

**GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**120 West Gano Chance Road**  
**Centralia, Missouri 65240**  
**Sixth Sunday after Pentecost with Holy Communion**  
**July 20, 2025**

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**

**Pastor James Lanning**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

**OPENING HYMN "Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart"**

**LSB 708**

**CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION**

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**SERVICE OF THE WORD**

**INTROIT**

*Psalm 119:57–60, 64; antiphon: v. 105*

Your word is a lamp to my feet

**and a light to my path.**

The LORD is my portion;

**I promise to keep your words.**

I entreat your favor with all my heart;

**be gracious to me according to your promise.**

When I think on my ways,

**I turn my feet to your testimonies;**

I hasten and do not delay

**to keep your commandments.**

The earth, O LORD, is full of your steadfast love;

**teach me your statutes!**

**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.**

Your word is a lamp to my feet

**and a light to my path.**

**KYRIE and GLORIA IN EXCELSIS**

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**SALUTATION and COLLECT**

**P. 205**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING – Genesis 18:1-14****Reader: Randy Simmons****(Sarah laughs when she hears that she shall have a son.)**

And the LORD appeared to him by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the door of his tent in the heat of the day. <sup>2</sup>He lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing in front of him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them and bowed himself to the earth <sup>3</sup>and said, “O Lord, if I have found favor in your sight, do not pass by your servant. <sup>4</sup>Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree, <sup>5</sup>while I bring a morsel of bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.” So they said, “Do as you have said.” <sup>6</sup>And Abraham went quickly into the tent to Sarah and said, “Quick! Three seahs of fine flour! Knead it, and make cakes.” <sup>7</sup>And Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to a young man, who prepared it quickly. <sup>8</sup>Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them. And he stood by them under the tree while they ate. <sup>9</sup>They said to him, “Where is Sarah your wife?” And he said, “She is in the tent.” <sup>10</sup>The LORD said, “I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife shall have a son.” And Sarah was listening at the tent door behind him. <sup>11</sup>Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in years. The way of women had ceased to be with Sarah. So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, “After I am worn out, and my lord is old, shall I have pleasure?” <sup>13</sup>The LORD said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh and say, ‘Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?’ <sup>14</sup>Is anything too hard for the LORD? At the appointed time I will return to you, about this time next year, and Sarah shall have a son.”

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE READING – Colossians 1:21-29****Reader: Randy Simmons****(The mystery-that the Gentiles are included in God’s promises-is cause for rejoicing among the Colossian Christians.)**

<sup>21</sup>You, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, <sup>22</sup>he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, <sup>23</sup>if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister. <sup>24</sup>Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in Christ’s afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church, <sup>25</sup>of which I became minister according to the stewardship from God that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, <sup>26</sup>the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints. <sup>27</sup>To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. <sup>28</sup>Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. <sup>29</sup>For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**ALLELUIA and VERSE****P. 205**

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

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

**HOLY GOSPEL – Luke 10:38-42****(Martha learns that her sister Mary has chosen to listen to Jesus; she has chosen well.)**

Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. <sup>39</sup>And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord’s feet and listened to his teaching. <sup>40</sup>But

Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, “Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me.” <sup>41</sup>But the Lord answered her, “Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, <sup>42</sup>but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

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**SERMON HYMN “One Thing’s Needful”**

**LSB 536**

**MESSAGE “Be Served, Then Serve”**

**Pastor James Lanning**

**OFFERING**

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT**

**(P. 208-212)**

**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS: (from All God’s People Sing (rainbow book))**

**“Jesus, Name Above All Names”**

**AGPS 145**

**“Lord of All Hopefulness”**

**AGPS 167**

**“Thy Word Is a Lamp**

**AGPS 247**

**BENEDICAMUS and BENEDICTION**

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**CLOSING HYMN – “Brothers and Sisters in Christ”**

**AGPS 78**

**NEXT SUNDAY**

Adult Bible Study: 9:00 a.m.

Worship Service: 10:00 a.m.

**JULY EVENTS**

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 – 9 pm

**BIRTHDAYS – Kimberly Rainey – July 20; Sandra Harlan – July 22; Alane Gronefeld – July 25**

**ANNIVERSARIES – Brenda & Robert Moss – July 23**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Grateful thanks to the volunteers who helped with the City Square lunches last week.**

The **Voter’s Meeting Packets** are on the table in the narthex. Please **take one to review** before next week’s **Quarterly Voter’s meeting** and **bring it with you** to the meeting.

**The Quarterly Voter's Meeting** will follow a pot-luck lunch next Sunday after the service. Please plan to attend as your input is valued as decisions are made.

## **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

**Cammie Cunningham** (Olivia Hoek's mother) – cancer treatments; **Christ Lutheran School, Perry, GA** – facing financial challenges; **Those affected by the flooding in Texas; 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; **Charlene** – esophageal cancer; **Robin Wilcox** – treatment of Alpha Gal syndrome; **Shelley R.** – newly diagnosed with melanoma, **Travel Mercies** for **area churches** as they make mission trips.

**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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