

**GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**120 West Gano Chance Road**  
**Centralia, Missouri 65240**  
**Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**September 15, 2024**

Good Shepherd Congregation welcomes baptized Christians at its altar who accept the doctrine of the Lutheran Confessions. On the basis of the Bible, we believe that the Lord's body and blood are truly present, together with the consecrated bread and wine (Matthew 26:26-28). By faith a penitent sinner receives the forgiveness of sins and strengthening of faith (1 Corinthians 11:28,29; Hebrews 10:14, 18); that person is truly worthy who has faith in the words of Jesus, "Given and shed for you for the remission of sins," (Matthew 26:28) and our Lord would invite such a person to receive the Sacrament. Any visitors wishing to commune are kindly asked to speak to the Pastor or an Elder before the service.

**WELCOME**

**Pastor James Lanning**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING FOUR**  
**with Holy Communion**  
**Lutheran Service Book (LSB pp. 203-212)**

**OPENING HYMN – "Oh, How Great is Your Compassion"**

**LSB 559**

**CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION**

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**SERVICE OF THE WORD**

**INTROIT**

*Psalm 31:14–16; antiphon: v. 24*

Be strong, and let your heart take courage,

**all you who wait for the LORD!**

But I trust in you, O LORD;

**I say, "You are my God."**

My times are in your hand;

**rescue me from the hand of my enemies and from my persecutors!**

Make your face shine on your servant;

**save me in your steadfast love!**

**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.**

Be strong, and let your heart take courage,

**all you who wait for the LORD!**

**KYRIE and GLORIA IN EXCELSIS**

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**SALUTATION and COLLECT**

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**OLD TESTAMENT READING – Isaiah 50:4-10****Reader: Catherine Simmons**

(Isaiah urges a bold faith)

The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary. Morning by morning he awakens; he awakens my ear to hear as those who are taught. <sup>5</sup>The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I turned not backward. <sup>6</sup>I gave my back to those who strike, and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard; I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting. <sup>7</sup>But the Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame. <sup>8</sup>He who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who is my adversary? Let him come near to me. <sup>9</sup>Behold, the Lord GOD helps me; who will declare me guilty? Behold, all of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up. <sup>10</sup>Who among you fears the LORD and obeys the voice of his servant? Let him who walks in darkness and has no light trust in the name of the LORD and rely on his God.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE READING – James 3:1-12****Reader: Catherine Simmons**

(James warns against an uncontrolled tongue.)

<sup>3</sup>Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. <sup>2</sup>For we all stumble in many ways. And if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body. <sup>3</sup>If we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us, we guide their whole bodies as well. <sup>4</sup>Look at the ships also: though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. <sup>5</sup>So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things. How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire! <sup>6</sup>And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell. <sup>7</sup>For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind, <sup>8</sup>but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. <sup>9</sup>With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. <sup>10</sup>From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so. <sup>11</sup>Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and salt water? <sup>12</sup>Can a fig tree, my brothers, bear olives, or a grapevine produce figs? Neither can a salt pond yield fresh water.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**ALLELUIA and VERSE****P 205**

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the ninth chapter.

**All: Glory to You, O Lord.**

**HOLY GOSPEL – Mark 9:14-29**

(Jesus exorcizes a spirit after the disciples are not able.)

<sup>14</sup>And when they came to the disciples, they saw a great crowd around them, and scribes arguing with them. <sup>15</sup>And immediately all the crowd, when they saw him, were greatly amazed and ran up to him and greeted him. <sup>16</sup>And he asked them, “What are you arguing about with them?” <sup>17</sup>And someone from the crowd answered him, “Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a spirit that makes him mute. <sup>18</sup>And whenever it seizes him, it throws him down, and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid. So I asked your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able.” <sup>19</sup>And he answered them, “O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to me.” <sup>20</sup>And they brought the boy to him. And when the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the

ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. <sup>21</sup> And Jesus asked his father, “How long has this been happening to him?” And he said, “From childhood. <sup>22</sup> And it has often cast him into fire and into water, to destroy him. But if you can do anything, have compassion on us and help us.” <sup>23</sup> And Jesus said to him, “If you can! All things are possible for one who believes.” <sup>24</sup> Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, “I believe; help my unbelief!” <sup>25</sup> And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, “You mute and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him and never enter him again.” <sup>26</sup> And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse, so that most of them said, “He is dead.” <sup>27</sup> But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. <sup>28</sup> And when he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, “Why could we not cast it out?” <sup>29</sup> And he said to them, “This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to You, O Christ.**

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**SERMON HYMN: “Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”**

**LSB 849**

**MESSAGE – “I Believe, Help My Unbelief”**

**Pastor James Lanning**

**OFFERING**

**SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT**

**P 208-211**

**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:**

**“Oh, Lord, We Praise Thee”**

**LSB 617**

**“Take My Life and Let It Be**

**LSB 783**

**“Chief of Sinners Though I Be”**

**LSB 611**

**BENEDICAMUS and BENEDICTION**

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**CLOSING HYMN - “Let Me Be Thine Forever”**

**LSB 689**

**NEXT SUNDAY**

Adult Bible Study: 9:00 a.m.

Worship Service: 10:00 a.m.

**SEPTEMBER EVENTS**

9/17 Stewardship Workshop at Campus 5:30 pm

9/18 Adult Bible Study 10 am

9/18 Worship Committee 4:30 pm

9/18 ZOOM Prayer Group 8 pm

**9/21 OCC Craft Day**

9/25 Catherine Off through 10/3

9/25 Adult Bible Study 10 am

9/25 ZOOM Prayer Group 8 pm

**BIRTHDAYS – Donna Hoek – September 16; Benjamin Robertson – September 18; Gary Seider – September 18; Judy Mahieu – September 19; Wiley Rojas – September 21**

**ANNIVERSARIES** –no anniversaries this next week.

## **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

**Robert Moss (Brenda’s husband)**–recent surgery for melanoma; **Steve Buckert**–cancer treatments; **Leah Morgan**–Andy Morgan’s sister-in-law-recovering from injuries from car accident/mourning her husband; **Jase Morgan**-nephew of Andy Morgan-mourning his father; **Jenni Murray**-Margaret Parker’s daughter-injured in motorcycle accident; **Savannah Tarwater**-high risk pregnancy, baby has CDH; **Ron Borgman**; **Bruce Mills**–(Jacki’s brother-in-law)–health issues; **Sheryl Morgan** (mother of Andy Morgan)–death of son/health issues; **Ryan James**-cousin of Betsy Cochran–health issues; **Dick St. John**–Brenda Moss’ father–health issues; **Sherry Morse**–health issues; **Kim & Terry Decker**–health issues; **Craig**–suffering with spinal stenosis-friend of Randy Simmons; **Verda Adkisson**; **Mark Blanton**–Betsy Cochran’s cousin–waiting for liver transplant; **Susan Ross**; **Ed & Ernestine Ramsey**; **Bill & Judy Mahieu**; **Kyle Lutz**–recovering from kidney/pancreas transplant; **Bonnie Berthelsen**; **Mark Ramsey**; **Calvin Stemme**–treatment for cancer; **Julia Rainey**; **Jane St. John**; **Dennis & Jackie Nadler**; **Susan Harris**; **Wayne Nolan**–stepfather of Jeff Jaeger; **Michelle Smith**–daughter of Jane St John; **Arla Benskin**–daughter of Mary Brechler.

**Missionaries - Pastor Tim Schulte** and wife **Erin**

**Community Prayers: Father Mike Coleman**; **Evie Ross**–infant needs heart transplant; **Dylan Dick**-health issues; **David**–health issues; **Fran Schnarre**–health issues.

**ARMED FORCES: Brandon and Jesse Lowery**, U.S. Navy–brothers of Rachel Rojas; **Donevin Leonard**, U.S. Marine Corps–grandson of Russell & Jacki Stelzer; **Chris Chism**, U.S. Navy–son of Vickie & Eric Chism; grandson of Barbara Fischer; **Brittany Macklin**–great-niece of Ernestine Ramsey; **Zachary Warden**–grandson of Betty Warden; Community: **Ray Finlay**, U.S. Army

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Philippians Stewardship Workshop** at Campus on Tuesday, September 17<sup>th</sup> – meal at 5:30. There is no cost to attend; register on the MO District website to make sure an appropriate number of meals will be available. <https://modistrictlcms.regfox.com/2024-philippians-workshop>

Worship Committee meets at 4:30 on Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup>. Please join us to help select hymns sung during the worship services.

**October Newsletter** articles and pictures are due by 10:00 am on September 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Another **Operation Christmas Child Craft Day** is planned for September 21<sup>st</sup>. Please watch for additional information.

## **Welcome and Prayer Request Cards**

Please place any prayer request cards in the offering plate when it comes around. The ushers will give them to the pastor. Please complete the welcome card and leave it at the end of your pew. Thank you.

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