

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH
120 West Gano Chance Road
Centralia, Missouri 65240
Last Sunday of the Church Year
November 23, 2025
Theme: They Shall Be Mine

AS WE GATHER

There is a phrase familiar to both preschoolers and powerbrokers. When they see that someone else has something they want, they declare, “That’s mine!” seizing either toys or territory for themselves. This phrase is + to our God either. But where humans are motivated by selfishness, the Lord acts out of love. He claims you as His own because He loves you and He wants you to be with Him for eternity. **You are His treasured possession!** He will never leave you behind like a toddler may accidentally abandon her teddy bear, or neglect you like a king would treat those who supported his rival. When the Lord says, **“You are Mine,”** you have His pledge of enduring faithfulness, today and unto eternity!

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor James Lanning

OPENING HYMN – “Crown Him With Many Crowns”

LSB 525

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 118:24; Psalm 22:27; Isaiah 43:1*

Pastor: This is the day that the LORD has made;

People: let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Pastor: All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD,

People: and all the families of the nations shall worship before You.

Pastor: Now thus says the LORD, “Fear not, for I have redeemed you;

People: I have called you by name, you are Mine.”

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Colossians 1:13–14*

Pastor: The Lord has delivered us from the domain of darkness

People: and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Pastor: Almighty God and King,

People: we confess that we have broken trust with You. We have doubted Your goodness, neglected Your ways, and sought to satisfy our sinful nature. We do not think, speak, or act like Your treasured possession. We bring before You our faults and failures, honestly and humbly recognizing that we deserve to be cast out of Your kingdom. Have mercy, O Lord, for the sake of Jesus Christ. Spare us from Your wrath, deliver us from death and darkness, and cleanse us from sin, that we serve You in righteousness, innocence, and blessedness now and always. Amen.

Pastor: On His cross, Jesus Christ, your Savior, was crowned with shame and given unto death for You. His blood pays the price Your sins deserve. Now crowned with glory, the risen and reigning Christ lives to declare sins forgiven. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

†WORD†

INTROIT

Psalm 134; antiphon: Psalm 33:8

Let all the earth fear the LORD; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him!

Come, bless the LORD, all you servants of the LORD,

who stand by night in the house of the LORD!

Lift up your hands to the holy place

and bless the LORD!

May the LORD bless you from Zion,

He who made heaven and earth!

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.

Let all the earth fear the LORD; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him!

KYRIE/GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

LSB 204

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. O Holy Trinity, You are God from everlasting to everlasting, Your kingdom stretches from shore to shore, and by the cross of Christ, You are reconciling all things to Yourself. Surround us with Your Gospel, that just as You separate us from our sin as far as the east is from the west, You would gather those from every language and locale to confess You: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and join You in paradise. In Your holy name we pray.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Malachi 3:13–18*

Lector: Randy Simmons

(The Lord makes His claim on His treasured possession, declaring “**they shall be Mine.**”)

¹³“Your words have been hard against me, says the LORD. But you say, ‘How have we spoken against you?’ ¹⁴You have said, ‘It is vain to serve God. What is the profit of our keeping his charge or of walking as in mourning before the LORD of hosts? ¹⁵And now we call the arrogant blessed. Evildoers not only prosper but they put God to the test and they escape.’” ¹⁶Then those who feared the Lord spoke with one another. The LORD paid attention and heard them, and a book of remembrance was written before him of those who feared the LORD and esteemed his name. ¹⁷“They shall be mine, says the LORD of hosts, in the day when I make up my treasured possession, and I will spare them as a man spares his son who serves him. ¹⁸Then once more you shall see the distinction between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve him.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 46; antiphon: v. 7

The LORD of hosts is with us;

the God of Jacob is our fortress.

God is our refuge and strength,

a very present help in trouble.

² Therefore we will not fear though the earth give way,
though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,
³ though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble at its swelling.
⁴ There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.
⁵ God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved;
God will help her when morning dawns.
⁶ The nations rage, the kingdoms totter;
he utters his voice, the earth melts.
⁷ The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.
⁸ Come, behold the works of the LORD,
how he has brought desolations on the earth.
⁹ He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the chariots with fire.
¹⁰ “Be still, and know that I am God.
I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!”
¹¹ The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.

EPISTLE *Colossians 1:13–20*

Lector: Randy Simmons

(By His blood, the Christ who holds all things together also holds us in His kingdom.)

¹³ He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. ¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. ¹⁶ For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. ¹⁷ And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. ¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

VERSE *Luke 23:43*

Pastor: Alleluia, alleluia!

People: Truly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise.

Pastor: Alleluia, alleluia!

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 23:27–43*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-third chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

(Upon the cross, Jesus is enthroned as King and speaks of forgiveness and paradise.)

²⁷ And there followed him a great multitude of the people and of women who were mourning and lamenting for him. ²⁸ But turning to them Jesus said, “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. ²⁹ For behold, the days are coming when they will say, ‘Blessed are the barren and the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!’ ³⁰ Then they will begin to say to the mountains, ‘Fall on us,’ and to the hills, ‘Cover us.’ ³¹ For if they do these things when the wood is

green, what will happen when it is dry?" ³² Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. ³³ And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴ And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." And they cast lots to divide his garments. ³⁵ And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!" ³⁶ The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine ³⁷ and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" ³⁸ There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews." ³⁹ One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!" ⁴⁰ But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?" ⁴¹ And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." ⁴² And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." ⁴³ And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

APOSTLE'S CREED

LSB 207

HYMN OF THE DAY "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

LSB 549

SERMON

Pastor Lanning

OFFERING HYMN "There Is a Redeemer"

- 1 There is a Redeemer—
Jesus, God's own Son;
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
Holy One. Refrain

**Refrain Thank You, O my Father,
For giving us Your Son,
And leaving Your Spirit
Till the work on earth is done.**

- 2 Jesus, my Redeemer,
Name above all names;
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
Hope for sinners slain. Refrain
- 3 When I stand in glory,
I will see His face;
There I'll serve my King forever
In that holy place. Refrain

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: As those delivered to the kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ, let us confidently approach His throne of grace with our prayers and intercessions, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: King of all creation, the whole earth is full of Your glory, and we are awed by Your creative

majesty. Deepen our appreciation of Your care and keeping and dedicate us as faithful stewards of Your earthly gifts. For the sake of Your kingdom,

People: love us and lead us, O King.

Pastor: King of love, You devote Yourself to Your people and never fail to keep Your commitments. Bless those who have committed themselves to one another in Christian marriage that their relationships might be reflections of Your heart. For the sake of Your kingdom,

People: touch us and teach us, O King.

Pastor: King of kindness and grace, who attends to our hurts of body and soul, show compassion to all who are facing sorrow, sickness, or adversity, embracing them in Your tender care, [*especially* . . .]. For the sake of Your kingdom,

People: hear us and heal us, O King.

Pastor: King of Your church, You uphold all those who serve in Your name. Grant holy satisfaction to those who volunteer their time and offer their gifts to our congregation. Raise up others to serve and prevent us from stealing Your glory for ourselves. For the sake of Your kingdom,

People: prepare us and protect us, O King.

Pastor: King of justice, You rule Your world with wisdom and faithfulness. Give those chosen as our earthly authorities' patience, perspective, and a heart that pursues Your will, that we might be led into peaceable prosperity. For the sake of Your kingdom,

People: defend us and direct us, O King.

Pastor: King of all kings, You have authority over all things. Allow us to see Your authority as a blessing, that we might recognize Your preeminence in our lives and rest in Your merciful rule, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

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

Merciful Lord, You have cast all our sins behind Your back and have given us Your Son to be our Judge. In the Day of Judgment, deliver us from our sin, and on that day, in mercy, bring us to our inheritance in Christ Jesus, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: To God—the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—be all honor and glory in His holy church, forever and ever.

People: Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ shall come again!

Pastor: Lift up your heads and open your eyes,

People: for He is coming!

Pastor: Who is coming?

People: The King of glory!

Pastor: Who is this King of glory?

People: The Lord of hosts; He is the King of glory!

Pastor: Blessings on Him who comes as King,

People: who comes in the name of the Lord!

Pastor: The almighty and merciful God—the Father, the † Son, and the Holy Spirit—bless and preserve you, and lead you into everlasting life.

People: Amen, amen, and amen

SENDING HYMN – “Were You There”

LSB 456

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NEXT SUNDAY

Sunday School 9:00 a.m.

Adult Bible Study: 9:00 a.m. led by Pastor Lanning

Worship Service: 10:00 a.m.

BIRTHDAYS – Betsy Cochran – November 27

ANNIVERSARIES – Sherry & John Morse – November 23

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER EVENTS

11.26 Thanksgiving Eve Service – 7 pm

11.26 ZOOM Prayer Group – 8 pm

11.30 First Sunday in Advent

12.02 Elders Meeting – 7 pm

12.03 Midweek Advent Dinner/Service – 6/7 pm

12.09 Heritage Hall – 10 am

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12.14 Children’s Christmas Program

12.14 Turkey Dinner hosted by Women’s Guild

12.16 OR 12.18 Worship Committee - 4:30 pm

12.17 Midweek Advent Dinner/Service – 6/7 pm

12.24 Christmas Eve Dinner/Service – 5:30/7 pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Seeking volunteers to be a lay reader during Sunday morning worship. Please see Catherine.

Thanksgiving Eve service at 7 pm on Wednesday, November 26th here at Good Shepherd.

MIDWEEK ADVENT DINNERS

December 03 – hosted by Seiders – chicken nuggets with macaroni and cheese

December 10 – hosted by Hoek’s – lasagna

December 17 – hosted by Lannings - ?

December 24 – hosted by Simmons – various slider sandwiches

CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Will be December 14th during the worship service.

ANNUAL TURKEY DINNER

Following the program, Women’s Guild will host the turkey dinner in the fellowship hall. **Turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, gravy, and rolls will be provided.** Please bring sides or desserts to share.

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

Articles, pictures, and news items for the December newsletter are due on November 26th at 10:00 a.m.

SAVE THE DATE

January 24, 2026 – Trivia Night to benefit the **SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM** sponsored by various churches of the Ministerial Alliance. Doors open at 5 pm; games start at 6 pm. \$10 per player with maximum eight players per team. John Briggs has agreed to be the emcee at this event. More details are coming soon.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Vivian Diener—recovering from surgery; **Patti Martinez**—breast cancer; **Dan Keil** (Norma Keil's son)—burns to hands and face; **Prayers for those with health issues; prayers for caretakers; Bob Maseman**—thyroid cancer treatment (Judy's brother in law and Steve's uncle); **Rev. Dr. Lee Hagan**—recovering; **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; 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; **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.

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 23:42, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom..."

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