

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 21, 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 BE THOU MY VISION MANZ

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 655 Congregation stands.

SON OF GOD, ETERNAL SAVIOR

- 1 Son of God, eternal Savior, source of life and truth and grace, Word made flesh, whose birth among us hallows all our human race, you our head, who, throned in glory, for your own will ever plead: fill us with your love and pity, heal our wrong, and help our need.
- 2 As you, Lord, have lived for others, so may we for others live.
 Freely have your gifts been granted; freely may your servants give.
 Yours the gold and yours the silver, yours the wealth of land and sea; we but stewards of your bounty held in solemn trust will be.
- 3 Come, O Christ, and reign among us, King of love and Prince of peace; hush the storm of strife and passion, bid its cruel discords cease.

 By your patient years of toiling, by your silent hours of pain, quench our fevered thirst of pleasure, stem our selfish greed of gain.
- 4 Son of God, eternal Savior, source of life and truth and grace, Word made flesh, whose birth among us hallows all our human race: by your praying, by your willing that your people should be one, grant, oh, grant our hope's fruition: here on earth your will be done.

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

Let us pray.

God among us, we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

+ WORD +

FIRST READING Congregation sits.

Amos 8:4-7

A reading from Amos.

⁴ Hear this, you who trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land,

⁵ saying, "When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain, and the Sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale?

We will make the ephah smaller and the shekel heavier and practice deceit with false balances,

⁶ buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals and selling the sweepings of the wheat."

⁷ The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds. The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 113

¹ Hallelujah! Give praise, you servants ¹ of the LORD; praise the name ¹ of the LORD.

² Let the name of the | LORD be blessed, from this time forth for- | evermore.

³ From the rising of the sun to its | going down let the name of the | LORD be praised.

⁴ The LORD is high a- | bove all nations;

God's glory a- | bove the heavens.

⁵ Who is like the | LORD our God, who sits en- | throned on high,

⁶ but stoops | to behold

the heavens | and the earth?

⁷ The LORD takes up the weak out | of the dust and lifts up the poor | from the ashes,

⁸ enthroning them | with the rulers, with the rulers | of the people.

⁹ The LORD makes the woman of a | childless house to be a joyful mother of children. | Hallelujah!

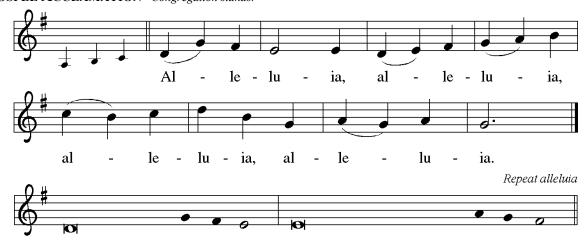
SECOND READING 1 TIMOTHY 2:1-7

A reading from 1 Timothy.

¹ First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, ² for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. ³ This is right and acceptable before God our Savior, ⁴ who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵ For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, ⁶ who gave himself a ransom for all—this was attested at the right time. ⁷ For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth; I am not lying), a teacher of the gentiles in faith and truth. 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 LUKE 16:1-13

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ Then Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. ² So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management because you cannot be my manager any longer.' ³ Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴ I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' ⁵ So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' ⁶ He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' ⁷ Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' ⁸ And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly, for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. ⁹ And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

¹⁰ "Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much, and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. ¹¹ If, then, you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹² And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? ¹³ No slave can serve two masters, for a slave will either hate the one and love the other or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Congregation sits.

CHILDREN'S SERMON SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY 685 Congregation stands.

- 1 Take my life, that I may be consecrated, Lord, to thee; take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.
- 2 Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love; take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.
- 3 Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King; take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee.

PASTOR ANDREW ISENHOWER PASTOR ANDREW ISENHOWER TAKE MY LIFE, THAT I MAY BE

- 4 Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold; take my intellect and use ev'ry pow'r as thou shall choose.
- Take my will and make it thine, it shall be no longer mine.Take my heart, it is thine own, it shall be thy royal throne.
- 6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store; take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

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.

Gracious God, we come to you in prayer for the church, the world, and all in need. *A brief silence*.

O God, teach your church to act in solidarity with the poor and to practice justice in our own life and community. God of grace,

receive our prayer.

Almighty Creator, we pray for an end to the misuse of the earth and its resources, that all people may benefit from your abundant gifts and that our stewardship of creation would be marked by justice and sustainability. God of grace,

receive our prayer.

Holy One, embolden elected leaders to pursue policies of economic justice for the benefit of all, especially those who are most vulnerable and marginalized. Persuade them by your example of generosity and compassion. God of grace,

receive our prayer.

Compassionate God, we pray for all facing illness, those near death, or those grieving the loss of loved ones, especially all whom we name now. May they find comfort and strength in your love. Prepare us to surround them with your healing care. God of grace,

receive our prayer.

God of love, motivate our congregation to enact economic justice through tangible action, prioritizing the needs of our community and sharing resources generously through our outreach and justice ministries. God of grace,

receive our prayer.

Gracious God, we give thanks for the saints who now join the heavenly chorus in praising your name. Lift us up from the dust of grief and remind us of your promise of new life. God of grace,

receive our prayer.

We entrust these prayers to you, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend. Amen.

PEACE Congregation stands.

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

+ MEAL +

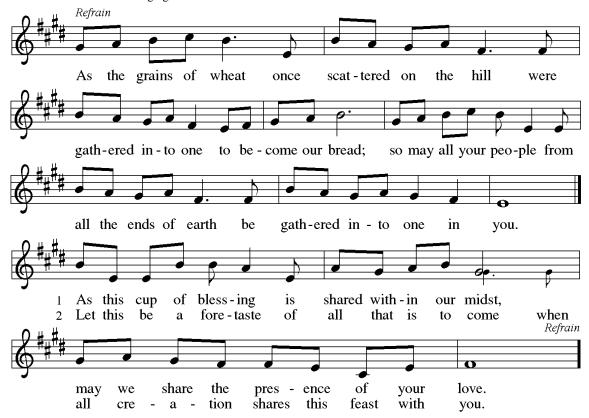
OFFERING Congregation sits.

ANTHEM

PRAISE THE LORD FOREVERMORE

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OFFERING SONG Congregation stands.



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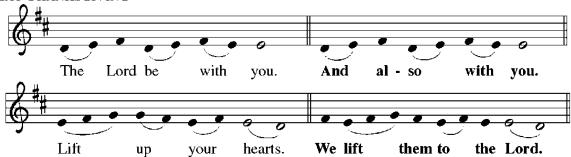
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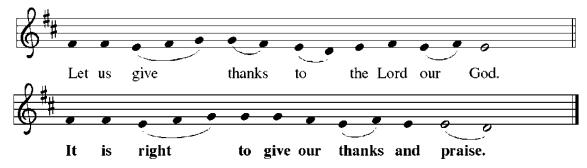
Let us pray.

Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

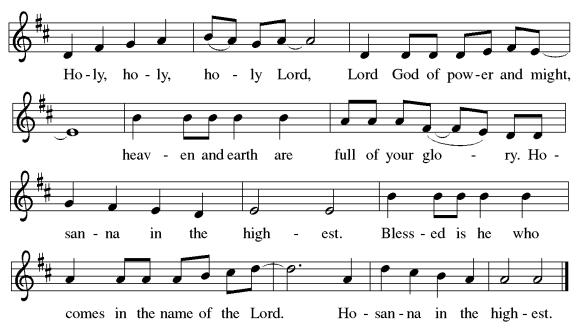
Amen.

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:



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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

Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them.

Come to this meal of mercy.

Thanks be to God!

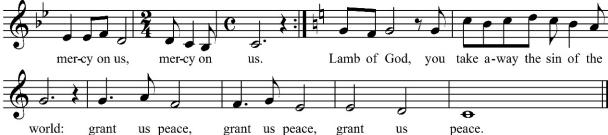
COMMUNION Congregation sits.

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

LAMB OF GOD





COMMUNION HYMN 692

WE ARE AN OFFERING

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, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants.

Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need.

We ask this in Jesus' name.

Amen.

+ SENDING +

BENEDICTION

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 793 BE THOU MY VISION

- 1 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art: thou my best thought both by day and by night,
 - waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.
- 2 Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord. Thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tow'r,
- raise thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
- Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise, thou mine inheritance, now and always: thou and thou only, the first in my heart, great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.
- 4 Light of my soul, after victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O heaven's Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Walk in the Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

SON OF GOD, ETERNAL SAVIOR

CHERWIEN

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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 Lovd

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

SEPTEMBER 14, 2025 ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS

10:30 a.m. Worship Service: **181**

OTHER MISCELLANEOUS OFFERINGS

Altar Flowers	\$305	Social Ministry September Focus – Free Medical Clinic	\$150
Memorial Fund	\$275	Capital Improvement	\$70
Food Pantry	\$51	VANCO Processing Fees	\$18

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given by Rebecca Richardson to the Glory of God and in honor of her Mom, Naomi Foote, and son Ethan on their shared birthday.

THE ALTAR ROSE is given by Mary Aitchison to the Glory of God and in honor of her son, Noah Adams (20), and her mother, Joanne Aitchison (26), on their birthdays.

THE NARTHEX FLOWERS are given by Brett & Katie Bostic with love, to the Glory of God, and in honor of their daughter, Bailey, in celebration of her 12th birthday on September 21st.

FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY – The GSLC Food Pantry needs canned (mixed vegetables, tomatoes. potatoes) and fruit (peaches, pears, pineapple).

SOCIAL MINISTRY SEPTEMBER EMPHASIS – The September Social Ministry emphasis is the Free Medical Clinic on Harden Street in Columbia. This clinic provides free quality health care to members of the community without health insurance who cannot afford their medical services. The clinic relies on monetary support from the local hospitals, foundations, businesses, churches, and individual donors. To support this worthy cause and help our neighbors in need, you may contribute any time during September 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 the Free Medical Clinic.

MORE JUSTICE – Congregations in the MORE Justice Network are hosting house meetings in September for their members to share about local community problems. Good Shepherd's house meetings are on Friday, September 19, 10 a.m. to 12:00 noon, and Tuesday, September 23, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Both meetings will be in Classroom 1. Contact Janet Lockhart or Anna-Marie Plyler if you plan to attend either meeting.

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

^{*}Current Expenses & Benevolences Received: \$8,699

FALL FEST, OCTOBER 26, 2025, 4-6 PM – Good Shepherd will host a Fall Fest again this year and we hope to see everyone there to enjoy food, fun, and trunk or treat with our parishioners and the community, too. Not only can the kids walk away with buckets of candy, but you could walk away with a tasty cake. Kids will have the opportunity to make buttons, have their faces painted and leave with all sizes of pumpkins that they've decorated. So, if you are so inclined, come out and dress up, decorate your car and give away candy to these excited kids.

WE NEED CANDY – We also take candy donations. Believe it or not, kids love candy just like when you were a kid so see me, Chris Herrmann, and I will gladly accept your donation.

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: Cathy Milejczak

USHERS: Wade Wingard, Mike Weaver, Mary Aitchison,

Ben Haigh, Rod Kent

LECTOR: Elaine Zornow
COMMUNION ASST: Suzanne Sanders
ACOLYTE: James Isenhower
CRUCIFER: Kate Ferlauto

ALTAR GUILD: Marcia Woodward, Anna-Marie Plyler TABULATORS: Lavina Chandler, Mike Sanchez

CC PERSON OF MONTH: Barbara Nagy

THIS WEEK AT GSLC

September 21	Food Pantry Sunday		
	9:30 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary)		
	10:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School (CL 1, 2, & Parlor)		
	10:45 – 11:45 a.m. Confirmation Class (E-112)		
	10:45 – 11:45 a.m. Youth Sunday School (Youth Room)		
	10:45 – 11:25 a.m. Children's Sunday School (E-113)		
	11:05 – 11:25 a.m. Preschool Music (E-115)		
	11:25 – 11:45 a.m. Children's Choir (E-115)		
September 23	11:30 a.m. Bible Study (Conference Room)		
	6:00 – 8:00 p.m. MORE Justice House meeting (CL 1)		
September 24	8:15 a.m. Wednesday Virtual Bible Study		
	5:30 p.m. Staff Support Committee meeting (Conference Room)		
	7:00 p.m. Choir Practice (Choir Room)		
September 28	9:30 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary)		
	10:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School (CL 1, 2, & Parlor)		
	10:45 – 11:45 a.m. Confirmation Class (E-112)		
	10:45 – 11:45 a.m. Youth Sunday School (Youth Room)		
	10:45 – 11:25 a.m. Children's Sunday School (E-113)		
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2025 CONGREGATION COUNCIL



OFFICERS

President Vice-President Secretary Treasurer

<u>MEMBERS</u>	<u>COMMITTEE</u>	TERM ENDS
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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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