of the LORD.**

What shall I render to the LORD  
**for all his benefits to me?**

I will lift up the cup of salvation  
**and call on the name of the LORD.**

Precious in the sight of the LORD  
**is the death of his saints.**

O LORD, I am your servant;

**I am your servant, the son of your maidservant. You have loosed my bonds.**

**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.**

I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving  
**and call on the name of the LORD.**

**KYRIE and GLORIA IN EXCELSIS**

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**SALUTATION and COLLECT**

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**Old Testament – Isaiah 55:6-9 (ESV)**

**Reader: Russell Stelzer**

<sup>6</sup>“Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; <sup>7</sup>let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. <sup>8</sup>For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD. <sup>9</sup>For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE – Philippians 1:12-14, 19-30 (ESV)**

**Reader: Russell Stelzer**

<sup>12</sup>I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, <sup>13</sup>so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. <sup>14</sup>And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear. <sup>19</sup>for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, <sup>20</sup>as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. <sup>21</sup>For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. <sup>22</sup>If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. <sup>23</sup>I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. <sup>24</sup>But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. <sup>25</sup>Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, <sup>26</sup>so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again. <sup>27</sup>Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, <sup>28</sup>and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. <sup>29</sup>For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, <sup>30</sup>engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**ALLELUIA and VERSE**

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

**All: Glory to You, O Lord.**

## **HOLY GOSPEL – Matthew 20:1-16 (ESV)**

**20** “For the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. <sup>2</sup> After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. <sup>3</sup> And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, <sup>4</sup> and to them he said, ‘You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.’ <sup>5</sup> So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. <sup>6</sup> And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, ‘Why do you stand here idle all day?’ <sup>7</sup> They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You go into the vineyard too.’ <sup>8</sup> And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.’ <sup>9</sup> And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. <sup>10</sup> Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. <sup>11</sup> And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, <sup>12</sup> saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ <sup>13</sup> But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius?’ <sup>14</sup> Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. <sup>15</sup> Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?’ <sup>16</sup> So the last will be first, and the first last.”<sup>24</sup> “Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. <sup>25</sup> And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. <sup>26</sup> And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. <sup>27</sup> And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to You, O Christ.**

## **APOSTLES CREED**

**SERMON HYMN – “Salvation Unto Us has Come”**

**LSB 555 v 1-4; 10**

**MESSAGE**

**Pastor James Lanning**

**OFFERING**

**OFFERING HYMN – “We Give Thee but Thine Own”**

**LSB 781**

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**BENEDICAMUS and BENEDICTION**

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**CLOSING HYMN – “Praise and Thanksgiving”**

**LSB 789**

**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**

9.24 Budget Committee 6 p.m.

9.27 Adult Bible Study 10 a.m.

9.27 ZOOM Prayer Group

**September 28** is National Good Neighbor Day; **September 28-October 4** is Missouri Good Neighbor Week – how can you serve a neighbor during this time?

## 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/attendance card and leave it at the end of your pew.**  
Thank you

**BIRTHDAYS** – **Cody Jaeger** – September 26; **Kayne Walters** – September 27; **Aaron Seider** – September 29; **Ernestine Ramsey** – September 30.

**ANNIVERSARY** – None this week.

### RAYERS 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**

### 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

Children's Church, for **children age 4 through 4<sup>th</sup> grade**, is offered on non-Communion Sundays during the Sermon.

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.

**Hayride** following hot dog 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 games will follow the meal.

### SAVE THE DATE!!

**October 8** – **Church Council** following the service.

**October 22** – **Congregational Meeting** w/carry-in lunch following the service.

**October 29** – **Reformation service w/Holy Communion**

### 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](mailto:NatalieDCarlson@gmail.com).

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