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Good Shepherd Fort Dodge

Little Lambs Preschool
576-6308

We extend a special welcome to all who worship with us in God's House today. If you have no church home, we invite you to make Good Shepherd your church home.



September 6, 2026
The Fifteenth Sunday
after Pentecost

Please sign the attendance binder in the pew and mark Communion if you partake

If you need communion at your seat, please let pastor know before service.

Order of Service

Divine Service: Setting 1 Page 151
Opening Hymn: 904
Sermon Hymn: 820
Distribution: 617, 578, 966, 622
Closing Hymn: 707

THIS WEEK WITH OUR LORD

TODAY

9:00am-Divine Service w/HC

10:30am-Adult Bible Study

MONDAY

Office Closed-Labor Day Holiday

TUESDAY

8:15am-LL 3YR Preschool

9:00am-Sewing

12:00pm-LL 4YR Preschool

1:30pm-Friendship Haven

5:30pm-LWML Group Dinner Mtg

6:30pm-Kingsmen at Shiny Top

WEDNESDAY

12:00pm-LL 4YR Preschool

4:00pm-Swaddling Clothes

5:00pm-Christian Outreach

5:30pm-Confirmand Parent Meeting

THURSDAY

7:00am-Men's Bible Study

8:15am-LL 3YR Preschool

12:00pm-LL 4YR Preschool

5:30pm-Christian Management

FRIDAY

8:15am-LL 3YR Preschool

12:00pm-LL 4YR Preschool

5:30pm-Pizza & Game Night

SATURDAY

5:00pm – Divine Worship w/HC

NEXT SUNDAY

9:00am-Divine Service w/HC

10:15am-Anchors Aweigh SS kick off

10:30am-Sunday School/Adult Bible Study

5:00-Anchors Aweigh fun, fellowship and Bounce House

6:00pm-End of Summer BBQ Potluck

In Our Prayers:

Wanda Wiese
Sharon Musselman
Bill Peterson
Sharon McNeil
Norman Prewitt
Mardell Prewitt
Brexton Hines
Ken Ropte
Peggy Anderson
Sherry Richardson
Dorothy Kester
Debbie Monical
Marlys Ditzenberger
Caroline Eichor
Leland Dencklau
Julie Sampson
Jim

Baptismal Birthdays:

Kay Brand-September 5
Bentley Jones-September 5
Jeremiah Boeck-September 6
Alisyn Johnson-September 7
Dalton Niemeyer-September 7
Annie Niemeyer-September 10
Joshua Johnson-September 11

Celebration of Life Birthdays:

Gary Koch-September 5
Nancy Ferrell-September 7

Attendance – 28, 80

Gifts to the Lord:

Envelope/Plate - \$4398.45
Online \$685
Mission Central-\$20
Produce Table-\$35
Swaddling Clothes-\$25
Total of all Gifts: \$5163.45

Organist/Pianist:

9/5 & 9/6-Joan Arndt

Elders in Charge of Communion:

9/5-Mike Wiese
9/6-Jerry Bossart & Terry Allers

Ushers:

Dean Fowler & Steve Doty

Flowers gracing our chancel

today are given by the
Ferry family.



Fall LWML Rally @ St. Paul

September 19th. Registration
starts at 8:30am and Rally is
at 9am. Cost is \$5 to register.
In-Service items being collected
are:

Children's socks & underwear
Non-perishable food items
Hygiene products
White cotton sheets
Monetary donations

Don't forget to sign up!

Be sure to sign up for the Group
LWML Mashed potato Meal for 9/8
and Pizza night for 9/11.

We need counts for supplies.

Confirmand Parent Meeting

Wednesday, September 9th
@ 5:30pm

Stewardship

Gathered by Christ around His
Word and promise, we offer our
presence, resources, and gifts in
love for His Church and for rec-
onciliation with one another.

"For where two or three are gath-
ered in my name, there am I
among them." — Matthew 18:20

Introit

Psalm 92:1–4; antiphon: v. 5

P: How great are your works, O LORD!

C: Your thoughts are very deep!

P: It is good to give thanks to the LORD,

C: to sing praises to your name, O Most High;

P: to declare your steadfast love in the morning,

C: and your faithfulness by night,

P: to the music of the lute and the harp,

C: to the melody of the lyre.

P: For you, O LORD, have made me glad by your work;

C: at the works of your hands I sing for joy.

ALL: 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.

P: How great are your works, O LORD!

C: Your thoughts are very deep!

Collect

O God, from whom all good proceeds, grant to us, Your humble servants, Your holy inspiration, that we may set our minds on the things that are right and, by Your merciful guiding, accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

WORD OF GOD VERSE *833 v 3 Listen, God Is Calling*

Leader: Listen,

All: listen, God is calling Through the Word inviting, Offering forgiveness, Comfort, and joy.

Leader: Help us to be faithful,

All: Standing steadfast,

Leader: Walking in Your teachings,

All: Led by Your Word.

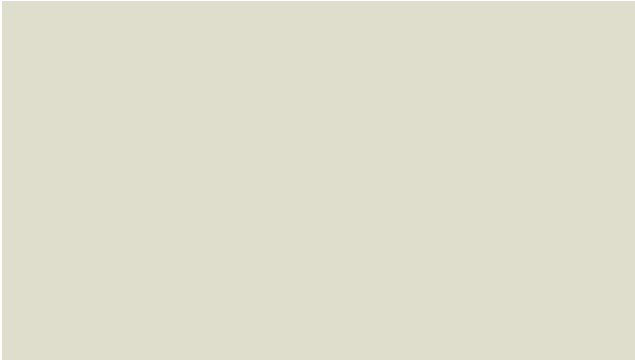
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Old Testament

Ezekiel 33:7–9

⁷“So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ⁸If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. ⁹But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.”



Epistle

Romans 13:1–10

¹Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. ²Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. ³For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, ⁴for he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer. ⁵Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience. ⁶For the same reason you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. ⁷Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed. ⁸Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The 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: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 18:1-20

¹At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" ²And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them ³and said, "Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. ⁴Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. ⁵"Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, ⁶but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea. ⁷"Woe to the world for temptations to sin! For it is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the one by whom the temptation comes! ⁸And if your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life crippled or lame than with two hands or two feet to be thrown into the eternal fire. ⁹And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into the hell of fire. ¹⁰"See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven. ¹¹For the Son of Man came to save the lost. ¹²What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? ¹³And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. ¹⁴So it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish. ¹⁵"If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. ¹⁶But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them."

IDW SENIOR YOUTH GATHERING-OCTOBER 3-4

Any 9th-12th grade students planning to attend the Senior Youth Gathering must have paper registration forms to

Tina Kastendieck

no later than Monday 9/14!

Extra forms available in the church office if needed.

MEMORY VERSE

**You are great,
O Lord God.**
For there is none
like you, and there
is no God besides
you, according to all
that we have heard
with our ears.

2 SAMUEL 7:22

lcms.org

The LWML is accepting donations of fake flowers, greenery, accessories and ribbons which will be used for the Ladies Night Out Craft Project in March. Please put donations in the tote in the narthex.



Stewardship Corner:

Matthew 18:4 – “Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.” What does it mean to have childlike faith? Certainly Jesus does not want us to have a faith that is *childish* — we are not called to ignorance or silliness. Rather, we are called to trust the way a child trusts: with complete confidence in the Father. We show that confidence in our lives when we follow His directives for our life. Father knows best, so we'll take His advice!

Building Healthy Families:

Every day, your Lutheran Family Service counselors walk alongside people facing grief, broken relationships, anxiety, trauma, and life's many challenges. While professional care is important, our ultimate hope is in the Lord. Psalm 34 reminds us that God is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit. Whatever burden you're carrying today, know that nothing is beyond His notice and care. If you or someone you know could benefit from compassionate Christian counseling, call us. It's why we're here!

www.LutheranFamilyService.org

Lutheran Family Service

“However imperfect, every day comes as opportunity and privilege. They usually require patience and persistence, of course, and not a little bit of shared sweat and tears. But they turn out the sweeter for it. ‘When she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world’ (John 16:21). ‘Take heart; I have overcome the world’ (John 16:33)!” *Rev. Michael Salemink, former Executive Director of Lutherans For Life* **A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org**

“Come and See” The Book of Nature can open your mind to the possibility that God is real. The Book of Scripture, the Bible, goes further, like a friend who's been there.

(John 1:46)

Hear about it on the Lutheran

Hour WHO (1040 AM) 7:30 am. Sunday, KTLB (105.9 FM) at 8:00 am Sunday, KQWC (95.7 FM) at 11:00 am KHBT (97.7 FM) at 11:30 am Sunday. Log on to www.lhm.org for other stations and details.



LWML GROUP MEETING TUES 9/8

5:30PM

You are invited to enjoy a cozy
delicious mashed potato bar!

Build your dream potato with lots of
savory toppings followed by sweet
treats!

COME ENJOY THE FOOD AND THE FRIENDSHIPS!



Anchors Aweigh

Rally Sunday, September 13th

THE FIRST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL

AFTER THE 9AM SERVICE (10:15-11:45)

DONUTS • JUICE • MILK • COFFEE

FUN BIBLE STUDY FOR ALL AGES

FELLOWSHIP, GAMES AND BOUNCE HOUSE AT 5PM

END OF SUMMER BBQ 6PM-BRING A SIDE DISH OR DESSERT TO SHARE



Student Bibles

Bibles will be presented to our 3 year olds and our Third Graders (for the 2026-2027 school year) during the service on Sunday, September 13th.

Parents please try to have your children present at the 9am service.