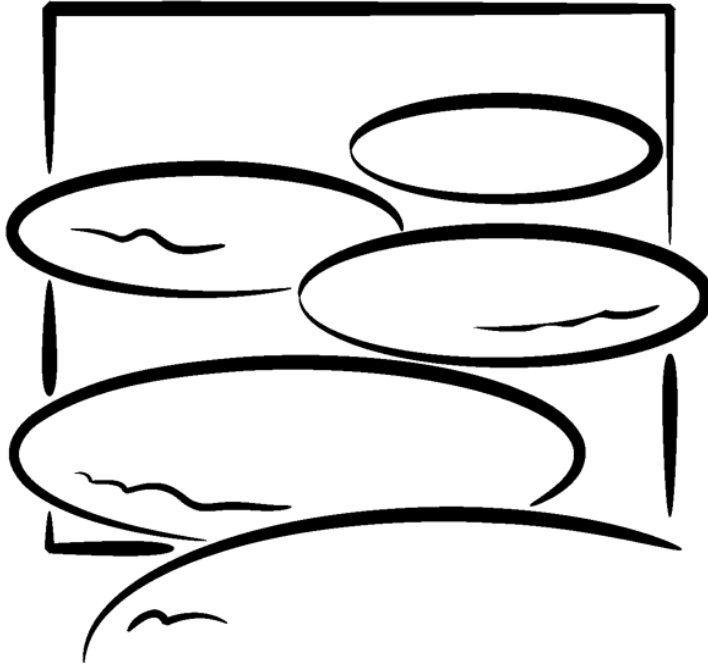




GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH
Proclaiming Christ's Word through Truth, Innovation & Fellowship

Celebrating the Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
August 1st, 2024



*"I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will
never go hungry..."*

-From John 6:35



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Summer Worship Services: Thursday: 6:30 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am (Except this Sunday, 9:30 am)

Church Office Hours: Monday-Thursday: 8:00-1:00 pm

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As We Gather...

*A warm & hearty welcome to you! It's a privilege and honor to worship our Good and Gracious Triune God with you this beautiful Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost. We're glad to have **you** here! As always, make yourself at home, you are among family!*

An interesting list of seven publicized in recent years is that of "The Seven Natural Wonders of the World." Six of these wonderful parts of God's amazing creation are specific to a certain location: Mount Everest in Nepal, the Great Barrier Reef of Australia, the Harbor of Rio de Janeiro in Brazil, Victoria Falls between Zambia and Zimbabwe, Mount Paricutin in Mexico, and the Grand Canyon in the United States. The seventh natural wonder on the list is the aurora borealis (or northern lights), which can be seen in many countries in the northern hemisphere of the globe, including Canada, Russia, Iceland, Norway, and the United States. Whether we live near any of these seven special natural wonders or not, the beauty of God's handiwork surrounds us in every place. Many centuries ago, the inspired psalmist wrote, "Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them" (Psalm 111:2). From colorful rainbows to delicate snowflakes to lofty mountain peaks, "full of splendor and majesty is His work" (Psalm 111:3a). May we be inspired by it as well!

Service Notes...

In preparation for worship: Please take some time to greet the people you are worshiping with! The order of worship for today is printed for you below, you may want to take a few minutes to look it over and mark the songs; **801, 653, 589, 642, 699 & 805** in the Lutheran Service Book (*LSB*) as you prepare to receive the gifts of God and sing His praises. **Reminder:** If you have a smart phone, and you're on Facebook, please "check in" at **Good Shepherd** Lutheran Church...then turn the sound off! May our Good and Gracious Shepherd bless your worship this day...this NEW day of salvation!

To Stand or Sit: There are certain parts of the service where you will be invited to stand. Sometimes, “wrestling” with kids, or a personal health condition makes standing uncomfortable... please know: **It is okay to either stand or sit. Both are appropriate!** So please, make yourself comfortable, receive the gifts God loves to give and **BOLDLY** sing His praises!

Children: We are blessed to have a lot of young families and young children here at *Good Shepherd*. We take Jesus’ words very seriously when He says, “Let the little children come to me...” We also know how difficult it can be to keep children sitting quietly for any period of time, much less an hour long church service! For your convenience, “Quiet Bags” have been provided for young worshippers. They are located in the narthex to your right (on the “Noah’s Ark” wall mounting, next to the big bulletin board) when exiting the sanctuary. Also, for your convenience, a “Crying Room” is located at the back of the sanctuary for use during those “difficult” times. Also, please keep in mind that everyone here loves to have the children here and will help you in any way they can!

Guests, Visitors & The Offering: If you are our guest today, you are **not** expected to contribute monetarily to God’s work at *Good Shepherd* ... you are our guest! Please take this service as our gift to you! But please do take a minute to check in at one of our kiosks in the atrium and sign the guestbook so we can thank you for your visit...and come soon to see us again! If you choose to give an offering, know this: **The gifts we give back to God are used by His church to transform lives.** (*The offering plate is located at the sanctuary entrance*)

The Lord’s Supper: *Good Shepherd* joyfully celebrates the Lord’s Supper, and we do that in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another *Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25*. **Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes** *Matthew 5:23; 18:15-35*. Because those who eat and drink our Lord’s body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm *1 Corinthians 11:27-29* and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession *Matthew 10:32* differing from that of this congregation and the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor. Because Scripture says we ought to “examine ourselves” before receiving the Holy Meal *1 Corinthians 11:28*, it is recommended that we review the “*Christian Questions with Their Answers*” section of the *LSB* before communion (**page 329 of the LSB**), please take a few moments before the service or during the offering to do so. Thank you! **Please note: There are two or three cups at the center of each tray that are non-alcoholic wine for those who prefer such for personal or medical reasons** (*The wine containing alcohol is white, the non-alcohol is red/pink*).

Pre-Service Meditation...

Please check out some of the pre-service prayers in the front of the LSB and/or meditate on one or more of the Psalms printed in the LSB (specifically Psalm 145 today)...or just spend some time quietly in prayer before we begin.

Prelude...

Words of Welcome...

The Opening Song: “How Great Thou Art”

(LSB pg. 801...please stand for verse four)

The Invocation & Opening Verses

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. *Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]*

All: Amen.

Pastor: Jesus said, "I am the bread of life;

All: whoever comes to Me shall not hunger,

Pastor: and whoever believes in Me shall never thirst." *John 6:34-35*

All: Lord, give us this bread always.

We Confess Our Sins [1 John 1:8-9].

Pastor: Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

All: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean.

Pastor: We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone.

All: We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

Pastor: We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment.

All: For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.

Pastor: Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,

All: so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

We Hear God's Forgiveness [John 20:19-23]

Pastor: God brought the Israelites from slavery and death to freedom and life by bringing them through the sea. God brought you from sin and death to freedom and life by your Baptism into Christ. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen!

We Sing: "In Christ There Is No East or West"
(LSB pg. 653)

We Pray...

Pastor: The Lord be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*

All: And also with you.

(A prayer is spoken)

+ We Hear God's Word +

Exodus 16:2-15 (What is it? It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.)

In the desert the whole community grumbled against Moses and Aaron. ³ The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the LORD's hand in Egypt! There we sat around pots of meat and ate all the food we wanted, but you have brought us out into this desert to starve this entire assembly to death." ⁴ Then the LORD said to Moses, "I will rain down bread from heaven for you. The people are to go out each day and gather enough for that day. In this way I will test them and see whether they will follow my instructions. ⁵ On the sixth day they are to prepare what they bring in, and that is to be twice as much as they gather on the other days." ⁶ So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you will know that it was the LORD who brought you out of Egypt, ⁷ and in the morning you will see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your grumbling against him. Who are we, that you should grumble against us?" ⁸ Moses also said, "You will know that it was the LORD when he gives you meat to eat in the evening and all the bread you want in the morning, because he has heard your grumbling against him. Who are we? You are not grumbling against us, but against the LORD." ⁹ Then Moses told Aaron, "Say to the entire Israelite community, 'Come before the LORD, for he has heard your grumbling.'" ¹⁰ While Aaron was speaking to the whole Israelite community, they looked toward the desert, and there was the glory of the LORD appearing in the cloud. ¹¹ The LORD said to Moses, ¹² "I have heard the grumbling of the Israelites. Tell them, 'At twilight you will eat meat, and in the morning you will be filled with bread. Then you will know that I am the LORD your God.'" ¹³ That evening quail came and covered the camp, and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. ¹⁴ When the dew was gone, thin flakes like frost on the ground appeared on the desert floor. ¹⁵ When the Israelites saw it, they said to each other, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread the LORD has given you to eat... This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

The Gradual (From Romans 11)

Pastor: Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and how inscrutable His ways!

All: For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be the glory forever. Amen!

Ephesians 4:1-16 (One Lord, one faith, one Spirit.)

As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. ² Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. ³ Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. ⁴ There is one body and one Spirit— just as you were called to one hope when you were called— ⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism; ⁶ one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. ⁷ But to each one of us grace has been given as

(Continued...)

Christ apportioned it. ⁸ This is why it^a says: “When he ascended on high, he led captives in his train and gave gifts to men.”^b ⁹ (What does “he ascended” mean except that he also descended to the lower, earthly regions^c? ¹⁰ He who descended is the very one who ascended higher than all the heavens, in order to fill the whole universe.) ¹¹ It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, ¹² to prepare God’s people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up ¹³ until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. ¹⁴ Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of men in their deceitful scheming. ¹⁵ Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ. ¹⁶ From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work....This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

John 6:22-35 (I am the bread of life.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the sixth chapter.

All: Glory to You, O Lord.

The next day the crowd that had stayed on the opposite shore of the lake realized that only one boat had been there, and that Jesus had not entered it with his disciples, but that they had gone away alone. ²³ Then some boats from Tiberias landed near the place where the people had eaten the bread after the Lord had given thanks. ²⁴ Once the crowd realized that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into the boats and went to Capernaum in search of Jesus. ²⁵ When they found him on the other side of the lake, they asked him, “Rabbi, when did you get here?” ²⁶ Jesus answered, “I tell you the truth, you are looking for me, not because you saw miraculous signs but because you ate the loaves and had your fill. ²⁷ Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. On him God the Father has placed his seal of approval.” ²⁸ Then they asked him, “What must we do to do the works God requires?” ²⁹ Jesus answered, “The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent.” ³⁰ So they asked him, “What miraculous sign then will you give that we may see it and believe you? What will you do? ³¹ Our forefathers ate the manna in the desert; as it is written: ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’^a” ³² Jesus said to them, “I tell you the truth, it is not Moses who has given you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³ For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” ³⁴ “Sir,” they said, “from now on give us this bread.” ³⁵ Then Jesus declared, “I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty...This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ!

a Or *God*

b Psalm 68:18

c Or *the depths of the earth*

a Exodus 16:4; Neh. 9:15; Psalm 78:24,25

We Profess our faith in the Triune God with the words of The Apostles' Creed

(All) I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the + life everlasting. Amen.

Christian: the ancient text reads "catholic," meaning the whole Church as it confesses the wholeness of Christian teaching.

We Sing: "Speak, O Lord, Your Servant Listens"
(LSB pg. 589)

The Message: "Come and get...Him!"
(Sermon Notes...)

What did God teach you in His Law today *(What you should do, or have failed to do for God)?*

What did God teach you in His Gospel today *(What God has done for you through Christ)?*

What is the main thing you're taking home from this message today?

*Have a comment or question about today's message? Have **any** questions about any of this Jesus/Christian stuff? Text the pastor at 763-913-8445 or email him at pastor@oshkoshgoodshepherd.org. If you'd like to hear Sunday's message, or share it with a friend, it posts on our Facebook page and/or Website by 10 am on Monday...*



+ We Celebrate the Lord's Supper +

The Prayer of the Church [1 Timothy 2:1-4]...

(The Pastor will conclude each short petition with the words, "Lord, in Your mercy." Please respond with, "Hear our prayer.")

Words of our Lord...

Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-2

The Lord's Prayer

All: 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. *Matthew 6:9-13* For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Peace of the Lord

Pastor: The peace of the + Lord be with you always. *John 20:19*

All: Amen.

The Distribution

We come forward to receive the Body & Blood of Christ in, with and under the bread and wine for remembrance; for forgiveness; for the strengthening of our faith.

Sung During the Distribution:

“O Living Bread from Heaven” (LSB pg. 642)

&

“I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say” (LSB pg. 699)

(After communion...)

We Pray...

(A Prayer is spoken)

The Blessing

Pastor: The blessing of almighty God—the Father, the ☩ Son, and the Holy Spirit—bless, guide, and preserve you, now and forever.

All: Alleluia, Amen!

The Closing Song: “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

(LSB pg. 905)

*Thank you for worshiping with us this evening!...It's SO MUCH better with you here!
Please stick around for fellowship as long as you desire!*

If you are leaving an offering this evening, please do so in the collection plate at the entrance to the sanctuary...And please know that the gifts we give back to God are used to transform lives!

To God Alone all Glory Goes!

Questions about the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod? Check out, www.lcms.org

This week's Altar Flowers are sponsored by David & Jane Eichhorn in
Celebration of their wedding anniversary

Next Week's Texts: 1 Kings 19:1-8; Eph. 4:17-5:2; John 6:35-51

Search the Scriptures! (John 5:39)

Serving Us Today

Pastor & Celebrant.....Pastor Koepsell
Organist.....Stuart Giese
Elder.....Craig Dreger

OUR FATHER'S BUSINESS THIS WEEK

Sunday, August 4	9:30 A.M.	Outdoor Worship Service
	11:00 A.M.	Church Picnic
Tuesday August 6	6:30 P.M.	Elders Meeting
	6:30 P.M.	Fellowship Meeting
Wednesday, August 7	10:30 A.M.	Adult Bible Study
	12:30 – 4:00 P.M.	Craft Time
Thursday, August 8	6:30 P.M.	Worship Service with Communion
Saturday, August 10	7:00 A.M.	Men's Group
	8:30 A.M.	Women's Group
Sunday, August 11	8:00 A.M.	Bible Study
	9:00 A.M.	Worship Service with Communion

AUGUST MISSION OF THE MONTH: This month, Good Shepherd is excited to support the Oshkosh Community Back to School Fair which provides 1,000 low-income Oshkosh students an equal opportunity to be better equipped with the necessary supplies to be successful in school. Each student receives a backpack with school supplies, a new outfit of school-appropriate clothing and hygiene items. Local hairstylists are on-site at the Fair to provide haircuts at no cost to students in attendance. A voucher for shoes at Rogan's in Oshkosh is also provided.

ATTENTION: A special Voter's Meeting will be held Sunday, September 8th between services in the church sanctuary to discuss and decide if we should authorize the Elders to begin the call process for a second pastor. Since this affects all members, we hope to see everyone there. Please come prepared with your questions or opinions.

SUPER SUNDAE SUNDAY: Next Sunday, August 11th, will be Super Sundae Sunday! Every second Sunday of the month at Good Shepherd is Super Sundae Sunday. Please bring non-perishable food items for our Good Shepherd grocery cart in the atrium. You can also donate money to our Mission fund. Please write "Missions" on the outside on the envelope that contains your donation and place it in the offering plate. After worship service, please enjoy an ice cream sundae as a "thank you" for your help in supporting Missions at Good Shepherd.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Sunday School Registration is now open! The first day of Sunday School will be September 15th. You can register your kids online at: <https://forms.gle/v5caeQ33ifSt32Q87> or pick up a paper form in the church atrium. Please remember to fill out a photo release form which also available in the atrium or online at: <https://forms.gle/3h2bK4u2dbkvRoLk8>

MISSION UPDATE/SPECIAL SPEAKER: Sunday, August 18th, starting at 8:00 am, Stephen Wiesenauer, the Chaplain & Chin State Coordinator for the Free Burma Rangers will be updating us on how God has been blessing his ministry over the last year. His latest newsletter is in the atrium on the table by the Portals of Prayer.

THIS WEEK ON KFUE.ORG: Begin studying Ephesians on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), finish studying the Gospel of Luke and begin 1 Thessalonians on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), and consider our Lutheran sacraments on Concord Matters (8/10 at 10:00 a.m. CT). Find these programs on demand at kfuo.org and the KFUE Radio app!

Last Week at Good Shepherd...

Attendance: Thursday: 62 Sunday: 144 Weekly Total: 206

Offerings For Week of 7/28 :

- General Fund: \$9,389.00
- Missions: \$50.00
- Strategic Fund: \$130.00
- Picnic/Fellowship: \$20.00

Total Offerings: \$9,569.00

Weekly Budget Needs at Good Shepherd: \$7,381.00

("...So it is with you. Since you are eager to have spiritual gifts, try to excel in gifts that build up the church.") -1 Corinthians 14:1

Please remember in your prayers:

Church Members:

Nancy Kantin, John & Dian Sheldon, Joanne Brinkman, JoAnn Haskins, Tom Dunham, Bill Zorr, Joann Behm, Jim & Sharron Ziemer, Sharon Leinweber, Ed Huebner, Louise Gabert, and Brenda Hawig.

Friends & Relatives of Church Members:

Marie; Lee Paris' nephew & nephew's wife; Diane Flouro's sister, Sherry; Pastor Koepsell's mother, Lorraine; Jan Peterson's sisters & niece & son, Scot and daughter, Paula; Ron & Chris Feutz's grandson, Logan Feutz; Kim & Keith Reetz's grandbaby, Tobias; Barry Brehmer's sister and brother-in-law, Bonnie and David Dobbe; Janet Weier's son, Adam & family; Gene & Donna Gohlke's nephews, Kirk and Michael, & granddaughter, Karley; and Doug Flouro's brother, Allan.

Those Who Want to Worship with Us But Aren't Currently Able:

Bill & Louise Gabert, Jim Ziemer, Muriel Guy, Lee Paris, Emily Brunner, Edward Huebner, Jean Stauber, Vicki Beck, Bill Zorr, Bette Lienhard, Marge Bolding & Milt & JoAnn Haskins.

Military/Overseas Members & Their Families:

*Malayna Brehmer (granddaughter of Barry & Linda Brehmer),
Ryan Weber (son of Tim & Liz Hoversten), Chris Hibben, Alycia Mueller, and Jared Rivera*

**Please let Lynn Paulus, our Prayer Chain Coordinator, know when we can take you or your loved one off the prayer list lynn@travellleaders.com*