

# 13<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

30 August 2020



Jesus told His disciples,  
“If anyone would come after Me,  
let him deny himself and take up his cross  
and follow Me.”

— *Matthew 16:24*



## GOOD SHEPHERD

## LUTHERAN CHURCH

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# WELCOME!

Welcome to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church  
as we gather as God's people to worship the Lord!  
May our worship strengthen your faith and desire to serve Him  
Who loves us with an everlasting love in Christ Jesus! .

Some **FRIENDLY REMINDERS** before Worship: Please...

- Give your **Prayer Request** to an elder or usher before worship today.
- **Turn off** or place on vibration mode your **cell phone**.
- As you enter the worship area today, **be thoughtful of those around you**, who are contemplating being in the Lord's presence. This is a good time for private prayer (inside cover of Lutheran Service Book) and meditation on the Psalms (pg. 1) and Luther's "Small Catechism" (pg. 321) in the front section of the LSB hymnal.
- **Guests: Welcome to Good Shepherd!** If you don't have a church home, we invite you to complete the **WHO'S IN THE PEW** card located in the pew racks and place it in the offering plate or hand it to the usher. We're glad you're here! (Members note that the contact information need not be completed.)

	TODAY		NEXT SUNDAY	
	8:00a	10:30a	8:00a	10:30a
<b>Organist/ Pianist</b>	Brian Tidwell	Brian Tidwell	Brian Tidwell	Brian Tidwell
<b>Musician</b>				
<b>Elders</b>	Larry Hart	Tom Moran	Larry Hart	Ron Parker
<b>Acolyte</b>				
<b>Ushers</b>	Martin Harke, Mike Moore, Jerry Beasley, Manny Vasquez	Ron Pendley, Bill Schlegel, Manny Vasquez	Martin Harke, Mike Moore, Jerry Beasley, Manny Vasquez	Ron Pendley, Bill Schlegel, Manny Vasquez

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**WORSHIP NOTES:** Due to the extraordinary circumstances resulting from the pestilence smiting our day, please be aware of the following worship sanitary arrangements employed to minimize the spread of the **COVID-19 Pandemic Virus** thereby presenting reasonable assembly risk:

Our intent is to continue to offer Sunday morning worship services (i.e., 8:00a/10:30a) as one worship option for members to consider because “assembly” is an important dimension of worship in keeping with the 3<sup>rd</sup> commandment. For example, consider the kind of family life you would experience if there were no assembly or presence, i.e., you would only relate to one another by phone—it’s sort of two-dimensional, with significant limitations, not three-dimensional that is real life.

Today our Sunday morning worship is being broadcast (online) through our website as another devotional option for you to consider. In keeping with ‘social distancing’ thinking. Technology, i.e. the internet, is helpful here in doing just that, but long term it lacks the ‘assembly’ or ‘presence’ dimension (i.e., it’s two-dimensional) which is an important element to the worship of God’s people, to the worship of the body of Christ (i.e., it’s three-dimensional). (By this arrangement there is no way to receive Holy Communion, the Lord’s Supper; it is only given out in assembly in what is called the Real Presence.)

All of that being said please do not feel compelled to attend any public assembly worship until a time when you determine it is acceptable to do so. During this pandemic scourge opting for either staying socially isolated or desiring to receive Holy Communion are both God-pleasing choices. However if you do wish to join in assembly worship please note the following sanitary precautions:

1. If, by chance, the virus was present in any person at last Sunday’s worship it is no longer active after a full week of time. The most pessimistic studies tells us that the virus only remains active on any surface or space no longer than five days.
2. All door knobs, door plates, door handles, light switches, railings, et al., will be sanitized before your arrival to worship.
3. In keeping with ‘social distancing’ thinking, please sit somewhat apart from those seated around you. There is plenty of room in our sanctuary for doing this.
4. Please wear a face covering, or one will be provided.
5. No offering will be collected during worship services (to minimize the potential spread of any virus.). Offering plates will be on display at the back of the church for you to leave your offerings.
6. Holy Communion will be administered individually (with gloves) as you pass by the altar rather than in groups gathered around the chancel rail. This arrangement lessens accidental contact as we gather before the altar, in keeping with ‘social distancing’ thinking.
7. If you used a hymnal in worship today please do not return it to the pew rack but leave it sitting on the pew. Afterwards someone will disinfect it along with other disinfecting procedures.

# THIS WEEK WITH THE SHEPHERD


TODAY	8:00a	Worship
	9:15a	Bible Study
	10:30a	Worship
Tuesday	10:30a	Staff Meeting
	2:30p	TABS (Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study)
	6:00p	Elders' Meeting
	7:00p	LWML Meeting w/Zoom
Thursday	9:30a	Preschool-K Chapel
	10:30a	ThuMBS (Thursday Morning Bible Study)
	6:00p	<b>NO</b> Choir Rehearsal
Friday	6:00a	WEBS ( <b>Week-End(ing)-Bible-Study</b> )—Matthew
Sunday	8:00a	Worship
	9:15a	Bible Study
	10:30a	Worship
	11:45a	Drive-Thru Communion

## UPCOMING EVENTS


9/12 Golf Tournament

**SERVICE MEMBERS— COAST GUARD:** Zane Arambula (Janet Quiram's grandson); **ARMY:** Summer Brubaker (Helen Kromanaker's granddaughter); **AIR FORCE:** Zachary Arambula (grandson of Janet Quiram); Aaron Manuel (Helen Kromanaker's grandson-in-law); Bill Gaythwaite (Australia); **NAVY:** Cameron Anderson (Richard & Kathleen Anderson's grandson), Jeff Vasseur (Margaret Kincheloe's grandson); Brody Vinson (Laura Crain's great-grandson); Dale Vinson (Laura Crain's grandson), **Marines:** Ryan Kruel (Elise Webb's nephew).



 "The One who created the heavens and the earth, the Author of the sun and the stars in the sky, is also the One who came Himself as the promise of light. Into the darkness of this world, the Word at the very beginning became flesh to dwell among us. Of this remarkably authored story, one witness writes: In Him was life and that life was the light of all people. The Light shines in the darkness and the darkness did not overcome it. (John 1:4-5)" *Tejedor Tiewsoh, Ravi Zacharias International Ministries, Shillong, India – A Life Quote from LUTHERANS FOR LIFE •*  
[www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)

One Gospel-motivated voice For Life said, "No one wants an abortion as she wants an ice cream cone or a new car. She wants an abortion as an animal, caught in a trap, wants to gnaw off its own leg." Poverty and pain, disability and disease, abuse and abandonment take away a lot. But incarnate, crucified, and risen-again Lord Jesus guarantees suffering cannot take everything. Even amid afflictions we overcome these evils not with death but with His joy and hope, courage and compassion (Romans 12:21).



# SUNDAY—BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

**ADULT BIBLE CLASS:** A study on the Sunday lessons with Pastor Simpson.

## WEEKLY—BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

**3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month—7:00pm—Grow Up Christian**—meets at various member homes (Fritzie Rice)

**Tuesday—2:30p—TABS (Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study)** - 1 Corinthians

**Thursday—10:30am—ThuMBS (Thursday Morning Bible Study)** — (Pastor Simpson).

**Friday—6:00am—WEBS (Week-End(ing)-Bible Study)** — Matthew (Pastor Simpson)

**Saturday—10:00am—(4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month only)—Neighborhood Women's Bible Study (Helen Kromanaker)**

## SMALL GROUP—BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

The following small groups meet monthly, typically on Saturday afternoons for a couple of hours, either from 4-6pm or 5-7pm. We enjoy fellowship, prayer and study. Join the fellowship!!!

- Don & Debbie Arnhart Small Group Bible Study—meet monthly.
- Vic & Denise Ewing Small Group Bible Study—meet monthly.
- Marguerite Christman Small Group Bible Study—meet monthly.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

**PRE-SCHOOL & ELEM** — (*Music Room*) Sue Ogle, Debbie Hudson, Lynn Cunningham & Sarah Cunningham

**CHILDREN AND YOUTH** —(*Youth Room*) Royce Junghanns & John Ashford

**COLLEGE & CAREERS**—(*Church Library*) Jo Chesher

## CHILDREN'S CHURCH

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH** is on pause for the time being.

**DEFENDING THE FAITH, TEACHING THE TRUTH... Issues, Etc.** is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's subjects include: The Socialist Temptation, The Vocation of Singleness, Myrrhbearers Joanna, Mary and Salome, Religious Liberty and more. You can listen at your convenience at [issuesetc.org](http://issuesetc.org), the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

Check out additional Coronavirus information at [cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019](https://cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019).

# PRAYER REQUESTS *(non-members in italic)*

**HEALTH**—*Glenn Cox* (bladder, brother-in-law to Brian Morton); *Michael Morton* (lung cancer, brother to Brian Morton); *Cindy Dresslar* (cancer, friend of Connie Grant); Mike Norton (gall bladder); *Ashley Jones* (stomach, niece to Connie Grant); *Alice Copenhaver* (*kidney replacement, friend of Elizabeth Norton*); Dean Cash (stroke); Geri Nast (health); Royce Junghanns (health); *Linda* (cancer, Marilyn Hall's daughter); *Cindy Douglas* (back surgery, Kara McNair's mother); Marilyn Alsip (hip surgery); Gwen Madden (back surgery); *Crystal Simon* (assault, a co-worker's sister of Brian Morton); *Mark Reyes* (kidney replacement, brother to Grace Reyes); *Bob Waldon* (surgery recovery, Martha Casey's brother); *James Cress* (heart & cancer issues, cousin of Norma Place); *Margaret Adams* (surgeries, friend of Connie Grant); *John Nicholas* (broken hip & wrist, friend of Brian Morton); *Judy Williams* (surgery, sister of Jim Eakes); *Larry Stacey* (multiple health issues & facing surgery, cousin of Sue Ogle); *George Harrison* (cancer, uncle of Brian Morton); *Terri French* (recurring cancer, cousin of the Grundmann Family); *Irene* (lung transplant, friend of Enna Vaughan-Carter); Enna Vaughan-Carter (continued health problems); *Mark Horad* (cancer returned, friend of Manny Vasquez); *Maryann Basham* (fighting cancer, friend of Sandi Snelling).

**HOMEBOUND** — Marilyn Alsip, Paulene Akin, Vivian Bingman; Dean Cash; Phillip Curtis; Laurine Goode-Schulz; Marilyn Hall; Dale Hildebrand; Margaret Kincheloe; Geri Nast; Richard Ranken, Jean Stelling; Jim & Norma Tanner; Leslie Tucker.

**BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARIES** — (9-2) Emily Harke, (9/4) Ethan Norton, (9-5) Janet Quiram, Sandra Snelling

**BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES**— (9-2) Oktok Eakes, Joshua Grundman

**Wedding Anniversaries** — (9-3) David and Marilyn Alsip

**"Jesus in the House"** Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler  
Messy prayers, loud tables, open doors—three signs of a spiritually vibrant household. (Luke 19:1-10) Listen to **THE LUTHERAN HOUR** on the radio – at 9:00a (KQCV 800AM, OKC) next Sunday!



**REMEMBER GOOD SHEPHERD IN OUR WILL!**

MONTHLY GENERAL OFFERING					
	7/26	8/2	8/9	8/16	8/23
Budget	8,859	8,859	6,469	6,469	6,469
Actual	3,290	9,890	5,212	6,366	4,123
Attendance	24/25	26/28/20	32/30	38/34	35/26