



GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Celebrating the Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 29th, 2024



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make it salty again? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace
with one another. -Mark 9:50*



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Worship Services: Thursday: 6:30 pm

Sunday: 8:00 & 10:30 am

Sunday school for all ages Sunday morning 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...

*A warm & hearty welcome to you! It's a privilege and honor to worship our Crucified, Risen, Ascended & Glorified Good Shepherd, Jesus, with you as we celebrate the Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost and this new day of salvation! We're all glad to have **you** here! As always, make yourself at home, you are among family!*

God's grace is always abundant; it goes beyond the limits we might set. When seventy elders are supposed to report to Moses to help him, two remain in the camp. But the Spirit rests on them! In the Gospel, the disciples following Jesus on the way to Jerusalem complain. A non-disciple is able to cast out demons in His name! And Jesus tells them not to stop him. His grace even includes us despite our inability to do His will. Confident of our Lord's return, the Epistle urges us to serve one another, healing, praying, cheering up, confessing, and forgiving. Jesus says we are as valuable as salt for one another, preserving our relationship to Him. "Have salt in yourselves," He says, "and be at peace with one another."

Service Notes...

In preparation for worship: Please take some time to greet the people you are worshipping with! The order of worship for today is **Matins** (service of psalms, readings & prayers) beginning on **page 219** 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 service before we begin. You may also want to mark the additional songs: **802, 505 & 850** 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..." 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 "Quiet 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! **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: *Good Shepherd* joyfully celebrates the Lord's Supper almost every Sunday. Typically at the 8 am service on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month and the 10:30 service on the 2nd and 4th Sundays...and every Thursday evening service...but NOT on the 5th Sunday like today! (This only happens about 3 times a year and is also a great time for the Holy Spirit to develop a hunger and thirst in you for the Holy meal celebrated again next Sunday).

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 91** today)...or just spend some time quietly in prayer before we begin.*

Prelude...

Words of Welcome...

*The Opening Song: "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"
(LSB pg. 802...please stand for verse four)*

Matins: LSB pg. 219 and following...

(Additional Psalms... From Psalm 91)

Pastor: He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High

All: will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

Pastor: I will say to the Lord, “My refuge and my fortress,

All: my God, in whom I trust.”

Pastor: For He will deliver you from the snare of the fowler

All: and from the deadly pestilence.

Pastor: When He calls to me, I will answer Him;

All: I will be with Him in trouble; I will rescue Him and honor Him.

*The Office Hymn: “Triune God, Be Thou Our Stay”
(LSB pg. 505)*

+ Readings from Holy Scripture +

The First Reading: Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29 (In the wilderness the people raise their complaint to God.)

The rabble with them began to crave other food, and again the Israelites started wailing and said, “If only we had meat to eat! ⁵ We remember the fish we ate in Egypt at no cost—also the cucumbers, melons, leeks, onions and garlic. ⁶ But now we have lost our appetite; we never see anything but this manna!”

¹⁰ Moses heard the people of every family wailing, each at the entrance to his tent. The LORD became exceedingly angry, and Moses was troubled. ¹¹ He asked the LORD, “Why have you brought this trouble on your servant? What have I done to displease you that you put the burden of all these people on me? ¹² Did I conceive all these people? Did I give them birth? Why do you tell me to carry them in my arms, as a nurse carries an infant, to the land you promised on oath to their forefathers? ¹³ Where can I get meat for all these people? They keep wailing to me, ‘Give us meat to eat!’ ¹⁴ I cannot carry all these people by myself; the burden is too heavy for me. ¹⁵ If this is how you are going to treat me, put me to death right now—if I have found favor in your eyes—and do not let me face my own ruin.”

¹⁶ The LORD said to Moses: “Bring me seventy of Israel’s elders who are known to you as leaders and officials among the people. Have them come to the Tent of Meeting, that they may stand there with you.

²⁴ So Moses went out and told the people what the LORD had said. He brought together seventy of their elders and had them stand around the Tent. ²⁵ Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke with him, and he took of the Spirit that was on him and put the Spirit on the seventy elders. When the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied, but they did not do so again.^a ²⁶ However, two men, whose names were Eldad and Medad, had remained in the camp. They were listed among the elders, but did

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^a Or prophesied and continued to do so

not go out to the Tent. Yet the Spirit also rested on them, and they prophesied in the camp. ²⁷ A young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.” ²⁸ Joshua son of Nun, who had been Moses’ aide since youth, spoke up and said, “Moses, my lord, stop them!”

²⁹ But Moses replied, “Are you jealous for my sake? I wish that all the LORD’s people were prophets and that the LORD would put his Spirit on them!” ³⁰ Then Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp... O Lord, have mercy on us.

All: Thanks be to God!

The Second Reading: James 5: 13-20 (The Lord is compassionate and merciful in all circumstances.)

Is any one of you in trouble? He should pray. Is anyone happy? Let him sing songs of praise. ¹⁴ Is any one of you sick? He should call the elders of the church to pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵ And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise him up. If he has sinned, he will be forgiven. ¹⁶ Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.

¹⁷ Elijah was a man just like us. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years. ¹⁸ Again he prayed, and the heavens gave rain, and the earth produced its crops.

¹⁹ My brothers, if one of you should wander from the truth and someone should bring him back, ²⁰ remember this: Whoever turns a sinner from the error of his way will save him from death and cover over a multitude of sins... O Lord, have mercy on us.

All: Thanks be to God!

The Gospel Reading: Mark 9:38-50 (Do not lose your saltiness.)

Pastor: The Gospel according to Mark the ninth chapter.

All: Glory to You, O Lord!

“Teacher,” said John, “we saw a man driving out demons in your name and we told him to stop, because he was not one of us.”

³⁹ “Do not stop him,” Jesus said. “No one who does a miracle in my name can in the next moment say anything bad about me, ⁴⁰ for whoever is not against us is for us. ⁴¹ I tell you the truth, anyone who gives you a cup of water in my name because you belong to Christ will certainly not lose his reward.

⁴² “And if anyone causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to be thrown into the sea with a large millstone tied around his neck. ⁴³ If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life maimed than with two hands to go into hell, where the fire never goes out.^a ⁴⁵ And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life crippled than to have two feet and be thrown into hell.^b ⁴⁷ And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell,

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^a Some manuscripts *out, where* | “*their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched.*”
^b Some manuscripts *hell, where* | “*their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched.*”

⁴⁸ where “*their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched.*”^c ⁴⁹ Everyone will be salted with fire. ⁵⁰ “Salt is good, but if it loses its saltiness, how can you make it salty again? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with each other.” ...O Lord, have mercy on us.

All: Thanks be to God!

The Responsoy

(As found on pg. 221; bottom)

The Message: “That’s a Big Millstone”

(Sermon Application ...)

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 Stand & Sing: Te Deum ~ We Praise You, O God

(LSB pg. 223 & following...)

The Kyrie ~ Lord, Have Mercy

(LSB pg. 227 middle)

The Lord's Prayer

Collects of the Day

(A “Collect” is a brief, structured prayer, usually consisting of five parts: address to God, basis for the prayer, petition, desired benefit or result, and a Trinitarian conclusion. For more “churchy-word” definitions, please check out the glossary in the front of the LSB pg. xxiv)

Collect for Grace

(228 top)

Benedicamus (228 middle)

(*Benedicamus* is Latin for “Bless we the Lord!”)

Benediction

(228 bottom)

(*The Good Shepherd Choir sings the benediction at the 10:30 am service*)

The Closing Song: “God of Grace and God of Glory”

(LSB pg. 850)

Thank you for worshiping with us today. It’s better with YOU here!

Please stick around for fellowship as long as you’d like!

If you’re visiting us today, please remember to sign the guestbook before you depart...and come soon to see us again!

*If you haven’t checked in at the **Good Shepherd** Kiosk, please take a moment to do so before you leave! It’s fun!*

Sunday School for all Ages is at 9:15-10:15 Sunday mornings! Find your crew!

To God Alone all Glory Goes!

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

**Altar Flowers are sponsored by Paul & Carilee Klatt
In celebration of their 28th wedding anniversary**

**Bulletins are sponsored by Deb Bochinski in
Memory of Joe and Lois Bochinski**

The sanctuary light is sponsored by Deb Bochinski in
Memory of Virginia Pflanzler

Next Week's Texts: Gen. 2:18-25; Heb. 2:1-13 (14-18); Mark 10:2-16

Search the Scriptures! (John 5:39)

OUR FATHER'S BUSINESS THIS WEEK

Sunday, September 29	8:00 A.M.	Worship Service
	9:15 A.M.	Education Hour
	10:30 A.M.	Worship Service with Communion
Monday, September 30	5:30 P.M.	Bell Choir
	6:30 P.M.	Adult Choir
Wednesday, October 2	10:30 A.M.	Adult Bible Study
	12:30 – 4:00 P.M.	Craft Time
	5:15 P.M.	Confirmation Class
	6:45 P.M.	Youth Group
Thursday, October 3	6:30 P.M.	Worship Service with Communion
Saturday, October 5	7:00 A.M.	Men's Group
	8:30 A.M.	Women's Group
Sunday, October 6	8:00 A.M.	Worship Service with Communion
	9:15 A.M.	Education Hour
	10:30 A.M.	Worship Service

Serving Us Today

Pastor & Celebrant.....Pastor Koepsell
Organist.....Cam Bedroske
Choir.....(10:30) Adult Choir
Elder.....Jerry Ratchman & Fred Kirchenwitz
Ushers.....Steve Bridwell and Jeff Phillips

VOTER'S MEETING: October 13, 2024, in between worship services, we will be holding a Voter's Meeting to vote on Board/Council position. Please note that we are still looking for nominees for Recording Secretary and Board of Youth. Please prayerfully consider if you could fill one of these openings.

WOMENS BIBLE STUDY: Join other women Saturday mornings at church, beginning at 8:30 am, as they fellowship and study God's Word. They are starting a new study about Romans. In this profound epistle, Paul explores all the wrong directions and takes us to the only right one. The wrong solutions are pleasure and pride, and the correct solution is Christ Jesus. Join beloved author Max Lucado as he dives into the book of Romans to consider in Paul's words everything from practical instruction for a growing church to the very core of the Christian faith.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: Would you like to welcome people as they come to worship? All it takes is a smile and a “Hello/good morning.” Late service has opening for greeters. This would be for November – May (or as long as you want to help) plus, you can choose which Sunday to greet at. Thank you to everyone who has helped as a greeter, you make Good Shepherd a friendly, welcoming place. If you are interested in greeting or have questions, please contact Vivian at 920-479-0775.

ATTENTION GOOD SHEPHERD FANS: Team Fellowship is looking for anyone who would be interested in making a snack or dessert for Sunday Fellowship Hour. Please sign up on the sheets located in the atrium. Any assistance is greatly appreciated.

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY: Beginning Sunday, September 29th, the Adult Bible study will explore the question that has been debated for centuries "Is the Bible and its contents-reliable?" In four sessions, *The Bible On Trial: Beyond A Reasonable Doubt* addresses critical views of the Scripture, examines evidence from the ancient world, surveys how archaeology often corroborates the Biblical record and considers the word of those who were either Jesus' contemporaries or were closely connected to eyewitnesses who knew Jesus -and His remarkable life-well. We hope to see you at this study. If you have any questions, please contact Tim Hoversten, 920-267-0875.

INTERESTED IN MEMBERSHIP? We will be welcoming new members to Good Shepherd soon. If you are interested in becoming a member, please fill out the information sheet and a New Member Packet. They are both located on the green table in the atrium.

LUTHERAN LAYMAN LEAGUE: The North and South Wisconsin LLL Districts invite you to come together and celebrate Energizing Mission. Learn of God’s impact in people’s lives every day at their annual convention on October 12th. Special speakers include: Dr. Kari Vo, Theological Editor & Author of LHM Daily Devotions, Dick Gast, LHM Float & Tournament of Roses Parade Presentation, and Kathy Robinson Orphan Grain Train: Wisc. Division. Download the registration form at: <https://www.nw-sw-lll-lhm.org/>

THIS WEEK ON KFUE.ORG: We will be continuing our study of Numbers on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), and discussing the third and fourth chapters of Revelation on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT). Tune in to the Coffee Hour (weekdays at 9:00 a.m. CT) for a conversation with the director of Project 24 in Kenya, a special story in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month, and the October edition of Searching Scripture from *The Lutheran Witness*. Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org or on the KFUE Radio app!

FAMILY FUN DAY: Saturday, October 12th is going to be Good Shepherd's Family Fun Day. Consider joining us at Petals and Plows around 2:00 pm. There is now a sign-up sheet in the atrium to pay in advance for discounted Adult Corn Maze tickets (\$8) Kids are 5-17 are \$5 and 4 - younger are free. The tickets are only needed if you plan on going through the corn maze. The 12th is Petals and Plows "Not So Scary Halloween Party." People are encouraged to wear a costume.

BOARD POSITIONS: The Nominating Committee has created the following slate of candidates for the listed Board/Council positions. They will be voted on at the October Voter's Meeting. President - Chad Smith, Recording Secretary - Vacant, Financial Secretary - Chris Feutz, Evangelism - Daniel Weiss, Fellowship – Sharon Leinweber, Stewardship – Matt Toll, Board of Youth – Vacant (one year commitment with full term election to occur in 2025) Any communicant member may submit additional names of members to serve in any of these positions up to October 4, 2024, which is ten days before the Voters meeting (October 13, 2024). We strongly encourage all members to prayerfully consider volunteering to be considered as a candidate in any of the positions, but there is an urgent need to fill the Secretary and Board of Youth positions. Responsibilities are as follows:

I Can Do *This!*

Recording Secretary

1.Keep accurate and permanent minutes of all meetings of the Voters' Assembly and Church Council meetings. 2.Maintain an accurate list of all Voting Members and the membership of all Committees and boards. 3.Conduct such correspondence as is necessary and/or requested by the Church Council. 4.Arrange at all meetings of the Church Council and Voters' Assembly, to have those attending register upon arrival at the meeting so that a quorum may be easily determined, and a record of attendance be maintained.

Board of Youth Chairperson

1. Advise and assist the middle school through high school youth of the Congregation in spiritual growth and social activities. 2.Develop a program for the social fellowship of both young people and the young adults of the congregation, including various recreational programs. 3.Plan a special event to welcome the newly confirmed young people of the congregation and to invite them to join the young people's groups. 4. Provide for continual education of young people in conjunction with the Board of Education. 5. For administration purposes and program development, supervise the work of all youth groups in the congregation. 6. Plan and carry out, together with the concerned Boards, a year-round program for the young people of the congregation.

Last Week at Good Shepherd...

Attendance: Thursday: 53 Sunday 8:00: 83 Sunday 10:30: 132 Weekly Total: 268

Offerings For Week of 9/22:

- General Fund: \$3,713.00
- Missions: \$206.00
- Strategic Fund: \$30.00

Total Offerings: \$3,949.00

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:

Al Gebel, Andrew Schaick, Wayne Guy, Joni Schloesser, Sherri Groskreutz, Don Borgen, Kelly Crowe, Liz Hoversten, JoAnn Haskins, Tom Dunham, Bill Zorr, Joann Behm, Jim & Sharron Ziemer, Ed Huebner, Louise Gabert, and Brenda Hawig.

Friends & Relatives of Church Members:

Hazel Quandt & family; Linda Brehmer's friend, Deanne Schubring; Marie; Lee Paris' nephew & nephew's wife; 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; 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:

Shirley & Wes Radloff, Jane Nowicki, Manette Flouro, Pastor & JoAnn Meier, 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@travellers.com*