



The Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd

**Holy Eucharist
Lectionary 27
October 4, 2026**

In today's gospel reading, Jesus tells a vineyard parable, which serves as an image of Israel, the prophets' mission, and Christ's death. For Christians, the vineyard also speaks of God's love poured out in the blood of Christ, given to us for the forgiveness of sin. Grafted onto Christ the vine at baptism, we are nourished with wine and bread so that we may share Christ's sufferings and know the power of his resurrection.

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 In the name of Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
C And also with you.

Confession and 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

How Clear Is Our Vocation Lord

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REPTON

**1 How clear is our vocation, Lord, when once we heed your call
to live according to your word and daily learn, refreshed, restored,
that you are Lord of all, and will not let us fall.**

**2 But if, forgetful, we should find your yoke is hard to bear;
if worldly pressures fray the mind and life itself cannot unwind
its tangled skein of care: our inward life repair.**

**3 We marvel how your saints become in hindrances more sure;
whose joyful virtues put to shame the casual way we wear your name,
and by our faults obscure your pow'r to cleanse and cure.**

**4 In what you give us, Lord, to do, together or alone,
in old routines or ventures new, may we not cease to look to you,
the cross you hung upon, all you endeavored done.**

Entrance Antiphon

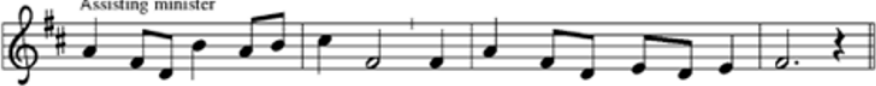
P O Lord, you have given everything its place in the world, and no one can

make it otherwise.

- C But now show us your greatness of heart, and treat us with your unbounded kindness Lord.**

Canticle Of Praise

Assisting minister



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

All



Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we



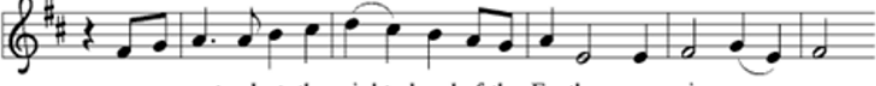
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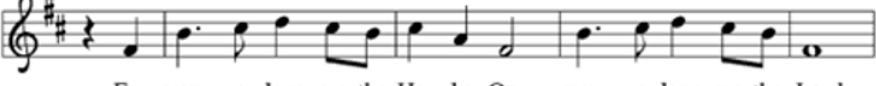
Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



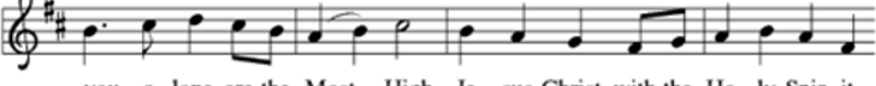
you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;



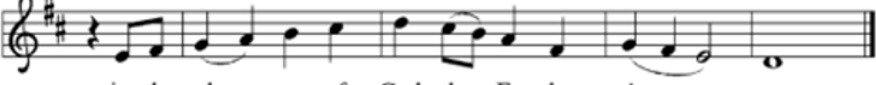
you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.



For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through 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

ISAIAH 5: 1-7

The prophet sings a sad, parable-like love song about the relationship between God and Israel. In this song Israel is compared to a promising vineyard. Despite God's loving care, the vineyard that is Israel has brought forth "rotten grapes" of injustice and distress, when fine grapes of justice and righteousness were expected.

A reading from Isaiah.

¹ I will sing for my beloved
my love song concerning his vineyard:
My beloved had a vineyard
on a very fertile hill.

² He dug it and cleared it of stones
and planted it with choice vines;
he built a watchtower in the midst of it
and hewed out a wine vat in it;
he expected it to yield grapes,
but it yielded rotten grapes.

³ And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem
and people of Judah,
judge between me
and my vineyard.

⁴ What more was there to do for my vineyard
that I have not done in it?

When I expected it to yield grapes,
why did it yield rotten grapes?

⁵ And now I will tell you
what I will do to my vineyard.
I will remove its hedge,
and it shall be devoured;
I will break down its wall,
and it shall be trampled down.

⁶ I will make it a wasteland;
it shall not be pruned or hoed,
and it shall be overgrown with briers and thorns;
I will also command the clouds
that they rain no rain upon it.

⁷ For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts
is the house of Israel,
and the people of Judah
are his cherished garden;
he expected justice
but saw bloodshed;
righteousness
but heard a cry!

A The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 80:7-15

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



⁷ Restore us, O [|] God of hosts;
let your face shine upon us, and we [|] shall be saved.

⁸ **You have brought a vine [|] out of Egypt;
you cast out the nations and [|] planted it.**

⁹ You cleared the [|] ground for it;
it took root and [|] filled the land.

¹⁰ **The mountains were covered [|] by its shadow
and the towering cedar trees [|] by its boughs. R**

¹¹ You stretched out its tendrils [|] to the sea
and its branches [|] to the river.

¹² **Why have you broken [|] down its wall,
so that all who pass by pluck [|] off its grapes?**

¹³ The wild boar of the forest has [|] ravaged it,
and the beasts of the field have [|] grazed upon it.

¹⁴ **Turn now, O [|] God of hosts,
look [|] down from heaven;**

¹⁵ behold and [|] tend this vine;
preserve what your right [|] hand has planted. R

SECOND READING

Philippians 3: 4b-14

Paul reviews some of his supposed credentials, which no longer have any bearing in comparison to the right relationship he has been given through the death of Christ. The power of Christ's resurrection motivates him to press on toward the ultimate goal, eternal life with Christ.

A reading from Philippians.

^{4b} If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

⁷ Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸ More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹² Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal, but I press on to lay hold of that for which Christ has laid hold of me. ¹³ Brothers and sisters, I do not consider that I have laid hold of it, but one thing I have laid hold of: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal, toward the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

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.



Tone



Cantor

*Open our | hearts, O Lord, * to give heed to what is said | by your Son.*

GOSPEL

Matthew 21:33-46

Jesus tells a parable to the religious leaders who are plotting his death, revealing that their plans will, ironically, bring about the fulfillment of scripture.

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

P The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew the 13th chapter.

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

³³ “Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a winepress in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went away. ³⁴ When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. ³⁵ But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶ Again he sent other slaves, more than the first, and they treated them in the same way. ³⁷ Then he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ ³⁸ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.’ ³⁹ So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. ⁴⁰ Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” ⁴¹ They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.”

⁴² Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures:

‘The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
this was the Lord’s doing,
and it is amazing in our eyes’?

⁴³ “Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces its fruits. ⁴⁴ The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces, and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.”

⁴⁵ When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized

that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶ They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

P The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

HYMN OF THE DAY

My Song Is Love Unknown

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LOVE UNKNOWN

1 My song is love unknown, my Savior's love to me,
love to the loveless shown that they might lovely be.
Oh, who am I that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh and die?

2 He came from his blest throne salvation to bestow;
the world that was his own would not its Savior know.
But, oh, my friend, my friend indeed, who at my need his life did spend!

3 Sometimes we strew his way and his sweet praises sing;
resounding all the day hosannas to our king.
Then "Crucify!" is all our breath, and for his death we thirst and cry.

4 We cry out; we will have our dear Lord made away,
a murderer to save, the prince of life to slay.
Yet cheerful he to suff'ring goes that he his foes from thence might free.

5 In life no house, no home my Lord on earth might have;
in death no friendly tomb but what a stranger gave.
What may I say? Heav'n was his home but mine the tomb wherein he lay.

6 Here might I stay and sing--no story so divine!
Never was love, dear King, never was grief like thine.
This is my friend, in whose sweet praise I all my days could gladly spend!

Profession of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

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**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 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 Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

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.**

Greeting: Peace be with you.

Response: And also with you.

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

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There in God's Garden (vs 1-3)

SHADES MOUNTAIN

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

**1 There in God's garden stands the Tree of Wisdom,
whose leaves hold forth the healing of the nations:
Tree of all knowledge, Tree of all compassion, Tree of all beauty.**

**2 Its name is Jesus, name that says, "Our Savior!"
There on its branches see the scars of suff'ring;
see where the tendrils of our human selfhood feed on its lifeblood.**

**3 Thorns not its own are tangled in its foliage;
our greed has starved it, our despite has choked it.
Yet, look! It lives! Its grief has not destroyed it nor fire consumed it.**

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** God of creation, you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts to our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always..
- C** **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving Dialogue



Preface Holy, Holy, Holy



Eucharistic Prayer

At the Presiding Minister's invitation: "...For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes."

C



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

C



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

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

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There in God's Garden (vs 4-6)

**4 See how its branches reach to us in welcome;
hear what the Voice says, "Come to me, ye weary!
Give me your sickness, give me all your sorrow, I will give blessing."**

**5 This is my ending, this my resurrection;
into your hands, Lord, I commit my spirit.
This have I searched for; now I can possess it. This ground is holy.**

**6 All heav'n is singing, "Thanks to Christ whose passion
offers in mercy healing, strength, and pardon.
Peoples and nations, take it, take it freely!" Amen! My Master!**

Prayer After Communion

Sending

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

Blessing

P Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ☩ one God, bless, heal, and hold you today

and always.
C **Amen.**

Sending Song
Thine in Amen

ELW 826
THINE

**1 Thine the amen thine the praise alleluias angels raise
thine the everlasting head thine the breaking of the bread
thine the glory thine the story thine the harvest then the cup
thine the vineyard then the cup is lifted up lifted up.**

**2 Thine the life eternally thine the promise let there be
thine the vision thine the tree all the earth on bended knee
gone the nailing gone the railing gone the pleading gone the cry
gone the sighing gone the dying what was loss lifted high.**

**3 Thine the truly thine the yes thine the table we the guest
thine the mercy all from thee thine the glory yet to be
then the ringing and the singing then the end of all the war
thine the living thine the loving evermore evermore.**

**4 Thine the kingdom thine the prize thine the wonder full surprise
thine the banquet then the praise then the justice of thy ways
thine the glory thine the story then the welcome to the least
then the wonder all increasing at thy feast at thy feast.**

**5 Thine the glory in the night no more dying only light
thine the river thine the tree then the Lamb eternally
then the holy holy holy celebration jubilee
thine the splendor thine the brightness only thee only thee.**

Dismissal

A The liturgy is ended. Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
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. and 11 a.m. (Nave)
Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in the Chapel

Adult Faith Formation

Meets Sunday at 9:45 AM in the Gathering Room.

Last Week

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

Spending Proposal	\$4904.00
Total Received	\$3750.00
Difference	-\$1154.00

This Week

Sunday October 4	8:30 a.m. Word and Sacrament 9:45 A.M. Adult Faith Formation (The Gathering Room) 11:00 a.m. Word and Sacrament (Chapel)
Monday October 5	6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 42 (ASH)
Tuesday October 6	9:30 a.m. Workshop (St. Lydia/ASH)
Wednesday October 7	9:30 a.m. Word and Sacrament (Chapel) 7:00 p.m. Keystone Concert Band (ASH)
Saturday October 10	5:00 p.m. Word and Sacrament (Chapel)
Sunday October 11	8:30 a.m. Word and Sacrament 9:45 a.m. Adult Faith Formation (Gathering Room) 11:00 a.m. Word and Sacrament (Nave)

Daily Readings

M	Psalm 144, Ezekiel 19:10-14, 1 Peter 2: 4-10
T	Psalm 144, Isaiah 27: 1-6, 2 Corinthians 5: 17-21
W	Psalm 144, Song of Solomon 8: 5-14, John 11: 45-5, 11-17
Th	Psalm 23, Isaiah 22: 1-8a, 1 Peter 5: 1-5, 12-14
F	Psalm 23, Isaiah 22: 8b– 14, James 4: 4-10
S	Psalm 80: 7-15, Jeremiah 6: 1-10, John 7: 40-52
Su	Psalm 23, Isaiah 25: 1-9, Philippians 4: 1-9, Matthew 22: 1-14



Worship Dedications

The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God
and in celebration of our daughter Julie's birthday
by Dixie McCauley.

The bulletins are given to the Glory of God

The lamps are burning to the Glory of God

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.



PET BLESSING: Good Shepherd will once again hold its annual Pet Blessing on Sunday, October 11, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. by the Rose Garden. Pets of any size and any kind are welcome!

MISSION AND MINISTRY: There will be a Mission and Ministry meeting on Wednesday, October 14th at 10:45 a.m. in the Gathering Room to assemble and set up delivery of fruit baskets for our homebound members. Everyone is welcome.

CONSIDERING THE SAINTS: The Adult Formation Class will continue its study of sainthood with Martin Scorsese's DVD series this Sunday at 9:45 a.m. in the Gathering Room. The subject of this week's video is St. Francis of Assisi, whose feast day is Oct. 4.

ATTENTION: Please use the Harvest Home envelope for In-Gathering. This will help defray shipping costs of our donations.

COMMUNITY DAY BRINGS OUT OUR BEST: Thank you to the many, many people who chipped in to make our 2026 Community Day another bonafide success. The initial accounting showed Good Shepherd raised nearly \$3,200 to be distributed among several area charitable organizations. It is noteworthy that every dollar we receive is passed along to help those groups. More importantly, we had 33 members of our Good Shepherd family participate directly in event as well as the dozens of others who helped by donating soups, bake goods, clothing and yard sale items. Finally, a huge thank you to the talented folks of the Keystone Concert Band for providing an entertaining and fun musical program.

IN-GATHERING: will be held the weekend of October 3-4. This is the culmination of workshop, utilizing your donations, to prepare kits for Lutheran World Relief (LWR). These kits are delivered throughout the world wherever there is a need. Your Impact in 2025: quilts and kits to 15 countries, including communities here in the U.S. Disaster support, reaching neighbors affected by:

- Hurricanes Helene and Milton
- California Wildfires
- Severe weather across the South and Midwest.
- Central Texas flooding
- Over \$1 million in domestic cash grants to help families rebuild with dignity.

Your ministry is a lifeline. In 2025, LWR distributed over \$20 million worth of quilts and kits. Due to rising costs, LWR now spends \$3.3 million annually to run this ministry. If you are interested in helping with delivery costs, please make your check payable to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and indicate In-Gathering in the memo line. Your Generosity is greatly appreciated!

WEAR RED ON REFORMATION: According to history, Martin Luther was led by the Holy Spirit to post a list of 95 statements (theses) on the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany on October 31, 1517. These theses concerned false teachings within the church. This was the beginning of the Reformation. Red is the liturgical color for Reformation because it represents the Holy Spirit. This year, Reformation Sunday will be celebrated the weekend of October 24th and October 25th at our worship services. When you come to worship that weekend, you are invited to **WEAR RED** in remembrance of Martin Luther's bold act over 500 years ago and in honor of the continuing work of the Holy Spirit in our congregation.

HAPPY 79TH BIRTHDAY, GOOD SHEPHERD!

On October 19, 1947, 109 individuals signed the original charter, and The Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd was born. One week later, on October 26, 1947, the new congregation celebrated its first Holy Communion. Then, on April 24, 1949, the groundbreaking ceremony took place, and six months later, the Good Shepherd building was dedicated.

During these past 79 years, Good Shepherd has been blessed by the ministries of six devoted, faithful pastors:

The Rev. Charles C. Frazier 1947-1959

The Rev. Lee F. Snook 1959-1962

The Rev. Craig J. Dorward 1963-1966

The Rev. Larry J. Hofer 1967-1975

The Rev. Kester T. Sobers III 1975-2008

The Rev. Kathleen J. Baker 2008-present

Together, over the past 79 years, these pastors and generations of dedicated members have shared their time, talents, and resources to ensure that Good Shepherd's ministry would continue.

We will remember this 79th anniversary on Sunday, 10/18/26, during our worship. Please take a moment on our Anniversary Sunday or in the weeks to follow to look at the Anniversary Banner hanging in the rear of the Nave. This banner was created for our 75th Anniversary by several of our members, and it depicts not only Good Shepherd's story, but also the chapter that was added in 2018 with the merger of Zion Lutheran, Penbrook. The banner will remain in the Nave for several

weeks before it returns to its wall in The Gathering Room.

For 79 years we have been an important presence in our community, and we will continue living our purpose **as the eyes, ears, hands, feet, and voice of Jesus**...not only in this place but throughout the world for many years to come.

REV. SUSAN SCOTT INSTALLTION: You are invited to celebrate with our sister congregation, Holy Trinity Lutheran (206 Cocoa Ave., Hershey) as they install their newly called pastor, The Rev. Susan Scott (you might remember her as Susan Erikson) on Sunday, October 4 at 2:00 p.m.

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.	Julie McCauley
	10:00 a.m.	Dixie McCauley
Cantor		Nicholas P. Werner
Ushers	8:30 a.m.	Don and Georgia Rehm
	11:00 a.m.	Greg and Karen Borzok

The Parish Staff

Kathleen J. Baker, STM, Pastor
 Nicholas P. Werner, Director of Music
 Carol J. Thai, Church Administrator

Kester T. Sobers III, Pastor Emeritus
 Herbert O. Fowler, Cantor Emeritus

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