

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST AUGUST 7, 2022 GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

✠ GATHERING ✠

PRELUDE

HAVE NO FEAR, LITTLE FLOCK

BURKHARDT

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS *Please sign the attendance sheet.*

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *Congregation stands.*

In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive 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.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God 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.

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

GATHERING HYMN 733

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

1 Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not;
as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

2 Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Refrain

Refrain

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy
faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Refrain

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

Refrain



Now the feast and cel - e - bra-tion, all of cre - a - tion
sings for joy, to the God of life and love and freedom;
praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!

1. Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has
Refrain
freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.

2. Pow-er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and
Refrain
glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.

3. For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo - ple of
Refrain
God; to make all things new.

Refrain



Now the feast and cel - e - bra-tion, all of cre - a - tion
sings for joy, to the God of life and love and freedom;
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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

✠ WORD ✠

FIRST READING *Congregation sits.*

GENESIS 15:1-6

A reading from Genesis.

¹After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, “Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” ²But Abram said, “O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” ³And Abram said, “You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.” ⁴But the word of the LORD came to him, “This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.” ⁵He brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your descendants be.” ⁶And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 33:12-22

¹²Happy is the nation whose God ¹ is the LORD!

Happy the people chosen to ¹ be God’s heritage!

¹³**The LORD looks ¹ down from heaven,
and sees all ¹ humankind.**

¹⁴God sits firmly en- ¹ throned and watches
all who dwell ¹ on the earth.

¹⁵**God fashions ¹ all their hearts
and observes ¹ all their deeds.**

¹⁶A king is not saved by the size ¹ of the army,
nor are warriors rescued by ¹ their great strength.

¹⁷**The horse gives vain ¹ hope for victory;
despite its great strength it ¹ cannot save.**

¹⁸Truly, your eye is upon those who fear ¹ you, O LORD,
upon those who wait for your ¹ steadfast love,

¹⁹**to deliver their ¹ lives from death,
and to keep them alive in ¹ time of famine.**

²⁰Our innermost being waits for ¹ you, O LORD,
our helper ¹ and our shield.

²¹**Surely, our heart rejoic- ¹ es in you,
for in your holy name we ¹ put our trust.**

²²Let your lovingkindness, O LORD, ¹ be upon us,
even as we place our ¹ hope in you.

SECOND READING

HEBREWS 11:1-3, 8-16

A reading from Hebrews.

¹Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ²Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

⁸By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. ¹²Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead,

descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.”
¹³All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, ¹⁴for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Congregation stands.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al-le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
 words of e - ter - nal life. Al-le - lu - ia.
 Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.
 Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL

LUKE 12:32-40

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ³²“Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

³³Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. ³⁵“Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. ³⁹“But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S SERMON *Congregation sits.*

PASTOR ANDREW ISENHOWER

SERMON

PASTOR ANDREW ISENHOWER

HYMN OF THE DAY *Congregation stands.*

HAVE NO FEAR, LITTLE FLOCK

1 Have no fear, lit - tle flock; have no fear, lit - tle
2 Have good cheer, lit - tle flock; have good cheer, lit - tle
3 Praise the Lord high a - bove; praise the Lord high a -
4 Thank - ful hearts raise to God; thank - ful hearts raise to

flock, for the Fa - ther has cho - sen to
flock, for the Fa - ther will keep you in
bove, for he stoops down to heal you, up -
God, for he stays close be - side you, in

give you the king - dom; have no fear, lit - tle flock!
his love for - ev - er; have good cheer, lit - tle flock!
lift and re - store you; praise the Lord high a - bove!
all things works with you; thank - ful hearts raise to God!

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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.*

Trusting in God's extraordinary love, let us come near to the Holy One in prayer.

A brief silence.

Let your lovingkindness be upon your church. Fill all who proclaim the gospel with your Spirit. Equip your flock to speak your word of promise and hope in the midst of fear and uncertainty. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Let your lovingkindness be upon your creation. Dwell among us and sustain our earthly home. In places of famine, provide nourishment. In places of plenty, fashion us to be good stewards of your bounty. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Let your lovingkindness be upon your world. Be our helper and our shield in places torn by strife, violence, and disaster. We pray especially for the people of Ukraine and other nations experiencing warfare, as well as for the people of Eastern Kentucky and other places impacted by floods and other calamities. Raise up courageous leaders to govern with compassion and justice. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Let your lovingkindness be upon your children. Look upon all who wait for your steadfast love. Console those who grieve and embrace those who cry out to you, especially those whom we name now: *(names are shared from the assembly)*. Help us to trust your promise and not be afraid. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Let your lovingkindness be upon this community. Fashion our hearts to strive for the way of peace. Strengthen the outreach ministries of this congregation and all who care for those in need. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

With thanksgiving we remember all who have died in faith and now rest in you. As they placed their hope in you, so strengthen us to trust in your promise of new life. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ, our holy Wisdom.

Amen.

PEACE *Congregation stands.*

The peace of Christ be with you always.

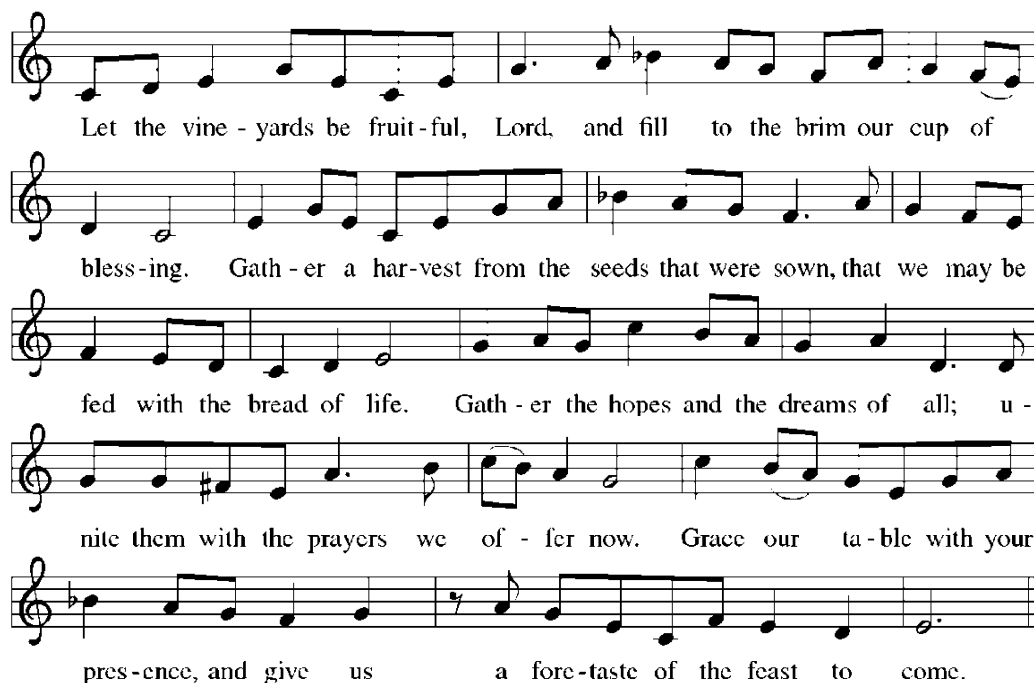
And also with you.

✠ MEAL ✠

OFFERING *Congregation sits.*

ANTHEM

OFFERING SONG *Congregation stands.*



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be
fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -
nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

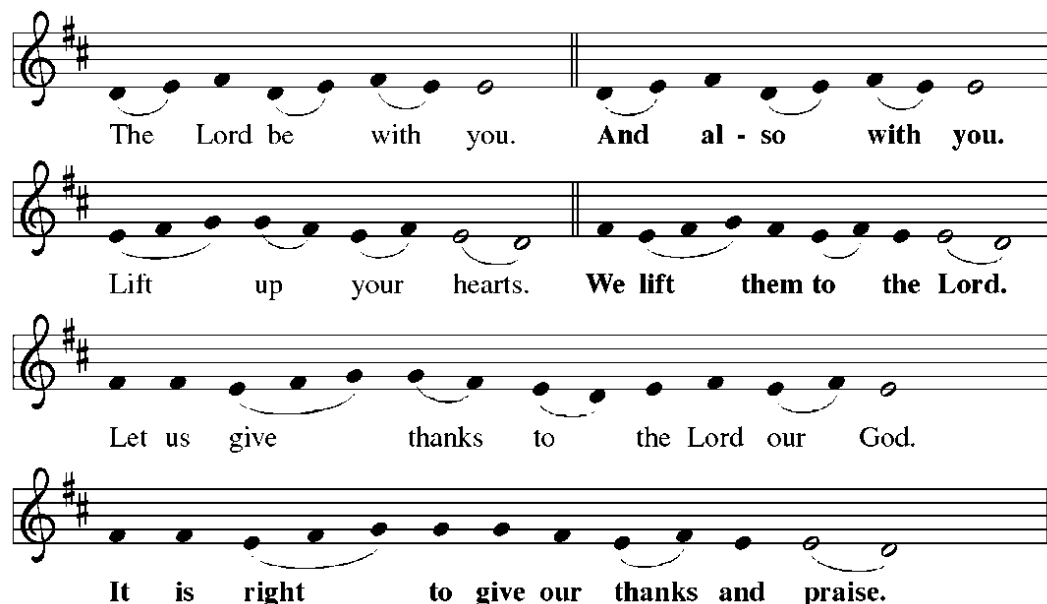
OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

God of abundance: you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING



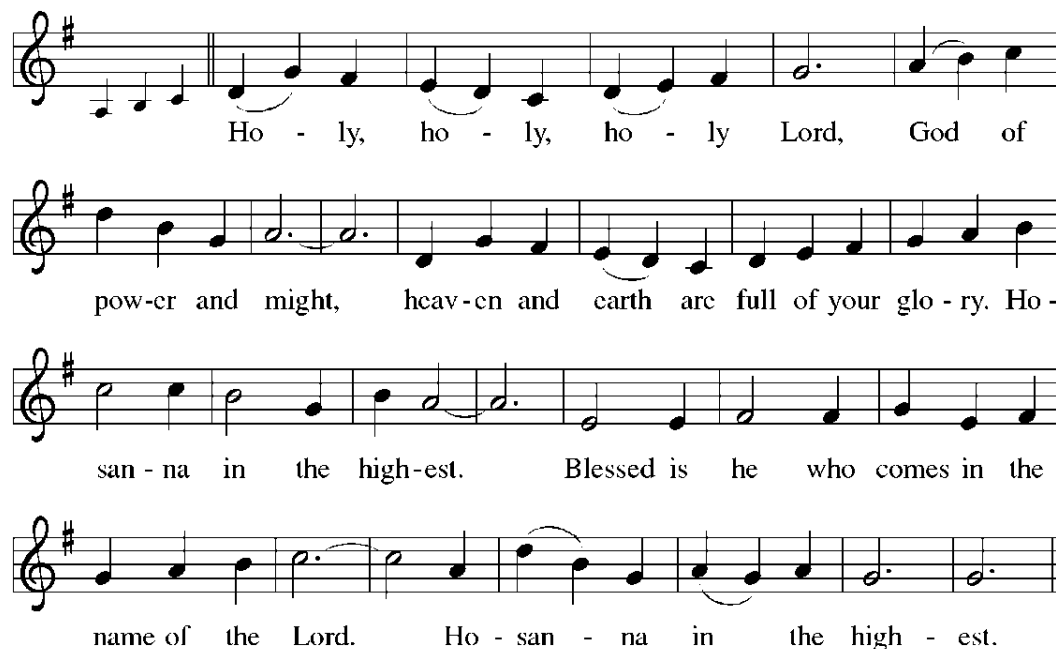
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of

pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the

name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC 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

In Christ's presence there is fullness of joy.

Come to the banquet.

Thanks be to God!

COMMUNION *Congregation sits.*

All baptized Christians are welcome at the Lord's table. Young children who commune should be assisted by their parents. 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. Gluten-free wafers and grape juice are available; please let the communion server know of your need. After communing, please return to your seat. If you are unable to come to the altar, please notify an usher so that communion may be brought to you.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN 635

WE WALK BY FAITH

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.

Life-giving God, through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy.

Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus.

Amen.

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 597

1 My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
no merit of my own I claim,
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand.

2 When darkness veils his lovely face,
I rest on his unchanging grace;
in ev'ry high and stormy gale
my anchor holds within the veil. *Refrain*

MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING LESS

3 His oath, his covenant, his blood
sustain me in the raging flood;
when all supports are washed away,
he then is all my hope and stay. *Refrain*

4 When he shall come with trumpet sound,
oh, may I then in him be found,
clothed in his righteousness alone,
redeemed to stand before the throne! *Refrain*

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Love your neighbor.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING LESS

ASHMORE

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LET US REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Brickmont of John's Creek Assisted Living – Lena Duncan

Lowman Home – Rosemarie Brown, Marianne De Werdt

The Palmettos – Sara Loyd

Rice Estate – Grace Boozer

Wellmore of Lexington – Dot Correll

Wellmore of Daniel Island – Barbara Sutton

Wildewood Downs – Joanna Carpenter, Dot Gibert

At their homes – Gwen Barnes, Susan Burch (*in Mauldin*), Helen Derrick, Sylvia Anne Derrick, Larry Evans, Bonnie Hammond, Jeannine Jameson, and Frances Plyler

JULY 31, 2022 ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS

9:30 a.m. In-Sanctuary Worship Service: 92 Sunday School: 19

***Budgeted Weekly Benevolence Collections needed: \$9,049**

***Current Expenses & Benevolences Received: \$9,945**

OTHER MISCELLANEOUS OFFERINGS

School Supply Drive	\$200	August Social Ministry Focus – Big Red Barn	\$100
Memorial Fund	\$270	Sunday School – Adult	\$15
		Noisy Offering – St. Lawrence Place / Carolina Wildlife Center	\$504

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given by Jean Cockrell to the Glory of God and for beauty in worship.

THE ALTAR ROSE is given by Don Caughman to the Glory of God and in honor of Blake Gross for his 12th birthday today.

THE NARTHEX FLOWERS are given by Ed and Marcia Woodward to the Glory of God and in to the glory of God and in honor of their 44th wedding anniversary on August 12.

TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME – Lutheran Men invite church members and their friends to a family night at the Columbia Fireflies, Saturday, September 10 at 6:05 p.m. at Segra Park. Tickets have been purchased and will be on sale in the Narthex on August 7, 14, and 21 for \$12.00 per person, or \$20.00 for a seat plus a pre-paid voucher for a hot dog, chips, and soft drink.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING — There will be a Property Committee meeting on Monday, August 8 in classroom 1 at 5:30 p.m.

PATHFINDERS OF GOOD SHEPHERD will hold its regular monthly gathering on Wednesday, August 10 at 12 noon in the FAB. Sheriff Leon Lott will be our guest presenter, addressing safety and security issues. A catered deli lunch will be served. Cost is \$8 per person. Come and be a part of this great group!

MEET, GREET, AND EAT ICE CREAM! – Parish Life is sponsoring an ice cream social to welcome our new intern, Laura Henrickson. Please come to meet and greet Laura and her husband, Thomas, in the FAB on Sunday, August 14 from 4:00-6:00 p.m. This is also an opportunity to bring donations for our Back to School Supply Drive.

WELCA OF GOOD SHEPHERD will be hosting the Prayer Breakfast in the FAB on Saturday, August 20 at 9:30 a.m. All ladies of Good Shepherd are welcome. Feel free to also bring guests. Dallas Shealy will speak about the activity of the Retreat Center and we will take up a love offering for the Retreat Centers.

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE –Social Ministry is collecting school supplies during August for Bradley and Forest Lake Elementary Schools. Copies of the supplies wish list and the collection box are outside the church office. If you prefer to make a cash donation, use a pink Special Offering Envelope and mark it for School Supply Drive.

GATHERINGS WITH PASTOR ANDREW – Mutual Ministry has begun the process of identifying hosts, and small group gatherings have begun! Hosts in your geographical area will be contacting you with a date/time/location to gather with Pastor Andrew. Please let your host or a Mutual Ministry member know if you cannot attend in-person and require a Zoom gathering. Questions: Amanda Snodgrass 803-422-7105.

SIGN UP TO OFFER FLOWERS — The sign-up chart for offering flowers is on the **BULLETIN BOARD** in the Narthex. Please sign up – with your phone number – for the dates you want to offer flowers in 2022. Altar Flowers are \$70, the Altar Rose is \$10, and Narthex Flowers are \$50.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY bulletins are **due by noon each Wednesday**. Email your announcements to Deborah Mitchell, Parish Administrator, at parishadmin@gscl.com.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

USHERS	David Lucas, Karen Lucas, Michael Brown
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COMMUNION ASST	Mike Weaver
ACOLYTE	Blake Gross
CRUCIFER	Savannah Gross
NURSERY	Alexis Boyles, Shayla Williams
ALTAR GUILD	Gaye Tucker, Debi Powell
TABULATORS	Jim Tucker, Becky Shealy
OPENING BUILDINGS	Don Caughman
CC PERSON OF MONTH	Mike Weaver

THIS WEEK AT GSLC:

August 7	9:30 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary) 10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Korean Lutheran Service (Youth Room) 10:45 a.m. Summer Sunday School for All Ages (CL 1)
August 8	5:30 p.m. Property Committee meeting (CL 1) 6:00 p.m. GSLC Foundation meeting (CL 2) 6:00 p.m. NA (Conference Room)
August 9	11:30 a.m. Bible Study (Conference Room)
August 10	8:00 a.m. Zoom Bible Study 12 noon POGS lunch meeting (FAB) 6:00 p.m. NA (Conference Room)
August 11	1:00 p.m. set up for Fun Fridays (FAB) 5:30 p.m. Learning Committee meeting (Conference Room) 6:00 p.m. [private event] Friendly Atmosphere mentoring (Youth Room)
August 12	6:00 p.m. Fun Fridays (FAB)
August 14	9:30 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary) 10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Korean Lutheran Service (Youth Room) 10:45 a.m. Summer Sunday School for All Ages (CL 1) 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. Meet, Greet, and Eat Ice Cream (FAB)

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TERM ENDS

2022
2022
2023
2023
2023
2023
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2023

****Non-Council Members****

Kappy Steck
Rod Kent

Gifts
Property

OUR MISSION

*We are a community of all ages gathered by God's grace
for worship, learning, loving, and service to all.*

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