



**GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**Ministers: All The People of The Congregation**

**Thirteen Sunday after Pentecost**..... September 7, 2014  
**9:00 a.m. Worship**..... \* Please stand

**Welcome**

**\*Gathering Song** . . . . . “Earth and All Stars!”..... ELW 731

**\*Confession and Forgiveness**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the Sovereign over all the earth, the Wisdom from on high, our merciful Judge and Savior.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us boldly approach the throne of grace, trusting in God's mercy and love.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Generous and faithful God,

**C: We confess to you all the ways, known and unknown, that we reject and undermine your steadfast love. Though you made us your people, we treat strangers with suspicion. Though you forgave our debts, we collect without mercy. Yet we are quick to pass judgment on others. Have mercy on us, O God, and remember your promise to us, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

P: The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever. Through the living Word, Jesus Christ, God forgives your every debt, your every sin, and gives you a new heart and a new spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**\*Kyrie Eleison**..... Printed

**\*Prayer of the Day**

**C: O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**Choir Anthem** . . . . . “Build Us Up, Lord”. . . . . Adult Choir

**Lesson** . . . . . Romans 13:8-14

<sup>8</sup>Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law.

<sup>9</sup>The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." <sup>10</sup>Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. <sup>11</sup>Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; <sup>12</sup>the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; <sup>13</sup>let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy.

<sup>14</sup>Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

**Psalm 119:33-40** (read responsively)

<sup>33</sup>Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes, and I will observe it to the end.  
<sup>34</sup>**Give me understanding, that I may keep your law and observe it with my whole heart.**

<sup>35</sup>Lead me in the path of your commandments, for I delight in it.

<sup>36</sup>**Turn my heart to your decrees, and not to selfish gain.**

<sup>37</sup>Turn my eyes from looking at vanities; give me life in your ways.  
<sup>38</sup>**Confirm to your servant your promise, which is for those who fear you.**

<sup>39</sup>Turn away the disgrace that I dread, for your ordinances are good.

<sup>40</sup>**See, I have longed for your precepts; in your righteousness give me life.**

**Announcement of Gospel**

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 18<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

**\*Gospel** . . . . . Matthew 18:15-20

<sup>15</sup>If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. <sup>16</sup>But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. <sup>17</sup>If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. <sup>18</sup>Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. <sup>19</sup>Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. <sup>20</sup>For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

P:: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Children’s Message**

**The Sermon**

**\*The Song of the Day** . . . . . “Bind Us Together”. . . . . WOY 748

**\*The Apostles’ Creed**

**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.**

**\*Sharing of the Peace**

**The Offering**

**Offertory Prayer**

**C: Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen.**

**The Prayers of the Church** (kneel or sit)

**Words of Institution/The Lord’s Prayer**

**Distribution**

**Prayer after Communion**

**\*Benediction**

**\*Sending Song** . . . . . “Joyful, joyful We Adore Thee”..... ELW 836

**\*Dismissal**

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

**C: Thanks be to God!**

**Preaching & Presiding:** Rev. Roger Haug

**Birthdays -Sept 7-13** (If your birthday is not listed please contact the church office with mm/dd/yy.)

8-Mike Beyer Carol Lackey 11-Brian Schrader Waneda Martin  
Robert Eckwright IV 10-Don Beckmann 13-Bess Barnick Dave Skellenger  
9-Ruben Groskreutz

**There will be a Special Congregational Meeting** on Sunday, September 21, 2014 following the 9:00 a.m. worship service in the Sanctuary for the purpose to approve the following recommendation to the congregation:

1. To approve the recommendation from the Call Committee to extend a letter of call  
A 2/3 vote of members present is required to approve the recommendation.

**Sr. Saints** - It's back to school time! Join in the fun at Senior Saints on Wed., Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. at the Broadway Apartments as we participate in some school games and activities. Everyone 55 and older is invited to attend the program and partake of a meal provided by the September service group.

**Our fall education programming** begins this coming Wed., Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> with **Rally Wednesday!** Supper, Worship, Wednesday School, and Confirmation will all take place between 5:00 and 7:30 p.m. Sunday School will start on Sun., Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:05 a.m. (following the 9:00 a.m. worship service). If you did not receive information, **please** call the church office and let us know so that we can get the information to you. Call Pastor Laurie at the church office (507-553-3513) or her cell phone (507-380-5902) or email her at [lstoeger@live.com](mailto:lstoeger@live.com). **Volunteers are also still needed to help with Wednesday School, Sunday School, and Confirmation.** Our new education programming allows for volunteers to help without making an extended time commitment, but rather allows for a great amount of flexibility for those that are teachers and helpers. **Please note that the Wednesday suppers are for EVERYONE,** (not just families and youth, not just Good Shepherd members, but for **EVERYONE!**) Let's get excited about **RALLY WEDNESDAY!**

| <b>Daily Scripture Readings</b>   |  |
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| <b>Sept 8</b> -Psalm 119:65-72<br>Leviticus 4:27-31; 5:14-16<br>1 Peter 2:11-17 | <b>Sept 11</b> -Psalm 103:[1-7] 8-13<br>Genesis 37:12-36      1 John 3:11-16 |
| <b>Sept 9</b> -Psalm 119:65-72<br>Deuteronomy 17:2-13<br>Romans 13:1-7          | <b>Sept 12</b> -Psalm 103:[1-7] 8-13<br>Genesis 41:53—42:17      Acts 7:9-16 |
| <b>Sept 10</b> -Psalm 119:65-72<br>Leviticus 16:1-5, 20-28<br>Matthew 21:18-22  | <b>Sept 13</b> -Psalm 103:[1-7] 8-13<br>Genesis 45:1-20      Matthew 6:7-15  |