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# The Season After Pentecost

September 14, 2025 9:30am

# **GATHERING**

#### **Prelude**

#### **Confessions and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, our maker, our helper, and our keeper.

Amen.

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful and loving God,

we are your stiff-necked people.

We trample on the needy.

We grumble about your grace to others.

We turn away from the poor.

Have mercy on us and forgive our sins.

Rejoice over us as ones who were lost

and have been found. Amen.

Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful.

Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.

You who were lost have been found.

Amen.

**Welcome and Sharing of the Peace** (Please remember to fill out an attendance sheet) The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

### Gathering Song: "Come Thou Fount (I Will Sing)"

Come Thou Fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace Streams of mercy never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it, mount of Thy redeeming love

Here I raise my Ebenezer, hither by Thy help I come And I hope by Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God He to rescue me from danger, interposed His precious blood

#### Chorus

How Your kindness yet pursues me How Your mercy never fails me 'Til the day that death shall loose me I will sing oh I will sing

Oh to grace how great a debtor, daily I'm constrained to be Let Thy goodness like a fetter, bind my wand'ring heart to Thee Prone to wander Lord I feel it, prone to leave the God I love Here's my heart Lord take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above

# Chorus 2X 'Til the day that death shall loose me I will sing oh I will sing

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#### 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**



- 1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
- 2 Glo-ry be to Christ for ev er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
- 3 Ho-ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth: Son of God and gra-cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove; Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise. on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand. Je-sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa-ther's splen-dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise. Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand. For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

#### **Prayer of the Day**

O God, overflowing with mercy and compassion, you lead back to yourself all those who go astray.

Preserve your people in your loving care, that we may reject whatever is contrary to you and may follow all things that sustain our life in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

# WORD

First Reading Exodus 32:7-14

<sup>7</sup> The LORD said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; 8 they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!' " 9 The LORD said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. <sup>10</sup> Now let me alone so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them, and of you I will make a great nation." 11 But Moses implored the LORD his God and said, "O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? 12 Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath: change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. <sup>13</sup> Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.' " 14 And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God

### **Second Reading**

1 Timothy 1:12-17

<sup>12</sup> I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he considered me faithful and appointed me to his service, <sup>13</sup> even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, <sup>14</sup> and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. <sup>15</sup> The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. <sup>16</sup> But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience as an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. <sup>17</sup> To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

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#### Children's Time

#### Alleluia Verse



#### **Holy Gospel**

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 15th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.** 

<sup>1</sup> Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus.] <sup>2</sup> And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." <sup>3</sup> So he told them this parable: <sup>4</sup> "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? <sup>5</sup> And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. <sup>6</sup> And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my lost sheep.' <sup>7</sup> Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. <sup>8</sup> "Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? <sup>9</sup> And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' <sup>10</sup> Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

The Gospel of the Lord, **Praise to you, O Christ.** 

#### Sermon

#### **Song:** "Your Grace Is Enough"

Great is Your faithfulness O God You wrestle with the sinner's restless heart You lead us by still waters into mercy And nothing can keep us apart

PRE CHORUS: SO REMEMBER YOUR PEOPLE REMEMBER YOUR CHILDREN REMEMBER YOUR PROMISE O GOD

#### Chorus

Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough Your grace is enough for me

Great is Your love and justice God of Jacob You use the weak to lead the strong You lead us in the song of Your salvation And all Your people sing along

PRE-CHORUS
Chorus 2X
PRE-CHORUS
Chorus

Yeah Your grace is enough
Heaven reaches out to us
Your grace is enough for me
Your grace is enough
I'm covered in Your love
Your grace is enough for me for me

#### **Apostles' Creed**

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again 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 the People God of grace, receive our prayer.

# MEAL.

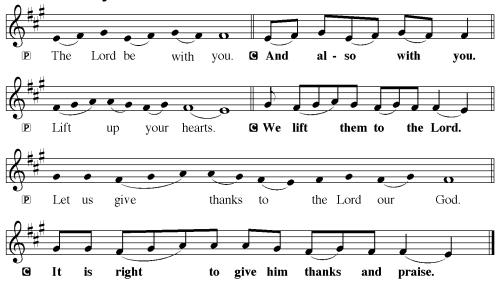
#### Offering/Ministry Opportunities/Invitation to Communion

#### Offering Prayer

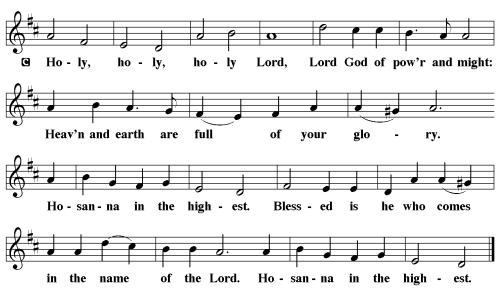
Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us.

Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### **Celebration of Holy Communion**



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:



# Blessing of the Bread and Wine

#### 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

### **Distribution of Holy Communion**



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



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# **SENDING**

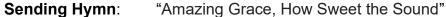
#### **Post-Communion Blessing**

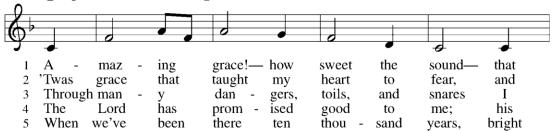
#### **Prayer after Communion**

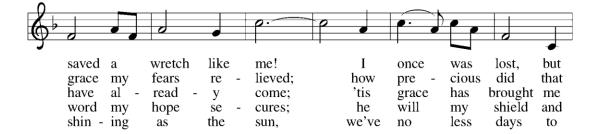
O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants.

Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

#### **Blessing**









#### **Dismissal**

As people of the Good Shepherd ...

We are a Christian community rooted in grace, connected through inclusive worship and fellowship.

#### **Together**

We embrace and value all people and serve our broader community with compassion.

Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

Thanks be to God.

#### **Postlude**



Youth Group starts tonight, 5-7pm. Dinner provided. Grades 7-12.

#### **Blessing Box**

We need: soup, tuna, beans, rice, pasta/sauce, canned fruit, laundry detergent, baby supplies/formula/dry cereal, boxed milk, tea/coffee, pancake mix/syrup, microwave meals, shampoo/conditioner, paper towels, deodorant, dish soap.

# **September Mission of the Month**

WAVE RIDER/CAMP ERIN – Camp Erin is a free, weekend bereavement camp for children ages 6-17. Wave riders provide weekly support group for grieving families and children ages 3-17 years old.

# **Flu Shot Clinic**

The Good Shepherd Flu Shot Clinic will be held on Sunday, October 12th from 8 - 11am. Nancy Woods will be signing people up before or after the service.

#### **Help Needed**

Helpers needed for coffee hour. Please sign up in the fellowship hall. Contact Judy with any questions 518-309-4295.

# **Gentle Yoga Returns!**

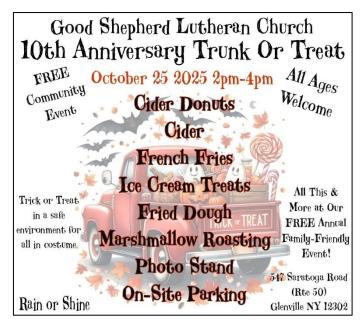
Join us starting Monday, September 15 at 7pm for a weekly Gentle Yoga class. This slow-flow practice is designed to be accessible for all bodies and abilities - no experience needed! Cost: \$15 per session. Everyone is welcome!

The **Good Shepherd Hikers** will be starting a new hiking season with a hamlet walk and an exploration of the new Mohawk-Hudson Land Conservancy's Alplaus Preserve TODAY. We'll meet at 1PM at the Wang's house 14 Rivercrest Drive, Rexford and will walk from there to the Alplaus If you plan to attend, please contact Richard at (518) 380-3303.

#### **Adult Education**

This Fall Good Shepherd is digging into the difficult topic of the millenniums old Conflict in the Middle East. We often pray for peace and an end to violence; but we rarely take the time to truly dig deeper into causes and the lasting effects. We will hear firsthand from Palestinian Christian pastors and special guests who have recently visited the West Bank.

Join us Sunday mornings starting September 28th at 8:30am.



We need trunks and other volunteers! Contact Renee Janack if you can help!

**Good Shepherd Book Club** will meet for discussion of <u>Anxious Generation</u> at 7pm on September 30th at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

# Today's altar flowers were donated by Tamara Guerrero in celebration of her birthday.



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