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I am there among them.*



The Time After Pentecost

September 6, 2026

9:30 a.m.

Psalm 149

Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song,
his praise in the assembly of the faithful.

**²Let Israel be glad in its Maker;
let the children of Zion rejoice in their King.**

³Let them praise his name with dancing,
making melody to him with tambourine and lyre.

**⁴For the Lord takes pleasure in his people;
he adorns the humble with victory.**

⁵Let the faithful exult in glory;
let them sing for joy on their couches.

**⁶Let the high praises of God be in their throats
and two-edged swords in their hands,**

⁷to execute vengeance on the nations and punishment on the peoples,

⁸to bind their kings with fetters and their nobles with chains of iron,

⁹to execute on them the judgment decreed.

This is glory for all his faithful ones.

Praise the Lord!

Gathering Song

"As We Gather at Your Table"



- 1 As we gath-er at your ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your word,
- 2 Turn our wor-ship in - to wit-ness in the sac - ra - ment of life;
- 3 Gra - cious Spir - it, help us sum-mon oth-er guests to share that feast



help us know, O God, your pres-ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.
send us forth to love and serve you, bring-ing peace where there is strife.
where tri - um-phantly Love will wel-come those who had been last and least.



Nour-ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we claim it as our own;
Give us, Christ, your great com-pas-sion to for - give as you for - gave;
There no more will en - vy blind us nor will pride our peace de - stroy,



teach us through this ho - ly ban-quet how to make Love's vic - t'ry known.
may we still be - hold your im - age in the world you died to save.
as we join with saints and an - gels to re - peat the sound-ing joy.

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose compassion endures forever.
Amen.

Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God,

we confess to you all our sins.

Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.

In your mercy, call us back to you.

Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.

Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." In the name of God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love.

Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

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



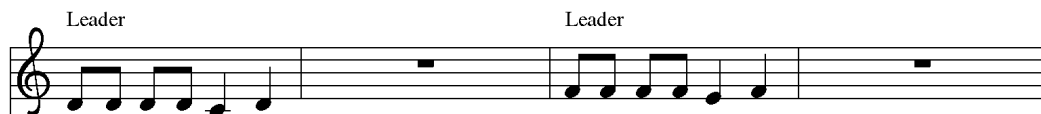
Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!



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To God be glo-ry for-ev - er! To God be glo-ry for-ev - er!

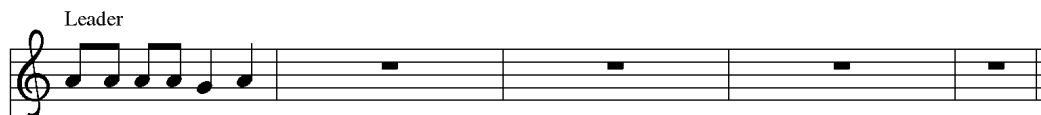


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Prayer of the Day

O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy.

Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

First Reading

Exodus 12:1-14

¹ The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, ² “This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. ³ Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. ⁴ If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. ⁵ Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. ⁶ You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. ⁷ They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. ⁸ They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. ⁹ Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. ¹⁰ You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn with fire. ¹¹ This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand, and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the Passover of the LORD. ¹² I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, from human to animal, and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. ¹³ The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

¹⁴ “This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.”

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Children’s Time

Alleluia Verse

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

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

Holy Gospel

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to the disciples: ¹⁵“If your brother or sister sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If you are listened to, you have regained that one. ¹⁶But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If that person refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church, and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

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

Sermon

Song

“A New Commandment”



A new com-mand-ment I give un - to you, that you love one an - oth-er as



I have loved you, that you love one an - oth-er as I have loved you.



By this shall peo - ple know you are my dis - ci - ples, if



you have love one for an - oth - er; by this shall peo-ple know



you are my dis - ci-ples: if you have love one for an - oth - er.

*A Baptismal Celebration for
Stephanie & Sienna Rossini*

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.

A member of the Baptismal party presents the child by saying:

I present Sienna Sage Rossini to receive the sacrament of Holy Baptism.

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

As you present this child for baptism you are entrusted with gifts and responsibilities: to live with her among God's faithful people, to bring her to the word of God and the holy supper and nurture her in faith and prayer that he may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace among all people. Parents and sponsors, I ask you, do you promise to help this child grow in the Christian life and faith?

R/ *I do.*

I ask you to reject sin, profess your trust in Christ and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

R/ *I renounce them.*

Do you trust in Christ as your Lord and Savior?

R/ *In faith I turn to Christ.*

With the whole church, let us confess our faith:

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**

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 Sienna Sage and Stephanie Lynn 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:

Sienna Sage Rossini/Stephanie Lynn Rossini, child 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!

God of grace, look with kindness upon the parents and sponsors of this child. Give them joy in the gift of this child, and help them to be examples of faith and teachers of discipleship. Strengthen them in their own baptism as they share with this child a life of trust in you.

Amen.

Through baptism Sienna Sage/Stephanie Lynn has 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.

Offering/Ministry Opportunities/Invitation to Communion



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Prayers of the People

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

MEAL

Celebration of Holy Communion

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.

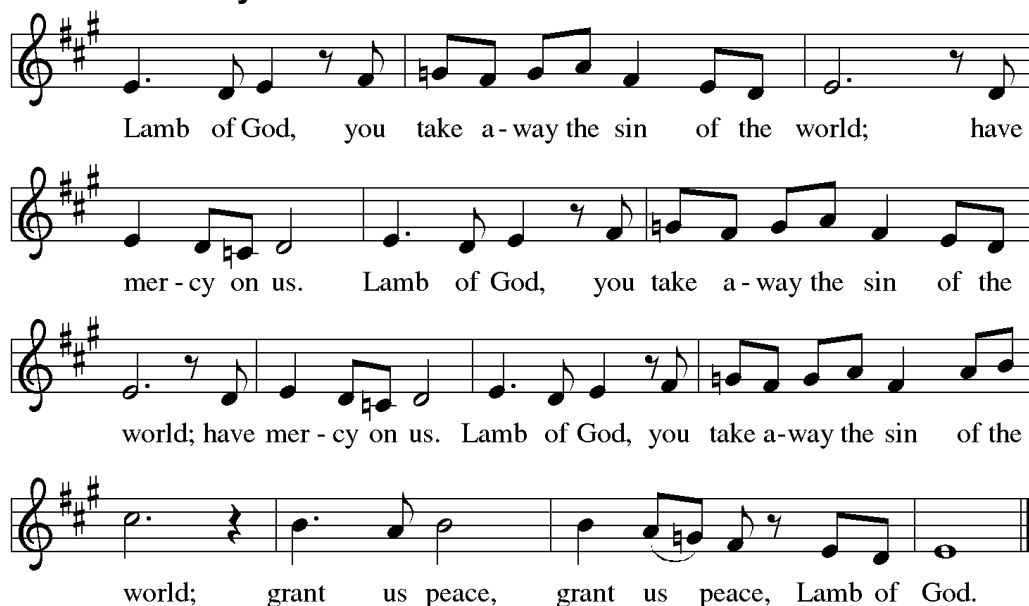
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Blessing at the Table

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. 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, Lamb of God.

Communion Hymn: "Here Is Bread"

Here is bread, here is wine,
Christ is with us, He is with us.
Break the bread, taste the wine,
Christ is with us here.

Refrain

*In this bread there is healing,
In this cup is life forever.
In this moment, by the Spirit,
Christ is with us here.*

Here is grace, here is peace,
Christ is with us, He is with us.
Know his grace, find his peace,
Feast on Jesus here.

Refrain

Here we are, joined in one,
Christ is with us, He is with us.
We'll proclaim till He comes
Jesus crucified. **Refrain**

SENDING

Post-Communion Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and
keep you in God's grace.

Amen

Prayer after Communion

Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love.

Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever. Amen.

Blessing

Sending Song: “Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)”

Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now I'm found
Was blind but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

Chorus

***My chains are gone I've been set free
My God my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy rains
Unending love amazing grace***

*The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures*

Chorus 2x

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow
The sun forbear to shine
But God who called me here below
Will be forever mine
Will be forever mine
You are forever mine.

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. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Restart of 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!

We had a great kick-off meeting for **Stewardship**. There is still time, join us on Tuesday, September 8 at 7 pm at the church.

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

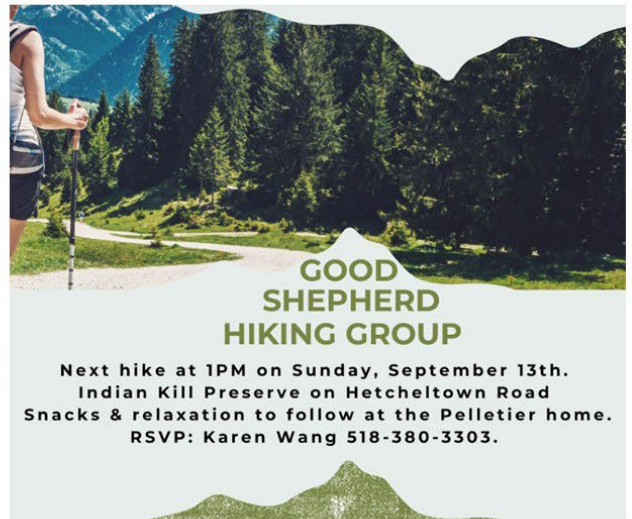
For September, our book is Theo of Golden: A Novel by Allen Levi.

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.

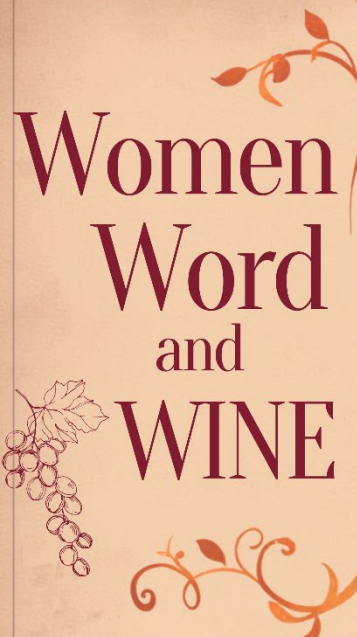
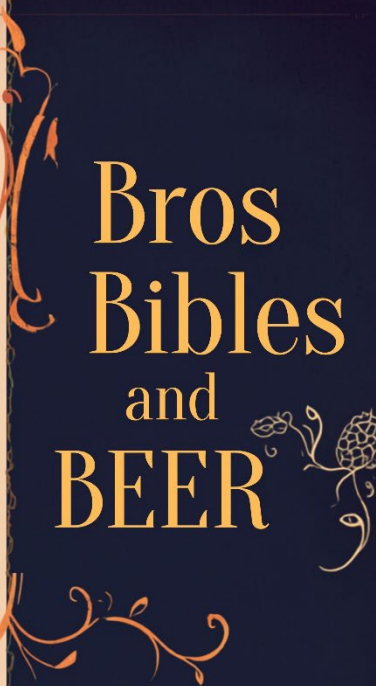




Blessing of the Backpacks

Sunday, September 13th

Bring in backpacks, lunchboxes, briefcases etc.
to be blessed for the new school year!

 Women Word and WINE Women's Bible Study Tuesday, October 6th at 7pm Glenville Queen Diner 210 Saratoga Rd, Glenville Led by Our Redeemer Lutheran Church Pastor Diana Foote	 Bros Bibles and BEER Men's Bible Study Monday, October 5th at 7pm Pizza Works 720 Saratoga Rd, Burnt Hills Led by Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Pastor Deron Milleville
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