

# GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

**7th Sunday after Pentecost**

July 27, 2025 9:30 am

Today we begin a sermon series exploring various popular sayings and asking the question: "Does the Bible Really Say That?" The popular saying we will be examining this morning is *God won't Give Us More Than We Can Handle*.

**Gathering Music**

Connie Stenzel

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Call to Worship Psalm 23**

L: The Lord *is* my shepherd; I shall not want.

**C: He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters.**

L: He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness  
For His name's sake.

**C: Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil; For You *are* with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.**

L: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil;  
My cup runs over.

**C: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me All the days of my life; And I will dwell in the  
house of the Lord Forever. Amen**

*Please stand as you are able*

**Gathering Hymn**

"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

Red 632 vv1-4, 6

**Greeting**

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be  
with you all. **C: And also with you.**

**Hymn of Praise**

Glory to God in the Highest

Assisting minister



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

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Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.



For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

## Prayer of the Day

L: God, our Refuge,

**C: Thanks for being with us in every time of need. When life gets to be too much to handle, be close to us with your strength and support. We cast all our cares on you. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

*You may be seated*

## Reading Romans 5:1-5

L: A reading from Romans 5

<sup>1</sup> Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup> through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. <sup>3</sup> And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, <sup>4</sup> and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup> and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

L: Holy wisdom, holy word

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Children's Time

*Please stand as you are able*

## Scripture Acclamation

"As the Deer"

Gray 200 v 1

**As the deer panteth for the water So my soul longeth after Thee  
You alone are my heart's desire And I long to worship Thee  
You alone are my Strength, my Shield To You alone may my spirit yield  
You alone are my heart's desire And I long to worship Thee.**

## Reading 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

L: A reading from Corinthians

<sup>1</sup> I do not want you to be ignorant, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, <sup>2</sup> and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, <sup>3</sup> and all ate the same spiritual food, <sup>4</sup> and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. <sup>5</sup> Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

<sup>6</sup> Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. <sup>7</sup> Do not become idolaters as some of them did, as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." <sup>8</sup> We must not engage in sexual immorality, as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. <sup>9</sup> We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. <sup>10</sup> And do not complain, as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. <sup>11</sup> These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. <sup>12</sup> So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. <sup>13</sup> No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

L: Holy wisdom, holy word

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Scripture Acclamation

"As the Deer"

Gray 200 v 2

**You're my Friend and You are my Brother Even though You are a King  
I love You more than any other So much more than anything  
You alone are my Strength, my Shield To You alone may my spirit yield  
You alone are my heart's desire And I long to worship Thee.**

*You may be seated*

## Sermon

*God Won't Give Us More Than We Can Handle*

Pastor Vern

*Please stand as you are able*

## Hymn of the Day

"When Peace Like a River"

Red 785

## Apostles' Creed

P: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith

**C: 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**

*You may be seated*

## **Offering**

*Please stand as you are able*

## **Offertory**

**"Take My Life"**

Red 583 vv 1-2

## **Refrain**

**Take my life, that I may be consecrated, Lord, to thee;  
take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

**1 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. Refrain**

**2 Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold;  
take my intellect and use ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose. Refrain**

## **Prayers of the People**

**L: 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*

*After each petition comes the response:*

**L: God of grace. C: hear our prayer.**

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

**C: Amen.**

## **Lord's Prayer**

**L: Lord, call us close to you and teach us to pray**

**C: 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.**

## **Blessing**

**L: The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts; and the life of the Spirit ☩ bless you and give you peace.**

**C: Amen**

## **Sending Hymn**

**"What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine"**

Red 774

## **Sending**

**L: Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.**

**C: Thanks be to God!**

## **Sending Music**

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We have a Truck for the Kernel's Day Parade on August 9th. We need a driver and some people to ride & throw out candy. Please contact the office (507) 553-3513 or email [shepherd@bevcomm.net](mailto:shepherd@bevcomm.net). (Kids let us know!!)

**Habitat for Humanity could use some help. They are currently looking for volunteers to paint the inside of a home in Wells. If you are able to lend a hand, call Stacy at 507-525-0937.**

Check out the bulletin board by the office for community events!

**Ways to Pray for Our New Pastor:** Here are just a few examples of how we can bless our new pastor with prayers throughout the year.

- *Lord, please help my pastor to look to you for strength, encouragement, and inspiration. Fill her with your anointing every week. Give her joy as she studies your Word, and bless her in her prayer life so she can enjoy deeper fellowship with you.*
- *God, please encourage my pastor daily. Deliver her from discouragement and exhaustion. Give her strength and energy to fulfill the work you've called her to. Give her victory over every attack against her, and cover her mind, body, and spirit with your powerful protection.*
- *Lord, please watch over my pastor's family. Bless her marriage and allow them to enjoy open communication, harmonious unity, and refreshing joy. Protect her children and watch over their health and spiritual well-being. Give her wisdom as a wife and a mother to make wise decisions for her home.*

**Back to School is right around the corner:**

- **Good Shepherd is looking for a Wednesday night Pre-K/K teacher, helpers for Wednesday and Sunday School, and substitute teachers. ANY time you can give will make our program a success! Call or email the Office.**
- **Lauryne Stern retired as Youth and Ed director. Special thanks for her hard work over the last four years! Anyone interested in leading or helping the team, please call the office!**
- **Anyone interested in directing or helping with the Christmas program, young or old, please call or email the office.**

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**The August Voice will include the 2025-26 calendar and education registration. Important: 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade confirmation will start in October!**

**September 7<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 am**

**Sunday School begins/ Backpack blessing during worship**

**September 10<sup>th</sup>, 6:15 pm**

**Backpack blessing during worship**

**Rally Registration night after Wednesday worship**

***Looking forward to third-grade bibles and first communion this new year!***

*The Eternal Candle is burning this week in honor of the birthday anniversary of Mrs. Arnold Kontzelmann, mother of Marlene Lindely, which was July 22. She passed away on July 20, 1979.*

**Baptisms of Sierra Lowe & Aiden Christenson were on July 13, 2025**

Sierra Nicola Lowe

Parents: Benjamin Lowe & Amy Christenson

Sponsors: Laura Vanden Heuvel & Tony Vanden Heuvel

Aiden Charles Christenson

Parents: Michael Christenson & Holly Lindboe

Sponsors: Amy Christenson, Ben Lowe & Shelby Lindboe

**Baptism of Arya Rae Huper was held July 20, 2025**

Parents: William & Cassie Huper

Sponsors: Rachel Collins & Jordan Collins

*Special thank you to Marlene Kauffmann  
for refreshing the kids' worship bags. Kids, check out the new items!*

**Peaching:** Pastor Vern Christopherson

**Head Usher:** Kent Stern

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**Recorder:** Conner Ehlert

*Pastor Vern will generally be in the office Tues-Sat mornings and many afternoons*

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