

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST SEPTEMBER 24, 2023 9:30 A.M.

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

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WELCOME! We are delighted to have you worship with us. If you do not have a church home, we invite you to share ours. Please sign our "Friendship Register" providing the requested information. Be sure to introduce yourself to Pastor Andrew; he would love to meet you.

NURSERY The nursery is open for parents to take their small children during worship service. The space is available but not staffed. Parents are invited to take their children to play. For your convenience a TV is provided to watch a

live stream of the worship service. Please make yourself at home and pick up toys before leaving. For your safety, the Education Building is locked. Please see an usher to open the door if you do not have a key.

FOR THOSE CHILDREN REMAINING IN THE SANCTUARY, Quiet Bags filled with activities are hanging on the coat racks in the Narthex. Parents of young children are invited to pick up a bag at the beginning of the service. Ushers can direct you to their location.

ALL BAPTIZED CHRISTIANS ARE WELCOME TO THE FEAST AT THE LORD'S TABLE.

If you are unable to come forward for communion, please notify an usher so that communion may be brought to you at your seat. If you are unable to receive either the bread or wine, please be assured that the fullness of our Lord's presence is complete in either element alone. Grape juice and gluten-free wafers are available; please let the communion server know of your need. Young children who commune should be assisted by their parents.

A PRAYER BOX is located in the Narthex for any Prayer Requests that you might have.

PLEASE SEE THE CALENDAR in this bulletin for a listing of events taking place at Good Shepherd this week. There is also a monthly calendar on the web page at www.gslc.com.

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND WORSHIP, our services are live-streamed and archived for viewing at other times. See the web page at www.gslc.com for links to these services.

THE GOOD SHEPHERD FOOD PANTRY collects non-perishable food items throughout the month with special emphasis on collection the third Sunday of every month. It is open for distribution Wednesdays from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

REMEMBER YOUR CHURCH FAMILY, especially those you have not seen for a while. Send a card, make a phone call, or pay a visit. Let them know we love and care for them and wish them God's blessings.

THE CHURCH OFFICE is closed on Saturdays and Sundays. Office hours are Monday – Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Friday 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. In the event of an emergency, call the church office at (803) 787-4413 or Pastor Andrew Isenhower at (803) 409-8270. His email address is pastor@gslc.com.

+ GATHERING +

As we gather for worship, please be aware of those around you who may be in a time of quiet reflection before the service starts. Please remember to silence any electronic devices.

PRELUDE VOICES RAISED TO YOU BLERSCH

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS *Please sign the attendance sheet.*

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS Congregation stands.

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The congregation turns to face the cross in procession, reminding us that Christ leads us into the presence and love of God.

GATHERING HYMN 845

VOICES RAISED TO YOU

- 1 Voices raised to you we offer; tune them, God, for songs of praise. Hearts and hands we bring in tribute for your gifts through all our days. Alleluia! Alleluia! Triune God, to you we sing!
- 2 All creation joins to praise you; earth and sky your works display. Art and music, gifts you lend us, we return to you today. Alleluia! Alleluia! God, creator, source of life!
- 3 Christ, the song of love incarnate, touching earth with heaven's grace, for your living, suff'ring, dying,

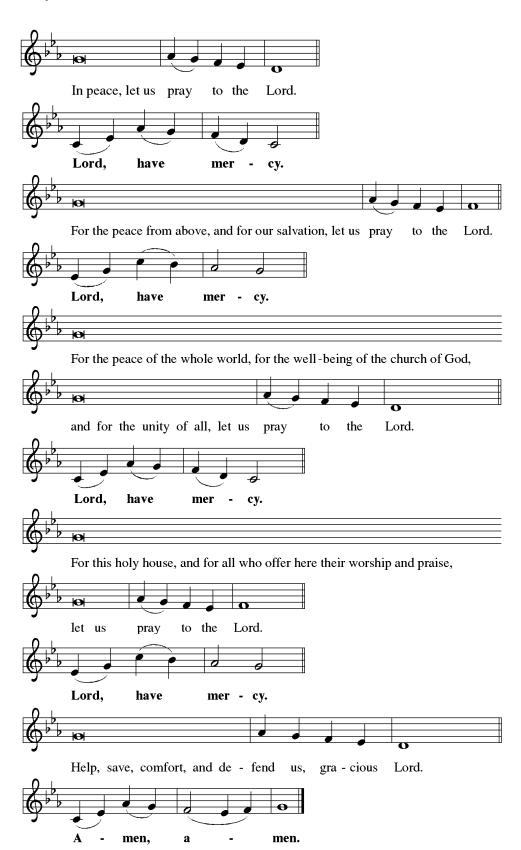
- for your rising, hear our praise! Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ, redeemer, Lord of life!
- 4 Spirit, flaming through creation, kindle faith within each heart. Lift our voices high in chorus; through our hands your love impart. Alleluia! Alleluia! Spirit, helper, breath of life!
- How can any praise we offer measure all the thanks we owe?
 Take our hearts and hands and voices—gifts of love we can bestow.
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Triune God, to you we 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.**

KYRIE



HYMN OF PRAISE



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and eternal God, you show perpetual lovingkindness to us your servants. Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgment, and train us to embody the generosity of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

+ WORD +

FIRST READING Congregation sits.

JONAH 3:10 - 4:11

A reading from Jonah.

¹⁰When God saw what [the people of Ninevah] did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

^{4:1}But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. ²He prayed to the LORD and said, "O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. ³And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." ⁴And the LORD said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" ⁵Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

⁶The LORD God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. ⁷But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. ⁸When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live."

⁹But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." ¹⁰Then the LORD said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. ¹¹And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?"

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 145:1-8

¹I will exalt you, my [|] God and king, and bless your name forev- [|] er and ever.

²Every day | will I bless you

and praise your name forev-|er and ever.

³Great is the LORD and greatly | to be praised!

There is no end | to your greatness.

 4 One generation shall praise your works † to another and shall de- † clare your power.

⁵I will speak of the glorious splendor | of your majesty and all your | marvelous works.

⁶They shall tell of the might of your | wondrous acts, and I will re-| count your greatness.

⁷They shall publish the remembrance of ¹ your great goodness; they shall sing joyfully ¹ of your righteousness.

⁸The LORD is gracious and full | of compassion, slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love.

SECOND READING PHILIPPIANS 1:21-30

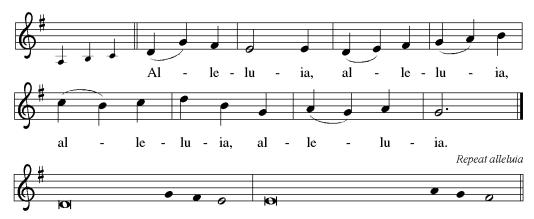
A reading from Philippians.

²¹For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. ²²If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. ²³I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; ²⁴but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. ²⁵Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, ²⁶so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again. ²⁷Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. ²⁹For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well—³⁰since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Congregation stands.



Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e-ter-nal life.

GOSPEL MATTHEW 20:1-16

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] 1"The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. 3When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; 4and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. ⁵When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. ⁶And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' ⁷They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' ⁸When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' 9When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. ¹⁰Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. 11 And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹²saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' ¹³But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' ¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first will be last." The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S SERMON Congregation sits.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY 765 Congregation stands.

- 1 Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy, whose trust, ever child-like, no cares could destroy:
 - be there at our waking, and give us, we pray, your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
- 2 Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith, whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:
 - be there at our labors, and give us, we pray, your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

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LORD OF ALL HOPEFULNESS

- 3 Lord of all kindliness, Lord of all grace, your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace:
 - be there at our homing, and give us, we pray, your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
- 4 Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm, whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm:
 - be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray, your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

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APOSTLES' CREED

God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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 INTERCESSION Congregation kneels or sits.

Remembering the caring and generous works of God, we pray for the church, creation, and the needs of our neighbors.

A brief silence.

God who is gracious and merciful, teach your church to invite and welcome all. Lead us to be grateful for the blessing of community. Challenge your church to choose equity and compassion over judgment. Merciful God.

receive our prayer.

God who sends the wind and the sun, you know every worm and bush by name. Help us remember that even the humblest parts of creation are precious to you. Show us how best to care for the earth and its creatures. Merciful God.

receive our prayer.

God who is ready to relent from punishing, impart your compassionate wisdom to legislators, judges, members of the military, and law enforcement. Give them courage to serve their communities in times of uncertainty, stress, or exhaustion. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

God who saves, direct your people who are tempted by evil ways. Protect your children from calamity and disaster. Strengthen all who are incarcerated. Encourage all who are in despair or pain of any kind, especially those whom we name now aloud and silently. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

God who is slow to anger, may we boast about the goodness of Jesus with the confidence of Paul in prison. Inspire us to find abundance in whatever vocation we are called to in the world and in service to our congregation. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

God who abounds in steadfast love, we give thanks for the saints called to the kingdom of heaven. United with them in spirit, hold us firm as we labor in this life and look to the life to come. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Remember us according to your steadfast love as we offer these and the prayers of our heart, trusting in your compassion made known through Jesus Christ.

Amen.

PEACE Congregation stands.

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

+ MEAL +

OFFERING Congregation sits.

ANTHEM THERE'S A WIDENESS IN GOD'S MERCY

BEVAN

OFFERING SONG Congregation stands.



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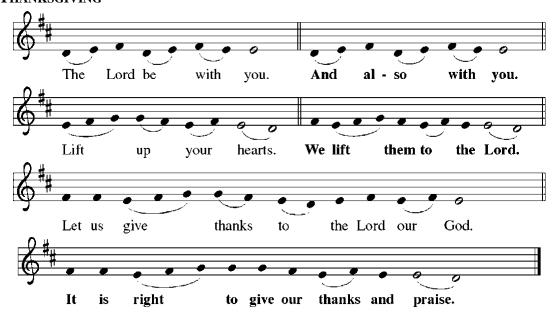
OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

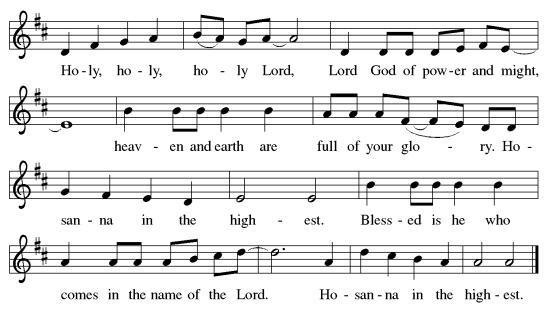
God of power, God of plenty, all things belong to you. We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed. Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING



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:



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EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory. Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all glory and honor, now and forever.

Amen.

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Jesus invites you to this table.

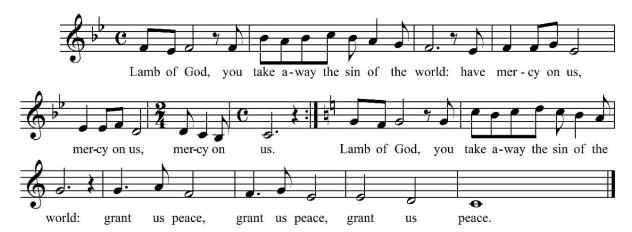
Come, eat and live.

Thanks be to God!

COMMUNION Congregation sits.

All baptized Christians are welcome at the Lord's table. Young children who commune should be assisted by their parents. If you are unable to receive either the bread or wine, please be assured that the fullness of our Lord's presence is complete in either element. Gluten-free wafers are available; please let the communion server know of your need. After communing, please return to your seat. If you are unable to come to the altar, please notify an usher so that communion may be brought to you.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION





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BLESSING OF THE COMMUNICANTS Congregation stands.

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Blessed be your name, O God, for we have feasted on your Word, Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts. Strengthened by this food, send us to gather the world to your banquet, where none are left out and all are satisfied. In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.

+ SENDING +

BENEDICTION

Almighty God, Father, \pm Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

The congregation faces the cross as it leaves the sanctuary, following the cross as we follow Jesus into the world. All remain facing the cross for the dismissal.

SENDING HYMN 688 LORD OF LIGHT

- 1 Lord of light, your name outshining all the stars and suns of space, use our talents in your kingdom as the servants of your grace; use us to fulfill your purpose in the gift of Christ your Son:
- Refrain
 - Father, as in highest heaven, so on earth your will be done.
- 2 By the toil of faithful workers in some far outlying field, by the courage where the radiance of the cross is still revealed, by the victories of meekness, through reproach and suff'ring won: *Refrain*
- 3 Grant that knowledge, still increasing, at your feet may lowly kneel; with your grace our triumphs hallow, with your charity our zeal; lift the nations from the shadows to the gladness of the sun: *Refrain*
- 4 By the prayers of faithful watchers, never silent day or night; by the cross of Jesus, bringing peace to all and healing light; by the love that passes knowledge, making all your children one: *Refrain*

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. God is at work in you. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE LORD OF LIGHT POWELL

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LET US REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Brickmont of John's Creek Assisted Living – Lena Duncan Lowman Home – Rosemarie Brown, Marianne De Werdt Merrill Gardens – Mary Clare McAbee The Palmettos – Sara Loyd Rice Estate – Grace Boozer Wellmore of Lexington – Dot Correll

Wellmore of Daniel Island – Barbara Sutton

Wildewood Downs – Joanna Carpenter

At their homes – Gwen Barnes, Helen Derrick, Sylvia Anne Derrick, Larry Evans, Bonnie Hammond, and Jeannine Jameson

SEPTEMBER 17, 2023 ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS

9:30 a.m. Worship Service: 117 Sunday School: 54

OTHER MISCELLANEOUS OFFERINGS

Synod World Hunger	\$60	Social Ministry September Emphasis The Free Medical Clinic	\$325
Lutheran Disaster Response	\$100	Sunday School – Adult	\$40
Altar Flowers	\$130	Sunday School – Children & Youth	\$9
Food Pantry	\$350	Capital Improvement Fund \$	
Ramp Ministry	\$20	Youth Mission Fund – Contributions	
		VANCO Processing Fee	\$8

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given by Jean Cockrell to the Glory of God and in honor of Good Shepherd Food Pantry volunteers, with special thanks to Anne Rush, Verna Sawyer, Marion Eargle, Libby Slice and Carolyn Adams.

THE ALTAR ROSE is given by Barbara Nagy to the Glory of God and in memory of her mom, Margaret Mantich Horvat.

THE NARTHEX FLOWERS are given by Don Caughman to the Glory of God and in memory of Good Shepherd charter member Alice Riley for her 100th birthday September 23.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES – Join us immediately following worship service for Sunday School classes. Choose any of the three adult classes located downstairs. The kindergarten–high school youth classes are held in the Education Building.

ATTENTION ALL VETERANS – At the November 8 Pathfinders of Good Shepherd meeting, all veterans will be recognized for their service to our country. If you have not received a Quilts of Valor quilt and are interested in participating in this program, please contact Nancy Hyatt for more information (803-873-9449 or dnhyatt63@gmail.com.)

PATHFINDERS OF GOOD SHEPHERD (POGS) - Our annual Christmas trip to North Myrtle Beach is on December 4-5. Registration is now open! For more information, look for the green registration forms available on the table in the Narthex or Chapel.

SOCIAL MINISTRY SEPTEMBER EMPHASIS – The Social Ministry Committee selected The Free Medical Clinic for the September emphasis. Their mission is to provide quality health care, at no cost, to residents of the community who cannot pay for such services and who have no health insurance. Donations from GSLC will go toward continuing this important health ministry in our community. To support this local charity, please make checks payable to GSLC and designate for September Emphasis in the memo line.

PHOTO RELEASE FORM – As we update our church website we would like to use more current images of church members at various activities. If you give your consent to appear in GSLC publications please fill out a photo release form located on a table in the Narthex or Chapel and return it to the church office.

^{*}Budgeted Weekly Benevolence Collections needed: \$9,733

^{*}Current Expenses & Benevolences Received: \$6,558

CONGREGATIONAL RETREAT – Registration for the congregational retreat at Lutheridge February 2-4, 2024, will begin October 1. A registration table will be in the narthex during October. Registration forms also will be available in the church office.

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – Packets from this month's council meeting are available on the table under the bulletin board in the Narthex. This packet consists of the current committee minutes/reports and approved prior month's council meeting minutes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY bulletins are **due by noon each Wednesday**. Email your announcements to Deborah Mitchell, Parish Administrator, at parishadmin@gslc.com.

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Rod Kent

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NO NURSERY

TABULATORS Steve Steck, Rebecca Richardson

CC PERSON OF MONTH Carole Sox

THIS WEEK AT GSLC

September 24 Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary)

10:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School (CL 1, 2, & 5) 10:45 a.m. Youth Sunday School (Youth Room)

10:45 – 11:25 a.m. Children's Sunday School (E-106, E-114)

11:25 – 11:45 a.m. Children's Music (E-115)

September 26 11:30 a.m. Bible Study (Conference Room)

5:00 p.m. Staff Support meeting (Conference Room)

6:30 p.m. Mutual Ministry meeting (CL 2)

September 27 8:00 a.m. Zoom Bible Study

7:00 p.m. Choir Practice (Choir Room)

September 28 6:00 p.m. Learning Committee meeting (Conference Room)

September 29 WELCA Retreat at Lutheridge September 30 WELCA Retreat at Lutheridge

October 1 WELCA Retreat at Lutheridge

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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2023 CONGREGATION COUNCIL

OFFICERS

Ed Woodward Debi Powell Anna-Marie Plyler Jan Haigler President Vice-President Secretary Treasurer

<u>MEMBERS</u>	<u>COMMITTEE</u>	TERM ENDS
Carole Sox	Communication	2024
Jason Fowler	Evangelism	2024
David Lucas	Finance	2024
Ed Woodward	Gifts	2024
Heather Gilbert	Learning	2023
Debi Powell	Parish Life	2023
Mike Weaver	Property	2023
Suzanne Sanders	Social Ministry	2023
Becky Shealy	Worship Life	2024
Amy Kemp	Youth & Children	2023

Non-Council Members

Rod Kent Property

OUR MISSION

We are a community of all ages gathered by God's grace for worship, learning, loving, and service to all.

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