

**GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN
CHURCH**

**120 West Gano Chance Road
Centralia, Missouri 65240**

**Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost with Holy Communion
September 7, 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 Dave Spotts

Announcements

**DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING THREE
With Holy Communion
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OPENING HYMN "Father Welcomes"

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SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT

Psalm 119:28–32; antiphon: v. 27

Make me understand the way of your precepts,
and I will meditate on your wondrous works.

My soul melts away for sorrow;
strengthen me according to your word!

Put false ways far from me
and graciously teach me your law!

I have chosen the way of faithfulness;
I set your just decrees before me.

I cling to your testimonies, O LORD;
let me not be put to shame!

I will run in the way of your commandments
when you enlarge my heart!

**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.**

Make me understand the way of your precepts,
and I will meditate on your wondrous works.

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GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

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SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

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OLD TESTAMENT READING – Deuteronomy 30:15-20 (ESV)**Reader: Curt Nadler**

“See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you today, by loving the LORD your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. “But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, loving the LORD your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.”

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING - Philemon 1-21**Reader: Curt Nadler**

Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother. To Philemon our beloved fellow worker and Appia our sister and Archippus our fellow soldier, and the church in your house. Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I thank my God always when I remember you in my prayers, because I hear of your love and of the faith that you have toward the Lord Jesus and for all the saints, and I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective for the full knowledge of every good thing that is in us for the sake of Christ. For I have derived much joy and comfort from your love, my brother, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you. Accordingly, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do what is required, yet for love’s sake I prefer to appeal to you – I, Paul, an old man and now a prisoner also for Christ Jesus – I appeal to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I became in my imprisonment. (Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me.) I am sending him back to you, sending my very heart. I would have been glad to keep him with me, in order that he might serve me on your behalf during my imprisonment for the gospel, but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your goodness might not be by compulsion but of your own accord. For this perhaps is why he was parted from you for a while, that you might have him back forever, no longer as a bondservant but more than a bondservant, as a beloved brother – especially to me, but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. So if you consider me your partner, receive him as you would receive me. If he has wronged you at all, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, write this with my own hand: I will repay it – to say nothing of your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, I want some benefit from you in the Lord. Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sunday School Music - “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”**Sunday School Students****ALLELUIA AND VERSE****P. 190****HOLY GOSPEL -Luke 14:25-35 (ESV)**

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

All: Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

Now great crowds accompanied him, and he turned and said to them, “If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life,

he cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it?

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

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SERMON HYMN “Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways”

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MESSAGE – “”

Pastor Dave Spots

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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In Prayer for President Hagan

Heavenly Father, we thank You for Your ongoing care of our District President Rev. Dr. R. Lee Hagan as he recovers and ask that You continue to strengthen and restore him. Bless Interim District President Rev. Craig Otto and the Missouri District leadership and staff with wisdom and endurance as they faithfully serve during this time. May Your presence comfort all of us, reminding us that You are always with us until the end of the age. Amen.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

THE LORD’S SUPPER

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DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:

“In the Cross of Christ I Glory”

LSB 427

“Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus”

LSB 685

“I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus”

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BENEDICTION

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CLOSING HYMN “Lord of All Hopefulness”

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NEXT SUNDAY

Sunday School 9:00 a.m.

Adult Bible Study: 9:00 a.m. – *“Anchored in Christ”* led by Pastor Lanning

Worship Service: 10:00 a.m.

SEPTEMBER EVENTS

9.4-9.11 Pastor Lanning Vacation

9.17-9.24 Pastor Lanning Vacation

9.7 SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY DAY

9.17 ZOOM Prayer Group – 8 pm

9.8 Women’s Guild

9.19-9.29 Catherine out of the office

9.10 ZOOM Prayer Group – 8 pm

9.24 ZOOM Prayer Group – 8 pm

9.11 Heritage Hall - 2 pm

9.27 Men’s Group Activity and Grilling

9.28 OCC Craft Day with lunch following service

BIRTHDAYS – Angel Arnall – September 11;

ANNIVERSARY – no anniversaries this week

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday School Rally Day Activities follow worship today. Please join the Sunday School staff and students for food, fun, and fellowship!!!

Men's Group Activity and Grilling – Saturday, September 27th. Plan is to dismantle the old playground set, grill, and have fellowship. Time to be announced.

OCC CRAFT DAY with lunch – Sunday, September 28th following worship service.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Prayers for those with health issues; prayers for caretakers; Bob Maseman – thyroid cancer treatment (Judy's brother in law and Steve's uncle); **Steve Ward** – home hospice care; **Bruce Mills** – hospitalized with health issues; **Rev. Dr. Lee Hagan** – recovering from a stroke; **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** – recovering; **Skip Elkin** – health issues; **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** – recovering; **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 - MOST Ministries (Mission Opportunities Short Term)

Community Prayers: Father Mike Coleman; Evie Ross–infant needs heart transplant; **David**–health issues; **Bernie Ryan** – health issues; **Charlene** – esophageal cancer; **Shelley R.** –melanoma; **Geri Ward** – health issues; **Gerry Southard** – health issues, **Kim Smith** – health issues, needs surgery.

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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