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We extend a special welcome to all who worship with us in God's House today. If you have no church home, we invite you to make Good Shepherd your church home.



July 26, 2026
The Ninth Sunday
after Pentecost

Please sign the attendance binder in the pew and mark Communion if you partake

If you need communion at your seat, please let pastor know before service.

Order of Service

Divine Service: Setting 1 Page 151
Opening Hymn: 594
Sermon Hymn: 821
Distribution: N/A
Closing Hymn: 922

THIS WEEK WITH OUR LORD

TODAY

9:00am-Divine Worship
10:30am-Adult Bible Study
11:30am-Voter's Meeting

MONDAY

TUESDAY

9:00AM-Sewing
6:30PM-Elders Meeting

WEDNESDAY

5:00PM-Swaddling Clothes

THURSDAY

7:00am-Men's Bible Study

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

5:00 pm – Divine Worship w/HC

NEXT SUNDAY

9:00 am-Divine Service w/HC
10:30am-Swaddling Clothes Dedication Day



In Our Prayers:

Wanda Wiese
Sharon Musselman
Bill Peterson
Sharon McNeil
Norman Prewitt
Mardell Prewitt
Brexton Hines
Ken Ropte
Peggy Anderson
Sherry Richardson
Dorothy Kester
Debbie Monical
Bea Naeve
Marlys Ditzenberger
Caroline Eichor

The family of Bea Naeve. She was taken to her eternal rest this week.

Baptismal Birthdays:

Renee Koob-July 26
Clara Jones-July 29
Julie Sampson-July 29
Keith Peterson-July 30
Janice Peterson-July 30

Celebration of Life Birthdays:

Donald Ervin-July 26
Leland Dencklau-July 29

Attendance – 33, 109

Gifts to the Lord:

Envelope/Plate - \$2816
Online \$350
Mission Central-\$20
Total of all Gifts: \$3186

Organist/Pianist:

7/25-Jan Altemeier
7/26-Judy Zoch

Elders in Charge of Communion:

N/A

Ushers:

Jerry Bossart and Rich Neumann



Praise in the Park

Save the Date
Sunday, August 23rd 10:30am

Outdoor Worship at Kennedy Park
at the Bob Heun Shelter.

Bring your lawn chairs and a dish
to pass for the potluck to follow.

*Note we will still have our regular
9am service here as well*

PRODUCE TABLE

The produce table is now available.
So, if you have any extra produce
from your gardens that you would
like to share please feel free to put
it on the table in the narthex.

Donations and your support are
always appreciated!

Thank you!

**Thank you to everyone who
helped move furniture in and out
of the areas where we had the
floors stripped and waxed. It
was a big task. Thank you
again!**

Stewardship

As disciples who are fully known by
God, we live with confidence, stew-
arding His gifts with trust rather
than fear.

“Even the hairs of your head are all
numbered.” — *Matthew 10:30*

Introit

Psalm 105:2–6; antiphon: v. 1

P: Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;

C: make known his deeds among the peoples!

P: Sing to him, sing praises to him;

C: tell of all his wondrous works!

P: Glory in his holy name;

C: let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

P: Seek the LORD and his strength;

C: seek his presence continually!

P: Remember the wondrous works that he has done,

C: his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,

P: O offspring of Abraham, his servant,

C: children of Jacob, his chosen ones!

All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P: Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;

C: make known his deeds among the peoples!

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love, that, receiving what You have promised, we may love what You have commanded; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

WORD OF GOD VERSE *833 v 3 Listen, God Is Calling*

Leader: Listen,

All: listen, God is calling Through the Word inviting, Offering forgiveness, Comfort, and joy.

Leader: Help us to be faithful,

All: Standing steadfast,

Leader: Walking in Your teachings,

All: Led by Your Word.

Leader: Listen,

All: listen, God is calling Through the Word inviting, Offering forgiveness, Comfort, and joy.

Old Testament

Deuteronomy 7:6–9

⁶“You are a people holy to the Lord your God. The Lord your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. ⁷It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the Lord set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, ⁸but it is because the Lord loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the Lord has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. ⁹Know therefore that the Lord your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations.”

Epistle

Romans 8:28–39

²⁸We know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. ³⁰And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified. ³¹What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³²He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? ³³Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. ³⁵Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ³⁶As it is written, “For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.” ³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 13:44–52

⁴⁴[Jesus said:] “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. ⁴⁵“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, ⁴⁶who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it. ⁴⁷“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. ⁴⁸When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad. ⁴⁹So it will be at the close of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁵¹“Have you understood all these things?” They said to him, “Yes.” ⁵²And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

✝ MISSION GRANT PRAYER

Almighty God of grace, open our hearts to the needs of people around us and our eyes to the opportunities to share Your truth and love. Holy Spirit, lead the ministries of the mission grant recipients and guide them as they proclaim the Good News of salvation. Bless our mite offerings to do Your work according to Your will. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

WHY ARE THE MITE BOXES IN THE PEWS?

The National LWML has chosen 33 worthy causes for their mission grants. Good Shepherd LWML is encouraging our congregation to help by contributing mites monthly.

Another worthy cause your mites will help support is the Redeeming Life New Moms and Babies Transition Home provided by Redeeming Life Outreach Ministries in Illinois.



Voters' Meeting Agenda

Sunday, July 26th 11:30am

Following Adult Bible Study

1. Open with prayer
2. Minutes of previous meeting
3. Treasurer's Report
4. Board & Committee Reports
 - Trustees
 - Elders
 - Christian Management
 - Christian Outreach
 - Endowment Committee
 - Board of Education
 - Sunday School
 - Pastor
5. Old Business
6. New Business
7. Adjourn with Lord's Prayer



Stay tuned for fun changes and details for our Catechism classes ("Anchored") coming this fall!

Stewardship Corner:

Matthew 13:45–46 – “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.” Indeed, Jesus redeemed us, purchased us back from sin and death, with all that He had. We belong to Him now.



Building Healthy Families:

What percent of people in your congregation are adopted? If you guessed anything less than 100 percent, you're wrong. *"But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons."* (Gal. 4:4-5) In today's culture, adoption is often seen as a last resort for infertile couples; a way to find a child for the couple. A Biblical view of adoption is child – not couple – focused. LFS' adoption ministry exists to find loving, Christian married moms and dads who will provide a stable home and life-long relationship of love based on Christ's example for every child who needs one. Is God calling you or someone you know to such a loving plan?

Lutheran Family Service

www.LutheranFamilyService.org

"Even with all our sins, and even our rejection of Him, God is patiently loving us and calling us back to Him through the Holy Spirit. That's your story, friends. Go out in your God-given identity as a king or a queen and a priest. Don't go in fear and trembling, because when He calls you, He'll be with you!" *Diane Albers, President of Lutherans For Life*
A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

"Worth the Wait" The certainty that Jesus offers is not theoretical or experimental. It's the certainty of a promise, of a secure relationship. (Matthew 13:44)

Hear about it on the Lutheran

Hour WHO (1040 AM) 7:30 am. Sunday, KTLB (105.9 FM) at 8:00 am Sunday, KQWC (95.7 FM) at 11:00 am KHBT (97.7 FM) at 11:30 am Sunday. Log on to www.lhm.org for other stations and details.



C.I.A.

The C.I.A. will be having a Summer Fun day!
Sunday, August 2nd following the 9am service.

It will be held at Twin Lakes
(Hosted by the Kastendieck Family).



We will be having devotions, food, and lake fun.

SWADDLING CLOTHES DRIVE THRU DONATION COLLECTION WEDNESDAY 8/5 5-7PM & THURSDAY 8/6 5-7PM



We will be collecting diapers of all sizes, Pull-Ups and wipes by the Swaddling Clothes Door on the South-west side of the building. Monetary donations will be accepted as well.

You don't even have to get out of your vehicle.
Thank you for supporting this much needed ministry for our community!

****Note the date change from the bulletin insert last week.**

MEMORY VERSE

**There is no
fear in *love*,
but *perfect love*
casts out fear.**

1 JOHN 4:18



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