



The Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd

**Holy Eucharist
Lectionary 19
August 10, 2025
8:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.**

Jesus says, "It is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." It is God's promise from the beginning—to Abraham, to the early church, and to the "little flock" of which we are a part in today's assembly. Faith, God's baptismal gift, trusts the promises of God. Have no fear.

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

Jesus, Still Lead On

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**1 Jesus, still lead on,
till our rest be won;
and, although the way be cheerless,
we will follow, calm and fearless;
guide us by your hand
to the promised land.**

**3 When we seek relief
from a long-felt grief,
when temptations come alluring
make us patient and enduring;
show us that bright shore
where we weep no more.**

**2 If the way be drear,
if the foe be near,
let no faithless fears o'ertake us,
let not faith and hope forsake us;
safely past the foe
to our home we go.**

**4 Jesus, still lead on,
till our rest be won;
heav'nly leader, still direct us,
still support, console, protect us,
till we safely stand
in the promised land.**

Entrance Antiphon

P Lord, be true to your covenant, forget not the life of your poor ones forever.

C **Rise up, O God, and defend your cause; do not ignore the shouts of your enemies. (Psalm 73:20, 19, 22, 23)**

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 Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C Amen.

Word

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

First Reading

Genesis 15:1-6

God promises childless and aging Abram that a child of his own will be his heir and that his descendants will number as many as the stars. Abram trusts God's promise, and through this faith he is considered righteous.

A A reading from Genesis.

¹After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ²But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." ⁴But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." ⁵He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." ⁶And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

A The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Psalm 33: 12-22

The antiphon will be sung by the cantor and repeated by the congregation. The antiphon is then repeated as indicated R.

Psalm Refrain



Psalm Tone



¹²Happy is the nation whose God | is the LORD!
Happy the people chosen to | be God's heritage!

¹³**The LORD looks | down from heaven,
and sees all | humankind.**

¹⁴God sits firmly en- | throned and watches
all who dwell | on the earth.

¹⁵**God fashions | all their hearts
and observes | all their deeds. R**

¹⁶A king is not saved by the size | of the army,
nor are warriors rescued by | their great strength.

¹⁷**The horse gives vain | hope for victory;
despite its great strength it | cannot save.**

¹⁸Truly, your eye is upon those who fear | you, O LORD,
upon those who wait for your | steadfast love,

¹⁹**to deliver their | lives from death,
and to keep them alive in | time of famine. R**

²⁰Our innermost being waits for | you, O LORD,
our helper | and our shield.

²¹**Surely, our heart rejoic- | es in you,
for in your holy name we | put our trust.**

²²Let your lovingkindness, O LORD, | be upon us,
even as we place our | hope in you. R

Second Reading

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Abraham and Sarah exemplify the vision of faith that people of God enact in every age. Their hope and trust in God's promise allowed them to face an unknown future and to receive the promise of God.

A A reading from Hebrews.

¹Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ²Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

⁸By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. ¹²Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.”

¹³All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, ¹⁴for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

The assembly stands to welcome the Gospel.

Gospel Acclamation

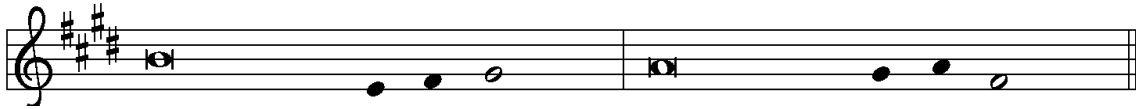
The cantor introduces the acclamation. The assembly will repeat the acclamation. Following the verse, the acclamation is sung again by all.

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

*Keep awake ¹ and be ready, * for you do not know on what day your ¹ Lord is coming.
(Matt. 24:42, 44)*

Gospel

Luke 12:32-40

*Jesus encourages disciples to invest their hearts and live fully into God's reign.
Instead of facing life with fear, those who know God's generosity are always ready
to receive from God and to give to others.*

P The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Luke, the 12th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ³²“Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

³⁵“Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed those slaves.

³⁹“But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

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

God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens
The assembly stands at the last stanza.

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HOLY MANNA

- 1 God, who stretched the spangled heavens
infinite in time and place,
flung the suns in burning radiance
through the silent fields of space:
we, your children in your likeness,
share inventive pow'rs with you;
great Creator, still creating,
show us what we yet may do.**

- 2 We have ventured worlds undreamed of
since the childhood of our race;
known the ecstasy of winging
through untraveled realms of space;
probed the secrets of the atom,
yielding unimagined pow'r,
facing us with life's destruction
or our most triumphant hour.**

- 3 As each far horizon beckons,
may it challenge us anew:
children of creative purpose,
serving others, hon'ring you.
May our dreams prove rich with promise;
each endeavor well begun;
great Creator, give us guidance
till our goals and yours are one.**

Profession of Faith
The Apostles' Creed

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**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 hear 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.

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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 Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

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

C *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.

C *Congregation:*

A - men. Come, Lord Je - sus.

A - men. Come, Lord Je - sus.

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

C *Congregation:*

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

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

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."

C *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 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

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

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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!**

Prayer After Communion

Sending

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

Blessing

P The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts; and the life of the Spirit \mp bless you and give you peace.

C Amen.

Sending Song

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Lord of All Hopefulness

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- 1 Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
whose trust, ever child-like, no cares could destroy:
be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.**
- 2 Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:
be there at our labors, and give us, we pray,
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.**
- 3 Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace:
be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.**
- 4 Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm:
be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.**

Dismissal

A The liturgy is ended. Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

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	3,425.00
Difference	-1,368.00

This Week

Sunday August 10 Lectionary 19	8:30 a.m. Word and Sacrament (Nave/YouTube—link may be found at www.goodshepherdpxtang.com) 9:30 a.m. Summer Fellowship (Wilhelm Road Patio) 10:00 a.m. Word and Sacrament (Chapel) 1:30 p.m. Community Multi-Faith Picnic (40 and 8 Club Pavilion, 5831 Chambers Hill Road, Harrisburg)
Monday August 11	6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 42 (ASH) 6:30 p.m. Congregation Council (Gathering Room)
Tuesday August 12	9:30 a.m. Workshop (St. Lydia/ASH) 7:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry (Martin Luther)
Wednesday August 13	9:30 a.m. Word and Sacrament (Chapel) 7:00 p.m. Keystone Concert Band (ASH)
Saturday August 16	5:00 p.m. Word and Sacrament (Chapel)
Sunday August 17 Lectionary 18	September <i>Call</i> Deadline 8:30 a.m. Word and Sacrament (Nave/YouTube—link may be found at www.goodshepherdpxtang.com) 9:30 a.m. Summer Fellowship (Wilhelm Road Patio) 10:00 a.m. Word and Sacrament (Chapel)

Daily Readings

M	2 Chronicles 33: 1-17, Hebrews 11: 1-7, Psalm 89: 1-18
T	2 Chronicles 34: 22-33, Hebrews 11: 17-28, Psalm 89: 1-18
W	Jeremiah 33: 14-26, Luke 12: 41-48, Psalm 89: 1-18
Th	Joshua 7: 1, 10-26; Hebrews 10: 26-31; Psalm 82
F	1 Samuel 5: 1-12, Hebrews 10: 32-39, Psalm 82
S	1 Samuel 6: 1-16, Matthew 24: 15-27, Psalm 82
Su	Jeremiah 23: 23-29, Psalm 82, Hebrews 11: 29—12:2, Luke 12: 49-56



Worship Dedications

The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God
and in memory of Walter Hafer, Sr.
by Edna Hafer.

The bulletins are given to the Glory of God
and in memory of Annabelle and Bob Saylor
by John and Phyllis Switaj

The lamps are burning to the Glory of God
and are given in memory of Virginia Balmer
by Dix and Larry McCauley.

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.

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!

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.



BUDGET TIME—To all Committee Chairs: Please submit your 2026 budget requirements to Greg Borzok no later than **September 1**. Thank you!

HAVE YOU SIGNED UP TO WRITE AN ADVENT DEVOTIONAL? Thank you to those who have already submitted an Advent article! Thank you to all who have signed up and are trying to decide what they want to write! Thank you to those who want to participate but are still thinking about it because they just don't know where to start! Many years ago, Zion's members compiled several different Advent devotionals. Three of these devotionals are available in the Narthex for your perusal. If you are finding you have a writer's block, take some time before or after church to look through these booklets. The marked entries were written by Zion members (or family members) who were part of the merger. As you leaf through the booklets, you will see that some are quite short while others are long; some tell a story while others reflect on scripture verses; some quote other texts; some open with a hymn and others close with a prayer. Each, in their own way, inform, inspire, recall, or proclaim the coming of our Savior. If you think it may be helpful, look through the booklets to see how different writers expressed their thoughts about the Advent Season. When you are finished, return the devotionals to the Narthex so other members may look through them. Anyone who writes an entry should email it to the church office no later than **August 15**. A list of Advent scripture texts and other Advent topics can be found in the Narthex. Thank you for taking the time to write an Advent message. Your contributions to this devotional booklet are guaranteed to make this a very personal Advent Season because we will know all the authors!

ORDINATION SERVICE INVITATION: Vicar Rose Tonkin will be ordained into the ministry of Word and Sacrament on **Saturday, August 16** at St Peter's Lutheran Church in Middletown. All are invited to attend. Vicar Rose has been called to serve Salem Lutheran in Oberlin and St John in Steelton. Good Shepherd will hold our regularly-scheduled chapel service at 5 p.m. that day.

SAVE THE DATE: Our annual **Community Day** is scheduled to take place on **September 13, from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.** The event will feature a yard sale, soup sale, and bake sale. Entertainment will be provided by the Keystone Concert Band with a performance at 10:00 a.m. Donations for the yard sale may be placed on the tables in All Saints Hall. We will be accepting clothing items that are in good and clean condition—**all donations of clothing, shoes, and books should be placed in the Choir Room.** Furniture items will also be accepted. We ask that any electronic items be in good working order and inspected by a member of the Evangelism Committee prior to being placed in ASH. Televisions will not be accepted. **SET UP FOR COMMUNITY DAY** will begin on Sunday, September 7, directly after the 10 a.m. worship service. Depending on the progress made, additional set-up days during that week may be necessary. If you are interested in helping, please fill out the form on page 23 of the bulletin and return it to the church office.

THRIVENT T-SHIRTS: All volunteers for Community Day are asked to wear the newest Thrivent t-shirt (color is light blue). The shirts may be picked up in the Gathering Room and are separated by sizes.

From the Broader Church and Community

ELCA ELECTS NEW PRESIDING BISHOP: The Rev. Yehiel Curry was elected July 30 to serve a six-year term as presiding bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. The election took place during the 2025 ELCA Churchwide Assembly, held July 28 through August 2 in Phoenix. Bishop Curry was elected on the fifth ballot. There were 799 votes cast, with 400 votes needed for an election. He is the first Black presiding bishop of the ELCA. While a member of Shekinah Chapel in Riverside, Illinois, Bishop Curry he participated in the Theological Education for Emerging Ministries program, which prepares individuals for ordained ministry in the ELCA, with a focus on emerging ministry contexts like ethnic-specific, multicultural, rural and inner-city settings. He has served as bishop of the ELCA Metropolitan Chicago Synod since 2019. Bishop Curry previously served as mission developer (2009-2012) and pastor (2012-2019) of Shekinah. He received a Bachelor of Arts from Lewis University in Romeoville, Ill., in 1995 and a Master of Divinity from the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago (LSTC) in 2013.

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/.

CHRISTIAN CHURCHES UNITED GOLF TOURNAMENT UPDATE: It has been 2 months since we gathered at Sunset Golf Course for a beautiful day of golf! You helped raise of \$16,000 that day to support individuals experiencing homelessness and poverty. Your support and presence at the Golf Tournament has accomplished much within our community. We've been able to celebrate 2 individuals graduating from HELP's Rapid Rehousing Program in that time. In the last two months **20+ people** received support at Loads of Love. A family whose child is utilizes a heart monitor was prevented from losing power at their home. We have helped *prevent* homelessness for **51 households** through different Rental Assistance Programs.

NOTE: Two foursomes representing Good Shepherd participated in the tournament.



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ELCA.org/flooding

In the face of disaster, the ELCA through Lutheran Disaster Response, shares relief today and builds resilience for tomorrow.

Flooding is one of the most common natural disasters in the United States. Across the country, we support communities as they recover from devastating floodwaters. LDR works with synods and partners to respond to urgent needs, give emotional and spiritual care, support long-term recovery (including disaster care management and meeting unmet needs), and provide educational training for synods and partners in affected regions.

Lutheran Disaster Response works through strong partnerships with ELCA synods, congregations, and other organizations. We recognize that every disaster is local and responses need to be rooted in community. Our partners know their communities the best and can address local needs.

Your gifts to LDR support our church's work to share healing and renewal with people whose lives have been disrupted by disaster. Together we can reflect Christ's light and hope to our neighbors in their time of need. Give today to support survivors in the United States and around the world, wherever and whenever a disaster may strike.

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Lutheran Disaster Response, P.O. Box 1809, Merrifield, VA 22116-8009

Community Day Volunteer Form

Saturday, September 13, 2025

*Please complete and return to the church office.
Questions? Contact Dix McCauley*

☐ I will help set up for Community Day on **Sunday, September 7 at 11 a.m.** (Additional days during the week will be added if necessary.)

☐ I will donate an item for the Bake Sale.

What? _____

Please bring all baked items in disposable containers, dishes, or wraps to accommodate people who would like to purchase an entire pie or cake.

***Please drop off all baked items
prior to 8 a.m. on September 13.***

☐ I will help Saturday, September 13.

☐ wherever needed

☐ specified area

Where? _____

☐ I will help clean up after Community Day

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Serving God's People at the Liturgies

Preaching and Presiding

The Rev. Kathleen J. Baker, STM

Organist

Nicholas P. Werner

Assisting Ministers

8:30 a.m.
10:00 a.m.

Sonya Mink
Susan Master

Cantor

Julie McCauley

Ushers

8:30 a.m.
10:00 a.m.

Mary and Fred Sprunk
Vicki Delp

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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