



forgiveness

The Season After Pentecost

September 13, 2026

9:30am

GATHERING

Confessions and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who pours love into our hearts and healing upon the earth.

Amen.

Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God,

**we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness
in the world and in our own hearts.**

Creation groans from overuse.

Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships.

Indifference keeps us from seeking justice.

Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others.

Turn our hearts back to you.

Restore our world and reconcile us to one another.

Renew us to live as your holy people,

following the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Hear this good news:

We have peace with God through ☩ Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation, but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life.

Receive freely this healing gift of grace.

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: “All Creatures of Our God and King”

All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice and with us sing
Alleluia, alleluia!
O burning sun with golden beam,
and silver moon with softer gleam,
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

O rushing winds that art so strong,
O clouds that sail in Heav'n along,
O praise him, alleluia!
O rising morn, in praise rejoice,
O lights of evening, find a voice.
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

O everyone of tender heart,
Forgiving others, take your part,
O praise him, alleluia!
All who long pain and sorrow bear,
Praise God and on him cast your care:
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Let all things their creator bless,
And worship him in humbleness,
O praise God, alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, Three in One:
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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 Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness.

Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

First Reading

Genesis 50:15-21

⁵ Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" ¹⁶ So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, ¹⁷ 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸ Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." ¹⁹ But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? ²⁰ Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. ²¹ So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God

Psalm 103

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name. ² Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits - ³ who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, ⁴ who redeems your life from the Pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, ⁵ who satisfies you with good as long as you live so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's. ⁶ The Lord works vindication and justice for all who are oppressed. ⁷ He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel. ⁸ The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. ⁹ He will not always accuse, nor will he keep his anger forever. ¹⁰ He does not deal with us according to our sins nor repay us according to our iniquities. ¹¹ For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; ¹² as far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us. ¹³ As a father has compassion for his children, so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him. ¹⁴ For he knows how we were made; he remembers that we are dust. ¹⁵ As for mortals, their days are like grass; they flourish like a flower of the field; ¹⁶ for the wind passes over it, and it is gone, and its place knows it no more. ¹⁷ But the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him, and his righteousness to children's children, ¹⁸ to those who keep his covenant and remember to do his commandments. ¹⁹ The Lord has established his throne in the heavens, and his kingdom rules over all. ²⁰ Bless the Lord, O you his angels, you mighty ones who do his bidding, obedient to his spoken word. ²¹ Bless the Lord, all his hosts, his ministers who do his will. ²² Bless the Lord, all his works, in all places of his dominion. Bless the Lord, O my soul.

Children's Time

Alleluia Verse



Holy Gospel

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 18th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²¹ Peter came and said to [Jesus,] “Lord, if my brother or sister sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” ²² Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. ²³ “For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴ When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him, ²⁵ and, as he could not pay, the lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions and payment to be made. ²⁶ So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ ²⁷ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸ But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him by the throat he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ ²⁹ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ ³⁰ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. ³¹ When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³² Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³ Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ ³⁴ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. ³⁵ So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

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

Sermon

Song: "No Longer Slaves"

You unravel me with a melody
You surround me with a song
Of deliverance from my enemies
Till all my fears are gone

Chorus

*I'm no longer a slave to fear
I am a child of God
I'm no longer a slave to fear
I am a child of God*

From my Mother's womb
You have chosen me
Love has called my name
I've been born again into Your family
Your blood flows through my veins

Chorus 2X

You split the sea so I could walk right through it
My fears were drowned in perfect love
You rescued me so I could stand and sing
I am a child of God **(repeat)**

Chorus

*A Baptismal Celebration for
Lisa Ann Montgomery, Tawny E. Plant
& Kegan Miles Montgomery*

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism.

The power of sin is put to death in this holy flood, and we are raised with Jesus Christ to new life.

We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ.

We are anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit and sent out in mission for the life of the world.

*Lisa, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God,
do you desire to be baptized into Christ?*

*Tawny, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God,
do you desire to be baptized into Christ?*

*Kegan, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God,
do you desire to be baptized into Christ?*

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

R:/ I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

R:/ I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

R:/ I renounce them.

Do you turn to Christ as your Lord and Savior?

R:/ In faith I turn to Christ.

With the whole church, let us confess our faith:

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in Holy Baptism: to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's Supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

R:/ I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, O God, creator of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things. In the time of Noah you washed the earth with the waters of the flood, and your ark of salvation bore a new beginning. In the time of Moses your people passed through the Red Sea from slavery into freedom. In the fullness of time you sent Jesus the Christ, nurtured in the waters of Mary's womb, so that through the baptism of his death and resurrection, your children may be set free from bondage to sin and death and sent to proclaim the good news throughout the earth.

Amen.

The Candidates are Baptized

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth. Sustain Lisa, Tawny & Kegan with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence.

Amen.

The pastor makes sign of the cross on their foreheads:

Lisa, Tawny & Kegan, children of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

Amen.

As baptismal candles are lit:

As Lutherans, we consider baptism our initial call to discipleship. As we present these candles we say:

Let your light so shine that others may see your good works and give glory to God.

As baptized children of God and disciples of the living Christ, let us proclaim:

May our lights shine in the world with God's grace!

Through baptism Lisa, Tawny & Kegan been received into the household of God.

We welcome you into the body of Christ and the mission we share. Join us as we give praise to God and bear God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

MEAL

Offering/Ministry Opportunities/Invitation to Communion

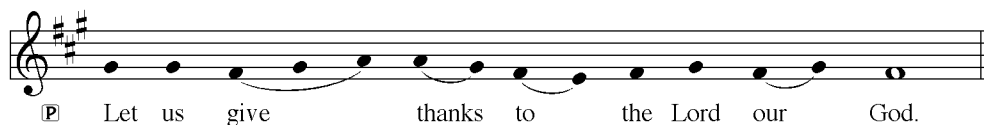
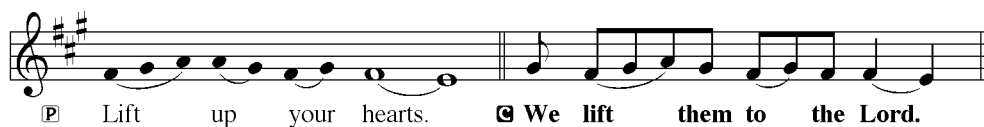
Prayers of the People

Hear us, O God.

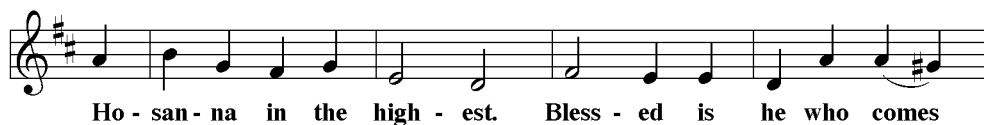
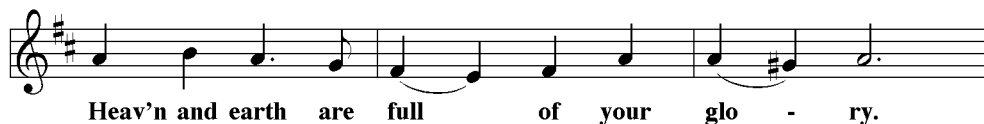
Your mercy is great.



Celebration of Holy Communion



It is indeed right and salutary...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

This is Christ's bod - y, bro - ken and blest. Feed us with

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff in G major (one sharp). The treble staff contains a melody with eighth and quarter notes, while the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

mer-cy and love. We are Christ's bod - y,

with mer - cy and love.

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. It features a long, flowing melisma over the words 'mer-cy and love' in the treble staff, which is mirrored in the bass staff. The lyrics are split across two lines.

bro - ken and blest. Heal us and make us one.

The third system concludes the phrase with a final cadence. The treble staff has a melisma over 'blest' and 'one', and the bass staff provides a steady accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

Communion Hymn: "Servant's Prayer"

Lord, it's You who has brought me to this day.
Who has carried and kept me in Your care.
I look back and I see You in all my years,
And so forward I go knowing You are there.

Chorus

*May each word from my lips be a song of good news
Ev'ry touch of my hand be a gift of grace.
Ev'ry beat of my heart be a prayer to You,
And the sum of my days be a life of praise.*

May my feet never stumble and never stray,
Nor grow weary upon this rocky road.
For the path I am on is a narrow way,
But I know You are with me so on I go.

May my eyes ever fixed on Your kingdom be,
As my heart ever longs for joy to come.
For my hope is in things that I cannot see,
But because of Your promise I press on.

Christ before me to guide me on my way.
Christ beside me so I am not alone.
Christ within my to give me words to say.
Christ behind me to bring the harvest home.

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

Sending Hymn:

“Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed”



- 1 A - las! And did my Sav - ior bleed, and did my sov-'reign die?
- 2 Was it for sins that I had done he groaned up - on the tree?
- 3 Well might the sun in dark - ness hide and shut its glo - ries in
- 4 Thus might I hide my blush - ing face while his dear cross ap - pears,
- 5 But tears of grief can - not re - pay the debt of love I owe;



Would he de - vote that sa - cred head for sin - ners such as I?
A - maz - ing pit - y, grace un-known, and love be - yond de - gree!
when God, the might - y mak - er, died for his own crea - tures' sin.
dis - solve my heart in thank - ful - ness, and melt my eyes to tears.
here, Lord, I give my - self a - way: 'tis all that I can do.

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

Starting September 20th at 8:30am, join us for “**Kin to the Stranger**” a new adult forum series exploring what Scripture says about borders, immigration, and welcoming the stranger. We’ll walk through both Testaments together, meeting people like Abraham, Joseph, Mary, and Paul, all of whom knew what it meant to leave home and depend on the kindness of others. Along the way, we’ll ask what it means for us, as a church family, to reflect God’s own heart of hospitality. Come with your questions, your stories, and your curiosity. All are welcome at this table.

A special **THANKS** to Matt, Nicole, Cyndi, and all the other people who came to church early to help set up for the outside services this summer. We wouldn’t have been able to enjoy hearing the word of God in such a beautiful setting without your help!

Greeting Program

Greeters will be "on duty" a Sunday of their choosing. Please add this fun Sunday activity to your schedule - perhaps once every 10 weeks? There are no education or experience requirements, just a warm heart. Watch for a signup sheet & hop on board!

September Missions of the Month - Wave Riders/Camp Erin

Camp Erin is a free, weekend bereavement camp for children ages 6-17. Wave Riders provide weekly support groups for grieving families and children ages 3-17 years old.

Blessing Box Needs

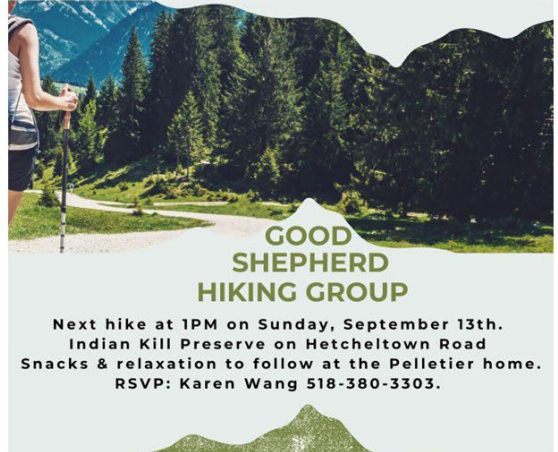
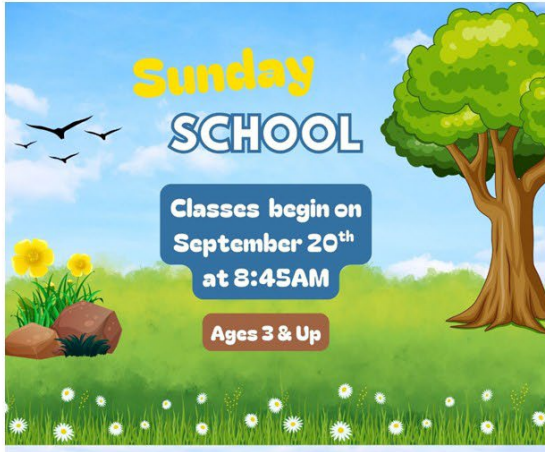
Peanut butter, rice, pasta, canned fruit, laundry detergent, baby supplies, boxed milk, coffee, pancake supplies, microwave meals, infant formula/cereal, shampoo/conditioner, paper towels, feminine care products, deodorant, dish soap.

Good Shepherd Book Club

For September, our book is Theo of Golden: A Novel by Allen Levi. We will meet at 7pm on September 22nd.

Youth Group

Resumes on September 13th, 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Grades 7-12. Dinner included.



Coffee Hour Help Needed

Contact Judy Croshaw at 518-522-9741
or sign up by the kitchen if you can assist!

Does anyone have **Electrical knowledge** and Experience? We want to install a wireless thermostat in the Sanctuary and we're struggling to make it work. If you can be of help, please reach out to Lane Pelletier, Property Manager, at lanepelletier47@gmail.com.

Hand Held Prayer Quilt Group

All are welcome to join our fall "startup" of the Hand Held Prayer Quilt committee on Saturday, October 3rd at 10am . We will be gathering to cut up fabric, prepare labels and assembling supplies to be quilted and completed. Suggested supplies to bring (If you have them) are cutting mats, cutting tools (such as scissors or rotary cutters). Once the materials are assembled, we will be sewing the hand held quilts at future meetings throughout this fall. If you have any questions or are planning to attend, please send an email to CindyJenningsNY@aol.com or call [518-541-3598](tel:518-541-3598).

**BE THE REASON
SOMEONE LIVES**

OPIOID OVERDOSE PREVENTION AND
NARCAN TRAINING



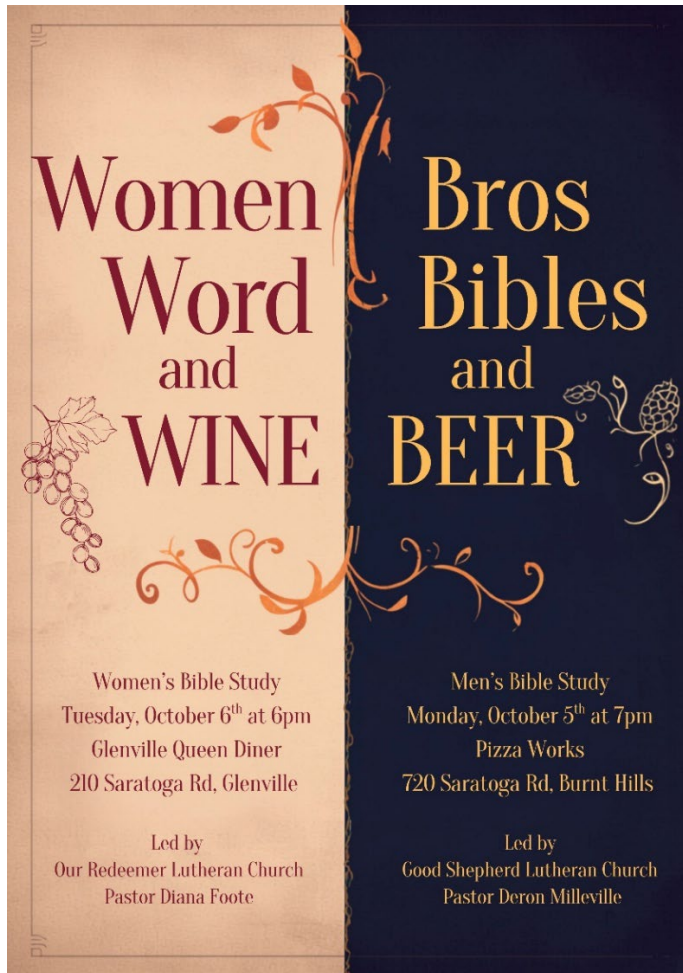
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Services**

- Training on possession and administration of Naloxone to a person having an overdose
- Participants will leave with an emergency dose of Naloxone

**October 4th
1130am**

RSVP by contacting Renée Janack at 518.389.8522

**Immediately Following
Fellowship Breakfast**



Please **RSVP** to Pastor Diana Foote footediana13@gmail.com by Oct 1st if you are attending the Women Word and Wine event.

Contact us at gsglenvilleoffice@gmail.com
if you would like to receive our weekly email updates

*Today's altar flowers were donated by:
Nicole Brown-Bruette in celebration of Tamara Guerrero's birthday.
Richard Weis in honor of John Mark Campbell Homor as survivor of 9/11.*



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