

**GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**120 West Gano Chance Road**  
**Centralia, Missouri 65240**  
**Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany**  
**February 9, 2025**

**THEME: STEWARD RELATIONSHIP: SELF**

**AS WE GATHER**

At one time the apostle Paul persecuted Christians. He hunted them down and threw them into prison. But after Paul was confronted by the risen Savior on the road to Damascus, he was forever changed. Paul saw the miracle of a new birth take place within himself, and he became God's faithful steward. He went where God sent him sharing the good news of salvation in Jesus Christ. In Romans 12, Paul reminds us that in our relationship with ourselves we are stewards of our understanding of who we are as children of God.

**WELCOME**

**Pastor James Lanning**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**DIVINE SERVICE (Setting Two)**  
**Lutheran Service Book pp. 167-183**

**OPENING HYMN – “Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service”**

**LSB 848**

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

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**SERVICE OF THE WORD**

**INTROIT**

*Psalm 139:13–14*

<sup>13</sup> For you formed my inward parts;

**you knitted me together in my mother's womb.**

<sup>14</sup> I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

**Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well.**

**OLD TESTAMENT – Isaiah 43:1-11 (ESV)**  
**(Israel's Only Savior)**

**Reader: Catherine Simmons**

But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: “Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. <sup>2</sup>When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. <sup>3</sup>For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Cush and Seba in exchange for you. <sup>4</sup>Because you are precious in my eyes, and honored, and I love you, I give men in return for you, peoples in exchange for your life. <sup>5</sup>Fear not, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you. <sup>6</sup>I will say to the north, Give up, and to the south, Do not withhold; bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the end of the earth, <sup>7</sup>everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.” <sup>8</sup>Bring out the people who are blind, yet have eyes, who are deaf, yet have ears! <sup>9</sup>All the nations gather together, and the peoples assemble. Who among them can declare this, and show us the former things? Let them bring their witnesses to prove them right, and let them hear and say, It is true. <sup>10</sup>“You are my witnesses,” declares the Lord, “and my servant whom I have chosen, that you may know and believe

me and understand that I am he. Before me, no god was formed, nor shall there be any after me. <sup>11</sup>I, I am the Lord, and besides me there is no savior.

**Reader:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE – Romans 12:1-9 (ESV)**  
**(The Mercies-Given Life)**

**Reader: Catherine Simmons**

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. <sup>2</sup>Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. <sup>3</sup>For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. <sup>4</sup>For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, <sup>5</sup>so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. <sup>6</sup>Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; <sup>7</sup>if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; <sup>8</sup>the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness. <sup>9</sup>Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**ALLELUIA AND VERSE**

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**HOLY GOSPEL**

**Mark 10:23-31**

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

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

**(In Christ we receive eternal life)**

Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How difficult it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” <sup>24</sup>And the disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how difficult it is to enter the kingdom of God! <sup>25</sup>It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God.” <sup>26</sup>And they were exceedingly astonished, and said to him, “Then who can be saved?” <sup>27</sup>Jesus looked at them and said, “With man it is impossible, but not with God. For all things are possible with God.” <sup>28</sup>Peter began to say to him, “See, we have left everything and followed you.” <sup>29</sup>Jesus said, “Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands, for my sake and for the gospel, <sup>30</sup>who will not receive a hundredfold now in this time, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and in the age to come eternal life. <sup>31</sup>But many who are first will be last, and the last first.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**HYMN OF THE DAY – “Praise to You and Adoration”**

**LSB 692**

**MESSAGE: “Who am I to Myself?”**

**Pastor Lanning**

**OFFERING/OFFERTORY**

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## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

### BENEDICTION

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### SENDING HYMN – “The Church’s One Foundation”

LSB 644

### NEXT SUNDAY

Adult Bible Study: 9:00 a.m. **Steward Relationship: Others** (led by Pastor Lanning)

Worship Service: 10:00 a.m.

### FEBRUARY EVENTS

2.10 LWML - 1pm

2.12 – 2.15 Pastor and Catherine at Best Practices

2.12 ZOOM Prayer Group – 8 pm

2.13 Heritage Hall – 2 pm

2.15 Sweetheart Dinner – starts 5 pm

2.19 Adult Bible Study - 10 am

2.19 Worship Committee – 4 pm

2.19 ZOOM Prayer Group – 8 pm

2.26 Adult Bible Study – 10 am

2.26 ZOOM Prayer Group – 8 pm

**BIRTHDAY** – **Travis Banks** – February 13. **ANNIVERSARY** – none the remainder of the month.

### PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

**Jon Hoek** – recovering from surgical repair of Rotator Cuff ; **Mark Hyde** – hip fracture; **Tammy Morgan** – (Sherry Morse’s daughter) – health issues; **Bill Mahieu** – at Heritage Hall; **Ken Manola** – shoulder injury; **Bob Moss** – (Brenda’s husband) – heart attack and surgery to place stent; **Christina DeJesus (Jane St. John’s daughter)** – health issues; **Savannah and Taylor**-parents of Reagan Louise; **Reagan Louise**–in NICU recovering from surgery for repair of Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia; **Brenda Belt** (Henry Rainey’s sister) – Stage IV Cancer; **Grace** – health issues (friend of Hannah Lanning); **Steve Buckert** – cancer treatments; **Jenni Murray**-Margaret Parker’s daughter-injured in motorcycle accident; **Ron Borgman**; **Ryan James**-cousin of Betsy Cochran–health issues; **Dick St. John**–Brenda Moss’s father–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; **Ed & Ernestine Ramsey**; **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; **Gail Dobbs**-cancer treatments.

**ARMED FORCES:** **Christopher Thompson**, U. S. Navy – cousin of Hannah Lanning; **Brandon Lowery**, U.S. Navy–brother 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

Pastor Lanning and Catherine will be out of the office on Thursday and Friday (February 13/14) to attend the **Best practices Conference** in Phoenix, AZ.

**SWEETHEART DINNER** is February 15<sup>th</sup>; it's not too late to make your reservations. Childcare is available as well as carry-out meals. Please see Alane Gronefeld, Ann Seider or call the church office. Proceeds help with expenses for the National Youth Gathering for Senior Youth.

**THANK YOU!!** To the retiring Good Shepherd council members for your service. Curt Nadler – Elder; Danny Nadler – Council President; Donna Hoek – Council Secretary; Tracy Jaeger – Financial Secretary; Henry Rainey – Trustee.

Starting **February 17<sup>th</sup>** my office hours will be 12:15-4:15 M-F through April 15<sup>th</sup>. Catherine

**Good Shepherd** will be joining **Campus Lutheran** for the **Serving Challenge** during Lent. The



book will be utilized during the Adult Bible Study on Sunday mornings beginning March 9th. A few copies are available for \$24.28 (see Catherine) or you can order from the Red Letter living website <https://redletterchallenge.com/store-products> for \$24.99.

### 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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