

# Shepherd of Peace

Lutheran Church



**The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity**

**September 3, 2017**

**9:00am**

**Rev. David Dominic Vandercook**

## **PRAYERS FOR WORSHIP**

### **Before worship**

O Lord, my creator, redeemer, and comforter, as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth, I humbly pray that You would open my heart to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear me for the sake of His name. Amen

### **After worship**

Almighty and merciful God, I have again worshiped in Your presence and received both forgiveness for my many sins and the assurance of Your love in Jesus Christ. I thank You for this underserved grace and ask You to keep me in faith until, with all Your saints, I inherit eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen

### **Before communing**

Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

### **Thanksgiving after receiving the Sacrament**

Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament, I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

### **On The Lord's Supper**

*The Lord's Supper is celebrated at Shepherd of Peace in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until he comes.*

*Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor or a lay minister. For further study, see Matthew 5:23f.; 10:32f.; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Cor. 11:17-34.*

Welcome "Grace and peace to you from God, our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ!"

*Philippians 1:2*

*\*Please take a moment to fill out your Connection Card*

**Your Hand, O Lord, in Days of Old**

*LSB 846*



1 Your hand, O Lord, in days of old  
2 Your touch then, Lord, brought life and health,  
3 O be our great de - liv - 'er still,



Was strong to heal and save; It tri - umphed o - ver  
Gave speech and strength and sight; And youth re - newed and  
The Lord of life and death; Re - store and quick - en,



ills and death, O'er dark - ness and the grave.  
fren - zy calmed Re - vealed You, Lord of light.  
soothe and bless, With Your life - giv - ing breath.



To You they came, the blind, the mute,  
And now, O Lord, be near to bless,  
To hands that work and eyes that see



The pal - sied and the lame, The lep - ers in their  
Al - might - y as be - fore, In crowd - ed street, by  
Give wis - dom's heal - ing pow'r That whole and sick and



mis - er - y, The sick with fe - vered frame.  
beds of pain, As by Gen - nes - 'ret's shore.  
weak and strong May praise You ev - er - more.

+CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION+

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** **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 on God's Word and for self-examination.*

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.**

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

+SERVICE OF THE WORD+

**Introit**

*Ps. 70:2b, 4a, 5b; antiphon: Ps. 70:1–2a*

Make haste, O God, to deliver me!

O LORD, make haste to help me!

**Let them be put to shame and confusion  
who seek my life!**

Let them be turned back

and brought to dishonor who desire my hurt!

**May all who seek you rejoice  
and be glad in you!**

You are my help and my deliverer;

O LORD, do not delay!

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**  
Make haste, O God, to deliver me!  
O LORD, make haste to help me!  
**Let them be put to shame and confusion  
who seek my life!**

**Kyrie**

*LSB 152*

**P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**P** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**P** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,  
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**P** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us  
pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



**C** A - men.

**A** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.

**C** 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.

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray. Almighty and merciful God, by Your gift alone Your faithful people render true and laudable service. Help us steadfastly to live in this life according to Your promises and finally attain Your heavenly glory;

through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 29:17–24*

Is it not yet a very little while  
until Lebanon shall be turned into a fruitful field,  
and the fruitful field shall be regarded as a forest?  
In that day the deaf shall hear  
the words of a book,  
and out of their gloom and darkness  
the eyes of the blind shall see.  
The meek shall obtain fresh joy in the LORD,  
and the poor among mankind shall exult in the Holy One of Israel.  
For the ruthless shall come to nothing  
and the scoffer cease,  
and all who watch to do evil shall be cut off,  
who by a word make a man out to be an offender,  
and lay a snare for him who reproves in the gate,  
and with an empty plea turn aside him who is in the right.

Therefore thus says the LORD, who redeemed Abraham, concerning the house of Jacob:

“Jacob shall no more be ashamed,  
no more shall his face grow pale.  
For when he sees his children,  
the work of my hands, in his midst,  
they will sanctify my name;  
they will sanctify the Holy One of Jacob  
and will stand in awe of the God of Israel.  
And those who go astray in spirit will come to understanding,  
and those who murmur will accept instruction.”

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

*2 Corinthians 3:4–11*

Such is the confidence that we have through Christ toward God. Not that we are sufficient in ourselves to claim anything as coming from us, but our sufficiency is from God, who has made us competent to be ministers of a new covenant, not of

the letter but of the Spirit. For the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

Now if the ministry of death, carved in letters on stone, came with such glory that the Israelites could not gaze at Moses' face because of its glory, which was being brought to an end, will not the ministry of the Spirit have even more glory? For if there was glory in the ministry of condemnation, the ministry of righteousness must far exceed it in glory. Indeed, in this case, what once had glory has come to have no glory at all, because of the glory that surpasses it. For if what was being brought to an end came with glory, much more will what is permanent have glory.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Common Alleluia and Verse

*LSB 156*

**C** Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

### Holy Gospel

*Mark 7:31–37*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the seventh chapter.

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

Then he returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. And they brought to him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged him to lay his hand on him. And taking him aside from the crowd privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue. And looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. And Jesus charged them to tell no one. But the more he charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, “He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

# Word of God, Come Down on Earth

LSB 545



1 Word of God, come down on earth, Liv - ing rain from  
2 Word e - ter - nal, throned on high, Word that brought to  
3 Word that caused blind eyes to see, Speak and heal our  
4 Word that speaks God's ten - der love, One with God be -



heav'n de - scend - ing; Touch our hearts and bring to birth  
life cre - a - tion, Word that came from heav'n to die,  
mor - tal blind - ness; Deaf we are: our heal - er be;  
yond all tell - ing, Word that sends us from a - bove,



Faith and hope and love un - end - ing. Word al - might - y,  
Cru - ci - fied for our sal - va - tion, Sav - ing Word, the  
Loose our tongues to tell Your kind - ness. Be our Word in  
God the Spir - it, with us dwell - ing, Word of truth, to



we re - vere You; Word made flesh, we long to hear You.  
world re - stor - ing, Speak to us, Your love out - pour - ing.  
pit - y spo - ken, Heal the world, by sin now bro - ken.  
all truth lead us; Word of life, with one bread feed us.

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## Sermon

*Rev. Vandercook*

## Apostles' Creed

**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.

**He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life † everlasting. Amen.**

## **Prayer of the Church**

### **Offering**

+SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT+

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### **Preface**

LSB 160



**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And al - so with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them to the Lord.



**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

### Sanctus

*LSB 161*



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

*LSB 161*

### Lord's Prayer

*LSB 162*

### The Words of Our Lord

*LSB 162*

### Pax Domini

*LSB 163*

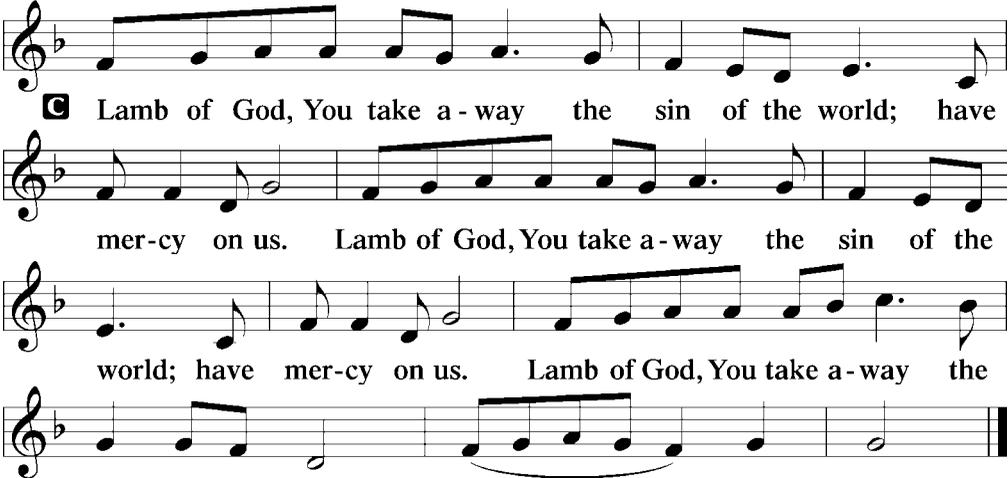
**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

### Sharing of God's Peace

# Agnus Dei

LSB 163

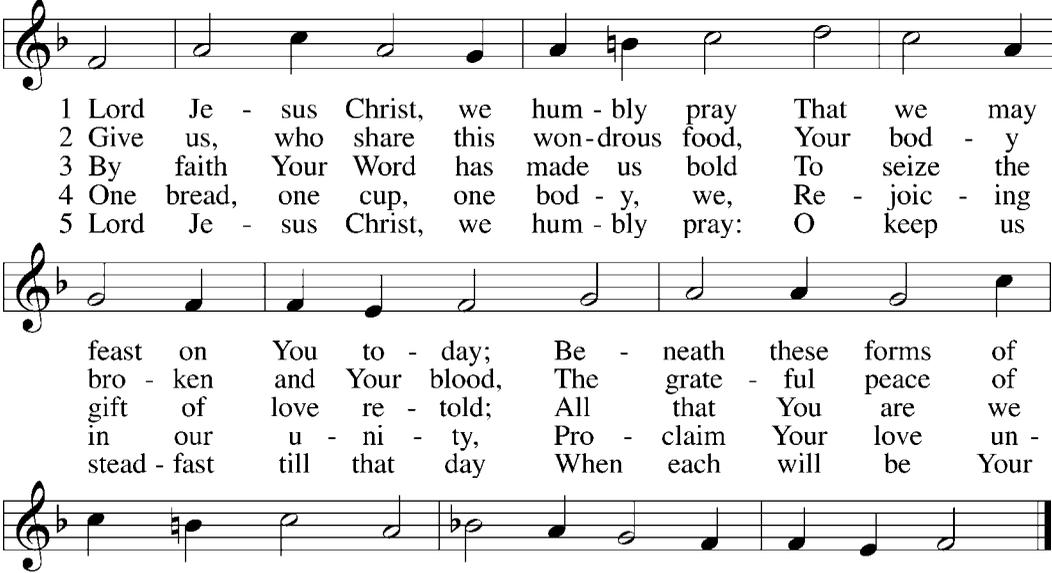


**C** Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

# Distribution

## Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray

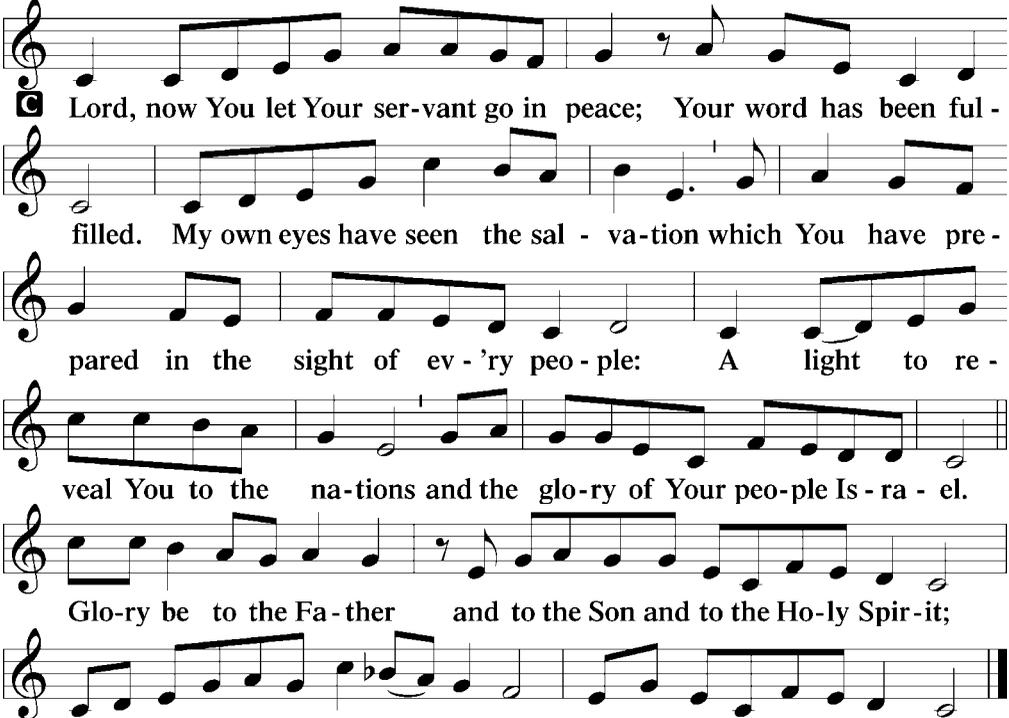
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1 Lord Je - sus Christ, we hum - bly pray That we may  
2 Give us, who share this won-drous food, Your bod - y  
3 By faith Your Word has made us bold To seize the  
4 One bread, one cup, one bod - y, we, Re - joic - ing  
5 Lord Je - sus Christ, we hum - bly pray: O keep us  
feast on You to - day; Be - neath these forms of  
bro - ken and Your blood, The grate - ful peace of  
gift of love re - told; All that You are we  
in our u - ni - ty, Pro - claim Your love un -  
stead - fast till that day When each will be Your  
bread and wine En - rich us with Your grace di - vine.  
sins for - giv'n, The cer - tain joys of heirs of heav'n.  
here re - ceive, And all we are to You we give.  
til You come To bring Your scat - tered loved ones home.  
wel - comed guest In heav - en's high and ho - ly feast.

## Nunc Dimittis

LSB 165



Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which You have prepared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re - veal You to the na - tions and the glo - ry of Your peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Spir - it; as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

## Post-Communion Collect

- P** Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

## Benediction

LSB 166

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you  
and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.
- C** Amen.

## Almighty Father, Bless the Word

LSB 923

1 Al - might - y Fa - ther, bless the Word Which through Your  
2 We praise You for the means of grace As home - ward  
3 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all

grace we now have heard. Oh, may the pre - cious  
now our steps we trace. Grant, Lord, that we who  
crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye

seed take root, Spring up, and bear a - bun - dant fruit!  
wor - shiped here May all at last in heav'n ap - pear.  
heav'n - ly host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

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*We thank you so much for being part of our worship service this morning!*

## GOD'S CHILDREN

To the parents of young children, please know that ALL ages are welcome in our worship services. Jesus said, “let the little children come to me” and what a better place to come to Jesus than in His house? **Relax**, God put the wiggle in children; don’t feel that you have to suppress it in God’s house. Some helpful tips to engage young kids include quietly explaining the parts of the service and the actions of the pastor, communion assistants, choir, etc. You may also pick up one of the green activity folders located under the usher table for their use. If you need to leave the service with your child, feel free to do so as we do have a “cry room” available, but please come back. Remember, the way we welcome children in church directly affects the way they respond to the church of God, and to one another. Let them know that they are at home in the house of worship.

## CLASSES DURING FAMILY BIBLE HOUR (8am)

*Growing In Christ (pre-k-8); Classroom A, B & C*

*Lutheran Catechesis, adults; Fellowship Hall*

## SPIRITUAL CARE

If you need spiritual care or in case of emergencies during the week, please contact Pastor Vandercook at (501) 800-2069 or by email at [davidvandercook@yahoo.com](mailto:davidvandercook@yahoo.com) or Parrish Hurley at (501) 410-0994 or by email at [phurley@edssupply.com](mailto:phurley@edssupply.com).

## **THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH**

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| Monday    | Quilters, 10am                              |
| Tuesday   | Bible Study, 6:30pm                         |
| Wednesday | Family Bible Study, 6:30pm<br>Choir, 7:30pm |
| Thursday  | Bible Study, 10:30am                        |

## **ATTENDANCE TOTALS**

Last Sunday: 55      YTD: 61

## **PREPARATION FOR NEXT SUNDAY**

The readings for next Sunday's Worship are: 2 Chron. 28:8-15; Psalm 32; Gal. 3: 15-22; Luke 10: 23-37

## **ALTAR FLOWERS**

Flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and the beautification of His house.

## **LOVE OFFERING**

As this is the first Sunday of the month a collection plate will be available as you leave today.

## **TUESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY**

Bible study time is changing from 6:15pm to 6:30pm.

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY DAY**

Our annual Sunday School Rally Day festivities are scheduled for Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>. Rally day is a time for the children to be re-assigned to new classes based on their age/grade level, but it is also a time for all of us to settle into our fall routines and re-commit ourselves to growing spiritually in His word. Please make plans to attend Sunday School and Bible Class.

## **LET'S EAT**

In addition to Rally Day, we are having a SOP Family Meal on Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, from 4-6pm. You are all invited to come and join in the fellowship and good food. The food will be provided by the BoD in appreciation for the volunteers at SOP that keep the church going from year to year. No need to bring anything but your appetite!

## **LUTHER MOVIE**

Shepherd of Peace and Trinity are hosting a screening of the new film *Martin Luther: The Idea that Changed the World* on Thursday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, at the theater at McCain Mall! The screening is a great way to reconnect with Luther's story – but it will only happen if 97 more people get tickets before the deadline, so purchase your ticket today at <https://www.tug.com/events/martin-luther-the-idea-that-changed-the-world-06ty>

## **OFFERING COUNTERS**

We are looking for volunteers to be included in a rotation to count the offering on Sunday mornings. It usually takes about 15-20 minutes after the service completes. No prior experience

or special skills necessary. The only requirement is confidentiality. If you are interested, please reach out to Michael Flakoll.

## **FOR YOUR PRAYERS**

### **Prayers for those affected by hurricane Harvey.**

**Strength and healing:** Heath Conrad (nephew of Karen Johnston, cancer has returned), Jenny (Daughter of Mark Bowen, complications for baby due in December); Carolyn Leisman, Hugh Purnell, Joe Wheat, Tammy (daughter of Tom and Clarice Wray); Sharon (cousin of Duanne Markman); Carl and Raymond (son and brother of Jim and Carolyn Drane); Jessica, Bella, and Donna (relatives of Lisa Roberts); Claude, Foster, DH, Andrea, John, Sara, Ann, and Tara (family and friends of Marc and Cookie Higgins).

**Ongoing health problems:** Dave Huber and family (relative of Ron & Jerri Shertzer, in hospice), Jim and Ralph (friends of Marc and Cookie Higgins), Debbi Steiner, Caleb Bryant (grandson of Dale and Dana Zimmerman), Phyllis Christiansen, Matthew Nazzaro, Helga Killion, Ken and Georgia Aeberman, Connie (sister of Clarice Wray), Irene (mother of Evelyn Chagnon).

**Service Men and Women:** Drake, Edward and Cherie (grandchildren of Kay Murray), and all members serving our country.

We also pray for **children, youth, and adults in the foster care system, especially those who are victims of recent violence in Little Rock and their families. We also pray for community safety.**

**Celebrating birthdays this week:** Rev. David Vandercook, Evelyn Chagnon, Linda Geddes.

**Celebrating their anniversary this week:**

*(Please notify the Church Office if names should be added to or removed from this list.)*

## **THOSE WHO SERVE DURING SEPTEMBER**

|                |                                  |
|----------------|----------------------------------|
| Lay Minister   | Parrish Hurley                   |
| Acolyte        | David Vandercook, Jr.            |
| Ushers         | Leroy Mahnken & Ronnie Tilley    |
| Comm. Prep     | Esther Mahnken & Pat Wheat       |
| Comm. Asst.    | Marc Higgins                     |
| Choir Director | Ron Shertzer                     |
| Organist       | Clarice Wray & Giovanni Antipolo |
| FS Assistant   | Lisa Roberts & Christy Rabaneck  |

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