GOOD SHEPHERD LC-MS LUTHERAN CHURCH

Order of Service

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Little Lambs Preschool
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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.

November 22, 2026
The Last Sunday of the Church Year

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.

THIS WEEK WITH OUR LORD

TODAY
9:00am-Divine Service
10:30am-SS/Adult Bible Study
MONDAY
12:00pm-LL 4YR Preschool
TUESDAY
8:15am-LL 3YR Preschool
9:00am-Sewing
12:00pm-LL 4YR Preschool
6:30pm-Elders Meeting
WEDNESDAY
No Preschool
5:15pm-Anchored
7:00pm-Thanksgiving Eve Svc w/HC
THURSDAY
Office Closed-Happy Thanksgiving
No Preschool
FRIDAY
Office Closed
No Preschool
SATURDAY
5:00pm – Divine Worship
NEXT SUNDAY
9:00am-Divine Service
10:30am-SS/Adult Bible Study
Church Christmas Decorating



In Our Prayers:
Wanda Wiese
Sharon Musselman
Bill Peterson
Sharon McNeil
Norman Prewitt
Mardell Prewitt
Brexton Hines
Ken Ropte
Sherry Richardson
Dorothy Kester
Debbie Monical
Marlys Ditzenberger
Caroline Eichor
Leland Dencklau
Julie Sampson
Jean Barnett
Connie Johns
Pam Metzger
Jamie Reed
David Hilken
Henry Milberger
The family of Louise Schmoker. She was taken to her eternal rest this week.

Celebration of Life Birthdays:
Joleen Allers-November 23
Barb Schulze-November 26

Baptismal Birthdays:
Tim Habhab-November 21
Nanci Bruss-November 23
LeAnne Essman-November 25

Attendance – 32, 102

Gifts to the Lord:
Envelope/Plate - $2,885.25
Online $350
Mission Central-$20
Total of all Gifts: $3,255.25

Organist/Pianist:
11/21-Jan Altemeier
11/22-Joan Arndt
11/25-Judy Zoch

Elders in Charge of Communion:
N/A

Acolytes:
11/22-Addison Thackery &
Jaidyn Walters

Ushers:
Dean Fowler and Gary St. John

Flowers gracing our chancel today are given by Dave and Judy Zoch in honor of their 19th anniversary on November 21st. Happy Anniversary!



WHY ARE THE MITE BOXES IN THE PEWS?

The National LWML has chosen 33 worthy causes for their mission grants totaling $2,622,270. Good Shepherd's LWML is encouraging our congregation to help support these grants by contributing mites monthly. A couple more missions you are supporting are:

1. Sharing Faith and Food with Single Mothers
2. Speaking Truth Around the Table
3. Ministry Scholarships for Shepherd's Canyon Retreat

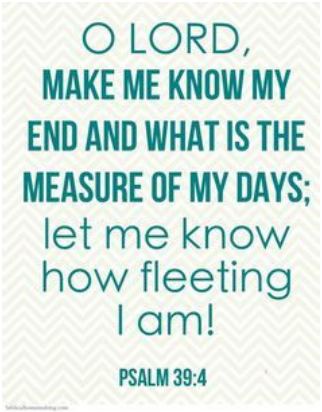
Stewardship

Serving Christ our King, we care for those in need with the gifts He has entrusted to us, trusting that such love flows from faith in Him.

"Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me." — Matthew 25:40

Introit Psalm 39:4–5a, 7–8, 12; antiphon: 2 Peter 3:13

P: In keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth,
C: the home of righteousness.
P: O Lord, make me know my end and what is the measure of my days;
C: let me know how fleeting I am!
P: Behold, you have made my days a few handbreadths,
C: and my lifetime is as nothing before you.
P: And now, O Lord, for what do I wait?
C: My hope is in you.
P: Deliver me from all my transgressions.
C: Do not make me the scorn of the fool!
P: Hear my prayer, O Lord, and give ear to my cry; hold not your peace at my tears!
C: For I am a sojourner with you, a guest, like all my fathers.
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: In keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth,
C: the home of righteousness.



Collect

Eternal God, merciful Father, You have appointed Your Son as judge of the living and the dead. Enable us to wait for the day of His return with our eyes fixed on the kingdom prepared for Your own from the foundation of the world; through Jesus Christ, 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 Reading *Ezekiel 34:11–16, 20–24*

11 "For thus says the Lord God: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep
and will seek them out. 12 As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is
among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I
will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of
clouds and thick darkness. 13 And I will bring them out from the peoples and
gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I
will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. 14 I will feed them with good pasture, and on the
mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie
down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. 15 I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will
make them lie down, declares the Lord God. 16 I will seek the lost, and I will
bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the
weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice. . . .

20 "Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: Behold, I, I myself will
judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. 21 Because you push with
side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have
scattered them abroad, 22 I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a
prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. 23 And I will set up over them
one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them
and be their shepherd. 24 And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant
David shall be prince among them. I am the Lord; I have spoken."

Epistle *1 Corinthians 15:20–28*

[20]But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. [21]For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. [22]For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. [23]But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. [24]Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. [25]For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. [26]The last enemy to be destroyed is death. [27]For "God has put all things in subjection under his feet." But when it says, "all things are put in subjection," it is plain that he is excepted who put all things in subjection under him. [28]When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things in subjection under him, that God may be all in all.

Holy Gospel *Matthew 25:31–46*

[31][Jesus said:] "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. [32]Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. [33]And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. [34]Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. [35]For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, [36]I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' [37]Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? [38]And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? [39]And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' [40]And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.'

[41]"Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. [42]For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, [43]I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' [44]Then they also will answer, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?' [45]Then he will answer them, saying, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' [46]And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."



THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone that donated snacks for our local emergency responders. The Elders delivered the snacks to each department and they were very appreciative of the snacks and cards that everyone signed. Thank you again!



NOVEMBER 30 AND DECEMBER 1 WILL BE YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO INCLUDE CAMP OKOBOJI IN YOUR GIVING PLANS! Camp Okoboji is blessed to announce our Giving Tuesday Campaign will again be a **Matching Fundraiser! On November 30 and December 1,** your donation - cash, check, or credit card - will be matched, $1 for every $2 raised up to $10,000! Gifts marked "Giving Tuesday" or "Matching Campaign" but received on days other than November 30 and December 1 will be acceptable to be included for the match. To learn more, please contact the Camp Office at (712) 337-3325. Make your gift at campokoboji.org/giving-tuesday/.

Swaddling Clothes Toy Collection

We are collecting Clean Used Toys (must be in good working order) for our December Distribution Day. Please put toys in the bins in the Narthex. Thank you for helping put a smile on a child's face. Please have toys here no later than Wednesday, December 9th.



Stewardship Corner:
Matthew 25:44 – "Then they also will answer, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?'" With this parable Jesus once again emphasizes that our good works come from who we are, not the other way around. Sheep do sheep works, and goats do goat works. So first things first: if we want to live more faithfully, let us come to Jesus, receive His gifts and ask Him to increase our faith!

Building Healthy Families: Count your Blessings!
Sing along! *"When upon life's billows you are tempest tossed, When you are discouraged, thinking all is lost. Count your many blessings, name them one by one. And it will surprise you what the Lord hath done..."* Written by Johnson Oatman Jr. in 1897, this beloved hymn became so popular that one observer reportedly said, "The men sing it, the boys whistle it, and the women rock their babies to sleep on it." There's a reason this hymn has stuck around for more than a century! It's a cheerful reminder to look beyond life's daily challenges and notice the countless ways God provides for us. His blessings are everywhere—sometimes we just need to stop long enough to count them! Here's a Thanksgiving challenge for your family: Take a few minutes to name your blessings, then compare lists. You might be surprised! And while you're at it, sing a verse or whistle the tune. Better yet, if you're blessed with a baby to rock to sleep, you know just what to sing! *Happy Thanksgiving from your friends at* **Lutheran Family Service** *www.LutheranFamilyService.org*

"Immanuel, God with us. How reassuring are those words?! The struggles of life, personally and professionally, often take us to the edge of an emotional cliff. Thankfully, there is One to whom we can reach out and call out for help. We are not alone—God is with us every step of the way in our personal and our professional lives." *Gayle Irwin, Pregnancy Help News* ***Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org***

"Trees in Winter" Christ's followers are like trees in winter–seemingly barren now, but rooted in God's Word and living in the promise of Christ's resurrection and the renewal of all things.

Revelation 22:2

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.







Thanksgiving Holiday Office Closed

The office will be closed on Thursday 11/26 and Friday 11/27.



