



GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

*A Mission & Ministry of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod that is...
Proclaiming Christ's Word through Truth, Innovation & Fellowship!*

Celebrating the 19th Sunday after Pentecost

October 16th & 19th, 2025



There was a widow in that city who kept coming to [a judge] and saying, 'Give me justice against my adversary.' . . . "Because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual coming."

-From Luke Chapter 18



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Worship Services: Thursday 6:30 pm;

Sundays 8:00 & 10:30 am

Holy Communion is celebrated almost every Thursday.

We also celebrate the Holy Supper Sundays at 8:00 am on the 1st/3rd week of the month and the 2nd/4th Sunday at 10:30 am.

Sunday School/Bible Study: Sunday mornings 9:15-10:15

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

(Pastor always available via cell! Call or text!...763-913-8445)

As We Gather...

Welcome to **Good Shepherd** Lutheran Church! *It's our honor and privilege to have you with us as we celebrate the Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost and receive the gifts of the One True God; Father, Son & Holy Spirit. You are in the right place, at the right time!*

The word trust is central to the Christian faith. Being anchored in Christ through Word and Sacrament increases our faith and trust in the one Triune God. Many of the Scripture readings either use the word trust or illustrate it through the actions of faithful people---people like the unnamed woman in the Gospel reading for today. The hymnals used in The Lutheran Church---Missouri Synod for the past decades have had a significant section under the category of Trust. Singing the words commended to us by hymn- writers of past and present remind us of Christ's faithfulness and magnify our need to trust in Him. As the season of Pentecost draws to a close, we affirm that, as the Holy Spirit works in and among us, our trust in Christ is strengthened and secure.

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 ***Divine Service Setting Three*** beginning on **page 184** in the Lutheran Service Book (*LSB*). An outline of the service and the additional Psalm & Scriptures are printed for you below. Please take a few minutes to familiarize yourself with the order of worship before we begin. You may also want to mark the additional songs: **817, 797, 632 & 722** in the *LSB*. **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..." 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. *Please note: Non-communion services may have a children's message which could be recorded via Facebook live. If you have any issues with your child being seen at church on the World Wide Web just listen from the pew!*

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 Lord's Supper: *(Thursday Evening & Sunday at 8:00 am)* ***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 "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 (pg. 329), 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 121** today) ...or just spend some time quietly in prayer before we begin.

Prelude...

Words of Welcome...

The Opening Song: "Earth and all Stars"

(LSB pg. 817 vs. 1-3 & verse 7...please stand for verse seven)

Confession & Forgiveness...

(LSB pg. 184)

The Kyrie ~ Lord, Have Mercy Mark 10:47

(pg. 186 bottom)

Gloria In Excelsis ~ Glory to God in the Highest Luke 2:14; John 1:29

(pg. 187 top)

The Prayer of the Day (pg. 189 middle)

(A prayer is spoken)

+ We Hear God's Word +

The First Reading: Genesis 32:22-30 (Jacob wrestles with God through the night.)

That night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two maidservants and his eleven sons and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³ After he had sent them across the stream, he sent over all his possessions. ²⁴ So Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him till daybreak. ²⁵ When the man saw that he could not overpower him, he touched the socket of Jacob's hip so that his hip was wrenched as he wrestled with the man. ²⁶ Then the man said, "Let me go, for it is daybreak." But Jacob replied, "I will not let you go unless you bless me." ²⁷ The man asked him, "What is your name?" "Jacob," he answered. ²⁸ Then the man said, "Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel,^a because you have struggled with God and with men and have overcome." ²⁹ Jacob said, "Please tell me your name." But he replied, "Why do you ask my name?" Then he blessed him there. ³⁰ So Jacob called the place Peniel,^b saying, "It is because I saw God face to face, and yet my life was spared."...This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

^a Israel means *he struggles with God*.

^b Peniel means *face of God*.

***The Second Reading: 2 Timothy 3:14---4:5** (Paul counsels Timothy on faithful leadership.)*

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, ¹⁵ and how from infancy you have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. **4** In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge: ² Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction. ³ For the time will come when men will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. ⁴ They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths. ⁵ But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry... This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

***The Gradual** (The response from God's Word)*

Pastor: He will command His angels concerning you to guard you in your ways... *Psalm 19:11*

All: Praise the Lord, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise His holy name. *Psalm 103:1*

*Sunday at 10:30 am Children's Message: "God's Word Helps Us Stay on the Right Path".
(DCM Lori Sanscoucie)*

*Sunday at 10:30 am: **Sunday School Sings: "He is the Light"***

***We Stand and Sing our Alleluias...**
(pg. 190 middle)*

***The Gospel Reading: Luke 18:1-8** (The account of the persistent widow)*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 18th chapter.

All: *(Sung, as on pg. 190 bottom)* **Glory be to Thee, O Lord!**

Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. ² He said: "In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor cared about men. ³ And there was a widow in that town who kept coming to him with the plea, 'Grant me justice against my adversary.' ⁴ "For some time he refused. But finally he said to himself, 'Even though I don't fear God or care about men, ⁵ yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that she gets justice, so that she won't eventually wear me out with her coming!'" ⁶ And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷ And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and

(Continued...)

night? Will he keep putting them off? ⁸ I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?" ...This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: *(Sung, as on pg. 191 top)* ***Praise be to Thee, O Christ.***

The Nicene Creed
(LSB pg. 191 middle)

The Message: "Prayers to a Merciful God"
(Sermon Application on following page...)

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 Sing the Offertory *(pg. 192 bottom)*

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.**")*

(The 10:30 Service continues with, the Lord's Prayer, the benediction and the closing Hymn.
Thursday and Sunday at 8:00 am continues as follows...)

The Service of the Sacrament (pg. 194)

The Preface

The Proper Preface...

The Sanctus ~ Holy, Holy, Holy

The Lord's Prayer (pg. 196)

The Words of our Lord

Pax Domini ~ The Peace of the Lord (pg. 197 bottom)

The Agnus Dei ~ Lamb of God (pg. 198)

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. The ushers will assist you.

During the Distribution...

(Sunday), *The Good Shepherd Bell Choir plays, "It is Well With My Soul"*

We Sing: "Praise the Almighty" (LSB pg. 797)



"O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee" (LSB pg. 632)

(After communion...)

We Sing: Nunc Dimittis ~ Song of Simeon Luke 2:29-32
(LSB pg. 199 middle)

Thanksgiving...

Prayer...

Salutation & Benedicamus (Benedicamus is Latin for “Bless we the Lord” ...pg. 201)...

Benediction (pg. 202 middle)...

The Closing Song: “Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me”
(LSB pg. 722)

*Thank you for worshiping with us!...It’s SO MUCH better with **you** here!*
Please stick around for food & fellowship as long as you desire!

If you are leaving an offering today, 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!

*If you’re visiting us today, please take a moment to sign in at one of our kiosks, sign our guestbook, and take a **Good Shepherd** tote bag as our gift to you!*

Bible Study & Sunday School 9:15-10:15 Sunday Mornings...check ‘em out!

Reminder – Sunday is Honey Sunday! By filling out a Honey form (found on the atrium bulletin board) and a gift of \$10, the Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch will send you a bottle of honey.. Please join us Sunday between worship services as we hear an informational presentation from Tim Unsinn, a Senior Development Officer with the Ranch.

To God Alone all Glory Goes!

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

Postlude...

Next Week’s Texts: Rev. 14:6-7; Rom. 3:19-28; John 8:31-36

Search the Scriptures! (John 5:39)

**Today's Altar Flowers are sponsored by Mike & Kristie Zellner
In celebration of their 10th wedding anniversary**

OUR FATHER'S BUSINESS THIS WEEK

Sunday, October 19	8:00 A.M.	Worship Service with Communion
	9:15 A.M.	Sunday School
	9:20 A.M.	Guest Speaker Presentation
	10:30 A.M.	Worship Service
Monday, October 20	5:30 P.M.	Bell Choir
	6:30 P.M.	Adult Choir
	6:30 P.M.	Council Meeting
Tuesday, October 21	10:30 P.M.	Adult Bible Study
Wednesday, October 22	12:30 – 4:00 P.M.	Craft Group
	5:15 P.M.	Confirmation Class
Thursday, October 23	6:30 P.M.	Worship Service with Communion
Saturday, October 25	7:00-8:00 A.M.	Men's Bible Study
	8:30 A.M.	Women's Bible Study
Sunday, October 26	8:00 A.M.	Worship Service with Communion
	9:15 A.M.	Education Hour
	10:30 A.M.	Worship Service

**1st Saturday of each month, Women's Bible Study meets at Parkview Health Center, 725 Butler Ave, 54901 from 9:00 -10:00 am.*

Serving Us Today

Pastor & Celebrant.....	Pastor Koepsell
Organist.....	(Thu) Stuart Giese (Sun) Bridget Cullen
Choir.....	(8:00) Bell Choir (10:30) Sunday School Kids
Elder.....	(Thu) Gary Bedroske (Sun) Jerry Ratchman & Jacob Schroeder
Ushers.....	Donna Tritt, Kevin Konmrad, Doug Zuhlke & Gene Gohlke

MISSION OF THE MONTH: October's Mission of the Month is Sleep in Heavenly Peace. This nonprofit organization, with chapter here in Oshkosh, provides beds, pillows, sheets, and quilts for local children in need of a bed to sleep in. Check out the Mission of the Month bulletin board for some informative facts about this worthy organization. Please consider giving generously from your heart to this worthy organization. Funds will be collected (box by bulletin board) throughout October.

2025 HYMN SING: Music Director & Organist of Immanuel & St Paul Lutheran Churches of Madison will perform along with choirs, soloists, cello and trumpet in praise of God's gift of music. Sit back and enjoy beautiful music by listening and singing! Please invite your friends to relax and enjoy with you. There will be a reception following the concert.

CRAFT SIGNS: The Craft Group currently has yard signs available in the atrium to place in your yard to promote their Annual Craft & Bake Sale. If you have a sign from last year, current date stickers are available to update your sign.

DEAR GOOD SHEPHERD FAMILY: Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity during Church Worker Appreciation Day. Your words of encouragement, thoughtful gestures, and prayers mean more than I can express. I am truly humbled and grateful to serve alongside such a loving and faith-filled congregation. It is a joy and a privilege to be part of the ministry team here at Good Shepherd. I look forward to continuing to work with you as we share the Gospel and expand God's Kingdom together. With heartfelt thanks, Lori Sansoucie, DCM

ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT: Ladies of all ages, save the date! Flip the script. It's so easy to leap directly from Thanksgiving to Christmas without taking notice of the beauty of Advent. Join us for an evening designed to help you slow down, set aside the holiday to-do list, savor the season, and prepare your heart for the birth of the promised Savior. Join us for Advent by Candlelight. The date has been changed to Thursday, December 4th, 2025, 6:00 PM. The activities of the evening will actively engage you in Scripture, music, and a make-and-take project designed to keep your eyes on the manger throughout the Advent season. Because it is in that manger that you'll find your Savior, veiled in flesh, the newborn King and Messiah! Mark your calendar now, and watch the bulletin for more information coming soon.

FALL PUMPKIN FUN: Youth in grades 6 through 12 are invited to stay after worship for lunch, pumpkin carving and fall fun on Sunday, **October 26 at 11:30 am**. Bring a pumpkin and we'll provide the rest of the supplies to carve or decorate. Prizes will be awarded for the best carved/decorated pumpkin. This time of fun will be held downstairs in the Fellowship Hall.

YOUTH PRAISE NIGHT: Join us on Sunday, **October 26 at 5:30 pm** for dinner, fellowship, and contemporary praise time. Open to all youth in grades 6 through college. Take a break from all the busyness for some fun, fellowship, and praise to our Heavenly Father for all he's done. Guest musicians from Concordia Wisconsin and Martin Luther High School in Milwaukee will provide the music for the evening, and a short devotion will be shared. We will meet in the lower Fellowship Hall.

SEASON OF UPDATES: Many of you recently took part in getting your picture taken to update our church directory. Now it's time to update our database of time and talents as well as gather feedback on what our church does well, what needs improving, and what we should focus on in the future. In the past this was done via separate surveys. This year, however, we have kept the title from one of those previous surveys, Connecting Well Survey, but have condensed the content into a combined survey to compile talents as well as receive feedback. We are asking everyone to take part in the survey; it should only take you a few minutes to complete it. Paper copies are available in the atrium as well as a container for completed surveys, or better yet, use the link or QR code to complete the survey online. Thank you for your participation! <https://forms.gle/aohEoAD883FZ7Sdq5>



SCRIP DEALS: RaiseRight is a simple program that helps you buy gift cards to places that you already shop. Why buy gift cards instead of using cash or a credit card? When you buy a gift card through RaiseRight, you receive the gift card and the church receives a portion of the gift card amount. It is like an extra donation to the church. Right now, the rebates for Kwik Trip Grocery only cards, Pizza Ranch, Subway, IHop and Cabela's are more than usual. Gift Cards in \$5 & \$10 amounts are also available for a limited time. They make great stocking stuffers.

THAT'S A WRAP: Thank you to all who participated in the first round of directory pictures. If you have not had your picture taken yet (including people who plan on joining Good Shepherd) and still need to make an appointment, please contact Jan Ratchman at 920-216-6230

NOW ON INSTAGRAM: The Good Shepherd youth group now has an Instagram page! Be sure to find us - [gsoshkoshyouth](#) - and follow us to stay up on all the youth group happenings and be encouraged in the Word.

PARENTS OF COLLEGE-AGED YOUTH: Do you have a son or daughter who is currently attending classes at a college, university or technical college? Or do you have a college-age student who has gone into the workforce? We are currently collecting mailing addresses so that we can send care packages to encourage them and let them know we continue to pray for them. Please submit your student's school mailing address to Lori Sansoucie (lori@oshkoshgoodshepherd.org) by Monday, October 20.

BINGO NIGHT: High school youth and older are invited to join us on Friday, November 14th starting at 6:00 PM for a fun-filled Bingo Night at Good Shepherd! There's no fee to play, and prizes will be awarded throughout the evening. Pizza will be served, so please sign up on the bulletin board to make sure there's enough food for everyone. Plus, if you bring someone new, you'll be entered into a special prize drawing! Don't miss this chance to connect, compete, and maybe even win big — we are excited to see you there!

OCTOBER FOOD DRIVE: Thank you for all of the PB&J donations last month! In October, Good Shepherd is collecting the most needed items for each food pantry. Trinity Food Pantry is requesting nonperishables for Thanksgiving meals: Canned meats, instant potatoes, gravy, macaroni, stuffing, canned fruit, canned vegetables, cake mixes, and jello/pudding. The Lutheran Food Pantry is requesting: canned tuna, jelly, chunky soups, Chef Boyardee, pasta, Hamburger Helper, and rice/noodle packets. Anyone who donates will get the opportunity to enter into a raffle to win a gift card at the end of the month! Please fill out your name and put it into the bucket at the time of your donation. Thank you for your generosity!

OPEN HOUSE: Are you looking for a way to serve the Oshkosh community? The Lutheran Food Pantry has relocated to 753 N. Main Street in Oshkosh and now shares the building with Second Chance Thrift Store. They are having an open house on Thursday, October 23rd from 6:00 - 8:00 pm. It is an opportunity to see the new facility, hear about what they are doing, see where some of our food donations are going, and find out if they are in need of volunteers. *"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me"*

A CHANGE FOR THE BETTER: Good Shepherd now recycles more than just bulletins and paper! We now are recycling glass, plastic items (not including plastic bags), aluminum cans... Just like at home, items need to be rinsed/cleaned before put into the recycle bin. The large blue garbage cans are designated for mixed recycling. Please help us to be responsible for disposing items in the correct containers!

THANK YOU: On behalf of Kim and I, thanks for all the gifts (Gift cert to Lodge Kohler, snacks, kind words and all the stuff. And on behalf of myself, thanks for all the birthday wishes. We are so blessed to be here and you are all too kind! We appreciate you!

Last Week at Good Shepherd...

Attendance: Thursday: 47 Sunday 8:00: 83 10:30: 106 Total: 236

Offerings For Week of 10/12:

- General Fund: \$9,132.00
- Missions: \$300.00
- Strategic: \$30.00

Total Offerings: \$9,462.00

Weekly Budget Needs at Good Shepherd: \$8,400.00

("...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:

Dorothy Roehlig; Ruth Wagner; Joanne Behm; Shirley Schnyder; Family of Donald Gudmanson; Jim Purath; Pastor Meier; Frank Jarvenpaa; Donna Gohlke; Shirley Radloff; Joanne Brinkman; Dian Sheldon; Gary Schmude; Jim & Sharron Ziemer; and Louise Gabert

Friends & Relatives of Church Members:

Pastor G's neighbor, Paul; Erlinda's friend, David; Tim & Liz Hoversten's friend, Monty; Anne Fogtman's sister, Jane; Brian Luethy's mother, Cindy; Barry & Linda's niece, Jenni Fuhrman; Gary Bunke's daughter, Brielle; Barry & Linda Brehmer's friend, Jeff Freund; Lee Paris' son, Andy; Pastor Koepsell's mother, Lorraine; Jan Peterson's sisters & niece & son, Scot and daughter, Paula; Ron & Chris Feutz's grandson, Logan Feutz; Janet Weier's son, Adam & family; Gene & Donna Gohlke's nephews, Kirk and Michael, granddaughter, Karley & friend, Paul; and Doug Flouro's brother, Allan.

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

Bonnie Wenzel, Verna Butt, Joann Behm, Shirley Radloff, Jane Nowicki, Manette Flouro, Pastor & JoAnn Meier, Bill & Louise Gabert, Jim & Sharron Ziemer, Lee Paris, Emily Brunner, Jean Stauber, Vicki Beck, Bill Zorr, Marge Bolding & Milt & JoAnn Haskins.

Military/Overseas Members & Their Families:

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

****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***