GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH
120 West Gano Chance Road
Centralia, Missouri 65240
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost with Rite of Holy Baptism
August 9, 2026
Theme: A Good View

AS WE GATHER
The only way a sinful human being can dare to approach and worship an almighty God is if we also know that He is a God of mercy. God's mighty power is known from the vastness of His creation, the stars and seas, light and darkness, tempests and storms (Job 38). "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom" (Psalm 111:10). Yet we are told, "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved" (Romans 10:13). "Therefore the LORD waits to be gracious to you, and therefore He exalts Himself to show mercy to you" (Isaiah 30:18). This "almighty and most merciful God" (Prayer of the Day) showed both His might and mercy when He became aware of His disciples' peril on a storm-tossed sea. Walking on water wasn't the point. It was the Lord's coming to save us in our fear and distress (Matthew 14). As the catechism says of God's commandments, "We should fear and love God." We can trust the God who has harnessed His wrath with His love. Greater love has no one than the God who joined us in our misery, took our sin upon Himself, and died our death but now is risen to save us from every evil that threatens us or makes us afraid.

WELCOME **Pastor James Lanning**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN – "Oh, Blest the House" **LSB 862**

RITE OF HOLY BAPTISM - Gentry Todd Pemberton and Audie William Pemberton **see insert**

INVOCATION
Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 43:4; Matthew 14:30–31*
Pastor: I will go to the altar of God,
People: to God my exceeding joy.
Pastor: "Lord, save me."
People: "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?"

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Matthew 14:33*
Pastor: No doubt our needs are known by the God of mercy, chief of which is deliverance from sin and fear. Aware of our great need for forgiveness and faith, we cry out to our Creator and Redeemer.
People: Lord, save me from my little faith, my doubt, my fears, my sin. I come to You now because You have promised to come to me here with Your saving grasp of power and mercy.

Forgive me of my sin and give me help and deliverance from all my fears, that I may worship You with a pure heart and say, "Truly You are the Son of God" and my Savior. Amen.
Pastor: The Lord your God has brought you out from the slavery of sin with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm of mercy by the sacrifice of His Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. By His own command I announce to you as a called and ordained servant of the Word: I forgive you all your sins. Peace be with you, in the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
People: Amen.

INTROIT ***Psalm 34:4-8; antiphon v.1***

I will bless the LORD at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
I sought the LORD, and he answered me
and delivered me from all my fears.
Those who look to him are radiant,
and their faces shall never be ashamed.
This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him
and saved him out of all his troubles.
The angel of the LORD encamps
around those who fear him, and delivers them.
Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good!
Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!
I will bless the LORD at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

KYRIE
Lord, have mercy upon us; Christ, have mercy upon us; Lord, have mercy upon us. **LSB 186**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS **LSB 187**
Pastor: Glory be to God on high:
and on earth peace, goodwill toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory. O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

SALUTATION
Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY
Pastor: Let us pray. God of might and mercy, by Your mighty power save us from all disaster, and by Your tender mercy guard us from all evil; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING **–** Job 38:4-18 Lector: Randy Simmons

(Who prescribed the limits of the sea?)

"Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. 5 Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? 6 On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone, 7 when the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy? 8 "Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb, 9 when I made clouds its garment and thick darkness its swaddling band, 10 and prescribed limits for it and set bars and doors, 11 and said, 'Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stayed'? 12 "Have you commanded the morning since your days began, and caused the dawn to know its place, 13 that it might take hold of the skirts of the earth, and the wicked be shaken out of it? 14 It is changed like clay under the seal, and its features stand out like a garment. 15 From the wicked their light is withheld, and their uplifted arm is broken. 16 "Have you entered into the springs of the sea, or walked in the recesses of the deep? 17 Have the gates of death been revealed to you, or have you seen the gates of deep darkness? 18 Have you comprehended the expanse of the earth? Declare, if you know all this.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING – Romans 10:5-17 **Reader: Randy Simmons**

(Who calls on the name of the Lord?)

For Moses writes about the righteousness that is based on the law, that the person who does the commandments shall live by them. 6 But the righteousness based on faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) 7 "or 'Who will descend into the abyss?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). 8 But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); 9 because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. 11 For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame." 12 For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. 13 For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard?[a] And how are they to hear without someone preaching? 15 And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!" 16 But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?" 17 So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

VERSE Matthew 14:27

Pastor: Alleluia. But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying:;

People: "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL – Matthew 14:22-33
(Who can walk on water?)
Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourteenth chapter.
People: Glory to You, O Lord.
Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. 23 And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, 24, but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. 25 And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. 26 But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, "It is a ghost!" and they cried out in fear. 27 But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid." 28 And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." 29 He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. 30 But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." 31 Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" 32 And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. 33 And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."
Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to You, O Christ.

APOSTLE'S CREED
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.

SERMON HYMN – "Eternal Father, Strong to Save" LSB 717

MESSAGE – (need sermon title) Pastor James Lanning

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH
Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people, according to their needs. For the holy church throughout the world: that she always have confidence of divine help from the Lord and that her pastors and ministers be faithful in their proclamation of God's mercy and grace for all people, serving her members with love and compassion, let us pray to the Lord.
People: Lord, have mercy.
Pastor: For all who cry out to God for deliverance and help: that their petitions be heard by the One who reaches out to all to rescue from danger and destruction, who can save by the grasp of His mighty hand of mercy, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.
Pastor: For our country and all the nations of the world: that leaders seek the ways of peace and freedom for the welfare and prosperity of the people they are called to serve, let us pray to the Lord.
People: Lord, have mercy.
Pastor: For all who are sick or suffering illness or injury, all who are in any trouble, those who are lonely or afraid, and especially those who are in need whom we name in our hearts: that the Lord give strength, heal, and comfort all who call upon Him, let us pray to the Lord.
People: Lord, have mercy.
Pastor: For those who have gone before us with the sign of faith, we give thanks to the Lord. That we may be included in the fellowship of the saints in heaven now by faith in the Son of God and at last by God's mercy and grace when He comes again in glory, let us pray to the Lord.
People: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
People: Amen.

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24–26*
Pastor: 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.
People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN ""I Am Jesus' Little Lamb"" LSB 740

NEXT SUNDAY
Sunday School: 9:00 a.m.
Adult Bible Study: 9:00 a.m.
Worship Service: 10:00 a.m.

BIRTHDAYS: Abigail Rainey – August 11; **Olivia Ulloa** - August 12; **Steve Maseman –** August 13;
ANNIVERSARIES – No anniversaries this week

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome Gentry and Audie Pemberton as members of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church through the gift of Holy Baptism.

Catherine will be out of the office August 15-23.

TODAY IS THE DAY!!! VBS STARTS TONIGHT AT 6:00 PM with a light meal. Activities will follow from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. Sessions are on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday evening this week.

AUGUST EVENTS

8.9 VBS 6:00 to 8:00 pm
8.10 LWML Meeting 1 pm
VBS 6:00 to 8:00 pm
8.11 Heritage Hall 10:00 am
Ministerial Alliance Antioch Baptist noon
VBS 6:00 to 8:00 pm
8.12 Adult Bible Study 10:00 a.
AA 6:00 pm
ZOOM Prayer Group 8:00 pm
8.15 AA 6:00 pm
8.16-8.23 **Catherine out of the office**
8.19 Adult Bible Study 10:00 am
AA 6:00 pm
ZOOM Prayer Group 8:00 pm
8.22 AA 6:00 pm
8.26 Adult Bible Study 10:00 am
AA 6:00 pm
ZOOM Prayer Group 8:00 pm
8.29 AA 6:00 pm

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

For Lost and wandering Christians; The GSLC VBS volunteers, teachers and students; **People exploring new opportunities and challenges –** that God guide them in the direction most pleasing to him; **Robbie Moss – (**nephew of Bob and Brenda Moss) - health issues; **Jeff Hedberg** –recovering; **Charlie Joe Harper** – infant with rare form of cancer and metabolic disorder, son of **Zane and Brittany Harper; For those suffering depression and anxiety –** especially those in law enforcement and emergency services; **Audie and Gentry Pemberton –** as they near their Baptism; **Jennifer Huecker –** recovering from hip fracture; **Bruce Mills –** kidney and bladder weakness; **Anna Gildehaus, Faye Fairchild, Carol Latham –** cancer (friends of Glenda Drier); **Pastor Spotts –** severe migraines; J**im Gesling–**recovering; The **Garrett Family-**Barn Fire; **Patti Martinez–**breast cancer; **prayers for caretakers; Rev. Dr. Lee Hagan–**recovering; **Reverend Tim and Erin Schulte; Mike Hyde–**recovering; **Tammy Morgan–**(Sherry Morse's daughter) – health issues; **Christina DeJesus–** health issues; **Brenda Belt (**Henry Rainey's sister) –Stage IV Cancer; **Grace–**health issues (friend of Hannah Lanning); **Steve Buckert–**recovering; **Jenni Murray**-Margaret Parker's daughter-recovering; **Ron Borgman; Dick St. John**–Brenda Moss's father–health issues; **Kim & Terry Decker**–health issues; **Ed & Ernestine Ramsey**; **Judy Mahieu**; **Kyle Lutz**–recovering from kidney/pancreas transplant; **Bonnie Berthelsen**; **Mark Ramsey**; **Calvin Stemme**–treatment for cancer; **Julia Rainey; Jane St. John**; **Dennis & Jackie Nadler; Susan Harris**; **Wayne Nolan**–stepfather of Jeff Jaeger; **Michelle Smith**–daughter of Jane St John; **Arla Benskin**–daughter of Mary Brechler.

Missionaries - **MOST Ministries (Mission Opportunities Short Term);** the **GSLC LAMP Team.**

Community Prayers: **Father Mike Coleman**; **Jeff Bransteder** – cancer; **Susan Sturgeon** – breast cancer; **Jeff Canzoneri –** brain cancer; **Susan Prewitt** –recovering from back surgery.

ARMED FORCES: **Prayers for all service men and women that they remain safe and return home;**

Veterans of Armed Services – especially those suffering from PTSD and anxiety; **Christopher Thompson,** U. S. Navy – cousin of Hannah Lanning; **Brandon Lowery**, U.S. Navy–brother of Rachel Rojas; **Donevin Leonard**, U.S. Marine Corps–grandson of Russell & Jacki Stelzer; **Chris Chism**, U.S. Navy–son of Vickie & Eric Chism; grandson of Barbara Fischer; **Brittany Macklin**–great-niece of Ernestine Ramsey; **Eli Nadler.**

Welcome and Prayer Request Cards

Please place any prayer request cards in the offering plate when it comes around. The ushers will give them to the pastor. Please complete the welcome card and leave it at the end of your pew. Thank you.

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Matthew 14:28-29, "'Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.' And He said, 'Come.' And after getting out of the boat, Peter walked on the water and came to Jesus."