

**GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**120 West Gano Chance Road**  
**Centralia, Missouri 65240**  
**Second Sunday after Pentecost**  
**June 22, 2024**  
**Theme: True Wisdom, on the Way**

**AS WE GATHER**

The season of Pentecost has arrived! With the arrival of the Holy Spirit, this season of the Church Year is marked by growth. We see evidence of the growth the Spirit is seeking in this week's Readings. The Lord and giver of life seeks to see His people grow faithful hearts through faithful worship, resulting in faithful service. When the way ahead isn't as clear or as comfortable as we would like, we rely on the Lord's wisdom, leading us back to His faithful servant, Jesus Christ, who clears the obstacles of our sinfulness and comforts us with His Word and sacramental gifts.

**WELCOME**

**Pastor James Lanning**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OPENING HYMN "Amazing Grace"**

**LSB 744**

**INVOCATION**

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

**OPENING SENTENCES**      *Isaiah 52:10; 48:17; 55:6*

Pastor: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful,

**People: and kindle in them the fire of Your love.**

Pastor: The LORD has bared His holy arm before the eyes of all the nations,

**People: and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.**

Pastor: Thus says the LORD, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel:

**People: "I am the LORD your God, who teaches you to profit, who leads you in the way you should go."**

Pastor: Seek the LORD while He may be found;

**People: call upon Him while He is near.**

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**      *Isaiah 46:12-13*

Pastor: Seeking our Lord, His wisdom, and His grace, we confess:

**People: Almighty and all-merciful God, in wisdom You have created all things, and in grace, You seek the lost and erring. Yet, through our selfish choices and sinful nature, we ignore Your wisdom and refuse Your grace. We prefer our own way, resisting the Holy Spirit and His work of bringing forth the fruits of faithfulness. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, console and correct us, that we might forsake our wicked ways and unrighteous thoughts and turn to You, the God who has compassion and abundant pardon.**

Pastor: The Lord is gracious, for He declares, "Listen to Me, you stubborn of heart, you who are far from righteousness: I bring near My righteousness; it is not far off, and My salvation will not delay." The Lord has brought His righteousness in giving His Son, Jesus Christ, to die for you. Through Him, and Him alone, you have forgiveness, life, and salvation. In the stead and by the command of Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

## INTROIT

*Psalm 71:20–24; antiphon: v. 3*

Be to me a rock of refuge, to which I may continually come;

**You have given the command to save me, for You are my rock and my fortress.**

You who have made me see many troubles and calamities will revive me again;

**from the depths of the earth You will bring me up again.**

You will increase my greatness

**and comfort me again.**

I will also praise You with the harp for Your faithfulness, O my God;

**I will sing praises to You with the lyre, O Holy One of Israel.**

My lips will shout for joy, when I sing praises to You;

**my soul also, which You have redeemed.**

And my tongue will talk of Your righteous help all the day long,

**for they have been put to shame and disappointed who sought to do me hurt.**

**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.**

Be to me a rock of refuge, to which I may continually come;

**You have given the command to save me, for You are my rock and my fortress.**

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## SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. O God, You have prepared for those who love You such good things as surpass our understanding. Cast out all sins and evil desires from us, and pour into our hearts Your Holy Spirit to guide us into all blessedness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

## OLD TESTAMENT READING – Isaiah 65:1-9

**Lector: Randy Simmons**

(The Lord who redeems declares to the nation, “**Here am I!**” seeking their hearts and faithfulness.)

I was ready to be sought by those who did not ask for me; I was ready to be found by those who did not seek me. I said, “Here I am, here I am,” to a nation that was not called by my name. I spread out my hands all the day to a rebellious people, who walk in a way that is not good, following their own devices; a people who provoke me to my face continually, sacrificing in gardens and making offerings on bricks; who sit in tombs, and spend the night in secret places; who eat pig's flesh, and broth of tainted meat is in their vessels; who say, “Keep to yourself, do not come near me, for I am too holy for you.” These are a smoke in my nostrils, a fire that burns all the day. Behold, it is written before me: “I will not keep silent, but I will repay; I will indeed repay into their lap both your iniquities and your fathers' iniquities together, says the LORD; because they made offerings on the mountains and insulted me on the hills, I will measure into their lap payment for their former deeds.” Thus says the LORD: “As the new wine is found in the cluster, and they say, ‘Do not destroy it, for there is a blessing in it,’ so I will do for my servants' sake, and not destroy them all. I will bring forth offspring from Jacob, and from Judah possessors of my mountains; my chosen shall possess it, and my servants shall dwell there.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM

*Psalm 3, antiphon v. 8*

Salvation belongs to the LORD;

**your blessings be on your people!**

O LORD, how many are my foes!

**Many are rising against me;**

many are saying of my soul,

**“There is no salvation for him in God.”**

But you, O LORD, are a shield about me,

**my glory, and the lifter of my head.**

I cried aloud to the LORD,

**and he answered me from his holy hill.**

I lay down and slept;

**I woke again, for the LORD sustained me.**

I will not be afraid of many thousands of people

**who have set themselves against me all around.**

Arise, O LORD!

**Save me, O my God!**

For you strike all my enemies on the cheek;

**you break the teeth of the wicked.**

Salvation belongs to the LORD;

**your blessing be on your people!**

## EPISTLE READING –Galatians 3:23-4:7

**Lector: Randy Simmons**

(The baptized have put on Christ, becoming sons and heirs, with hearts that are home to the Holy Spirit.) Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise. I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no different from a slave, though he is the owner of everything, but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by his father. In the same way we also, when we were children, were enslaved to the elementary principles of the world. But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## VERSE *Luke 8:39a*

Pastor: Alleluia. Return to your home,

**People: and declare how much God has done for you. Alleluia.**

## HOLY GOSPEL

*Luke 8:26–39*

(Jesus travels beyond Galilee to break the bonds of darkness, transforming a demoniac into a missionary.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the eighth chapter.

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

Then they sailed to the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. When Jesus had stepped out on land, there met him a man from the city who had demons. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he had not lived in a house but among the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him and said with a loud voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me." For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many a time it had seized him. He was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the desert.) Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion," for many demons had entered him. And they begged him not to command them to depart into the abyss. Now a large herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside, and they begged him to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and drowned. When the herdsmen saw what had happened, they fled and told it in the city and in the country. Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind, and they were afraid. And those who had seen it told them how the demon-possessed man had been healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked him to depart from them, for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city how much Jesus had done for him.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

#### **APOSTLES CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.**

**From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life † everlasting. Amen**

**SERMON HYMN "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"**

**LSB 849**

**MESSAGE ""**

**Pastor James Lanning**

**OFFERING HYMN "Just as I Am, , without One Plea"**

**LSB 570**

#### **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

For the faithful of every nation, that they be so called by the Gospel and equipped to declare to their communities how much God has done for them, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For Your one holy Christian and apostolic church, that believers might be united in sound teaching and a clear confession of Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For those in the grip of darkness, ruled by the demons of grief, addiction, anxiety, and chronic disease, awaiting Your deliverance, and those hurting among us, [*including . . .*], let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For those growing in their faith, especially those preparing for Baptism, Confirmation, or training for the ministry, that they be encouraged in the way and defended from evil, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For our homes, that parents and caregivers be guided by Your wisdom to lovingly serve their neighbors and all in their care, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For the fruit of the Spirit to blossom in the lives of all believers, to the glory of God the Father, and pointing hearts to Jesus Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For all this, and whatever more Your fatherly mercy would grant to us, we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

Pastor: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**LORD'S PRAYER** *Matthew 6:9-13*

**People: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

### **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: Let us pray. Spirit of wisdom and truth, we praise You for the gift of faith that receives the blessings that come to us through the Supper of our Savior, Jesus. Keep us steadfast in the way of everlasting life, granting us wisdom to go and grow in the grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Father, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

### **BENEDICTION**

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

**People: Amen.**

### **CLOSING HYMN “God of Grace and God of Glory”**

**LSB 850**

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### **NEXT SUNDAY**

Adult Bible Study: **The Baptismal River** led by Pastor Lanning 9:00 a.m.

Worship Service: 10:00 a.m.

**BIRTHDAYS – Bonnie Pemberton – June 22; Kathryn Dickey – June 22**

**ANNIVERSARIES – Kathryn & Kevin Dickey – June 22**

**BEREAVED – please keep the family of Bill Mahieu in your prayers. Bill passed away Monday, June 16<sup>th</sup>. Funeral services will be held here at Good Shepherd at 11 am Monday, June 23; visitation will be from 10 am until the time of the service. Burial will follow in the Centralia City Cemetery.**

## **JUNE/JULY EVENTS**

6.25 Adult Bible Study – 10 am  
6.25 ZOOM Prayer Group – 8 pm  
7.01 Mission Planning – 7 pm  
7.02 Adult Bible Study – 10 am  
7.02 ZOOM Prayer Group – 8 pm  
7.09 Adult Bible Study – 10 am  
7.09 ZOOM Prayer Group – 8 pm  
7.10 Heritage Hall - 2 pm  
7.13 Church Council Meets following service  
7.14-7.18 **GSLC provides lunch at City Square**  
7.14 Women's Guild – 1 pm  
7.16 Adult Bible Study 10 am  
7.16 Worship Committee – 4:30 pm  
7.16 ZOOM Prayer Group – 8 pm  
7.23 Adult Bible Study 10 am  
7.23 ZOOM Prayer Group – 8 pm  
7.27 Quarterly Congregational Voters Meeting  
7.30 Adult Bible Study – 10 am  
7.30 ZOOM Prayer Group – 8 pm

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

2025 LCMS Youth Gathering attendees are collecting items to fill hygiene kits for those in need. We are collecting 50 (new) travel size toothpaste and 50 toothbrushes. If you are able to donate any of these items, please place them in the box in the Narthex. July 10<sup>th</sup> is the last day for dropping them off. Thank you!

The **Senior Youth** extend a heartfelt “**thank you**” to the volunteers who sold ice cream at the Centralia Fair. We appreciate your support!

**SAVE THE DATE!!!!** Please note these dates on your calendar for **upcoming service and fellowship activities at GSLC**.

**July 14<sup>th</sup> through July 18<sup>th</sup>** – serving lunch at Centralia Square – please see Ann Seider if you can help with providing supplies, preparing the lunch sacks, or serving at the square.

**August 2<sup>nd</sup>** – **GSLC Swim Party** at Centralia Pool from 11:15-12:45. Please see Katie Hoek or Kim Rainey if you have questions about this fellowship event.

**September 7<sup>th</sup>** – **GSLC Sunday School Rally Day** – following church. Food, fun and games. More details will be shared as plans are finalized.

## **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

**The family of Bill Mahieu; Robin Wilcox** – treatment of Alpha Gal syndrome; **Lynn Lake and the other communities affected by the wildfires in Canada; Barb Gerger** – hip fracture; **Ken Manola** – recent shoulder replacement surgery; **Skip Elkin** – health issues; **The young people and adult volunteers attending the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans this summer; Reverend Tim and Erin Schulte; those grieving recent loss of family or friends; Terry Plank** – undergoing chemo treatments; **Savannah & Taylor Tarwater** – as they mourn; **Mike Hyde** – recovering from hip fracture; **Tammy Morgan** – (Sherry Morse’s daughter) – health issues; **Christina DeJesus** – health issues; **Brenda Belt** (Henry Rainey’s sister) – Stage IV Cancer; **Grace** – health issues (friend of Hannah Lanning); **Steve Buckert** – cancer treatments; **Jenni Murray**–Margaret Parker’s daughter–recovering from surgery; **Ron Borgman; Dick St. John**–Brenda Moss’s father–health issues; **Kim & Terry Decker**–health issues; **Craig**–suffering with spinal stenosis–friend of Randy Simmons; **Ed & Ernestine Ramsey; Judy Mahieu; Kyle Lutz**–recovering from kidney/pancreas transplant; **Bonnie Berthelsen; Mark Ramsey; Calvin Stemme**–treatment for cancer; **Julia Rainey; Jane St. John; Dennis & Jackie Nadler; Susan Harris; Wayne Nolan**–stepfather of Jeff Jaeger; **Michelle Smith**–daughter of Jane St John; **Arla Benskin**–daughter of Mary Brechler.

**Missionaries - the Alaska and LAMP teams for VBS; Campus and GSLC VBS staff and kids; MOST Ministries (Mission Opportunities Short Term)**

**Community Prayers: Father Mike Coleman; Evie Ross**–infant needs heart transplant; **David**–health issues; **Fran Schnarre**–health issues; **Gail Dobbs**–femur fracture; **Sally Hunt** – stage 4 brain cancer; **Bernie & Ginny Ryan** – health issues.

**ARMED FORCES: Veterans of Armed Services** – especially those suffering from PTSD and anxiety; **Christopher Thompson**, U. S. Navy – cousin of Hannah Lanning; **Brandon Lowery**, U.S. Navy–brother of Rachel Rojas; **Donevin Leonard**, U.S. Marine Corps–grandson of Russell & Jacki Stelzer; **Chris Chism**, U.S. Navy–son of Vickie & Eric Chism; grandson of Barbara Fischer; **Brittany Macklin**–great-niece of Ernestine Ramsey; 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.

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*Luke 8:35, ‘...they came to Jesus and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind.’*