

The Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 1, 2024

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Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

Welcome & Announcements & Land Acknowledgement

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
the God of manna,
the God of miracles,
the God of mercy.

C: **Amen.**

P: Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance,
let us confess our sin.

God, our provider,

C: **help us.**

**We live among such abundance,
and yet we still fear there isn't enough to share.**

**We question your ways when they differ
from the ways of the world.**

**We turn to our own understanding
rather than trusting in you.**

**We make all kinds of excuses
for why we neglect your teachings.**

**Turn us again to you,
for to whom can we go?**

**Share with us the words of eternal life
that we might once again delight in your will
and walk in your ways.**

Amen.

L: Beloved people of God:
in Jesus, the manna from heaven,
you are fed and nourished.
By Jesus, the worker of miracles,
there is always more than enough.
Through Jesus, † the bread of life,
you are forgiven and freed to live justly and abundantly.

C: **Blessed be God forever.**

Gathering Hymn ELW # 818

O Master, Let Me Walk With You

Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the inspiration of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Kyrie

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

Chris - te e - lei - son. Christ, have mer - cy.

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

Song of Praise

1 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
2 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
3 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;

yours is the prom - ise, the bless - ing, the birth.
yours the ho - san - nas, the dy - ing, re - birth.
yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.

Ours the re - joic - ing for Word giv - en frame;
Ours the re - joic - ing for na - ture re - claimed;
Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;

ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.

Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;



yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

P: The Lord be with you.

L: **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song

Children’s Time

First Reading: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

The Israelites believed the law was a divine gift that provided guidelines for living out the covenant. Moses commands the people to obey the law and to neither add to nor subtract from it. The Israelites are also to teach the law to their children and their children’s children.

So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the Lord, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God with which I am charging you.

You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, “Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!” For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is whenever we call to him? And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today?

But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children’s children.

P: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 15



We are God’s peo - ple and the sheep of God’s pas - ture.

L: O LORD, who may abide in your tent?
Who may dwell on your holy hill?
Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right,
and speak the truth from their heart;
who do not slander with their tongue,
and do no evil to their friends,
nor take up a reproach against their neighbors;
in whose eyes the wicked are despised,
but who honor those who fear the LORD;

C: **Refrain**

L: O LORD, who may abide in your tent?

Who may dwell on your holy hill?
Those who stand by their oath even to their hurt;
who do not lend money at interest,
and do not take a bribe against the innocent.
Those who do these things shall never be moved.

C: Refrain

Second Reading: James 1:17-27

The letter of James was intended to provide first-century Christians with instruction in godly behavior. Here Christians are encouraged to listen carefully and to act on what they hear, especially by caring for those least able to care for themselves.

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

P: The word of the Lord.

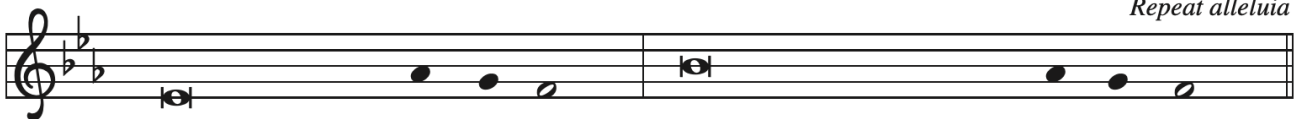
C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Verse



Al-le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.

Repeat alleluia



Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

P: The holy Gospel according to Mark, the 7th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Mark's gospel depicts Jesus as challenging traditional ways in which religious people determine what is pure or impure. For Jesus, the observance of religious practices cannot become a substitute for godly words or deeds that spring from a faithful heart.

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around [Jesus], they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of

the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

'This people honors me with their lips,
but their hearts are far from me;
in vain do they worship me,
teaching human precepts as doctrines.'

You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition."

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.

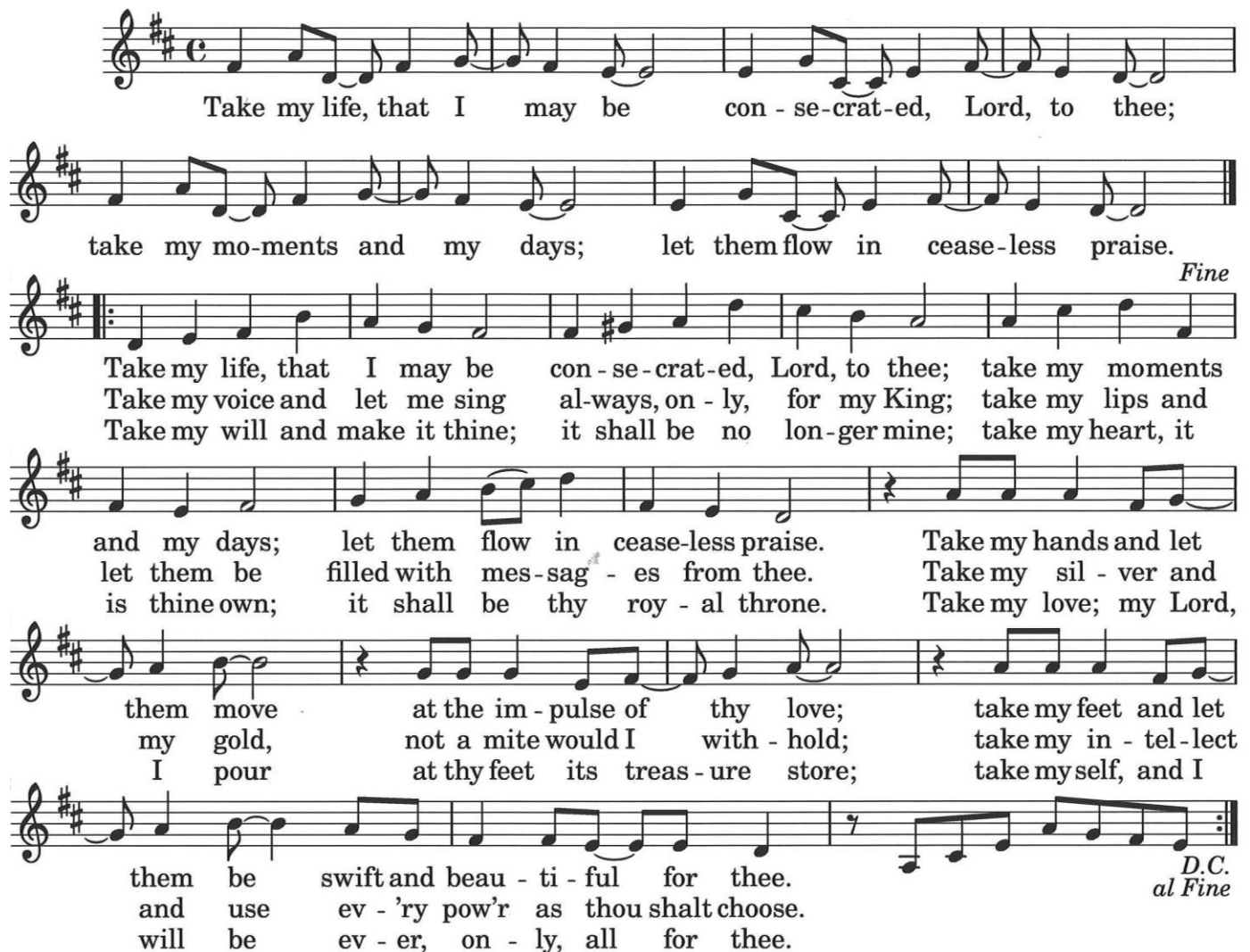
"For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Labour Day Sermon – Interview with Mogens Hansen

Hymn of the Day ELW #583/685 Take My Life, That I May Be



Take my life, that I may be con-se-crated, Lord, to thee;
take my mo-ments and my days; let them flow in cease-less praise. *Fine*
Take my life, that I may be con-se-crated, Lord, to thee; take my moments
Take my voice and let me sing al-ways, on-ly, for my King; take my lips and
Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no lon-ger mine; take my heart, it
and my days; let them flow in cease-less praise. Take my hands and let
let them be filled with mes-sag-es from thee. Take my sil-ver and
is thine own; it shall be thy roy-al throne. Take my love; my Lord,
them move at the im-pulse of thy love; take my feet and let
my gold, not a mite would I with-hold; take my in-tel-lect
I pour at thy feet its treas-ure store; take myself, and I
them be swift and beau-ti-ful for thee. *D.C. al Fine*
and use ev-'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.
will be ev-er, on-ly, all for thee.

Apostles Creed

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

After each petition, the pastor will say "Merciful God" and the congregation will respond "hear our prayer."

Sharing of the Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

All are invited to share a sign of peace with those around them, as we recognize the image of God in each other.

Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

Offering Prayer

Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

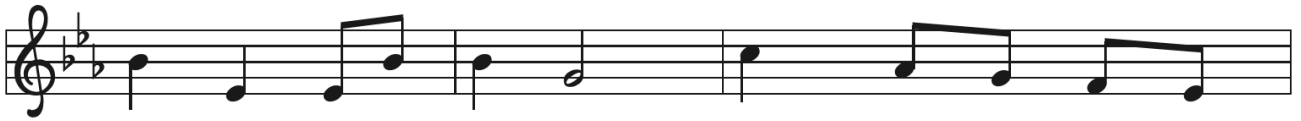
C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: It is our duty and delight...

the pastor continues, concluding...

...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and



God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your



glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the



Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Thanksgiving at the Table

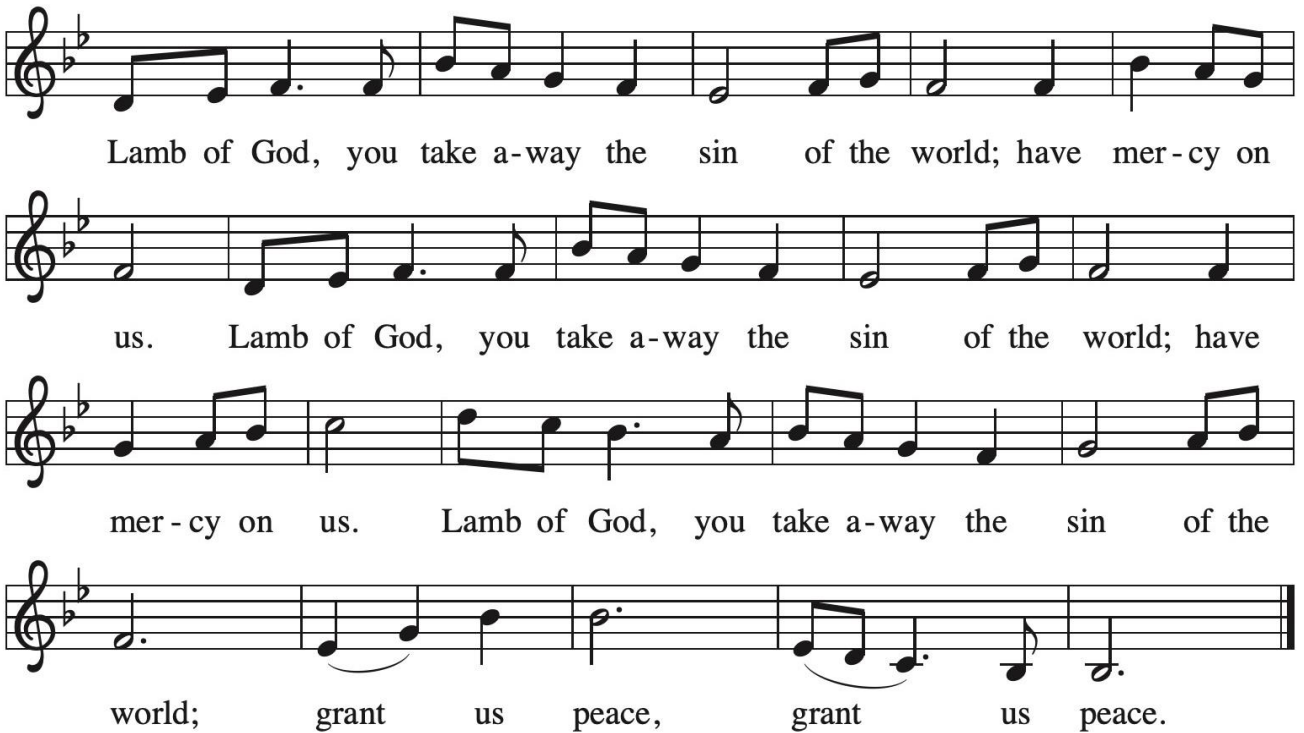
The Lord's Prayer

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

C: **Our Father in heaven,**
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

Invitation to Communion

Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion is distributed

Directions for Communion: All are invited to this meal of grace, including children. At the Usher's direction, you are invited to advance to the communion rail through the centre aisle, commune in groups, and exit back to your pews through the window aisles, depositing your used wine/juice vessel in the repository tray at the head of each window aisle. If you would prefer to receive communion in your pew once all have come forward, please raise your hand and the servers will come to you. Wine is located in the two outer rings of the tray and the grape juice in the centre.

Hymns Sung during Communion

ELW # 580 - How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord

We Gather at Your Table Lord (Tune ELW # 565: All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night)

**We gather at your table, Lord:
We humbly lift our hearts to you!
Here all are welcomed, all restored,
And all are given work to do.**

**We share this meal and we are fed.
Such basic gifts become your sign:
We see you broken in the bread;
We know your love in common wine.**

**God, pour your Spirit on us all,
And on these gifts that we receive;
For in Christ's presence we recall
His life and death, and so believe.**

**From North and South, from West and East,
Now reconciled, we gather near;
We taste your Kingdom's banquet feast,
So finding strength to serve you here.**

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ACS #970 – We Come Now to Your Table (Chant)

Blessing & Prayer After Communion

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

Blessing

P: The blessing of God,
who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,
✠ be upon you now and forever.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn ACS # 1000 God's Work, Our Hands

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

C: Thanks be to God.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

September 1, 2024

(To open hyperlinks, try right-clicking your mouse while on the link and select *Open Hyperlink or Control-Click*)

Flowers are placed on the altar in praise to God, who gives all good gifts including our vocations, and continually helps us become doers of the Word, and not just hearers of the Word.

Final Summer Hymn Sing: Our final Summer Hymn Sing is today. Come and enjoy it one last time.

Rally Sunday: Next Sunday, **September 8th** is Rally Sunday at Good Shepherd, and the first Sunday of the Season of Creation. What better way to celebrate the day than to be out in creation and have some fun! Our service that day will be outside (in the same configuration as our church picnic this past summer) weather permitting, so that means our service may not be live-streamed. And then we'll all gather inside for some pie and ice cream and some table games, or maybe an outside game or two. Please sign the sheet on the ushers table to contribute a pie.

Seeking Accommodation in Coquitlam: Yvon & Michelle's current home has been sold and they have been given notice to vacate by the end of the year. Yvon writes: *Quiet family - Ideally, 2 bedrooms, bathroom, kitchen and living room. Needs to have a dishwasher. Also a washer and dryer-shared is OK. In addition, a parking spot, if possible. (We have furniture for the unit, except for kitchen appliances.) Reasonable rent. Can do light chores and gardening for reduced rent. Thank you for your prayerful consideration. Sincerely, Yvon and Michelle (Jaesook)*

CRISIS IN THE HOLY LAND:

- **Statement on the Need to conclude War:** The Patriarchs and Heads of the Churches in Jerusalem which includes the [Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land](#) (ELCJHL), released a statement on the continuing war in the Holy Land. To read their statement please [click here](#).
- **World Week of Peace – Palestine & Israel: September 16-22** is designed the [2024 World Week for Peace in Palestine and Israel](#). To learn more about how you can observe the week, please [click here](#).
- **LWF Helps Evacuate Sick and Injured From Gaza:** [The Lutheran World Federation](#) has been supporting the World health Organization (WHO) and the Palestinian Ministry of Health with the largest evacuation of sick and severely injured patients from Gaza since the current conflict started last October. To read more, please [click here](#).
- **Emergency Appeal for Gaza:** The ELCIC and CLWR have joined together to respond to the ongoing crisis in Gaza. Read about their efforts, and how you can donate by clicking [here](#).

COMPASSIONATE JUSTICE & CREATION CARE:

- **CCC Webinar #2:** On **September 16, 1PM EST** the **Sexual Exploitation Working Group of the Canadian Council of Churches** holds its second of three webinars. To learn more and to register for the event click <https://bit.ly/3X4mFO2>. Everyone who registers will receive a Zoom link on the day of the event.
- **Human Rights to Water:** Join Water Watchers, Indigenous leaders, KAIROS Canada, water advocates, and UN staff in calling on the Canadian government to recognize the human rights to safe drinking water and sanitation in the federal legal framework by signing and sharing the petition for the legal right to water. To sign the petition, please click [here](#).
- **Theology and AI Webinar - October 1:** The Canadian Council of Churches is hosting a free webinar on **Theology and Artificial Intelligence: Systematic and Denominational Perspectives on October 1 from 3:00-4:30 p.m. Eastern Time**. An ecumenical panel will lead the discussion. Please [click here](#) to register for this free webinar.
- **UPDATE: Bill C-226 has become law:** To read the full article on this, please [click here](#).

- **Citizens for Public Justice (CPJ) write-up on the role faith has in caring for creation:** Please [read it here](#).
- **UPDATE: The Sustainable Jobs Act Has Become Law:** To read the full article, please [click here](#). For some background on the Canadian Sustainable Jobs Act, please [click here](#).

A gentle reminder that in consideration of those who have severe sensitivities and Allergies, the church has been designated as a fragrance-free zone. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

This Week At Church (Note 1)

This Sunday *Summer Hymn Sing* at 10:20 am – (Final one this year!)
 Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Service with Holy Communion
 at 10:30 am live-streamed (View live-stream [here](#))
 (Labour Day Long Weekend)

Next Sunday First Sunday in the Season of Creation / GSLC Rally Sunday with Holy
 Communion 10:30 am weather permitting outside under our
 canopy of trees (no live-stream available), followed by games, pie and
 ice cream during our fellowship time+

PLEASE TAKE NOTE FOR THE SUMMER:

- **Bible Studies:** Our midweek & Sunday morning Bible Studies are **on break** until mid-September.
- **Prayer Gatherings:** The Prayer Group Gatherings are **on break** until September 18th at 1:30 pm.

Note: Most events are in-person events except those noted “on Zoom” or “Online”. The links to these online events are accessible through our website. Our Sunday morning worship service is offered in-person, live-streamed and via on-line recording posted to our website shortly after the service is over, unless otherwise noted.

Last Week at Church

Financial Information from: August 25th

Total Offerings:	\$ 2,646.12
General:	\$ 1,846.12
Designated Gifts:	
- VBS Donations	\$ 720.00
- Special Initiative Fund	\$ 50.00
- CLWR	\$ 30.00

Welcome to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

We welcome you to worship today. It is our prayer that you sense the joy that is present in Jesus Christ. God loves and values each of you without conditions attached. We bring our joys and needs before God, trusting in God's presence.

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General Office Hours				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
10:00 – 2:00	10:00 – 2:00	10:00 – 2:00	10:00 – 2:00	10:00 – 2:00

We always recommend phoning before stopping by, as time may change .



Good Shepherd
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