



Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

SEPTEMBER 21, 2025 | 10:30 AM

Holy Communion will be at the Rail today.

Gluten Free Communion Wafers are available upon request.

Holy Communion is...

- † The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ received “in, with, and under” the bread and wine for God’s People. *Matthew 26:26, 28*
- † Coming to the table believing the words “given and shed FOR YOU.”
Preparation might involve three questions:
Do I believe in the Lord Jesus Christ? Am I sorry for my sins?
Am I ready to lead a new life?
- † God’s grace in “forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation.”
Matthew 26:28; 1 Peter 1:18-19; Romans 6:8-9; Romans 8:31-32



Alleluia. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age. Alleluia.

Matthew 28:19a, 20b



Welcome to worship at the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd. Please scan the QR Code to register as our guest. You can also sign the Guest Registry located at the entrance to our Sanctuary.

Please turn off all electronic devices during our worship together, so that we can give glory to God without distraction.

Nursery: The room located at the back of the sanctuary (with windows into the sanctuary), has been set aside for children to be able to play comfortably during Worship. At this time, we ask a parent to remain with their child while using this space. There is a sound system located on the wall to the right after entering the room which allows you to listen to the service.

Please feel free to ask an Elder to assist you as needed.

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Welcome

Prelude

Confession and Absolution

Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Exhortation

LSB 151

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Confession of Sins

LSB 151

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Absolution

LSB 151

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.



1 Christ, our hu - man like - ness shar - ing, Heav - en's love on
 2 Hear the word that Christ has spo - ken, Help the weak, the
 3 Christ, in ev - 'ry con - gre - ga - tion Build Your tem - ple,
 4 Come, O liv - ing Christ, re - new us, As of old in



earth por - trayed; Christ the Shep - herd, tend - ing, car - ing,
 hun - gry feed; See the pow'rs of dark - ness bro - ken,
 stone by stone, With Your word as firm foun - da - tion
 wind and flame; With the Spir - it's pow'r en - due us,



In His death our ran - som paid: Christ the Sav - ior,
 Sin - ners par - doned, cap - tives freed: Christ the Sav - ior,
 For a faith ma - tured and grown: Christ the Sav - ior,
 Ser - vants of Your sav - ing name: Christ the Sav - ior,



Christ the Ser - vant, Be Your life in us dis - played.
 Christ the Ser - vant, Help us meet our neigh - bor's need.
 Christ the Ser - vant, Make in us Your Gos - pel known.
 Christ the Ser - vant, Christ whose king - dom we pro - claim.

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Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 119:137–140, 142; antiphon: v. 144

Your testimonies are righteous forever;
 give me understanding that I may live.

**Righteous are you, O LORD,
 and right are your just decrees.**

You have appointed your testimonies in righteousness
 and in all faithfulness.

**My zeal consumes me,
 because my foes forget your words.**

Your promise is well tried,
 and your servant loves it.

**Your righteousness is righteous forever,
 and your law is true.**

**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.**

Your testimonies are righteous forever;
give me understanding that I may live.

Kyrie

P Lord, have mercy upon us.

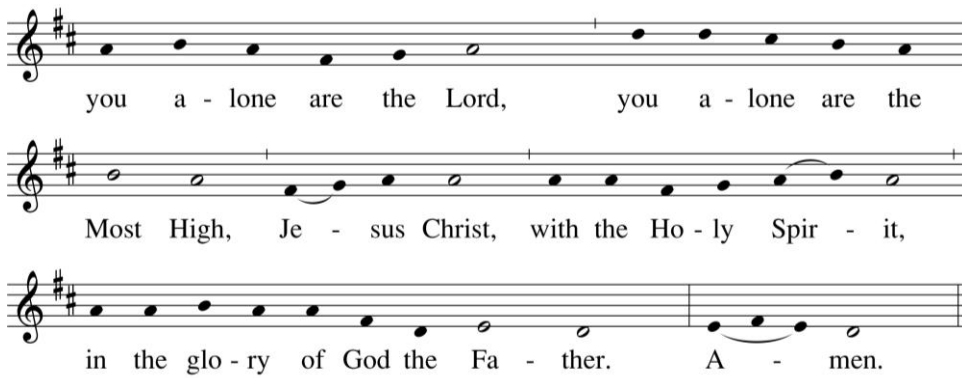
C **Christ, have mercy upon us.**
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Hymn of Praise



The musical score is written on eight staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, using quarter and half notes. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his
 peo - ple on earth. Lord God, heav - en - ly, King, Al - might - y,
 God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks,
 we praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ,
 on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,
 you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;
 you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther:
 re - ceive our prayer. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,



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Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

O Lord, keep Your Church in Your perpetual mercy; and because without You we cannot but fall, preserve us from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Amos 8:4–7

⁴Hear this, you who trample on the needy
and bring the poor of the land to an end,

⁵saying, “When will the new moon be over,
that we may sell grain?

And the Sabbath,

that we may offer wheat for sale,
that we may make the ephah small and the shekel great
and deal deceitfully with false balances,

⁶that we may buy the poor for silver
and the needy for a pair of sandals
and sell the chaff of the wheat?”

⁷The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob:
“Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 113; antiphon: v. 3

¹Praise the LORD!

Praise, O servants of the LORD,
praise the name of the LORD!

**²Blessèd be the name of the LORD
from this time forth and forevermore!**

³From the rising of the sun to its setting,
the name of the LORD is to be praised!

**⁴The LORD is high above all nations,
and his glory above the heavens!**

⁵Who is like the LORD our God,
who is seated on high,

**⁶who looks far down
on the heavens and the earth?**

⁷He raises the poor from the dust
and lifts the needy from the ash heap,

**⁸to make them sit with princes,
with the princes of his people.**

⁹He gives the barren woman a home,
making her the joyous mother
of children. Praise the LORD!

**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.**

Epistle

1 Timothy 2:1–10

¹First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, ²for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. ³This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, ⁶who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time. ⁷For this I was appointed a preacher and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

⁸I desire then that in every place the men should pray, lifting holy hands without anger or quarreling; ⁹likewise also that women should adorn themselves in respectable apparel, with modesty and self-control, not with

braided hair and gold or pearls or costly attire, ¹⁰but with what is proper for women who profess godliness—with good works.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Alleluia



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Holy Gospel

Matthew 9:9–13

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the ninth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

⁹As Jesus passed on from there, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, “Follow me.” And he rose and followed him.

¹⁰And as Jesus reclined at table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and were reclining with Jesus and his disciples. ¹¹And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” ¹²But when he heard it, he said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. ¹³Go and learn what this means, ‘I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.’ For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Sit

Children's Message



1. The Mas - ter came to bring good news, The
 2. The Law's ful - filled through Je - sus Christ, The
 3. To seek the sin - ners Je - sus came, To
 4. For - give us, Lord, as we for - give And



news of love and free - dom, To heal the sick and
 man who lived for oth - ers, The law of Christ is:
 live a - mong the friend - less, To show them love that
 seek to help each oth - er. For - give us, Lord, and



seek the poor, To build the peace - ful king - dom.
 Serve in love Our sis - ters and our broth - ers.
 they might share The king - dom that is end - less.
 we shall live To pray and work to - geth - er.



Fa - ther, for - give us! Through Je - sus hear us!



As we for - give one an - oth - er!

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Sermon

Pastor Timothy Boerger

Stand

**☩ 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.**

Sit

Anthem

Seek Where You May to Find a Way

LSB 557

- 1 Seek where you may
To find a way
That leads to your salvation.
My heart is stilled,
On Christ I build,
He is the one foundation.
His Word is sure,
His works endure;
He overthrows
All evil foes;
Through Him I more than conquer.
- 3 Seek Him alone
Who did atone,
Who did your souls deliver.
O seek Him first,
All you who thirst
For grace that fails you never.
In ev'ry need
Seek Him indeed;

To ev'ry heart
He will impart
His blessings without measure.

4 My heart's delight,
My crown most bright,
O Christ, my joy forever.
Not wealth nor pride
Nor fortune's tide
Our bonds of love shall sever.
You are my Lord;
Your precious Word
Shall guide my way
And help me stay
Forever in Your presence.

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Offering

Stand

Offertory Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

LSB 805

△ Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all
crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly
host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711
Tune: Trente quatre Pseaumes de David, 1551, Geneva, ed. Louis Bourgeois
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Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

LSB 160

P The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

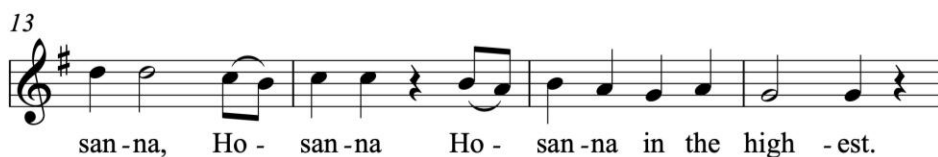
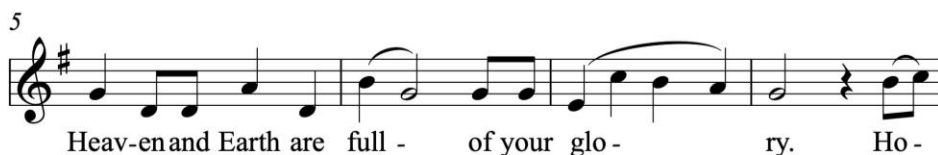
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Proper Preface (Full)

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus





Lord's Prayer

LSB 162

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C **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.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

LSB 163

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

Agnus Dei

Lamb- of God, You take a - way the sin of the world,
5 have - mercy up - on us have - mer-cy up - on us.
9 Lamb- of God, You take a - way the sin of the world,
13 Grant us - peace, Grant us - peace,
17 Grant us, Grant us, Grant us your peace.
21 Grant us, Grant us, Grant us your peace.

Sit

Distribution (*Rail*)

LSB 164

Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

Amen.

Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins.

Amen.

1 All to Je - sus I sur-ren-der, all to him I free-ly give;
 2 All to Je - sus I sur-ren-der, hum-bly at his feet I bow,
 3 All to Je - sus I sur-ren-der, make me, Sav-ior, whol-ly thine;
 4 All to Je - sus I sur-ren-der, Lord, I give my - self to thee;

I will ev - er love and trust him, in his pres-ence dai - ly live.
 world-ly pleas-ures all for-sak - en: take me, Je - sus, take me now.
 may thy Ho - ly Spir - it fill me, may I know thy power di - vine.
 fill me with thy love and pow - er, let thy bless-ing fall on me.

Refrain

I sur-ren-der all, I sur-ren-der all,
 I sur-ren-der all, I sur-ren-der all,

all to thee, my bless - ed Sav - ior, I sur - ren - der all.

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 MUSIC: Winfield S. Weedon (1847-1908)

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In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

The Dismissal

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart † in peace.

C **Amen.**

Stand

Canticle

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

The musical score is written for two voices (Soprano and Bass) and piano accompaniment. It is in the key of D major (indicated by two sharps) and 4/4 time. The score consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are written below the vocal line.

1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless - ing; fill our hearts with
2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for your gos - pel's

joy and peace; let us each, your love pos - sess - ing,
joy - ful sound; may the fruits of your sal - va - tion

tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace; O di - rect us
in our hearts and lives a - bound; ev - er faith - ful,

and pro - tect us trav - eling through this wil - der - ness.
ev - er faith - ful to your truth may we be found.

Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benediction

LSB 166

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

Hymn to Depart

Praise to You and Adoration

LSB 692



1 Praise to You and ad - o - ra - tion, Bless - ed Je - sus,
2 Hold me ev - er in Your keep - ing; Com - fort me in
Son of God, Who, to serve Your own cre - a - tion, Came to
pain and strife. In my laugh - ter and my weep - ing Be with
share our flesh and blood. Guide me that I nev - er may
me through - out my life. Give me great - er love for You,
From Your fold or pas - tures stray, But with zeal and
And my faith and hope re - new In Your birth, Your
joy ex - ceed - ing Fol - low where Your steps are lead - ing.
life, and pas - sion, In Your death and res - ur - rec - tion.

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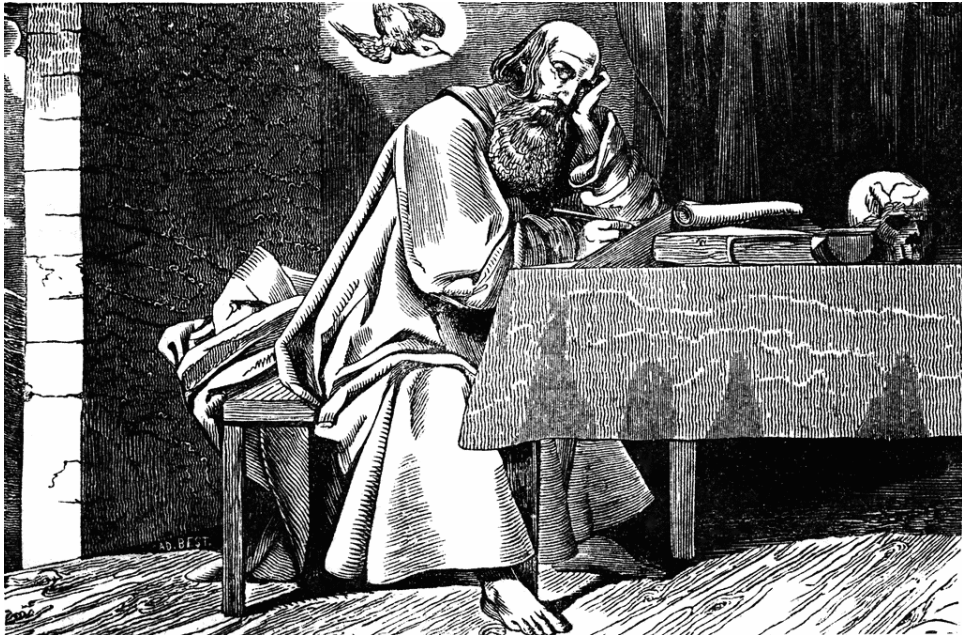
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Announcements

Dismissal

Postlude



September 21st is the day for remembering St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist, in the Western church tradition. According to the Gospel of Matthew, Matthew was sitting at a tax booth when Jesus walked by. Jesus said to Matthew, “Follow me,” and Matthew followed. They shared dinner, along with other tax collectors, leading to criticism from Pharisees that Jesus would join a table filled with sinners. Acts 1:13, meanwhile, lists him among the disciples who witnessed Jesus’ Ascension. Witnessing this event marks him as an apostle. Later traditions tell that Matthew then shared his witness with the Jewish communities of Judea, and then later to other regions. His act of witness, then, marked him as an evangelist. As a tax collector, he would have been literate and able to speak Aramaic and Greek, allowing him to travel and preach widely.

Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd
Ministries for September 21 - 28, 2025

Sunday, 9/21	9:15 AM	Children's Sunday School
	9:15 AM	Confirmation Class
	9:15 AM	Adult Bible Study
	10:30 AM	Worship – Eucharist
	11:45 AM	Food & Fellowship
	1:00PM	ICFC Worship
Monday, 9/22	7:00 PM	LifeLight
	8:00 PM	AA (<i>FLW</i>)
Tuesday, 9/23	11:00 AM	SCCC Chapel
	5:30 PM	Confirmation Class
	7:00 PM	SCCC Board Meeting
	7:00 PM	Stephen Ministry Meeting
Wednesday, 9/24	11:00 AM	SCCC Chapel
Thursday, 9/25	10:30 AM	Bible Study
	7:30 PM	Narc-Alon (<i>FLW</i>)
Friday, 9/26	8:00 PM	AA (<i>FLW</i>)
Saturday, 9/27	3:00 PM	ICFC Music Practice
	5:00 PM	Octoberfest
	6:00 PM	AA (<i>FLW</i>)
Sunday, 9/28	9:15 AM	Children's Sunday School
	9:15 AM	Confirmation Class
	9:15 AM	Adult Bible Study
	10:30 AM	Worship – Eucharist
	1:00PM	ICFC Worship

*ICFC = Indonesian Christian Fellowship Church

Luke 16:8b – “For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light.” The sons of this world know that they should use their wealth wisely to provide for their future. Shouldn't we, as “sons of light,” know that the wealth God has allowed us to manage should be managed for God's purposes in roles He has given us to play in church, home and society?



Provided: Brats, Hot Dogs, Sauerkraut, Spaetzle, and Salad

Bring: a Dessert or Side Dish to Share (possibly your favorite potato salad)

Sign Up: Volunteer to help with setup, kitchen, beer sales, and cleanup

Featuring: Live Music from Burt the Dirt

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Suggested donation: \$12 adults, \$6 children

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