

THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



“God’s work. Our hands.”



TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE

SEPTEMBER 10, 2023 | 8:30 AM

“GOD’S WORK. OUR HANDS.” SUNDAY

This day is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America – one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor.

Parents of small children: Children can and do encounter Jesus during worship. For your convenience, please know that our entryway and a nursery (Room 113) are equipped with a video reception of the service. We also have activity bags available for their use during worship. Please see an usher for more information.

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“Welcome one another, therefore, as Christ has welcomed you.”

Romans 15:7

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church warmly welcomes people of any age, race, nationality, sexual orientation, life circumstance, and physical or mental capability.

If you are visiting with us, we welcome you and we are blessed you are here! If you need any assistance during worship or otherwise, please seek out one of our ushers. If this is your first time with us, please introduce yourself so we can give you a token of our appreciation for spending the morning with us.

**Denotes stand*

Gathering

PRELUDE

“Lord Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word”

Thomas Eisnor

- J. G. Walther (1684-1748))

WELCOME

*THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

☐ Trusting that Jesus dwells in our midst and loves us into life, let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister give thanks.

☐ We give you thanks, Holy One, for washing us and drawing us into your community. We give you thanks for the waters that have shaped and formed your people in every time and place: For water that washed the earth and brought about your promises; For water that parted so that your people could dance in

freedom; For water that quenched the thirst of your promised people; For water that shaped a holy land; For water that washed a foreigner clean; For water that satisfied a woman who did not even know she was thirsty; For water that welcomed an outsider on the road; For water that cleanses and makes whole; For water that drenches us and makes us your own. Holy One, we give you thanks that your love flows over and into and through us. May your Spirit live in us, that we might live for others.

☑ **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

*GATHERING SONG

“Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven”

ELW #864

*GREETING

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

☑ **And also with you.**

*KYRIE (*booklet insert page 2*)

*CANTICLE OF PRAISE (*booklet insert page 4*)

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

☐ The Lord be with you. ☑ **And also with you.**

☐ Let us pray, Holy One, you stretch wide your tent that all may be welcomed in, and in Jesus you stretched out your hands in expansive love for a weary and wounded world. Help us to reach out with your own wounded hands of love, that through us your life may be known in the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

☑ **Amen.**

Word

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 33:7-11

Pew Bible, pg. 787

☐ The word of the Lord. ☑ **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 119:33-40 *The Psalm will be chanted and the congregation will chant the verses as indicated.)*

☐ Teach me, O LORD, the way¹ of your statutes, and I shall keep it¹ to the end.

☑ **Give me understanding, and I shall¹ keep your teaching; I shall keep it with¹ all my heart.**

☐ Lead me in the path of¹ your commandments, for that is¹ my desire.

☑ **Incline my heart to¹ your decrees and not to¹ unjust gain.**

☐ Turn my eyes from be-¹ holding falsehood; give me life¹ in your way.

☑ **Fulfill your promise¹ to your servant, which is for¹ those who fear you.**

☐ Turn away the reproach¹ that I dread, because your judg-¹ ments are good.

☑ **Behold, I long for¹ your commandments; by your righteousness en-¹ liven me.**

SECOND READING: Romans 13:8-14

Pew Bible, pg. 1034

L The word of the Lord. **G** **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*booklet insert page 5*)

*GOSPEL: Matthew 18:15-20

Pew Bible, pg. 895

P The holy gospel according to Matthew the 18th chapter. **G** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

At the conclusion of the reading:

P The gospel of the Lord. **G** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Karen Boda

*HYMN OF THE DAY "God, When Human bonds Are Broken"

ELW #603

*APOSTLES CREED (*booklet insert page 5*)

*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION (*As the Assisting Minister closes each petition with the words, "God we pray," worshipers respond with the words, "open our hands in love."*)

*PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always. **G** **And also with you.** (*you may greet each other with a sign of God's peace.*)

Meal

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"Jesus Will Make Us His Own"
- Don Besig and Nancy Price

Chancel Choir
Alan Boda, Violin

OFFERING SONG

"As the Grains of Wheat"

ELW # 465

*OFFERING PRAYER

A Holy God, giver of all good things, receive the gifts we bring, fruit of the earth and the work of human hands, that they may be used to your purposes for life and love in the world. **G** **Amen.**

*GREAT THANKSGIVING, HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, WORDS OF INSTITUTION, LORD'S PRAYER
(*booklet insert page 6-7*)

*INVITATION TO COMMUNION

LAMB OF GOD (*booklet insert page 7*)

COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN

"We Place upon Your Table, Lord"

ELW # 467

*POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **G** **Amen.**

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Holy Jesus, in this meal you have fed and nourished us to work in your beloved world. Send us now, filled with yourself and strengthened by your Spirit to live your love for others. **G** **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sending

BLESSING GOD'S WORK THROUGH OUR HANDS

P We are called to proclaim the good news:

G **God is at work!**

P This good news is not left in some history long ago or a place far away:

G **God is at work in the world still today!**

☐ In us and through us, God is glorified in our work. When we offer a helping hand, God is praised. When we share of our abundance, God is known in the world.
Local intercessions are offered at this time

☑ **God is at work in us!**

☐ In our service today, and in our daily lives, let us live out what God has called us to in baptism.

☑ **God is at work through our hands!**

*BLESSING

☐ The God of glory, † Jesus Christ, name above all names, and the Spirit who lives in you, bless you now and forever. ☑ **Amen.**

*SENDING HYMN

“Go, My Children, with My Blessing”

ELW #543

*DISMISSAL

☐ Go in peace. You are God’s hands at work in the world. ☑ **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

“Praise to You, Jesus Christ”

Thomas Eisnor

- J.H. Buttstedt (1666-1727)

Attendance Last Sunday

8:30 AM - 57 | 10:45 AM - 55 | Online - 38
Adult SS- 15

July Income & Expense Summary

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

Total Income: \$39,363 | Total Expenses: \$36,396
Cash Flow: \$2,967

Year to Date Income & Expense Summary

Fiscal Year 2023-24

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Cash Flow: \$2,967

*If you have any questions, please contact our Financial Secretary
Sharron Ryan. Thank you!*

Thank you to Terry and Sally George for providing
the snacks/donuts for Fellowship this morning.

This Week

Sun 9/10	God’s Work. Our Hands. Sunday
Sun 9/10 8:30 AM	Traditional Worship Service
9:45 AM	GWOH Activities F. Hall
10:45 AM	Contemporary Praise Service
Mon 9/11 1:00 PM	Staff Mtg.
Tues 9/12 6:00 PM	Celebration Ringers
7:00 PM	Chancel Choir
7:00 PM	Council
Wed 9/13 1:00 PM	Staff Mtg.
6:30 PM	Theology on Tap Game Day
7:00 PM	Bells of Good Shepherd
Thu 9/14 10:00 AM	Thursday Bible Study F. Hall
7:00 PM	Praise Team Rehearsal F. Hall
7:00 PM	Outreach Teams
Sun 9/17 8:30/10:45 AM	Worship
9:45 AM	All Sunday School resumes

*The Altar flowers this morning are dedicated
to the Glory of God and are given by Ted and
Carol Rodi in memory of Carl Crosier whose
birthday was 9/11.*

Upcoming Event Dates

Sign-up sheets are available in Fellowship Hall and at
gslutheran.org ([Sign-up Central Online](#))

Sept 17 All Sunday School classes resume
Sept 19 Ladies Night Out | Dina’s | 7 PM
Sept 20 Theology on Tap | Game Day | 6:30 PM
Sept 22 Taste of Habitat | Tickets Only Event |
(See Max Epling or Mike Dooley)
Sept 25 Trunk or Treat | 6 PM
Oct 7 Blessing of Animals Service | 10 AM
Oct 15 Combined Worship | 10 AM | Fall Harvest
Oct 21 Talent Show & Dinner Fundraiser | 6 PM

OPENINGS AVAILABLE

One of the great things about Good Shepherd is our
friendliness and care we have for others; this is often
experienced during our fellowship time together. Our donut
calendar and our flower calendar have many open slots for
the remainder of the year. Will you consider signing up to
provide the refreshments to enhance our fellowship time
together. Or maybe you have a special occasion and would
like to honor or remember someone while enhancing the
beauty of our worship space with flowers? Please sign up in
the Administrative Hallway. Flowers \$40 | Donuts | \$30.
Please include a payment form.

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