

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 6th, 2023

In today's first reading God invites all who are hungry or thirsty to receive food and drink without cost. Jesus feeds the hungry multitude and reveals the abundance of God. At the eucharistic table we remember all who are hungry or poor in our world today. As we share the bread of life, we are sent forth to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry.

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

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who greets us in this and every season,
whose word never fails,
whose promise is sure.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God
and of our neighbors.

Merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned.

We have hurt our community.

We have squandered your blessings.

We have hoarded your bounty.

In the name of Jesus,

forgive us and grant us your mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Righteous God,

we confess that we have sinned.

We have failed to be honest.

We have lacked the courage to speak.

We have spoken falsely.

In the name of Jesus,

forgive us and grant us your mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God is a cup of cold water when we thirst.

God offers boundless grace when we fail.

Claim the gift of God's mercy:

you are freed and forgiven

in the name of † Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Gathering Hymn

“All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly”

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Prayer of the Day

Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance.

Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Acts 1:15-26

¹⁵ In those days Peter stood up among the brothers and sisters (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, ¹⁶ “Brothers and sisters, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus, ¹⁷ for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.” ¹⁸ (Now this man acquired a field with the reward of his wickedness, and falling headlong, he burst open in the middle, and all his bowels gushed out. ¹⁹ This became known to all the residents of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their language Hakeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) ²⁰ “For it is written in the book of Psalms,

‘Let his house become desolate,

and let there be no one to live in it’;

and

‘Let another take his position of overseer.’

²¹ “So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²² beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.” ²³ So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴ Then they prayed and said, “Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen ²⁵ to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” ²⁶ And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was added to the eleven apostles.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Children’s Message

Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew 14:13-21

¹³Now when Jesus heard [about the beheading of John the Baptist], he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” ¹⁶Jesus said to them, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” ¹⁷They replied, “We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.” ¹⁸And he said, “Bring them here to me.” ¹⁹Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ

Sermon

People of God, grace to you and peace from God, and from our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. AMEN.

Sue Kramer will be delivering the message this week as Pastor Josh is on vacation before a week of Family Camp at Luther Park.

There was no sermon transcript to include at the time of printing/mailing. If there is a transcript available later it will be included with next week’s worship packet.

Thanks be to God.

AMEN

Song of the Day

“When the Poor Ones”

#725 vs. 1,3,4

Apostle’s Creed

Prayers of Intercession

Confident that God receives our joys and concerns, let us offer our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

You gather your church together by the Holy Spirit. Inspire all the baptized to proclaim your abundant love throughout the world. Guide us in the mission of the gospel through word and deed. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You cherish your creation, from the smallest microbe to the largest mountain. Protect fragile ecosystems, send favorable weather, supply food and water to nourish creatures, and raise us up to care for all you have created. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You desire peace and justice in the world. Instill within all political leaders your desire, support the work of international peace organizations, and provide relief for those in war-torn areas (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You comfort those who are hurting. Accompany those who are alone, heal those who are sick, provide for all who hunger or thirst, console the bereaved, bring joy to the sorrowful, and attend to all who call on you affliction (*We pray especially for Peyton, Matt, David, Verna, Irene, Clarice, Steve, Kathy, Val, Jacob, Cherri, Keith and JoJo, Bob and Joanne, Bill and Bonnie, Frank and Heather, Bob and Sonja, Bill and Betty, Tom and Kay, Sherm and Mary, Sandy*). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You place us within communities for mutual support and love. Reveal yourself to us in worship, fellowship, and ministry with our neighbors. Provide for feeding ministries and food banks in our area, that we share your abundance with all who hunger. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

You have placed before us examples of faithful living who have witnessed to your promises throughout time and space. Rouse us by their lives of service and dedication to be your hands and feet in this world. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, in the name of the one who reconciled all creation to himself, Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

Offering

Offertory Prayer

God of field and forest, sea and sky,
you are the giver of all good things.
Sustain us with these gifts of your creation,
and multiply your graciousness in us,
that the world may be fed with your love,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

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

Communion

Prayer

We thank you, generous God,
for the refreshment we have received
at your banquet table.
Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world,
through the one who is our dearest treasure,

Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Blessing

The God who calls across the cosmos
and speaks in the smallest seed

✠ bless, keep, and sustain you
now and to the end of the age.

Amen.

Sending Song “Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises”

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Dismissal

Go in peace. Share the harvest.

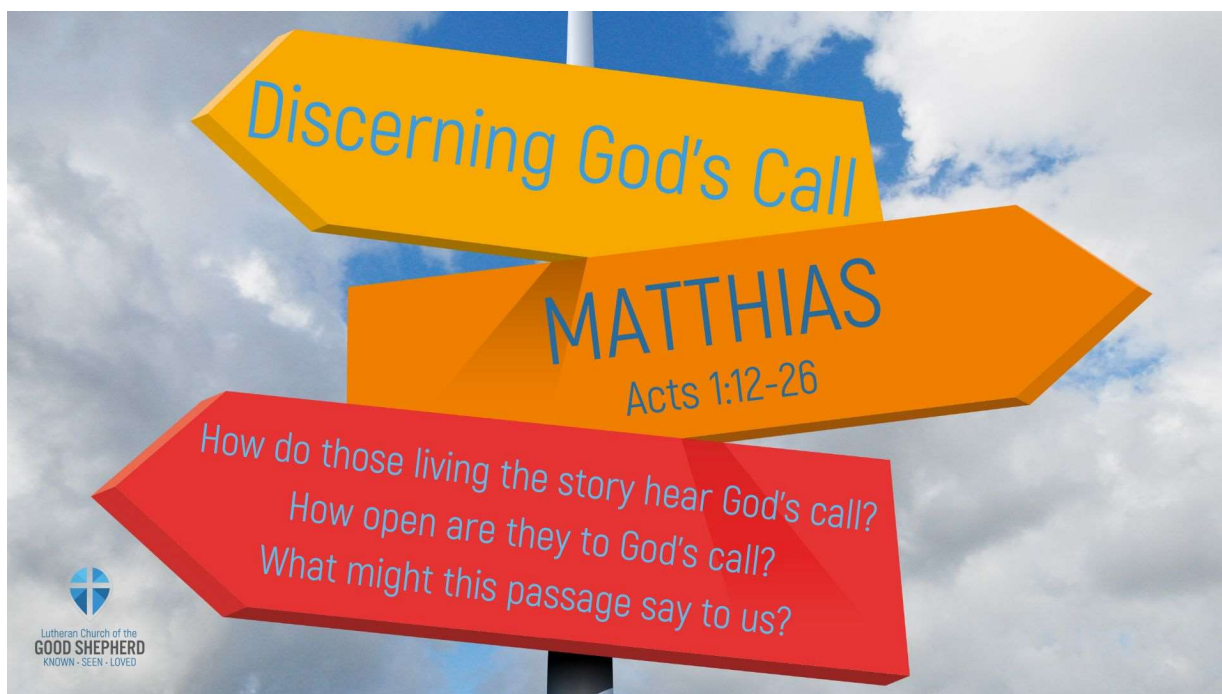
Okay! We will! Thanks be to God!

And all of Good Shepherd said...

AMEN!

2023 Financial Snapshot

	Month of July	Year-to-Date
Total Revenue	\$27,293	\$183,027
Total Expenses	\$23,425	\$178,320
Difference	\$3,868	\$4,707



Welcome Back Weekend 2023

September 9-10

Saturday, September 9 - Work and Play

Property Clean-up, inside and out

Clean out the garages

BYO Picnic Lunch

Supper on the Grill

Sunday, September 10 - Worship and Play

Worship at 9 am

Blessing of Backpacks

Fall Faith Formation Kickoff

Delicious Treats!



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GOOD SHEPHERD
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**JOIN
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GRILLED CHICKEN DINNER

MENU:

GRILLED CHICKEN

BAKED BEANS

DINNER ROLL

CHIPS & DESSERT

WATER

Tickets \$13

\$6 Children (10 and under)

For ticket information go to:

<https://www.standinthelightmemorychoir.org>

A Fundraiser to benefit local non-profit:



Sponsored By: Lake Hallie Memory Care



SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 10TH

Food Served 12pm-2pm

Irvine Park Main Pavilion

Chippewa Falls

Enjoy LIVE music 12-3 pm, with a featured performance by the Stand in the Light Memory Choir at 1 pm

Tickets also available at Good Shepherd



Stand In The Light Memory Choir
Where Words Fail, Music Speaks

FALL CHOIR REHEARSALS

“Love Wins!”

Cathy Reitz, *Music/Artistic Director* Anne Kubiatowicz, *Accompanist*

**People in the early to mid-stages of memory loss,
their care partners and singing volunteers come together
to share their love of music!**

No musical experience is necessary to participate.

REHEARSALS

Thursdays, 9:45 a.m. – 11 a.m.
August 24 – November 16, 2023*
Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd
1120 Cedar Street - Eau Claire

\$25 registration fee

***Last date for fall semester registration is September 14th**

*These sessions will be hybrid with the ability to attend in person
or virtually via ZOOM. Please let us know if you need
assistance getting set up on ZOOM.*

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