

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH
120 West Gano Chance Road
Centralia, Missouri 65240
Third Sunday after Pentecost
June 29, 2025
Theme: New Tree, New Fruit

AS WE GATHER

If you have ever enjoyed a homegrown tomato or plucked a ripe peach straight from the tree, you know there is no substitute for good fruit. Today, the Holy Spirit is continuing the work begun in your Baptism, bringing forth good fruit. Too often, we imagine bearing good fruit is a result of our own careful cultivation, paying special attention to getting things right. The Spirit takes another approach. Just as the flavor of fresh fruit is a delight to our senses, the Spirit delights our soul with the tantalizing tastes of joy, kindness, gentleness, and love! The Spirit teaches us to crave what is good and, in so doing, leads believers to produce the fruit the Lord always intended.

WELCOME

Pastor James Lanning

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN “Faith and Truth and Life Bestowing” LSB 854

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *Ezekiel 17:22–24, adapt.*

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

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

Pastor: Thus says the Lord GOD: “I Myself will take a sprig and plant it on a high and lofty mountain,

People: that it may bear branches and produce fruit.

Pastor: And all the trees of the field shall know that I am the LORD;

People: I bring low the high tree, and make high the low tree,

Pastor: dry up the green tree, and make the dry tree flourish.

People: I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it.”

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

People: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Pastor: Almighty Father, we confess that by our inability, insolence, and inaction, we have not made Your ways our ways.

People: For our failure to walk in the ways of love, joy, and peace, forgive us, Lord.

Pastor: Lord Jesus, we admit we too often conform our desires to the world around us, adopting its compromised standards for living.

People: For our failure to value the gifts of patience, kindness, and goodness, forgive us, Lord.

Pastor: Holy Spirit, our very natures are set against You, Your Gospel proclamation, and the fruit You intend to bring.

People: For our failure to manifest the fruits of faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control, forgive us, Lord. For Jesus’ sake, melt our sinful hearts, and mold us into the reflections of Your righteousness that You call us to be.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son, Jesus, to die for you, and for His sake forgives You all Your sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word made flesh and by His authority, I therefore forgive You all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

INTROIT *Psalm 85:8–10, 13; antiphon: v. 7*

Show us Your steadfast love, O LORD,

and grant us Your salvation.

Let me hear what God the LORD will speak,

for He will speak peace to His people, to His saints; but let them not turn back to folly.

Surely His salvation is near to those who fear Him,

that glory may dwell in our land.

Steadfast love and faithfulness meet;

righteousness and peace kiss each other.

Righteousness will go before Him

and make His footsteps a way.

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.

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and grant us Your salvation.

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SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Holy Spirit, who brings forth life from desolation, cultivate in Your believing people hearts that delight in the fruits of righteousness that we might be led to desire that which You call good; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Father, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING *1 Kings 19:9b–21*

Lector: Aaron Seider

(The Lord brings Elijah assurance that he is not alone in resisting the temptations of idolatry.)

And behold, the word of the LORD came to him, and he said to him, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” He said, “I have been very jealous for the LORD, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away.” And he said, “Go out and stand on the mount before the LORD.” And behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind tore the mountains and broke in pieces the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. And after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. And after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire the sound of a low whisper. And when Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. And behold, there came a voice to him and said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” He said, “I have been very jealous for the LORD, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away.” And the LORD said to him, “Go, return on your way

to the wilderness of Damascus. And when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael to be king over Syria. And Jehu the son of Nimshi you shall anoint to be king over Israel, and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah you shall anoint to be prophet in your place. And the one who escapes from the sword of Hazael shall Jehu put to death, and the one who escapes from the sword of Jehu shall Elisha put to death. Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.” So he departed from there and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen in front of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and cast his cloak upon him. And he left the oxen and ran after Elijah and said, “Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you.” And he said to him, “Go back again, for what have I done to you?” And he returned from following him and took the yoke of oxen and sacrificed them and boiled their flesh with the yokes of the oxen and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he arose and went after Elijah and assisted him.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 16, antiphon v. 11

You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy;

at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

I say to the LORD, “You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you.”

As for the saints in the land, they are the excellent ones,

in whom is all my delight.

The sorrows of those who run after another god shall multiply;

their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names on my lips.

The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup;

you hold my lot.

The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;

indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.

I bless the LORD who gives me counsel;

in the night also my heart instructs me.

I have set the LORD always before me;

because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices;

my flesh also dwells secure.

For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol,

or let your holy one see corruption.

You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy;

at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

EPISTLE READING – Galatians 5:1. 13-25

Lector: Aaron Seider

(Rather than the desires of the flesh, the Spirit cultivates in believers the craving and the capacity for bearing good fruit.)

For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another. But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under

the law. Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

VERSE *Luke 9:51*

Pastor: Alleluia. When the days drew near for Him to be taken up,

People: He set His face to go to Jerusalem. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 9:51–62*

(Jesus faces the lonely task of ministry, setting His face on the saving task ahead of Him in Jerusalem.)

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

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And he sent messengers ahead of him, who went and entered a village of the Samaritans, to make preparations for him. But the people did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. And when his disciples James and John saw it, they said, “Lord, do you want us to tell fire to come down from heaven and consume them?” But he turned and rebuked them. And they went on to another village. As they were going along the road, someone said to him, “I will follow you wherever you go.” And Jesus said to him, “Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.” To another he said, “Follow me.” But he said, “Lord, let me first go and bury my father.” And Jesus said to him, “Leave the dead to bury their own dead. But as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.” Yet another said, “I will follow you, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home.” Jesus said to him, “No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.”

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.

HYMN OF THE DAY “Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart” *LSB 708*

MESSAGE “Still Small Voice”

Pastor James Lanning

OFFERING HYMN “For the Fruits of His Creation”

LSB 894

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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

Gracious Holy Spirit, grow the faith of all those who believe. Bring forth the fruit of holiness and supply them with opportunities to display that fruit for the sake of their neighbor. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Abiding Holy Spirit, be a companion for all who feel lonely and isolated, and preserve them from depression and despair. Send us, Your people, to be visible and tangible witnesses that Your presence is with them always. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Ministering Holy Spirit, safeguard and support all those You have called into ministry. Encourage them amid the challenges of their Gospel work that they do not face the trials and triumphs of this mission alone. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Interceding Holy Spirit, plead for all who face sorrow, sickness, or adversity, comforting them with Your tender care, [*especially* . . .]. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Sanctifying Holy Spirit, strengthen Your church. Give all the baptized passion for Your Word, eagerness for service, and courage to reject the world's faulty wisdom and misplaced priorities. Fan into flame hearts that might be a beacon for those in darkness. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Eternal Holy Spirit, preserve Your church until the day of the return of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Father, 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 faithfulness and truth, we rejoice that by faith we have been made fit to receive the nourishment of Christ's true body and blood. Safeguard this holy people from temptation and danger, and prepare us to represent the name of our loving and living Savior, Jesus, that by our actions and interactions, more may be brought into the eternal kingdom of Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Father, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The grace of our Lord + Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you always.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN "Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

LSB 643

NEXT SUNDAY

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

Worship Service: 10:00 a.m.

JULY EVENTS

7.1 Mission Planning – 7 pm

7.2 Adult Bible Study – 10 am

7.2 ZOOM Prayer Group – 8 pm

7.9 Adult Bible Study – 10 am

7.9 ZOOM Prayer Group – 8 pm

7.10 Heritage Hall - 2 pm

7.13 Church Council Meets following service

7.14-7.18 GSLC serving 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

BIRTHDAYS – Nina Nygren – July 1; **Eric Walters** – July 2; **Kristin Walters** – July 4

ANNIVERSARIES – **Kim & Terrial Decker** – July 3

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; **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; 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; **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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A heartfelt and grateful "THANK YOU" to the volunteers – Vickie Chism, Mark & Rina Nygren, Ann Seider - who have completed tasks for our church facilities!

ICE CREAM FOR SALE! From the Senior Youth – located in the freezer in the breezeway. \$4.00 cup – please place your remittance (either cash or check) in the provided envelope and place in the safe. Available flavors are vanilla, chocolate, strawberry, mint chocolate chip, butter pecan, cookies & cream and peanut butter cup.

Quarterlife will have a night of fellowship on **Monday, June 30, at 6pm at Midway Golf & Games**. On Monday, 7/7, we will start a new study, reading through the book of Daniel. Hope you can join us!

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 bins in Narthex. Thank you!

The church facilities sometimes need a little loving care. In lieu of a long work day, a "To Do" list is posted on the narthex bulletin board. Please take a look and see if you can add your name and expertise to a task or join a group that will complete the job. It is suggested that the first name on that "To Do" is to contact others who signed up for the same task, to organize the day/time that works best for the team.

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

July 14th through July 18th – 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 2nd – **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.

August 3rd – **OCC Craft Day** – after service; lunch will be provided.

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

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.

Our Mission is to:
Be Stewards of All for the Lord of All;
Through prayer, relationships, and faithful works,
Equipping others to do the same.

Church Directory

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Galatians 5:16, "But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh."



May we slaughter sin through a superior and Spirit-born desire for the things of God in Christ.

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