



# **The Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd**

**Holy Eucharist  
Lectionary 25  
September 21, 2025  
8:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.**

*As we are invited today to consider what it means to be managers (rather than owners) of all that we have, it is crucial to recognize that we are bought with a price. “Christ Jesus, himself human, . . . gave himself a ransom for all.” Apart from the generosity of God we have nothing—we are nothing. By God’s gracious favor we have everything we need.*

## **Gathering**

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

### **Prelude**

*The assembly stands at the ringing of the bell.*

*At the entrance of the Nave:*

### **Invocation**

**P** In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

### **Apostolic Greeting**

**P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C** And also with you.

### **Confession & Forgiveness**

**P** My brothers and sisters, to prepare ourselves to celebrate these sacred mysteries, let us call to mind our sins.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

P You were sent to heal the contrite of heart: Lord, have mercy.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P You came to call sinners: Christ, have mercy.

C **Christ, have mercy.**

P You are seated at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us: Lord, have mercy.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P In great mercy God has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. In obedience to our Lord's command, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

### **Gathering Song**

*Rise Up, O Saints of God!*

**ELW 669**

FESTAL SONG

**1 Rise up, O saints of God!**

**From vain ambitions turn;**

**Christ rose triumphant that your hearts  
with nobler zeal might burn.**

**4 Give heed, O saints of God!**

**Creation cries in pain;**

**stretch forth your hand of healing now,  
with love the weak sustain.**

**2 Speak out, O saints of God!**

**Despair engulfs earth's frame;**

**as heirs of God's baptismal grace,  
the word of hope proclaim.**

**5 Commit your hearts to seek**

**the paths which Christ has trod;**

**and, quickened by the Spirit's pow'r,  
rise up, O saints of God!**

**3 Rise up, O saints of God!**

**The kingdom's task embrace;**

**redress sin's cruel consequence;  
give justice larger place.**

### **Entrance Antiphon**

P I am the Savior of all people, says the Lord.

C **Whatever their troubles, I will answer their cry, and I will always be their Lord.**

## Canticle of Praise

*Refrain*



Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;



praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!



1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



*Refrain*  
freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.



2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and



*Refrain*  
glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.



3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of



*Refrain*  
God; to make all things new.

## Prayer of the Day

**P** God among us, we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C** Amen.

*The assembly may be seated.*

# Word

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

## First Reading

**Amos 8: 4-7**

*Amos was called by God to prophesy in the Northern Kingdom of Israel. Peace and prosperity in Israel led to corrupt business practices and oppression of the poor. The prophet declares that God will not tolerate such a situation.*

<sup>4</sup> Hear this, you that trample on the needy,  
and bring to ruin the poor of the land,  
<sup>5</sup> saying, "When will the new moon be over  
so that we may sell grain;  
and the sabbath,  
so that we may offer wheat for sale?  
We will make the ephah small and the shekel great,  
and practice deceit with false balances,  
<sup>6</sup> buying the poor for silver  
and the needy for a pair of sandals,  
and selling the sweepings of the wheat."  
<sup>7</sup> The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob:  
Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

A The Word of the Lord.

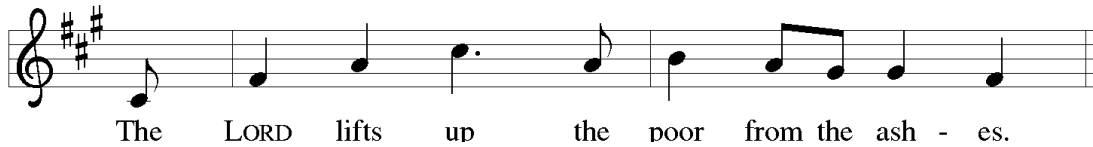
C **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm

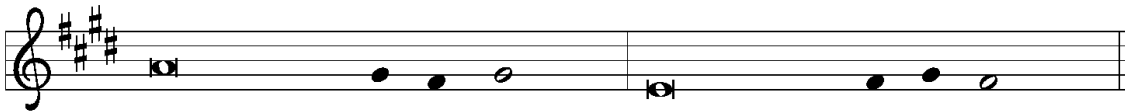
## Psalm 113

*The refrain will be sung by the cantor and repeated by the assembly. The Psalm is sung antiphonally with congregation singing verses in bold. The refrain is then repeated as indicated R.*

### Psalm Refrain



### Psalm Tone



<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! Give praise, you servants <sup>|</sup> of the LORD;  
praise the name <sup>|</sup> of the LORD.

<sup>2</sup>**Let the name of the <sup>|</sup> LORD be blessed,  
from this time forth for- <sup>|</sup> evermore.**

<sup>3</sup>From the rising of the sun to its <sup>|</sup> going down  
let the name of the <sup>|</sup> LORD be praised.

<sup>4</sup>**The LORD is high a- <sup>|</sup> bove all nations;  
God's glory a- <sup>|</sup> bove the heavens. R**

<sup>5</sup>Who is like the <sup>|</sup> LORD our God,  
who sits en- <sup>|</sup> throned on high,

<sup>6</sup>**but stoops <sup>|</sup> to behold  
the heavens <sup>|</sup> and the earth?**

<sup>7</sup>The LORD takes up the weak out <sup>|</sup> of the dust  
and lifts up the poor <sup>|</sup> from the ashes,

<sup>8</sup>**enthroning them <sup>|</sup> with the rulers,  
with the rulers <sup>|</sup> of the people.**

<sup>9</sup>The LORD makes the woman of a <sup>|</sup> childless house  
to be a joyful mother of children. <sup>|</sup> Hallelujah! **R**

## Second Reading

## 1 Timothy 2: 1-7

*The pastoral epistles offer insight into how early Christians understood many practical matters, such as church administration and worship. The church's focused prayer for others is an expression of the single-minded passion God has toward us in Jesus.*

A A reading from 1 Timothy.

<sup>1</sup>First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, <sup>2</sup>for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. <sup>3</sup>This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, <sup>4</sup>who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. <sup>5</sup>For  
there is one God;  
there is also one mediator between God and humankind,  
Christ Jesus, himself human,  
<sup>6</sup>who gave himself a ransom for all  
—this was attested at the right time. <sup>7</sup>For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle  
(I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

A The Word of the Lord.

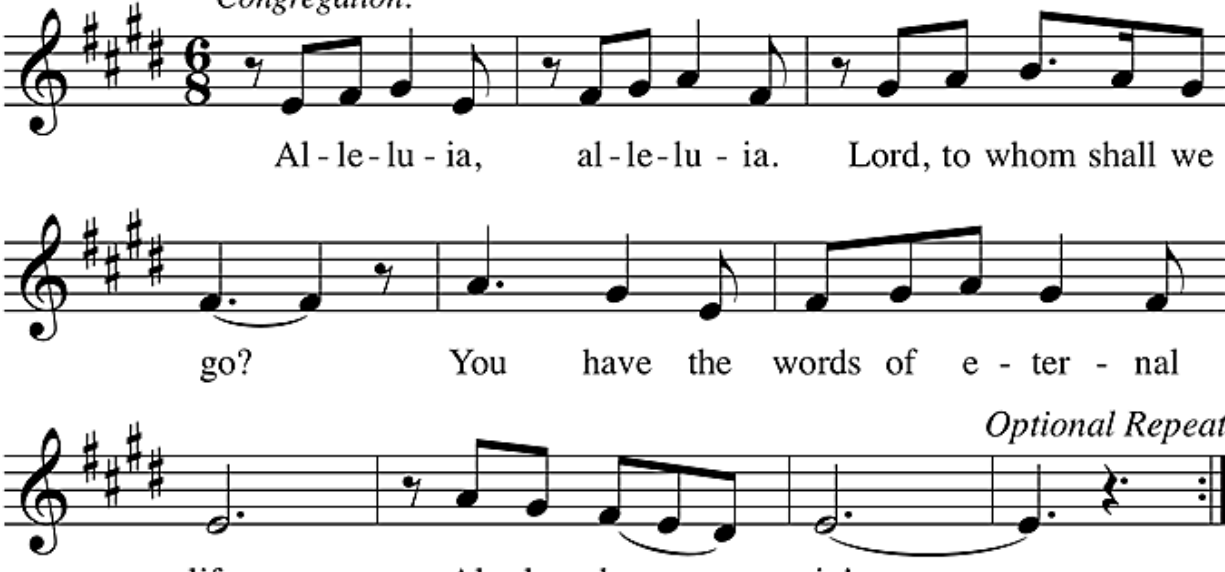
C **Thanks be to God.**

*The assembly stands to welcome the Gospel.*

## Gospel Acclamation

*The cantor introduces the acclamation. The assembly will repeat the acclamation. Following the verse, the acclamation is sung again by all.*

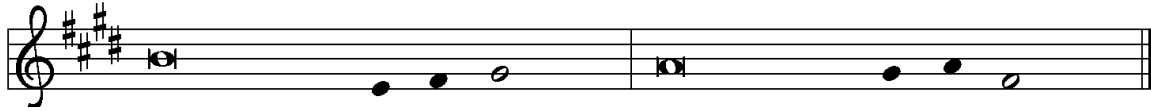
*Congregation:*



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we  
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal  
life. Al - le - lu - ia!

*Optional Repeat*

Verse tone



Cantor

*Live your life in a manner worthy of the gos-<sup>l</sup> pel of Christ;\* strive side by side for the faith<sup>l</sup> of the gospel. (Phil. 1:27)*

**Gospel**

**Luke 16: 1-13**

*Jesus tells the curious story of a dishonest manager who cheats his employer and then is commended by him for having acted so shrewdly. Jesus wonders why his own followers are less creative and diligent in their stewardship given that they are managers of a far more valuable household.*

P The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Luke, the 16th chapter.

**C Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>Then Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. <sup>2</sup>So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.'  
<sup>3</sup>Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. <sup>4</sup>I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.'  
<sup>5</sup>So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' <sup>6</sup>He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.'  
<sup>7</sup>Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.'  
<sup>8</sup>And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. <sup>9</sup>And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.  
<sup>10</sup>"Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. <sup>11</sup>If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches?  
<sup>12</sup>And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? <sup>13</sup>No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise to you, O Christ.**

*The assembly may be seated.*

## **Sermon**

*Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

## **Hymn of the Day**

*Let Justice Flow Like Streams*

*The assembly stands at the last stanza.*

**ELW 717**

ST. THOMAS

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| <p><b>1</b> Let justice flow like streams<br/>of sparkling water, pure,<br/>enabling growth, refreshing life,<br/>abundant, cleansing, sure.</p> <p><b>2</b> Let righteousness roll on<br/>as others' cares we heed,<br/>an ever-flowing stream of faith<br/>translated into deed.</p> | <p><b>3</b> So may God's plumb line, straight,<br/>define our measure true,<br/>and justice, right, and peace pervade<br/>this world our whole life through.</p> |
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## **Profession of Faith**

**The Apostles' Creed**

**ELW p. 105**

- C** I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.
- I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
- I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.



## **Prayers Of The People**

*Hearing the Word of God in Scripture and in Preaching moves us to pray for the whole Church, the nations, those in need, the parish, and our special concerns. The intercessor moves to stand with the assembled people of God, as a rich symbol of the petitions truly being the Prayers of the People.*

*Each portion of the prayers ends with these words:*

**A** God of grace,

**C** **receive our prayer.**

*Response at the conclusion of the prayers of the people:*

**C** **Amen.**

## **Peace**

*The words of the Peace are an ancient and solemn blessing signifying the reconciliation that we have with God and, through Christ, with one another. Please do not use this time for casual greetings or conversations.*

**P** Jesus said: Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled. The peace of the risen Christ be with you always.

**C** **And also with you.**

*Please share some sign (a handshake, an embrace, etc.) with one another as you exchange the greeting of peace.*

*Greeting: Peace be with you.*

*Response: And also with you.*

*The assembly may be seated.*

# Meal

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

## Offering

### Offertory

*Offering plates are located by the font and inside the West Nave entrance.*

*Offerings may also be made electronically by scanning the QR Code:*



### Offertory Song

*As the Grains of Wheat*

*The assembly stands as the ushers come forward with the gifts.*

**ELW 465**

AS THE GRAINS

### Refrain

**As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill  
were gathered into one to become our bread;  
so may all your people from all the ends of earth  
be gathered into one in you.**

**1 As this cup of blessing is shared within our midst,  
may we share the presence of your love. Refrain**

**2 Let this be a foretaste of all that is to come  
when all creation shares this feast with you. Refrain**

### Offertory Prayer

**P** Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life.

**C Blessed be God forever!**

**P** Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become our spiritual drink.

**C Blessed be God forever!**

**A** Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C Amen.**

## The Great Thanksgiving Dialogue

*Presider:* *Congregation:*

The Lord be with you. And al-so with you.

*Presider:* *Congregation:*

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

*Presider:* *Congregation:*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is

right to give God thanks and praise.

## Preface Holy, Holy, Holy

*Congregation:*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and

might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your

glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est!

Bless - ed is the One who comes in your name. Ho -

san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

## Eucharistic Prayer

*At the Presiding Minister's invitation: "...the peoples of the earth will come to the river to enjoy the tree of life." Sung twice.*

*Congregation:*

A - men. Come, Lord Je - sus.

A - men. Come, Lord Je - sus.

The first system shows a treble clef, key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#), and a common time signature (C). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics "A - men. Come, Lord Je - sus." are written below the staff. The second system is identical to the first, ending with a double bar line.

*The Eucharistic prayer continues: "... that all may be fed with the Bread of Life, your Son." Sung twice.*

*Congregation:*

A - men. Come, Ho - ly Spir - it.

A - men. Come, Ho - ly Spir - it.

The first system is identical to the one above. The second system is identical to the one above, ending with a double bar line.

*The Eucharistic prayer concludes, "Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever."*

*Congregation:*

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the

u - ni - ty of the Spir - it, all glo - ry and hon - or is

yours, O God, now and for ev - er.

A - men.

The first system is identical to the one above. The second system is identical to the one above. The third system is identical to the one above. The fourth system is identical to the one above, ending with a double bar line.

## The Lord's Prayer

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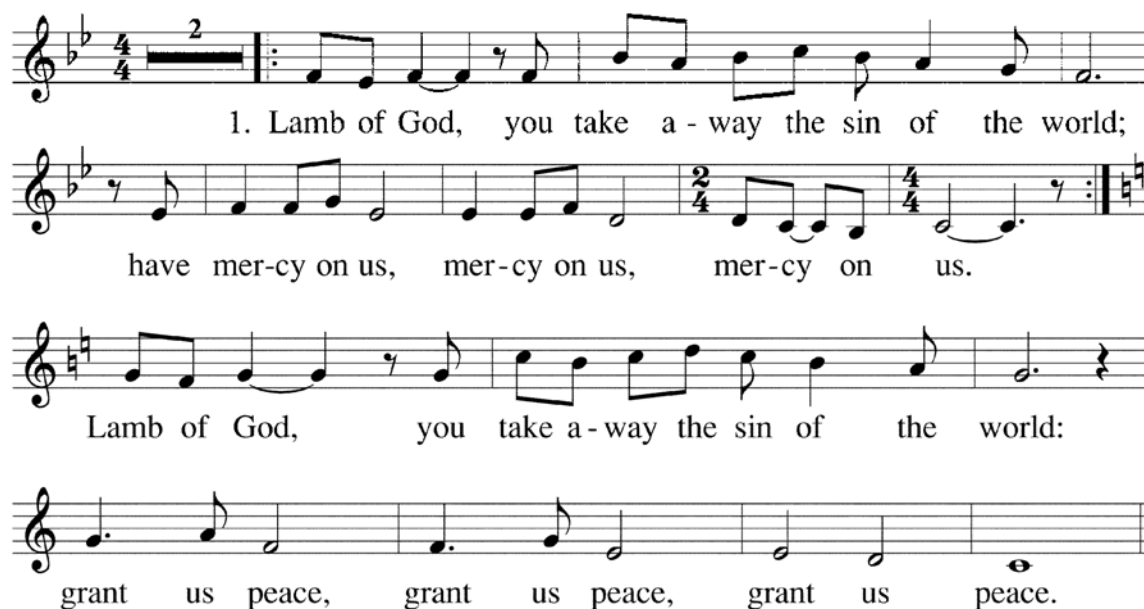
P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C 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.

## Lamb of God



1. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
have mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world:  
grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

## Invitation to Communion

P This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Happy are those who are called to his supper.

C Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed.

## **Communion Of The Faithful**

*All baptized Christians are invited to share faithfully in the Holy Eucharist. In this sacrament, by the power of God's Word and the Holy Spirit, we receive the body and blood of Jesus Christ along with the bread and wine for our forgiveness and salvation, as we celebrate our unity with Christ and all the saints.*

*Please come by the center aisle as directed by the ushers.*

*When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say, "The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you," and each person may respond, "Amen."*

## **Music During Distribution**

### **Song After Communion**

**ELW 208**

*Praise to You, O God of Mercy  
The assembly stands.*

NOW THE FEAST AND CELEBRATION

- 1 Praise to you, O God of mercy:  
thanks be to you forever!  
Raising high the weak and lowly:  
thanks be to you forever!**
- 2 From of old you loved and sought us:  
thanks be to you forever!  
Truth and justice you have taught us:  
thanks be to you forever!**

### *Bridge*

**Strong is your faithfulness,  
strong is your love,  
rememb'ring your covenant of life with us.**

- 3 Praise to you, O God of mercy:  
thanks be to you forever!  
Raising high the weak and lowly:  
thanks be to you forever!  
Thanks be to you forever!**

# Sending

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

## Blessing

**P** The God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry, who sets the prisoners free,+ bless you now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Sending Song

*We Give Thee but Thine Own*

**ELW 686**

HEATH

- 1** We give thee but thine own,  
whate'er the gift may be;  
all that we have is thine alone,  
a trust, O Lord, from thee.
- 2** May we thy bounties thus  
as stewards true receive,  
and gladly, as thou blesest us,  
to thee our firstfruits give.
- 3** The captive to release,  
to God the lost to bring,  
to teach the way of life and peace—  
it is a Christlike thing.
- 4** And we believe thy word,  
though dim our faith may be:  
whate'er we do for thine, O Lord,  
we do it unto thee.

## Dismissal

**A** The liturgy is ended. Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Postlude

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## **A warm welcome to our visitors in the Name of Christ.**

We seek to minister to all who become a part of our community in Christ as we worship together. We are pleased to have you share in our worship and ministry and sincerely hope you will return. Please sign the guest register in the Narthex and introduce yourself to the Pastor.

- The liturgy and worship book page numbers are printed in the worship folder. Please join in the responses as indicated. You may stand as you are able where indicated or remain seated. Hymns marked with ELW are in the red hymnal, Evangelical Lutheran Worship. Hymns marked with WOV are in the blue soft cover hymnal, With One Voice.
- A rest room with a baby changing area is located off the Narthex of the Nave
- The guest register and devotional booklets are in the Narthex.

### **Holy Eucharist**

Saturdays at 5:00 p.m. in the Chapel

Sundays at 8:30 a.m. in the Nave and 10:00 a.m. in the Chapel

Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in the Chapel

### **Adult Faith Formation**

Adult Faith Formation is on hiatus for the summer and will return in October.

### **Summer Fellowship**

There will be a social time between Sunday services, from 9:30 a.m. until 10 a.m., on the patio off the education wing's Wilhelm Road entrance.

In case of inclement weather, we will move inside to the St. Stephen Room.

### **Last Week**

Our praise and thanksgiving to God for our many blessings reflected in our tithes and offerings each week.

Spending Proposal Per Week	\$ 4,793.00
Total Received (September 14)	2,913.85
Difference	-1,879.15
 Total Received (September 7)	 6,825.00
Difference	2,032.00



## **This Week**

Sunday September 21 Lectionary 25	8:30 a.m. Word and Sacrament (Nave/YouTube—link may be found at <a href="http://www.goodshepherdpxtang.com">www.goodshepherdpxtang.com</a> ) 9:30 a.m. Summer Fellowship (Wilhelm Road Patio) 10:00 a.m. Word and Sacrament (Chapel)
Monday September 22	6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 42 (ASH)
Tuesday September 23	9:30 a.m. Workshop (St. Lydia/ASH) 12:00 p.m. Mission and Ministry Committee (Gathering Room)
Wednesday September 24	9:30 a.m. Word and Sacrament (Chapel) 7:00 p.m. Keystone Concert Band (ASH)
Saturday September 27	5:00 p.m. Word and Sacrament (Chapel)
Sunday September 28 Lectionary 26	8:30 a.m. Word and Sacrament (Nave/YouTube—link may be found at <a href="http://www.goodshepherdpxtang.com">www.goodshepherdpxtang.com</a> ) 9:30 a.m. Summer Fellowship (Wilhelm Road Patio) 10:00 a.m. Word and Sacrament (Chapel) 6:30 p.m. Living Room Dialogue (Gathering Room)

## **Daily Readings**

M	Proverbs 14: 12-31, Acts 4: 1-12, Psalm 13
T	Proverbs 17: 1-5, 1 Corinthians 9: 19-23, Psalm 12
W	Proverbs 21: 10-16, Luke 20: 45—21:4, Psalm 12
Th	Proverbs 22: 2-16, 2 Corinthians 8: 8-15, Psalm 146
F	Proverbs 28: 3-10, Ephesians 2: 1-10, Psalm 146
Sa	Proverbs 28: 11-28, Luke 9:43b-48, Psalm 146
Su	Amos 6: 1a, 4-7, Psalm 146, 1 Timothy 6:6-19, Luke 16: 19-31



## **Worship Dedications**

The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God  
and in memory of Sandy's father, John N. Shearer  
by Bill and Sandy (Shearer) Baum.

The bulletins are given to the Glory of God  
and in celebration of our grandson, Teo's 11th birthday  
by John and Sue Bricker.

The lamps are burning to the Glory of God  
and are given in celebration of the birth of Aiden Charles Shearer—  
thanks be to God—  
by Bill and Sandy (Shearer) Baum.

## **Announcements**

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS** all those who, because of illness or infirmity, are unable to be with us for worship. Your prayers, cards, and visits to them are invited so that Christ may be glorified by the manner in which his people care for one another.

**PRAYER CHAIN:** Good Shepherd members lift up prayer requests throughout the week. If you have a prayer request you wish to share, or if you would like prayer requests to include in your daily devotions, please contact Edna Hafer or Dix McCauley.

**ELECTRONIC GIVING OPTIONS AVAILABLE:** Contributions may be made via eCheck or Credit Card by scanning the QR code with your smart phone or by clicking on the GIVE NOW button on [goodshepherdpxtang.com](http://goodshepherdpxtang.com).



**COMMUNITY AID:** When dropping off your donations at a Community Aid center, please note Good Shepherd's partner number—10055—so the church will receive appropriate credit for donations. Thank you!

**POST COMMUNITY DAY THANK YOU:** We enjoyed another very successful Community Day on September 13, 2025. There are no words to express the gratitude for all our incredible volunteers who so willingly gave of their time to sort and organize items, bake, make soup, man sales tables, clean up and pack leftover items, and transport those leftover items to Community Aid. Thanks is also extended to the Workshop for their willingness to forego meeting so that sorting in ASH could begin early. Our success is because of the whole, not of one. Good Shepherd is extremely blessed, indeed. So far, our profit this year has exceeded \$3,200. Some contributions are still coming in, so the final figure has not yet been established but will be reported in a future announcement. The Evangelism Committee now has the joyous task of deciding how to distribute these funds to local nonprofit organizations. Once decided, this information will be published. To God be the glory!

**THE MISSION AND MINISTRY COMMITTEE WILL MEET** Tuesday, September 23 at noon in the Gathering Room. All are welcome!

**TWO MORE WEEKS TO DONATE FOR IN-GATHERING**, which will be held on **October 4 and 5**. Workshop continues to sew quilts, school bags, and pack personal care kits, and sewing kits for Lutheran World Relief. **Donations of needed items** to put in the kits are welcome! **Green tubs labeled W/ELCA DONATIONS** have been placed in the Breezeway and in Nave and Chapel Narthexes to collect donations. **Items needed for School Bags include:** 70 sheet spiral bound notebooks, rulers with inches and centimeters, pencil sharpeners, black or blue ball point pens, Crayons (16 or 24 count), 2.5" erasers, and unsharpened pencils. **Items needed for Personal Care Kits include:** nail clippers, towels (thin 52"X 27" dark color preferred), large tooth combs (not picks), toothbrushes, and individually wrapped bars of soap. **Items needed for Sewing Kits:** fabric (60" – 2 1/4 yd., 42"-45" – 3 yd., 34-37" – 4 yd.) and matching or neutral color thread (250 – 300 yds). **Monetary donations** to help with the cost of shipping the needed items are also welcome! Look for blue envelopes in the Narthex and outside of the Chapel closer to In-Gathering. **Thank you for your continued support!**

**PET BLESSING OCTOBER 5:** A Pet Blessing will be offered on Sunday, October 5 at 2 p.m. in Good Shepherd's rose garden. You are invited to join in this opportunity to have your special animal (or animals) blessed, with Pastor Baker presiding.

## From the Broader Church and Community

### FROM CHRISTIAN CHURCHES UNITED



**WOMEN'S SHELTER UPDATE:** This year we were fortunate enough to expand our Women's Winter Shelter service into a year round effort. A goal of the shelter has been to not only provide the warmth and rest for their bodies, but also their hearts and minds. The shelter has made building community and hope a priority. Game nights, theme nights, dinners and more have provided a communal environment that offered hope to our community's vulnerable. The shelter has faced challenges, having been

forced to close multiple times due to the presence of bed bugs. We have worked with PennPest and others to determine how we can help prevent them, and one of the main steps is replacing the cots and beds the women sleep on. Our current cots are designed in a way that creates space for bugs to hide. The good news is that there are other beds available that are not only bed bug resistant, but also waterproof and fire repellent. To help transform the shelter space, we are working to replace the current cots with these new beds. We are excited to share that 11 of the 26 beds needed for the Women's Shelter have already been gifted! Each bed costs approximately \$300. Would you join others in helping provide the gift of rest for some of our cities' most vulnerable? To give, go to [ccuhbg.org/beds.html](http://ccuhbg.org/beds.html).

**JOIN CCU AT THE BLUE JEANS BANQUET,** their annual United in Love Event, Friday, October 3 at 5:30 p.m. at Harrisburg Area Community College. Leave the suit and tie or dress at home and join us in your favorite blue jeans! Good Shepherd

is a member church in CCU, a partnership of churches working together to share Christ's love with those facing homelessness, poverty, and incarceration. For more details, visit [cuahbg.org/bjb.html](http://cuahbg.org/bjb.html).



## FROM FAMILY PROMISE



**REGISTRATION IS OPEN:** Get ready to tee up for a powerful cause! The **Mission Classic Golf Tournament** is more than just a day on the green—it's a chance to drive real change for families in our community who are working to overcome homelessness and housing instability. Join us on **Friday, October 3 at 1:30 p.m.** at the beautiful **Rich Valley Golf Course** for an afternoon filled with friendly competition, fresh air, laughter, and purpose. Whether you're a scratch golfer or more of a "swing and a prayer" kind of player, **this event is all about coming together to support the life-changing mission of Family Promise of Harrisburg Capital Region.** Your participation helps provide shelter, case management, transportation assistance, employment coaching, and so much more to families striving to rebuild their lives on their journey to stability and independence. Register to play (individuals and foursomes welcome) or to be a sponsor. For more information: [familypromisehcr.org/mission-classic/](http://familypromisehcr.org/mission-classic/).



**FAMILY PROMISE HCR 15TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION:** We are thrilled to invite our Family Promise partners to join us in celebrating **15 years of Family Promise of Harrisburg Capital Region!** Join us Friday, October 17 from 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. at Fishing Creek Salem United Methodist Church's back pavilion (402 Valley Road, Etters). For a decade and a half, we've walked alongside families in our community, providing hope, housing, and support—and now it's time to celebrate together. This evening will be filled with gratitude, fellowship, and delicious food as we honor the families, volunteers, and supporters who have made the last 15 years possible!

**FAMILY PROMISE IS IN NEED OF A GASOLINE POWERED LAWN MOWER** to mow the grass at the Day Center. If you have a "spare" or know someone who does, please contact Georgia or call the Day Center at 717-737-1100.

## FROM THE LOWER SUSQUEHANNA SYNOD



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THIS IS CHRIST'S CHURCH. THERE IS A PLACE FOR YOU HERE.

Your prayers and presence are  
requested for the installation of

**The Reverend Stephen R. Herr**

Bishop of the Lower Susquehanna Synod  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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2:00 p.m.

ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHURCH  
30 WEST CHESTNUT ST., HANOVER, PA 17331



**JOIN US IN CELEBRATING THE INSTALLATION OF THE REVEREND STEPHEN R. HERR** as Bishop of the Lower Susquehanna Synod of the ELCA on Saturday, October 25 at 2 p.m. at St. Matthew Lutheran Church (30 West Chestnut Street, Hanover). This joyful worship service is a time for the whole church to worship God, celebrate our unity in Christ, and pray for our synod and Bishop Herr as we begin our ministry together. ELCA Presiding Bishop Yehiel Curry will preach and preside. All are welcome to attend as we share in fellowship and celebration. ASL interpretation will be provided, and the service will also be livestreamed on St. Matthew's YouTube Channel ([youtube.com/channel/UC212Y8vHx2wwd4usO3gUNbw](https://youtube.com/channel/UC212Y8vHx2wwd4usO3gUNbw)). Pastors, Deacons, and Ecumenical Guests are invited to vest according to your tradition—the color of the day is red—and process and have designated seating. If you plan to process, please r.s.v.p. to the synod office at 717-652-1852 and arrive at the church by 1 p.m.





**MUSICIANS WELCOME!** Are you ready to be dashing through the snow and hearing those sleigh bells ringing? Do you sometimes pretend you're a little drummer boy and miss your high school drum set? The Keystone Concert Band is in need of your talents! And it's the right time to start, as we are ending our summer concert series and just about to start on new music for Christmas ! We are looking for musicians of all ages and abilities to join our group! We welcome anyone in high

school and up who plays a concert band instrument. Whether you're picking up your instrument for the first time in years or have been playing regularly, we'd love to have you. We're especially in need of percussionists, flutes, baritones, tubas, and French horns, but all instruments are welcome to join the fun.

Practices are Wednesday evenings from 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. here at Good Shepherd. Please feel free to reach out to us via our webpage

([www.Keystone Concert Band.com](http://www.KeystoneConcertBand.com)) or you can contact our director, Donna Deavan at (717) 329-7541. We look forward to hearing from you!

## **Serving God's People at the Liturgies**

Preaching and Presiding

The Rev. Kathleen J. Baker, STM

Organist and Cantor

Nicholas P. Werner

Assisting Ministers

8:30 a.m.

Kirk Barbour

10:00 a.m.

John Switaj

Ushers

8:30 a.m.

Mary and Fred Sprunk

### **The Parish Staff**

Kathleen J. Baker, STM, Pastor

Nicholas P. Werner, Director of Music

Beth C. Fine, Church Administrator

Kester T. Sobers III, Pastor Emeritus

Herbert O. Fowler, Cantor Emeritus

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