

# TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST AUGUST 11, 2024 9:30 A.M.

# GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

**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 AS WE GATHER AT YOUR TABLE BURKHARDT

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 522**

# AS WE GATHER AT YOUR TABLE

- 1 As we gather at your table, as we listen to your word, help us know, O God, your presence; let our hearts and minds be stirred. Nourish us with sacred story till we claim it as our own; teach us through this holy banquet how to make Love's vict'ry known.
- 2 Turn our worship into witness in the sacrament of life; send us forth to love and serve you, bringing peace where there is strife.

- Give us, Christ, your great compassion to forgive as you forgave; may we still behold your image in the world you died to save.
- 3 Gracious Spirit, help us summon other guests to share that feast where triumphant Love will welcome those who had been last and least. There no more will envy blind us nor will pride our peace destroy, as we join with saints and angels to repeat the sounding joy.

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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.

HYMN OF PRAISE Congregation sings all.



#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Gracious God, your blessed Son came down from heaven to be the true bread that gives life to the world. Give us this bread always, that he may live in us and we in him, and that, strengthened by this food, we may live as his body in the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.** 

+ WORD +

# FIRST READING Congregation sits.

1 Kings 19:4-8

A reading from Exodus.

<sup>4</sup> [Elijah] went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors." Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat." <sup>6</sup> He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. <sup>7</sup> The angel of the LORD came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you." <sup>8</sup> He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

#### PSALM 34:1-8

<sup>1</sup> I will bless the LORD | at all times;

the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth.

<sup>2</sup> I will glory | in the LORD;

let the lowly hear | and rejoice.

<sup>3</sup> Proclaim with me the greatness | of the LORD;

let us exalt God's | name together.

<sup>4</sup>I sought the LORD, who | answered me and delivered me from | all my terrors.

<sup>5</sup> Look upon the LORD | and be radiant, and let not your faces | be ashamed.

<sup>6</sup> I called in my affliction, and | the LORD heard me and saved me from | all my troubles.

<sup>7</sup>The angel of the LORD encamps around those who | fear the LORD and de-| livers them.

 $^8$  Taste and see that the  $^{\dagger}$  LORD is good;

happy are they who take ref- uge in God!

# SECOND READING EPHESIANS 4:25 – 5:2

A reading from Ephesians.

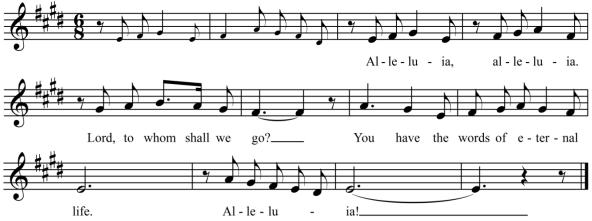
<sup>25</sup> So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. <sup>26</sup> Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, <sup>27</sup> and do not make room for the devil. <sup>28</sup> Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. <sup>29</sup> Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. <sup>30</sup> And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. <sup>31</sup> Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, <sup>32</sup> and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.

<sup>5:1</sup> Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, <sup>2</sup> and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Congregation stands.



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GOSPEL JOHN 6:35, 41-51

The Holy Gospel according to John.

#### Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>35</sup> Jesus said to [the crowd,] "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

<sup>41</sup> Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." <sup>42</sup> They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" <sup>43</sup> Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. <sup>44</sup> No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. <sup>45</sup> It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. <sup>46</sup> Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. <sup>47</sup> Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. <sup>48</sup> I am the bread of life. <sup>49</sup> Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. <sup>50</sup> This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. <sup>51</sup> I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S SERMON Congregation sits.

PASTOR ANDREW ISENHOWER

SERMON PASTOR ANDREW ISENHOWER

# HYMN OF THE DAY 542 Congregation stands.

#### O LIVING BREAD FROM HEAVEN

- O living Bread from heaven, how well you feed your guest! The gifts that you have given have filled my heart with rest.
   O wondrous food of blessing!
   O cup that heals our woes!
   My heart, this gift possessing, in thankful song o'er flows.
- 2 My Savior, you have led me within your holiest place, and here yourself have fed me with treasures of your grace; for you have freely given what earth could never buy, the bread of life from heaven, that now I shall not die.

- 3 You gave me all I wanted; this food can death destroy. And you have freely granted the cup of endless joy. My Lord, I do not merit the favor you have shown; and all my soul and spirit bow down before your throne.
- 4 Oh, grant me then, well-strengthened with heav'nly food, while here my course on earth is lengthened, to serve you, free from fear; and bring me home to praise you where none can peace destroy, where I will ever raise you glad songs in endless joy.

#### 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.

Calling on the spirit of Wisdom to guide our hearts and our minds, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Reignite the prayer of the church. By your Spirit, root your church around the globe in prayer and spiritual practices. Merciful God,

#### receive our prayer.

We rely on the goodness of your creation in everything we do. We pray for trees that offer shade and for our fellow creatures that depend on the trees for shelter and food. Sustain the work of all who advocate for forests and wilderness areas. Merciful God,

#### receive our prayer.

Guide our leaders and nations with a spirit of justice and mercy. Let no evil come out of our mouths, but rather let us extend grace. We pray for our enemies. Merciful God,

#### receive our prayer.

Sustain feeding ministries and organizations such as ELCA World Hunger and our local food pantries, especially for our own congregation's feeding ministries. We work and pray for a day when hunger is no more. Merciful God,

# receive our prayer.

We pray for this congregation and for all who are gathered. Be present among anyone who cannot be with us today. Be with all who are hurting, grieving, or ill, especially those whom we name before you now aloud and silently. Merciful God,

# receive our prayer.

We remember the saints who have gone before us in faith. Trusting in the promise of the resurrection, we find hope in your communion of saints of all times and all places. Merciful God,

# receive our prayer.

We lift up these prayers to you, gracious God. Receive them into your holy keeping. **Amen.** 

#### **PEACE** Congregation stands.

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

#### + MEAL +

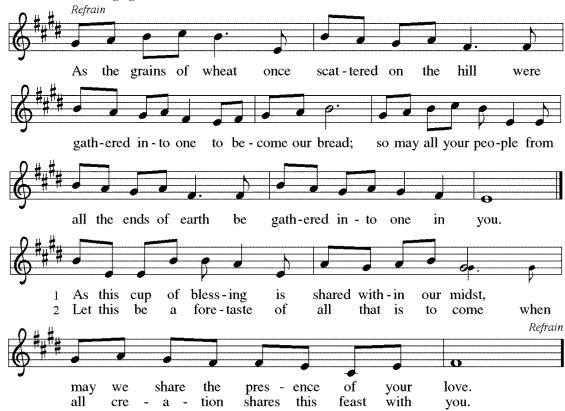
#### **OFFERING** Congregation sits.

**INSTRUMENTAL OFFERING** 

#### I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE

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**OFFERING SONG** Congregation stands.



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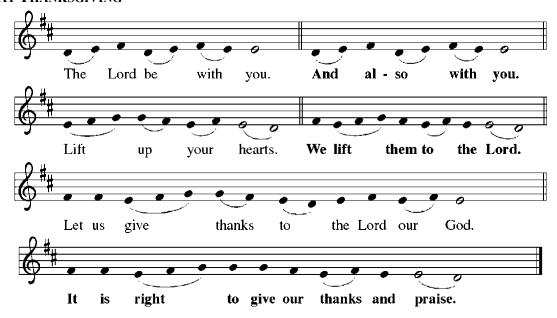
#### OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

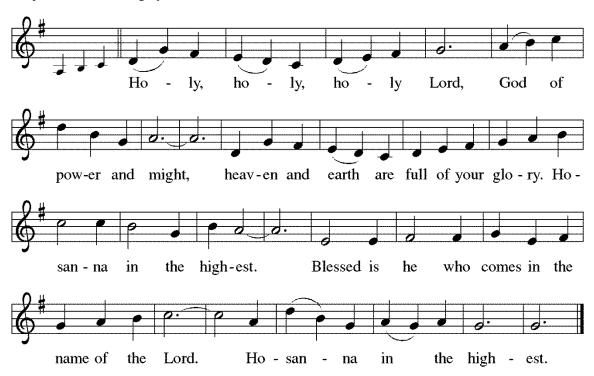
Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world.

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:



#### **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



#### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

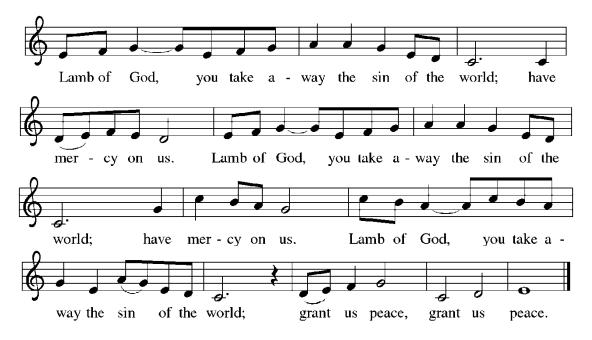
Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

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**



#### **COMMUNION HYMN 485**

I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE

#### 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.

Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray.

Amen.

#### + SENDING +

#### BENEDICTION

Almighty God, Father, + 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 452**

- 1 Awake, O sleeper, rise from death, and Christ shall give you light; so learn his love, its length and breadth, its fullness, depth, and height.
- 2 To us on earth he came to bring from sin and fear release, to give the Spirit's unity, the very bond of peace.
- There is one body and one hope, one Spirit and one call, one Lord, one faith, and one baptism, one God who made us all.

#### AWAKE, O SLEEPER, RISE FROM DEATH

- 4 Then walk in love as Christ has loved, who died that he might save; with kind and gentle hearts forgive as God in Christ forgave.
- 5 For us Christ lived, for us he died, and conquered in the strife. Awake, arise, go forth in faith, and Christ shall give you life.

#### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** 

#### **POSTLUDE**

#### O LIVING BREAD FROM HEAVEN

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# LET US REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Brickmont of John's Creek Assisted Living – Lena Duncan

The Heritage at Lowman – 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

**At their homes** – Gwen Barnes, Sylvia Anne Derrick, Larry Evans, Bonnie Hammond, Jeannine Jameson, Justine Parker, Jerry Vaughn

# **AUGUST 4, 2024 ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS**

9:30 a.m. Worship Service: **82** Sunday School: **21** 

#### OTHER MISCELLANEOUS OFFERINGS

Memorial Fund	\$75	Social Ministry July Focus – BackPack Program	\$220
Pastor's Discretionary Fund	\$10	Altar Flowers	\$10
Capital Improvement Fund	\$25	VANCO Processing Fee	\$16

**THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by Ed and Marcia Woodward to the Glory of God and in honor of their 46<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

**THE ALTAR ROSE** is given by Don Caughman to the Glory of God and in honor of Dr. Jonathan Sanchez for earning his doctorate in theology from the University of Notre Dame.

**THE NARTHEX FLOWERS** are given by Rick and Bobbie Storey to the Glory of God and in memory of Bobbie's mother, Emmie Ham, on her birthday August 22.

**FOOD PANTRY** – Next Sunday (8/18/2024) is Food Pantry Sunday and the pantry needs **canned meat** (chili, chicken, luncheon meat, beef stew, chicken & dumplings, tuna, Vienna sausage) **peanut butter** (14oz), **dry boxed cereal** (corn flakes, raisin bran, cheerios, shredded wheat) and **canned fruit** (pears, peaches, pineapple, fruit cocktail).

**SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES DOWNSTAIRS** – Pastor Andrew will be leading an Intergenerational class in classroom 1. Everyone is welcome. Don Caughman and Ben Haigh continue to lead the Adult Fellowship class in classroom 2.

**CELEBRATION OF LIFE** – A Celebration of Life for Joanna Carpenter will be held at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church on Friday, August 16, at 12:00 p.m. A visitation for family and friends will take place prior to the service in the church Narthex at 11:00 a.m. Interment will be private.

**SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE** – Box is in the Narthex ready to receive donations of school supplies for Bradley and Forest Lake Elementary Schools. See newsletter for items needed. Social Ministry added a special request from AC Flora High School for book bags. These should be appropriate size for high school students and may be new or gently used.

**SOCIAL MINISTRY AUGUST EMPHASIS** – The emphasis for August is the Free Medical Clinic. The Free Medical Clinic provides high quality primary and specialty healthcare and medication services to the uninsured (no private insurance, Medicaid, Medicare, or VA benefits) that are at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level. The Free Medical Clinic has a team of dedicated healthcare professionals that are committed to providing comprehensive and personalized services, fostering a warm and supportive environment for their patients.

**2024 SUMMER SPLASH!** – Here at Good Shepherd, we celebrate the end of summer with Summer Splash. Games, grilling, a water slide and lots more...water. It will be a great time after Sunday School until 1:00 p.m. on **August 25**—just before football gets underway and everyone gets back to ideas of school and fall activities while it is still, yes, hot here in Columbia. All our youth, children, and their families are invited and anyone else who enjoys good grilling and just watching the mayhem. See you there!

<sup>\*</sup>Budgeted Weekly Benevolence Collections needed: \$9,330

<sup>\*</sup>Current Expenses & Benevolences Received: \$6,871

WELCA PRAYER BREAKFAST – The annual WELCA prayer breakfast will be held in the FAB on August 31 beginning at 9:30 a.m. The guest speaker is Pastor Gina Metze from Mt. Hermon Lutheran Church in West Columbia. She will share her experiences from the Tanzania Mission 2023 trip to include how the "She Shed" project began. Mike Weaver's crew will be preparing the breakfast. A service project for the ladies will be available for those who wish to participate. *See Cathy Milejczak for information*. Everyone is Welcome!!

**2024 RALLY DAY** – Mark your calendar! Our annual Rally Day celebration will take place in the FAB on **September 8** after the worship service. We will all rally together as we kick off our new year of Sunday School classes for all ages.

WELCA RETREAT REGISTRATION OPEN – Join us at the Coastal Retreat Center, Isle of Palms for this year's WELCA retreat held October 4-6. Complete the registration form found on the tables in the Narthex and Chapel area. Make checks payable to WELCA and return to Laura Leigh Smith or put in the WELCA box. Cost of the Retreat is \$180 which can be paid in installments. The total is due August 25, 2024.

**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES** – Packets from the 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 12 noon each Wednesday. Email your announcements to Deborah Mitchell, Parish Administrator, at parishadmin@gslc.com.

**PLEASE SEE THE MONTHLY CALENDAR** – on the web page at www.gslc.com for a listing of events taking place at Good Shepherd.

# **SERVING IN WORSHIP**

USHERS Pat Quattlebaum, Mary Stallings, Marcia Woodward,

Dick Sturkie

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ALTAR GUILD Becky Shealy, Pat Quattlebaum TABULATORS Lavina Chandler, Mary Stallings

CC PERSON OF MONTH David Lucas

# THIS WEEK AT GSLC

August 11 9:30 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary)

10:45 a.m. Adult Fellowship Sunday School Class (CL 2) 10:45 a.m. Intergenerational Sunday School Class (CL 1)

August 12 5:30 p.m. Evangelism Committee meeting (CL 2)

August 13 11:30 a.m. Bible Study (Conference Room)

3:00 p.m. Executive Committee meeting (Conference Room)

5:30 p.m. MORE Justice Information meeting (CL 2)

August 14 8:00 a.m. Zoom Bible Study

5:30 p.m. Worship Life Committee meeting (CL 2)

August 16 11: 00 Visitation for Joanna Carpenter (Narthex)

12:00 p.m. Memorial Service for Joanna Carpenter (Sanctuary)

August 18 Food Pantry Sunday

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

10:45 a.m. Adult Fellowship Sunday School Class (CL 2) 10:45 a.m. Intergenerational Sunday School Class (CL 1)

6:30 p.m. Council meeting (CL 2)

# **2024 CONGREGATION COUNCIL**



# **OFFICERS**

President Vice-President Secretary Treasurer

<u>MEMBERS</u>	COMMITTEE	TERM ENDS
Carole Sox	Communication	2024
Jason Fowler	Evangelism	2024
David Lucas	Finance	2024
Ed Woodward	Gifts	2024
Barbara Nagy	Learning	2025
Deb Bodie	Parish Life	2025
Richard Inman	Property	2025
Jan Haigler**	Social Ministry	2025
Becky Shealy	Worship Life	2024
Chris Herrmann	Youth & Children	2025

#### \*\*Non-Council Members

Cathy Milejczak & Rod Kent

Social Ministry Co-Chairs

# **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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