

# The Shepherd's Voice

## From The Pastor



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Holy Trinity, a time we commemorate and celebrate, is different than any other recognized time in the Church Year. Unlike Christmas, Easter, or last week's Pentecost, where we rejoice in and reflect upon an action of God for our salvation, Holy Trinity is a time to rejoice in and reflect upon a doctrine. We gather around our shared confession of God as we know Him to be in the Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Even in the mystery of things we cannot fully understand or comprehend by our own reason, we trust God's revelation through His Word made known to us of who He is and what He has done, that apart from Him there is no other.

In the beginning, following the crown of creation formed in Adam, the Lord said, "It is not good that the man should be alone" (Genesis 2:18). By the Lord's continued creative work in making Eve, Adam would not be alone nor would humanity that followed even into a broken and sinful world. Yet even before the creation of the world and mankind, God Himself was not alone. In His eternal triune nature, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are and always have been. With thanksgiving, even as we come before Him today not alone but together, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit also join us together as one. Our Lord, Three in One, One in Three, comes to us through Word and Sacrament to unite us in faith given, promises fulfilled, and forgiveness assured.



— *Pastor Simpson*

75  
GOOD  
SHEPHERD  
LUTHERAN CHURCH  
ESTABLISHED 1950



# 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

November 16, 2025

**“Led and Fed by The Good Shepherd for 75 years”**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

A heartfelt **Thank You** to each and every one of you who showed up and lent a hand during our School Clean Up Day! Your time, energy, and work made a huge difference.



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Good Shepherd presents True North!

June 2-6

5-8pm

For more information contact: Dana Johnson 405-412-0296

### Celebration Event Coming Soon:

- ❖ June 8– **“Good Shepherd” Sunday – Celebrating the 75<sup>th</sup> Year Confirmation Class** – Cook Out – Pulled Pork Sandwiches, Potato Salad, Baked Beans, with Ice Cream Social. Come join us for family (Mothers, Fathers, Children) celebration activities outside: games, croquet, horseshoes, ring toss, bouncy house, cornhole, etc., etc.  
**Come and Enjoy! Join in the Celebration!**

Freewill Offering for 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**June 14** (5:30-7:30pm)

The youth group of Zion presents  
**ZIONELLI'S**



Italian dinner of salad, spaghetti and dessert, served by the youth!

Reservations at:  
**YOUTHGROUP.ZIONLUTHOK**  
**C@GMAIL.COM** or calling

(405) 642-8342

### FATHER'S DAY! – JUNE 15

#### JUNE School Events



#### Summer Camp Enrollment

For more information, stop by the ECC office and pick up an enrollment packet or call (405) 732-7667



Join Us for Family  
Fun! The Good

Shepherd Family is gathering for Food and Games

**When:** Sunday, June 8, 2025, After the 10:30 a.m. Service

**What:** Celebration Meal and Family Friendly Games

**Why:** To **Celebrate the Confirmands** for the 75<sup>th</sup> Year of The Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in welcoming them

**Location:** Meal will be in Fellowship Hall and Games will be played outdoors (weather permitting)

**Menu:** Pulled Pork Sandwiches, Baked Beans, Potato Salad, Chips, and Ice Cream (Hope to have several homemade flavors available to sample.) Iced Tea, Lemonade, and Water.



**Games:** Croquet, Horseshoes, Corn Hole, Bouncy House, Ring Toss, etc.



Please R.S.V.P. by signing on the clipboard located in the Narthex. Help us Plan. You can also call or text Jackie Dusavitch at 405-482-0905

If you can help with games, please let us know. We would appreciate your assistance.

75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee and many others are making this happen. Thank You! Please help celebrate the new **Confirmands**

Freewill Offering will be taken for 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.



# KEEP US UPDATED!

Contact Information – Please indicate changes on back of Who's in the Pew Card. Place in the offering plate, give to an usher, or leave in the church office.



**GOOD SHEPHERD  
LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**405-732-2585**

Office Hours: 8:00a –  
12:00p, Monday- Friday

**New Contact  
Information?**

**Change of Address?**

**New Phone  
Number?**

**Email address?**

**Prayer Requests:**  
will be added to Sunday  
bulletins.

**Prayer Grams:**  
Shared with the prayer  
recipient to encourage  
them with hope in their  
time of need. Please  
consider signing as you  
come to worship each  
Sunday. (on display in  
church entrance)



# Looking for mountains of fun?



YOU otter be here!

**SAVE THE DATE**

**VBS 2025**

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

June 2-6

5pm-8pm



\*registration forms available

For more information, please contact Dana Johnson 405-412-0296

# "Therefore"

May 7, 2025



*Revelation 7:9-10, 13-17 - After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" ... Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His temple; and He who sits on the throne will shelter them with His presence. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their Shepherd, and He will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."*

I'm intrigued by that little word "Therefore." John is having a vision of the whole Christian church gathered together in heaven, and he says, "Therefore they are before the throne of God." And he lists all these wonderful, heavenly things that will happen to them. They will never be hungry or hurt again, and God Himself will shelter and comfort and care for them forever.

How wonderful! But what does the "Therefore" mean? What is the reason why all these good things are happening to them?

The elder tells John: it's because "They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb."

What does he mean? These people are ordinary Christians just like us—they *are* us. Like all of us, they were sinners, and they had lives full of trouble and pain—but Jesus called them and us to be His own. And to make that happen, Jesus laid down His life on the cross, pouring out His blood so that we might be forgiven and set free to be children of God.

Now that He has risen from the dead and lives forever, all of us who trust in Him can be with Him forever, in His kingdom, and have all these good gifts. Jesus is the "Therefore." His blood has made us clean and pure, fit to stand in God's presence and celebrate forever.

**WE PRAY:** Jesus my Savior, take away my own dirty robes of self-righteousness, and give me the clean robes of Your forgiving love. Amen.

This Daily Devotion was written by Dr. Kari Vo.

## Reflection Questions:

1. Do you think you would feel comfortable standing before the holy God? Why or why not?
2. What would it take to make you feel comfortable, happy, and at home there?
3. Who could do that for you? Would He? How do you know?

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

LCMS Stewardship Ministry – [lcms.org/stewardship](https://lcms.org/stewardship) Newsletter Article

June 2025

## **Rooted in Christ, Growing in Stewardship**

The heartland is now awash in various hues of green. The doldrums of winter give way to the colors of spring. Now, the promise of spring gives way to the growth of summer. Fields are planted and sprouted. Gardens are planted. Flowers adorn the beds of neighborhood homes and roadside ditches. Green is the shade of life!

Green growth is also the hue of the faithful steward. The seed of faith planted in human hearts in the waters of Holy Baptism grows as it is nurtured in the Word proclaimed and ingested in the Holy Supper. This faith does indeed save. But our stewardship of the Gospel is also designed to bear fruit for God's glory and the benefit of our neighbor.

To consider this, let us look at the hymn, "Fruitful Trees, the Spirits Sowing" (LSB 691). It is very much a stewardship hymn!

*Fruitful trees, the Spirit's sowing, May we ripen and increase, Fruit to life eternal growing, rich in love and joy and peace.*

- The tree of faith is not planted in us by us. It is the Spirit's work! We do not claim the title "steward." Rather, we are created for it (Gen. 1:26–28).
- He is the One who makes it grow in us. The fruits of the Spirit are borne out because we, by grace through faith, are connected to the vine that is Jesus (John 15).

*Laden branches freely bearing Gifts the Giver loves to bless; Here is fruit that grows by sharing, Patience, kindness, gentleness.*

- Our stewardship is NOT about what we do. It is about what the Holy Spirit does in and through us. That is the fruit that we bear. His fruit for His purposes.
- But that fruit is lived out through us. The world sees the fruit of our stewardship of the Gospel in lives lived connected to Word and Sacrament.



*Rooted deep in Christ our Master, Christ our pattern and our goal, Teach us, as the years fly faster,  
Goodness, faith, and self-control.*

- Stewards have been created and redeemed to reflect the image of Jesus in the world. He is the pattern. We reflect to others around us the Light of the Gospel He has shone on us.
- This reflection comes when Christ's goodness flows from us to others.

*Fruitful trees, the Spirit's tending, May we grow till harvests cease; Till we taste, in life unending,  
Heaven's love and joy and peace.*

- Just as the Spirit has created us for stewardship of the Gospel, so also does He cause our faithfulness! He calls, gathers, enlightens, sanctifies and KEEPS us in this faithful stewardship of the Gospel.
- The ultimate goal of our faithful stewardship is eternity. For us. For our neighbor. All worked out by the Spirit.

Green is the color of the world right now. It is also the color of our stewardship and it is growing in us as we are connected to the vine, Jesus! God grant our growth in Him!



## Update on Millie



From Millie's Family.

We're home from Millie's Make-A-Wish trip, and it's hard to put into words just how magical and healing this past week was for our family.

I didn't realize how deeply we needed a break from reality until we were in it. Every single day was filled with laughter, wide-eyed wonder, and unforgettable memories. Millie was nonstop from sunup to sundown—running on pure joy. We were in the parks from opening to closing, and she rode every single ride and roller coaster she was tall enough for (some more than ten times!). The bigger the drop, the better—our brave girl smiled her way through them all!

As a Wish Kid, she was treated like royalty—skipping the long lines and soaking up every magical moment. The kindness and generosity we experienced were overwhelming in the best way.

We ended our trip with a day at the beach. Watching Millie splash in the waves and collect shells with the biggest smile on her face was the perfect close to a perfect week. There's something about the ocean that always brings peace and perspective, and we soaked in every second.

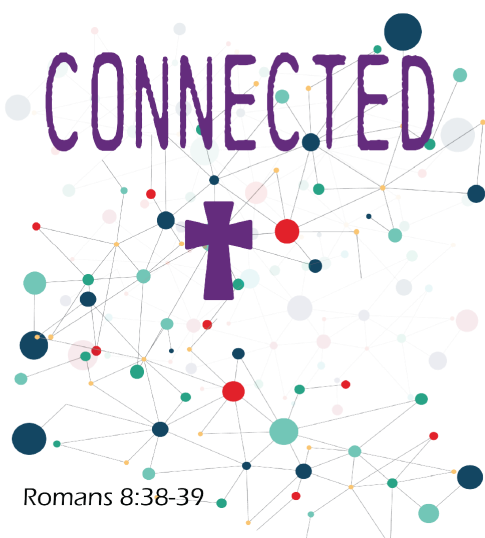
This trip reminded us of how much joy can live alongside the hard. Our hearts are so full—and so grateful. Thank you, Make-A-Wish Oklahoma, for giving our girl the adventure of a lifetime.





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## Summer Schedule



DATES	SESSION	AGES
May 23-25	Work Weekend	All
June 8-13	Force 1	9-12
June 8-13	Kinetic 1	7-9
June 15-20	Force 2	9-12
June 15-20	Energy 1	13-15
June 22-27	Force 3	9-12
June 22-27	Rock and Ride Adventure Trip	14-18
June 29-July 3	Family Camp 1	Families
July 6-11	Force 4	9-12
July 6-11	Energy 2	13-15
July 13-18	Force 5	9-12
July 13-18	Kinetic 2	7-9
July 20-24	Family Camp 2	Families
July 27-Aug 1	Dynamic	14-18
(\$100 discount for Dynamic Campers)		

\*\*\* Costs listed are full payment. Check out the discounts, including Early Registration Discount of \$30 for full week camps.  
**Deadline for the Early Registration Discount is May 1st!**

# Camp Lutherhoma

provides opportunities for campers (ages 7-18) to be immersed in a supportive Christian community. Our caring counselors and staff invest in each camper to ensure they are loved and cared for as they explore God's Word and God's creation. The camp facilities and activities provide opportunities for new challenges, adventure, and creativity. Daily devotions, Bible studies, and songs communicate our summer Bible theme and enrich the faith lives of all who attend.

## Summer Youth Camps

- Kinetic - Ages 7-9
- Force - Ages 9-12
- Energy - Ages 13-15
- Dynamic - Ages 14-18

## Adventure Options

RAFTING, KAYAKING,  
MOUNTAIN BIKING, FISHING,  
ROCK CLIMBING SPORTS,  
WILDERNESS CHALLENGE

## Family Camps

- Memorial Day Work Weekend  
May 23-25 Free
- Summer Family Camp 1 & 2

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REGISTER ONLINE at  
[www.lutherhoma.com](http://www.lutherhoma.com)

# Camp Trinity Academy

July 13- July 18, 2025

We need future pastors in the church. But we also need theologically minded men to be leaders in our congregations. Camp Trinity Academy exist to help local pastors and congregations mentor young men who are either interested in attending seminary some day or are simply interested in learning some theology.

Enrollment is open for boys, ages 12 (or going into Seventh Grade) to 18 (or just graduated High School) who are members of confessional Lutheran congregations and have completed at least one year of Confirmation/Catechism instruction. Campers will be introduced to theological study through three courses every morning, with fun activities in the afternoons. These courses will cover topics in history, doctrine, and biblical studies. There will also be a portion of library time every day where campers will have opportunities to explore their interests in a deeper way.

The afternoon activities will include pool time, hiking, fishing, campfires, softball, and other activities. As much as campers will receive a taste of solid theological study, we also hope they will grow to form friendships and a true brotherhood with their fellow campers as they study together, worship together, and play together. Work when you work. Worship when you worship. And play when you play.

For those interested , please send an email to Pastor Andrew Preus with the subject line "Camp Trinity Academy" at [ajpreus@gmail.com](mailto:ajpreus@gmail.com), and he will send you a registration packet with more information.

The cost is \$155 (camper); \$95 (pastor) for the week. Scholarships are available, ask for more information



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Website: [www.camptrinityacademy.com](http://www.camptrinityacademy.com)

# June 2025



## Happy Anniversary

6/2 Rick & Debbie Hudson  
6/22 Van & Jeannie Guillote  
6/23 Melody & Ernest Carter  
6/24 John & Glenda Daly  
6/26 Jerry & Louise Beasley



BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARY





### BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES

6/1 Jordan Ashford  
6/1 Jerry Beasley  
6/4 Denise Ewing  
6/6 Betty Briscoe  
6/6 Brian Morton  
6/8 Marian Stanfill  
6/14 Sarah Cunningham  
6/15 Ron Pendley  
6/17 Jared Stanfill  
6/21 Marilyn Alsip  
6/28 George Dinse

6/1 John Daly  
6/2 Marilyn Alsip  
6/4 Denise Ewing  
6/4 Jared Stanfill  
6/11 Jerry Bacon  
6/15 Pastor Simpson  
6/18 Andy Anderson  
6/20 Logan Ashford  
6/20 Michael Carroll  
6/21 Daniel Dossey  
6/24 Ron Pendley  
6/25 Bonnie Wood  
6/28 Ezra Porter  
6/29 Daniel Ewing





SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1</b> 8:00a Worship w/Communion 9:15a Bible study 10:30a Worship w/Communion	<b>2</b> 5:30p TL Boys & AH Girls	<b>3</b> 10:30a Staff mtg 1:00p <b>TABS</b> (Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study) 7:00p LWML ----- <b>VACATION</b> -----	<b>4</b> ----- <b>BIBLE</b> -----	<b>5</b> ----- <b>SCHOOL</b> -----	<b>6</b> 6:00a <b>WEBS</b> — Week End(ing) <b>BS</b> -----5:00p-8:00p -----	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 8:00a Worship 9:15a Bible study 10:30a Worship <b>THE DAY OF PENTCOST</b> Confirmation and Good Shepherd Sunday	<b>9</b> 5:30p TL Boys & AH Girls 6:00p Elders	<b>10</b> 10:30a Staff mtg 1:00p <b>TABS</b> (Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study) 6:00p Elders 7:00p LWML Ruth Guild	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 9:00a Mary Circle BS 6:00p Choir Practice	<b>13</b> 6:00a <b>WEBS</b> — Week End(ing) <b>BS</b>	<b>14</b> <b>Ok District Convention, 6/13-14</b>
<b>15</b> 8:00a Worship w/Communion 9:15a Bible study 10:30a Worship w/Communion <b>THE HOLY TRINITY</b> Father's Day	<b>16</b> 5:30p TL Boys & AH Girls	<b>17</b> 10:30a Staff mtg 1:00p <b>TABS</b> (Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study)	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 6:00a <b>NO WEBS</b> — Week End(ing) <b>BS</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 8:00a Worship 9:15a Bible study 10:30a Worship	<b>23</b> 5:30p TL Boys & AH Girls	<b>24</b> 10:30a Staff mtg 1:00p <b>TABS</b> (Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study)	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 9:00a Mary Circle Quilting <b>SUMMER BEGINS</b>	<b>27</b> 6:00a <b>NO WEBS</b> — Week End(ing) <b>BS</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 8:00a Worship 9:15a Bible study 10:30a Worship <b>ST PETER &amp; ST PAUL, APOSTLES</b>	<b>30</b> 5:30p TL Boys & AH Girls	 <b>REMEMBER GOOD SHEPHERD IN YOUR WILL!</b>	 You can listen on-demand at <a href="http://issuesetc.org">issuesetc.org</a> , the LPR mobile app, and your favorite podcast provider.	<b>THE LUTHERAN HOUR</b> every Sunday at 8:00a - 9a, 1FM, or 9:00a - 8.5FM or 800AM or online at <a href="http://www.lutheranhour.org">www.lutheranhour.org</a>	 Go to <a href="http://www.gslocmwc.com">www.gslocmwc.com</a> click on the "Play Video" arrow.	 <b>SUBMISSION DEADLINES</b> <b>weekly Bulletin</b> 12pm on Thursdays <b>Monthly Newsletter</b> 20 <sup>th</sup> of every month <a href="mailto:news,gsloc@gmail.com">news,gsloc@gmail.com</a>