

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 10, 2025 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 HAVE NO FEAR, LITTLE FLOCK 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.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

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 771 Congregation stands.

- 1 God, who stretched the spangled heavens infinite in time and place, flung the suns in burning radiance through the silent fields of space: we, your children in your likeness, share inventive pow'rs with you; great Creator, still creating, show us what we yet may do.
- We have ventured worlds undreamed of since the childhood of our race; known the ecstasy of winging through untraveled realms of space;

GOD, WHO STRETCHED THE SPANGLED HEAVENS

- probed the secrets of the atom, yielding unimagined pow'r, facing us with life's destruction or our most triumphant hour.
- 3 As each far horizon beckons,
 may it challenge us anew:
 children of creative purpose,
 serving others, hon'ring you.
 May our dreams prove rich with promise;
 each endeavor well begun;
 great Creator, give us guidance
 till our goals and yours are one.

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



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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

FIRST READING Congregation sits.

GENESIS 15:1-6

A reading from Genesis.

¹ After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ² But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³ And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." ⁴ But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." ⁵ He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." ⁶ And he believed the LORD, and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 33:12-22

¹² Happy is the nation whose God | is the LORD! Happy the people chosen to | be God's heritage! ¹³ The LORD looks | down from heaven, and sees all | humankind.

¹⁴ God sits firmly en- | throned and watches all who dwell | on the earth.

¹⁵ God fashions | all their hearts and observes | all their deeds.

¹⁶ A king is not saved by the size | of the army, nor are warriors rescued by | their great strength.

¹⁷ The horse gives vain | hope for victory; despite its great strength it | cannot save.

¹⁸ Truly, your eye is upon those who fear | you, O LORD, upon those who wait for your | steadfast love,

19 to deliver their | lives from death, and to keep them alive in | time of famine.

²⁰ Our innermost being waits for 1 you, O LORD, our helper 1 and our shield.

²¹ Surely, our heart rejoic- | es in you, for in your holy name we | put our trust.

²²Let your lovingkindness, O LORD, | be upon us, even as we place our | hope in you.

A reading from Hebrews.

¹ Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ² Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³ By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

⁸ By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance, and he set out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹ By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰ For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹ By faith, with Sarah's involvement, he received power of procreation, even though he was too old, because he considered him faithful who had promised. ¹² Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

¹³ All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, ¹⁴ for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵ If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶ But as it is, they desire a better homeland, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Congregation stands.



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GOSPEL LUKE 12:32-40

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ³² "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³ Sell your possessions and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. ³⁵ "Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶ be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷ Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸ If he comes during the middle of the night or near dawn and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. ³⁹ "But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰ You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

PASTOR ANDREW ISENHOWER

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HYMN OF THE DAY 764

HAVE NO FEAR, LITTLE FLOCK

- 1 Have no fear, little flock; have no fear, little flock, for the Father has chosen to give you the kingdom; have no fear, little flock!
- Have good cheer, little flock; have good cheer, little flock, for the Father will keep you in his love forever; have good cheer, little flock!

- Praise the Lord high above; praise the Lord high above, for he stoops down to heal you, uplift and restore you; praise the Lord high above!
- 4 Thankful hearts raise to God; thankful hearts raise to God, for he stays close beside you, in all things works with you; thankful hearts raise to God!

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.

In solidarity with all creation, we join our voice to the voice of the whole church and pray for the needs of the world.

A brief silence.

Keep the heart of your church set firmly in you so that, with lamps lit and attentive to Christ's call at any time or place, your people are ready to respond with faithful action for the sake of the world. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Worlds were prepared by your word. Speak healing and protection upon the earth, especially where life and habitats are threatened. Guide the work of astronomers and all who teach us about the stars and galaxies. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

You know the actions and deeds of the nations. Turn humanity away from instruments of war and violence. Fashion the hearts of world leaders to work for peace. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Let your lovingkindness be on those in need, especially those whom we name now. Assure all who are afraid or experiencing great uncertainty that your promises are sure. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Calm the fears of migrants and refugees who set out, not knowing where they go. Provide shelter, sustenance, protection from harm, and welcome. Bless the work of Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service and other means of support and advocacy. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

We celebrate the ancestors in the faith who built their lives on your promises and died having seen them only from a distance. Sustain us in our hope of things not seen. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Trusting in your lovingkindness, we place our prayer and hope in you, in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

PEACE Congregation stands.

The peace of Christ be with you always.

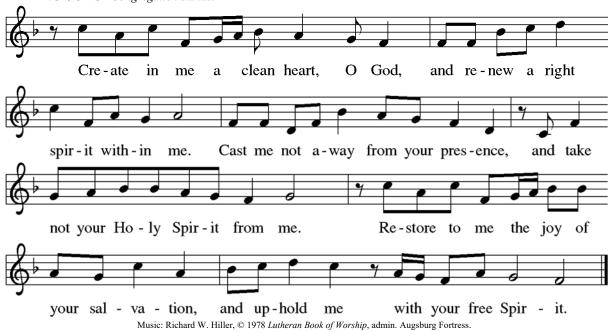
And also with you.

+ MEAL +

OFFERING Congregation sits.

OFFERTORY GOD, WHO STRETCHED THE SPANGLED HEAVENS KRENTZ-ORGAN

OFFERING SONG Congregation stands.



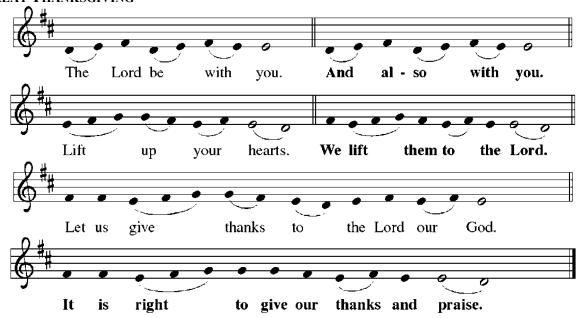
OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

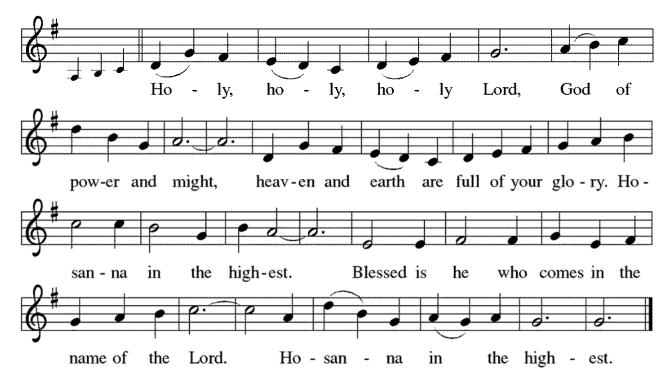
God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

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 AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

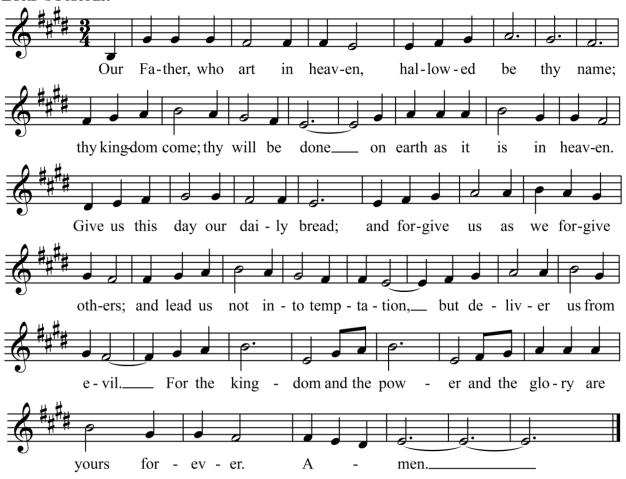
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

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 honor and glory, now and forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER



INVITATION TO COMMUNION

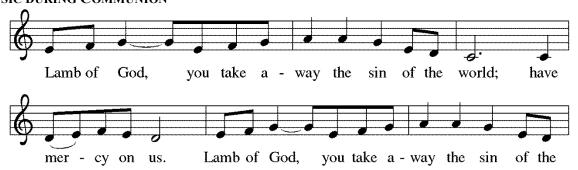
Taste and see that the Lord is good.

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 and grape juice 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.

O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 856 How Great Thou Art

- 1 O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder consider all the works thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder, thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed;
- Refrain

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee, how great thou art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee, how great thou art! How great thou art!

When through the woods and forest glades I wander,

I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees; when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur

and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze; *Refrain*

- 3 But when I think that God, his Son not sparing, sent him to die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross my burden gladly bearing he bled and died to take away my sin; *Refrain*
- When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation, and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!

 Then I shall bow in humble adoration and there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art!" *Refrain*

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Walk in the Spirit. Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE VOLUNTARY GREENE

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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

Harmony – Billie Jones

The Palmettos – Sara Loyd

Rice Estate – Grace Boozer

Vitality Life – Mary Clare McAbee

Wellmore of Lexington - Dot Correll

Wellmore of Daniel Island – Barbara Sutton

At their homes – Gwen Barnes, Steve Bowden, Sylvia Anne Derrick, Larry Evans, Violet Fetner, Bonnie Hammond, Joyce Mobley, Justine Parker

AUGUST 3, 2025 ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS

9:30 a.m. Worship Service: 82 Sunday School: 16

OTHER MISCELLANEOUS OFFERINGS

Social Ministry July Focus – Big Red Barn	\$100	Social Ministry August Focus – LDR Carolinas	\$250
Memorial Fund	\$75	Ramp Ministry Fund	\$20
Altar Flowers	\$310	Pastor's Discretionary Fund	\$35
Supper Club	\$375	VANCO Processing Fees	\$6

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given by Raymond and Julie Hendrix to the Glory of God and in memory of their parents and sisters.

THE ALTAR ROSE is given by Kerry Stubbs to the Glory of God and in honor of Ty Boheler and their 23rd wedding anniversary today.

THE NARTHEX FLOWERS are given by Carolyn Adams to the Glory of God and in remembrance of her husband Ray and her sister Cindy.

OUR ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES will be combined on August 10 and August 17 for a catechism refresher course taught by Pastor Andrew. In these sessions we will explore what Lutherans believe about scripture, the Sacraments, the Creeds, and the Ten Commandments. If you were never confirmed as a Lutheran or if you are a little rusty on what you learned during your catechism, this class will be an interesting way to explore what it is we believe.

SOCIAL MINISTRY AUGUST EMPHASIS – Good Shepherd has chosen Lutheran Disaster Response (LDR) Carolinas as the August Social Ministry emphasis. LDR Carolinas is an organization grounded in faith focused on helping individuals and congregations prepare for disaster and on building a network of resources across North and South Carolina to respond when disasters occur such as Hurricanes Helene and Chantal. To support this organization, you may contribute any time during August by putting your donation in the offering plate on Sunday mornings or by sending it to the church office. Checks should be made out to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and designated for LDR Carolinas.

DEADLINE FOR SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE – Today is the deadline to turn in your school supplies. The supplies will be delivered to both Bradley Elementary in Richland School District One and Forest Lake Elementary in Richland School District Two this week.

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR DEBORAH MITCHELL ON VACATION, August 14 - 15. If you need something while Deborah is out, please contact a volunteer in the church office at 803-787-4413.

FOOD PANTRY – Next Sunday (8/17/2025) is Food Pantry Sunday and the pantry needs boxed cereal (Cornflakes. Cheerios, Shredded Wheat, Raisin Bran), **canned & dry pasta**, and **fruit** (peaches, pears, pineapple.)

SIGN UP FOR JOINT SUPPER CLUB – Remember to complete the form to reserve your spot for the Joint Supper Club on Saturday, August 23 in the FAB. The festivities will begin with a social hour at 5:00 p.m. and the meal at 6:00 p.m.

^{*}Budgeted Weekly Benevolence Collections needed: \$9,325

^{*}Current Expenses & Benevolences Received: \$11,315

WELCA WOMEN'S RETREAT – A Day of Wellness, September 6, in Good Shepherd's FAB. Cost: \$30 – Due August 17. Included: Breakfast, Lunch and wellness presentations. A registration table is available in the Narthex. Make checks payable to WELCA. Payment can be given to Laura Leigh Smith or put in the WELCA box.

ANNIVERSARY STICKER – Pick up your 75th Anniversary commemorative car sticker located on the table in the Narthex. Displaying your sticker will help remind our community of our faithful 75 years of service.

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

GREETER: Earline Suydam

USHERS: Greg Sox, Lennae Sox, Jan Haigler

LECTOR: Mike Weaver
COMMUNION ASST: Mike Weaver
ACOLYTE: James Isenhower
CRUCIFER: Adam Ortiz

ALTAR GUILD: Becky Shealy, Pat Quattlebaum
TABULATORS: David Lucas, Rebecca Richardson

CC PERSON OF MONTH: Kate Ferlauto

THIS WEEK AT GSLC

August 10 Last Day to bring School Supplies

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

10:45 a.m. Combined Adult Sunday School (CL 1)

10:45 a.m. Children's Sunday School (E-113)

August 12 11:30 a.m. Bible Study (Conference Room)

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

5:30 p.m. Finance Committee meeting (Conference Room)

August 13 8:00 a.m. Zoom Bible Study

5:30 p.m. Mutual Ministry meeting (Conference Room)

August 14 5:30 p.m. Parish Life meeting (Conference Room)

August 15 September Newsletter Deadline

August 17 Food Pantry Sunday

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

10:45 a.m. Combined Adult Sunday School (CL 1) 10:45 a.m. Children's Sunday School (E-113) 6:30 p.m. Council meeting (Conference Room)

2025 CONGREGATION COUNCIL



Becky Shealy David Lucas Anna-Marie Plyler Jan Haigler

OFFICERS

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Don Caughman	Communication	2025
Sid Havird	Evangelism	2026
David Lucas	Finance	2026
Kate Ferlauto	Gifts	2026
Barbara Nagy	Learning	2025
Deb Whitlow	Parish Life	2026
Richard Inman	Property	2025
Mary Margaret Hoy	Social Ministry	2026
Becky Shealy	Worship Life	2026
Chris Herrmann	Youth & Children	2025

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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