

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST September 26, 2021 9:30 A.M.

WELCOME! We are delighted to have you worship with us. If you do not have a church home, we invite you to share ours. Please sign our "Friendship Register" providing the requested information. Be sure to introduce yourself to Pastor Andrew; he would love to meet you.

A NURSERY FOR CHILDREN 4 years old and under is provided during worship services.

For those remaining in the sanctuary, Quiet Bags filled with activities are hanging on the coat racks in the Narthex. Parents of young children are invited to pick up a bag at the beginning of the service. Ushers can direct you to their location. Children's bulletins containing activities related to the day are also available from the ushers.

ALL BAPTIZED CHRISTIANS ARE WELCOME TO THE FEAST AT THE LORD'S TABLE.

If you are unable to come forward for communion, please notify an usher so that communion may be brought to you at your seat. If you are unable to receive either the bread or wine, please be assured that the fullness of our Lord's presence is complete in either element alone. Gluten-free wafers are available; please let the communion server know of your need. Young children who commune should be assisted by their parents

A PRAYER BOX is located in the Narthex for any Prayer Requests that you might have.

PLEASE SEE THE CALENDAR in this bulletin for a listing of events taking place at Good Shepherd this week. There is also a monthly calendar on the web page at www.gslc.com.

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND WORSHIP, our services are live-streamed and archived for viewing at other times. See the web page at www.gslc.com for links to these services.

THE GOOD SHEPHERD FOOD PANTRY collects non-perishable food items throughout the month with special emphasis on collection the third Sunday of every month. It is open for distribution Wednesdays from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

REMEMBER YOUR CHURCH FAMILY, especially those you have not seen for a while. Send a card, make a phone call, or pay a visit. Let them know we love and care for them and wish them God's blessings.

THE CHURCH OFFICE is closed on Saturdays and Sundays. Office hours are Monday – Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Friday 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. In the event of an emergency, call the church office at (803) 787-4413 or Pastor Andrew Isenhower at (803) 409-8270. His email address is pastor@gslc.com.

+ ORDER OF WORSHIP +

+ GATHERING +

As we gather for worship, please be aware of those around you who may be in a time of quiet reflection before the service starts. Please remember to silence any electronic devices.

Prelude

O GOD OF EVERY NATION

SADOWSKI

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS TEMPLE TALK

CHRIS HERRMANN

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS Congregation stands.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, whose teaching is life, whose presence is sure, and whose love is endless. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God our comforter:

like lost sheep, we have gone astray. We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity. We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression. We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed. Free us from our sin, gracious God. Listen when we call out to you for help. Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves. Amen.

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. By the gift of grace in + Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous. Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins. **Amen.**

> The congregation stands and turns to face the cross in procession, reminding us that Christ leads us into the presence and love of God.

GATHERING HYMN 558

 Lord God, we praise you, now the night is over, active and watchful, standing here before

you; singing, we offer prayer and meditation; thus we adore you.

2 Monarch of all things, fit us for your mansions; banish our weakness, health and wholeness sending;

bring us to heaven, where your saints united joy without ending.

LORD GOD, WE PRAISE YOU

3 All-holy Father, Son, and equal Spirit, Trinity blessed, send us your salvation; yours is the glory, gleaming and resounding through all creation.

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Generous God, your Son gave his life that we might come to peace with you. Give us a share of your Spirit, and in all we do empower us to bear the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

+ WORD +

FIRST READING Congregation sits.

A reading from Numbers.

⁴The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, "If only we had meat to eat! ⁵We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; ⁶but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at."

¹⁰Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the LORD became very angry, and Moses was displeased. ¹¹So Moses said to the LORD, "Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? ¹²Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, 'Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child, to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors'? ¹³Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, 'Give us meat to eat!' ¹⁴I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. ¹⁵If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery." ¹⁶So the LORD said to Moses, "Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you."

²⁴So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. ²⁵Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again. ²⁶Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. ²⁷And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." ²⁸And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, "My lord Moses, stop them!" ²⁹But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD's people were prophets, and that the LORD would put his spirit on them!"

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 19:7-14

Congregation sings the bold verses.

⁷The teaching of the LORD is perfect and re-¹ vives the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to ¹ the simple. ⁸The statutes of the LORD are just and re-¹ joice the heart; the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light ¹ to the eyes. ⁹The fear of the LORD is clean and en-¹ dures forever; the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous ¹ altogether. ¹⁰More to be desired are they than gold, more than ¹ much fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey ¹ in the comb. ¹¹By them also is your ser-¹ vant enlightened, and in keeping them there is ¹ great reward. ¹²Who can detect one's ¹ own offenses? Cleanse me from my ¹ secret faults.

NUMBERS 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

¹³Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion [|] over me; then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a [|] great offense.

¹⁴Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable | in your sight, O LORD, my strength and | my redeemer.

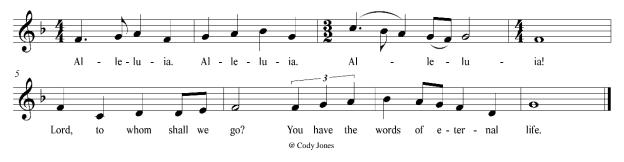
SECOND READING

A reading from James.

¹³Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. ¹⁴Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. ¹⁶Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. ¹⁷Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. ¹⁸Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest. ¹⁹My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, ²⁰you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Congregation stands.



GOSPEL

MARK 9:38-50

JAMES 5:13-20

The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁸John said to [Jesus,] "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." ³⁹But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. ⁴⁰Whoever is not against us is for us. ⁴¹For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward. ⁴²"If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. ⁴³If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. ⁴⁵And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell. ⁴⁷And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, ⁴⁸where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched. ⁴⁹"For everyone will be salted with fire. ⁵⁰Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another." The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S TIME Congregation sits.

SERMON

HYMN OF DAY 800 Congregation stands.

 Spirit of God, descend upon my heart; wean it from earth, through all its pulses move; stoop to my weakness, strength to me impart,

and make me love you as I ought to love.

2 I ask no dream, no prophet ecstasies, no sudden rending of the veil of clay, no angel visitant, no op'ning skies; but take the dimness of my soul away.

PASTOR ANDREW ISENHOWER

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SPIRIT OF GOD, DESCEND UPON MY HEART

- 3 Have you not bid me love you, God and King; all, all your own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind?I see your cross; there teach my heart to cling.Oh, let me seek you and, oh, let me find!
- 4 Teach me to love you as your angels love, one holy passion filling all my frame: the baptism of the heav'n-descended dove, my heart an altar, and your love the flame.

APOSTLES' CREED

God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION Congregation kneels or sits.

Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

We pray for the church and its ministry. Bless the newly baptized and encourage them in their journey of faith. Sustain all members of the body of Christ in lives of prayer, service, and worship. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We pray for natural wonders of your creation. Restore damaged forests, waterways and natural habitats and lead us to be good stewards of what you have provided. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our praver.**

We pray for those in authority. Give them wise minds and compassionate hearts. Strengthen in them a desire to protect the vulnerable and care for those underserved. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We pray for those who are struggling with cancer, dementia, or any other disease. Provide them with peace and resilience for the days ahead. Sustain caregivers with energy and patience. We especially pray for all those on our prayer list and those whom we name now: (*names are lifted up aloud or silently*). Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We pray for the worship leaders of this congregation: musicians, readers, acolytes, crucifers, altar guild members, those who assist with our livestream, and ushers. Bless us through their ministry and grant them the passion to continue in their service. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for all your saints, those we have loved and known and those from every time and place. Continue to guide us by their example and reassure us of your promised salvation. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

PEACE *Congregation stands.* The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

+ MEAL +

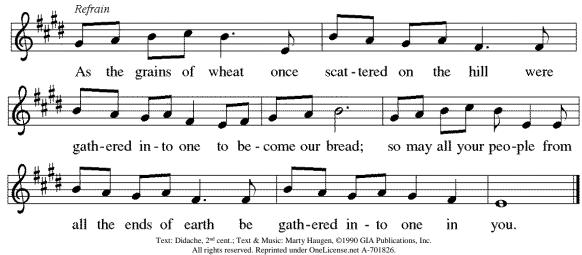
OFFERING Congregation sits.

ANTHEM

CHRIST IS OUR LIFE

JONES

OFFERING SONG (Congregation stands.)



OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

God of abundance, you cause streams to break forth in the desert and manna to rain from the heavens. Accept the gifts you have first given us. Unite them with the offering of our lives to nourish the world you love so dearly; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING Congregation stands.

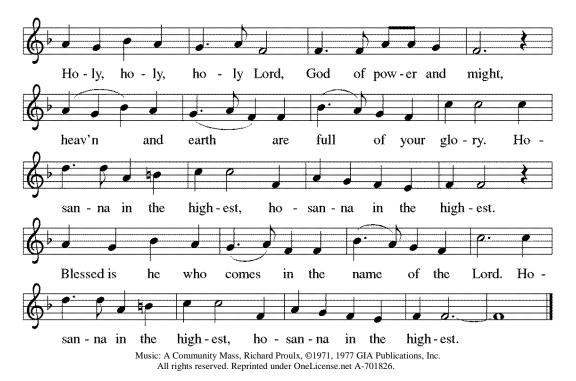
The Lord be with you. And also with you.

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.

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 their unending hymn:



EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory. Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all glory and honor, now and forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

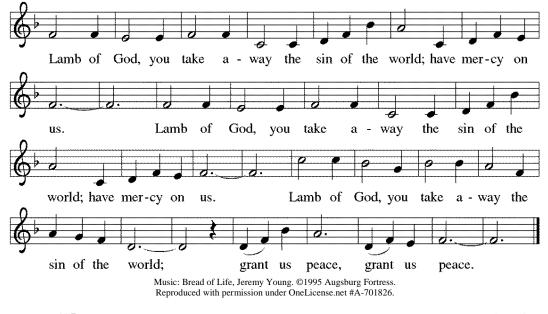
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All who hunger and thirst, come. The table is ready. **Thanks be to God!**

COMMUNION Congregation sits.

For the baptized who believe that Christ is present in the bread and wine, we invite you to come feast with us at the table of the Lord.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION



HYMN 615 HYMN 471

IN ALL OUR GRIEF Let US Break Bread Together

BLESSING OF THE COMMUNICANTS Congregation stands.

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Lord of life, in the gift of your body and blood you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation. Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy, bearing witness to the abundance of your love in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

+ SENDING +

BENEDICTION

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

The congregation faces the cross as it leaves the sanctuary, following the cross as we follow Jesus into the world. All remain facing the cross for the dismissal.

SENDING HYMN 713

- 1 O God of ev'ry nation, of ev'ry race and land, redeem your whole creation with your almighty hand; where hate and fear divide us and bitter threats are hurled, in love and mercy guide us and heal our strife-torn world.
- 2 From search for wealth and power and scorn of truth and right, from trust in bombs that shower destruction through the night, from pride of race and station and blindness to your way, deliver ev'ry nation, eternal God, we pray.

O GOD OF EVERY NATION

- 3 Lord, strengthen all who labor that all may find release from fear of rattling saber, from dread of war's increase; when hope and courage falter, Lord, let your voice be heard; with faith that none can alter, your servants undergird.
- 4 Keep bright in us the vision of days when war shall cease, when hatred and division give way to love and peace, till dawns the morning glorious when truth and love shall reign, and Christ shall rule victorious o'er all the world's domain.

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Allegro moderato

WARLOCK

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LET US REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Blue Ridge of Sumter – Virginia Stephens Brickmont of John's Creek Assisted Living – Lena Duncan Colonial Gardens Nursing Home – Irene S. Poole Lowman Home – Rosemarie Brown, Marianne De Werdt NHC Parklane – Mary Allen, Becky Silvia The Palmettos – Sara Loyd Rice Estate – Grace Boozer Wellmore of Lexington – Dot Correll Wellmore of Lexington – Dot Correll Wellmore of Daniel Island – Barbara Sutton Wildewood Downs – Joanna Carpenter At their homes – Gwen Barnes, Joye Broome, Susan Burch (*in Greenville with her sister*), Helen Derrick, Sylvia Anne Derrick, Larry Evans, Dot Gibert, Bonnie Hammond, Jeannine Jameson, Mary Sox,

SEPTEMBER 19, 2021 ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS

9:30 a.m. In-Sanctuary Worship Service: 83

*Budgeted Weekly Benevolence Collections needed: \$8,729 *Current Expenses & Benevolences Received: \$5,867

School Supply Drive	\$25	Sept Social Ministry Focus – Big Red Barn Retreat	\$200
Office Windows Replacement Fund	\$125	Rick Inman Office Windows Replacement Fund Memorial	\$645
Food Pantry	\$40	Memorial Fund	\$280
Lutheran Disaster Response	\$150	Youth Mission Fund – Contributions	\$25
Capital Improvements	\$100		

OTHER MISCELLANEOUS OFFERINGS

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given by Carolyn Adams to the Glory of God and in memory of her loving husband Ray.

THE ALTAR ROSE is given by Don Caughman to the Glory of God and in memory of Alice Riley for her 98th birthday September 23 and in memory of Margaret Moody for her 92nd birthday September 28.

2022 ELCA YOUTH GATHERING – The 2022 ELCA National Youth Gathering will be held July 24-28, 2022. The tAble and MYLE will be held July 21-24, 2022. All students in grades 8-12 in the fall 2021 school year are eligible to attend. If any adult or student is interested in attending, please complete the registration form found on the table in the Narthex and place it in the offering plate.

SOCIAL MINISTRY EMPHASIS FOR SEPTEMBER – The social ministry emphasis for September at Good Shepherd is the Big Red Barn Retreat in Blythewood. The Big Red Barn provides a variety of therapeutic services for military veterans, active duty personnel and first responders at little or no cost to them. Donations will be accepted all during the month of September. You may put donations in the offering plate at worship or send them to the church office. Checks should be made to Good Shepherd and designated for Big Red Barn Retreat. To learn more about the organization and the services offered, go to the Big Red Barn Retreat website or call Don Caughman at 803-318-0236.

LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE – If you would like to help the victims of Hurricane Ida in Louisiana and Mississippi, giving to Lutheran Disaster Response is a great way to do it. All money donated to LDR goes directly to provide services to those in need. LDR takes care of immediate needs such as food, basic necessities and temporary housing, as well as long term needs to help victims get their lives back together. You may make contributions through Good Shepherd (designate checks for LDR), or you may send contributions directly to Lutheran Disaster Response, P. O. Box 1809, Merrifield, VA 29116-8009. LDR also is providing support for victims of the earthquake in Haiti, wildfires in the western U.S., and other disasters.

<u>Serving at Worship – September 26, 2021</u>		
USHERS	Chris Herrmann, Sid Havird, Dick Sturkie	
CRUCIFER	Lennae Sox	
LECTOR	Suzanne Sanders	
COMMUNION ASST	Joey Allison	
ALTAR GUILD	Marcia Woodward, Karen Lucas, Anna-Marie Plyler	
NURSERY	Alexis Boyles, Heavenly Edenfield	
TABULATORS	Mitch Uehling, Karen Lucas	
OPENING BUILDINGS	Joey Allison	
CC PERSON OF MONTH	Jamie Sanders	

THIS WEEK AT GSLC:

September 26	9:15-10:45 a.m. Nursery open
	9:30 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Korean Lutheran Worship Service (FAB)
	10:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School (CL 1)
	12:00 noon [private event] Memorial Garden – Ray Adams
September 27	6:30 p.m. NA (Conference Room)
September 28	11:30 a.m. Bible Study (FAB)
September 29	8:00 a.m. Zoom Bible Study
	6:30 p.m. NA (Conference Room)
October 1-3	WELCA retreat at Isle of Palms
October 3	9:15-10:45 a.m. Nursery open
	9:30 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Korean Lutheran Worship Service (FAB)
	10:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School (CL 1)

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