

Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd
Bible Sunday! September 27th, 2026

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Prelude *Verset de Procession sur l'Adoro Te* by Leon Boellmann

Welcome and Announcements
ELCA Youth Gathering Video

Gathering Acclamation God is Here! vs. 3 ELW 526

*Here our children find a welcome
in the Shepherd's flock and fold;
here, as bread and wine are taken,
Christ sustains us as of old.
Here the servants of the Servant
seek in worship to explore
what it means in daily living
to believe and to adore.*

Bible Presentation: 3 year olds and 3rd Graders

***Confession**

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, [God] who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:8-9)

In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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

Most merciful God,
we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

***Gathering Hymn** *Glory to God* (Setting Ten, pg. 204)

*“Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom God favors!” (Luke 2:14)*

***Greeting**

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you. (2 Corinthians 13:13)

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

God, thank you for making yourself known to us: in the written word, in the gathered community, and in Jesus. Send your Spirit among us, giving us the faith and wisdom to know and follow your Word.

Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

Children's Sermon - Katie

***Gospel Acclamation** Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones ELW 424

*O friends, in gladness let us sing,
supernal anthems echoing: Alleluia! Alleluia!
To God the Father, God the Son,
and God the Spirit, Three in One:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

***Gospel: John 1:1-5, 14**

The holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² The Word was in the beginning with God. ³ All things came into being through the Word, and without the Word not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴ in the Word was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it.

¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon – Pastor Liz

Hymn of the Day *Lord Jesus You Shall Be My Song* ELW 808

*** Prayers of the People**

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. (1 Timothy 2:1-2)

With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus,
let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation:

We pray for the members of the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, for grandparents and school-ages kids, and especially for all who receive Bibles and resources today. Grant that your Word would be a source of comfort and inspiration. Help our church community grow and strengthen.
Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for all the people of the world. Grant unity and help us remember to treat each other with respect and dignity. Help build a community that reflects your truth that all belong. Give us peace and new beginnings. Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

We pray for all who are treated badly by others. Remind them that they are worthy and that people care for them. We pray for all in need of healing, especially those we name aloud and in our hearts ———.
Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting your mercy through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

Our prayer petitions are shaped by this church. Use the bulletin insert titled Prayers of the People to lift up your prayers. If you have a prayer request you would like to be kept confidential, please drop a note into the prayer request box on the welcome desk.

***Peace**

So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. (Matthew 5:23-24)

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

Offering: Excerpt from Adagio by Tomaso Albinoni

***Offering Presentation Verse:**

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

ELW 885

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heav'nly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Communion

*Let us lift up our hearts as well as our hands to God in heaven.
(Lamentations 3:41)*

Dialogue

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join the hymn sung around your throne:

Holy, Holy, Holy Setting Ten, S207

^{6b} *Around the throne, and on each side of the throne, are four living creatures,...* ^{8b} *day and night without ceasing they sing,*
“Holy, holy, holy,
the Lord God the Almighty,
who was and is and is to come.” (Revelation 4:6b, 8b)

I saw the Lord sitting on a throne...² Seraphs were in attendance above the Lord..³ And one called to another and said,

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;
the whole earth is full of God’s glory.” (Isaiah 6:1b, 3)

Words of Institution

^{23b} *the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, ²⁴*
and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, “This is my body that is
for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” ²⁵ In the same way he took the cup
also, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do
this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” (1 Corinthians 11:23b–25)

Lord’s Prayer

⁹ *“Pray, then, in this way:*

Our Father in heaven,
may your name be revered as holy.

¹⁰ *May your kingdom come.*
May your will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.

¹¹ *Give us today our daily bread.*

¹² *And forgive us our debts,*
as we also have forgiven our debtors.

¹³ *And do not bring us to the time of trial,*
but rescue us from the evil one. (Matthew 6:8-13)

² So (Jesus) said to (his disciples), “When you pray, say:

Father, may your name be revered as holy.

May your kingdom come.

³ Give us each day our daily bread.

⁴ And forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial.” (Luke 11:2-4)

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

Distribution

In communion, we experience Jesus for us. The simple elements of bread and wine/juice convey Jesus' love, forgiveness, and grace. All are welcome to receive communion or a blessing. Ushers will invite your pew; continue forward to the communion server on your side of the sanctuary. Please put a hand over your heart for a blessing only. If you wish to receive communion, hold open your hand to receive a wafer. Please tell the server if you need a gluten-free wafer. Dip the wafer in the wine (red) or juice (clear). You may immediately eat the wafer. Continue along the outside of the pews to return to your seat.

Agnus Dei/ Lamb of God (Choir)

The next day (John the Baptizer) saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! (John 1:29)

Hymn during Communion: *Eat This Bread* ELW 472 (Repeat in prayer.)

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

***Choral Benediction**

You shall say to them, the LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace. (Numbers 6:23-26)

***Sending Hymn:** *Praise to the Lord the Almighty* (LCGS favorite)
ELW 858

***Dismissal**

*“Jesus said to her, “Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace.”
Luke 8:48*

Go in peace, serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

***Postlude** *Lobe den Herren:* Praise to the Lord

**Thank you to all our volunteers who signed up this morning
and the following who prepared ahead!**

Altar Guild	Seidleman's	Projections Preparer	Julie Seidelmann
Projectionist	Julie Seidelmann	Streaming	Brian Fischer
Hospitality	Ruthie Tryon	Next Week:	Patty Altonen

~Thank you for sharing your favorite hymns and songs! Favorite hymns of LCGS will be noted in the bulletin. We would love to hear and share your stories about hymns that are important to you; please contact Pastor Liz or Parker.~

This Week at LCGS!

Sept 27 BIBLE SUNDAY!

8:45AM Sunday School
8:45AM Choir rehearsal
9:30AM Worship
10:30AM Coffee Fellowship

Sept 28, Monday

9:00AM –2:00PM Quilters
6:00PM Austin Story Project

Sept 29, Tuesday

8:30AM Laundry Love

Sept 30, Wednesday

7:00AM Men's Bible Study
11:30AM Staff Meeting
6:00PM Confirmation

Oct 1, Thursday

9:30AM Women's faith study
1:00PM Al-Anon
7:00PM AA

Oct 2, Friday

8:00AM Women's "Son"rise Bible
Conversation (ZOOM)

Oct 3, Saturday

**Oct 4, Sunday- Pastor Liz's
Installation!**

8:45AM Choir Rehearsal
8:45AM Sunday School
9:30AM Worship
10:30AM Coffee Fellowship

LCGS Office is open: M – Th: 9am-4pm Friday: 9am – noon

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