



*The Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Of the Good Shepherd  
501 Fairfield Drive  
Greensburg, PA 15601*

*August 30, 2015*

*Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd*  
**A congregation of the Southwestern Pennsylvania Synod  
of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**

*"We are a caring family of God nourished by the Word, guided by the Holy Spirit to share the love of Jesus Christ."*

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Music Director

Nancy Flinner

Organist

Jean Brunot

We welcome all visitors with us and ask that you sign our guest register. If you are looking for a church home, we invite you to consider the Good Shepherd family.

**ALL BAPTIZED CHRISTIANS** are welcome to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Children may come forward for a blessing. During communion, we offer wine and grape juice, if you would like to receive grape juice do not bring a cup, it will be provided by the Worship Assistant.

Our congregation's Stephen Ministry equips gifted lay people to provide confidential, one-to-one Christian Care to individuals in our congregation who are experiencing difficulties in their lives and extends the care that Pastor Frank continues to provide.

If you could benefit from the confidential, one-to-one care and support of a Stephen Minister, please speak to Pastor Frank. Or you may refer to the Stephen Ministry flyers and cards available in the pew racks.

Please take a moment to fill out a yellow RCR card located in the pews. Please place completed cards in the offering plate.

When you see the following symbol "+", please stand.

Service of the Word and Sacrament  
August 30, 2015  
“Time after Pentecost”  
10:30 am.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE**

*“SOFTLY AND TENDERLY JESUS IS CALLING” W. THOMPSON*

**+ CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the creator of wind and rain. Field and ocean, the bread of life coming down from above, the power at work within us and this world.

**Amen.**

Before God and in the company of our sisters and brothers, let us confess our sin.

God and Father of all,

**We confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed. We have thought better of ourselves than others. We have told lies, said hurtful things, acted in ways we wish we could take back, and looked the other way when action is needed. In your mercy, O God, forgive us, cleanse us, and heal us, for the sake of Jesus, our Savior. Amen**

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; everything has become new! In Christ, you are a new creation; your sins are taken away and you are made new. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. **Amen.**

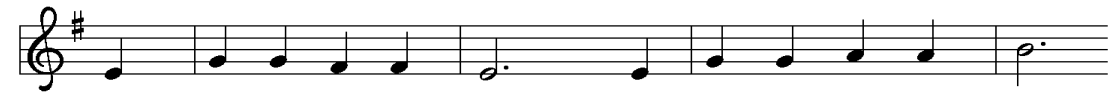
**+ GATHERING HYMN**

*“GOD, WHEN HUMAN BONDS ARE BROKEN” ELW 603*

**+ APOSTOLIC 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.**

## Kyrie



1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.  
2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.  
3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.  
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.  
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

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**+ HYMN OF PRAISE**

## Glory Be to God in Heaven



1 Glo - ry be to God in heav - en; peace, good-will to all the earth.  
2 Glo - ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.  
3 Ho - ly One we now ac - claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might - y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:  
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;  
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.  
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.  
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.  
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.  
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God our strength, without you we are weak and wayward creatures. Protect us from all dangers that attack us from the outside, and cleanse us from all evil that arises from within ourselves, that we may be preserved through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

## FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

<sup>1</sup> So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the LORD, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. <sup>2</sup> You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the LORD your God with which I am charging you.

<sup>3</sup> You have seen for yourselves what the LORD did with regard to the Baal of Peor—how the LORD your God destroyed from among you everyone who followed the Baal of Peor, <sup>4</sup> while those of you who held fast to the LORD your God are all alive today.

<sup>5</sup> See, just as the LORD my God has charged me, I now teach you statutes and ordinances for you to observe in the land that you are about to enter and occupy. <sup>6</sup> You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, “Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!”

<sup>7</sup> For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is whenever we call to him? <sup>8</sup> And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today?

<sup>9</sup> But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children’s children.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM: Psalm 15

<sup>1</sup> LORD, who may dwell in your | tabernacle?

Who may abide upon your | holy hill?

<sup>2</sup> **Those who lead a blameless life and do | what is right,  
who speak the truth | from their heart;**

<sup>3</sup> they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil | to their friends;  
they do not cast discredit up- | on a neighbor.

<sup>4</sup> **In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who | fear the LORD.  
They have sworn upon their health and do not take | back their word.**

<sup>5</sup> They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes a- | gainst the innocent.

Those who do these things shall never be | overthrown. **R**

## SECOND READING: James 1:17-27

<sup>17</sup> Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. <sup>18</sup> In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

<sup>19</sup> You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; <sup>20</sup> for your anger does not produce God’s righteousness. <sup>21</sup> Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

<sup>22</sup> But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. <sup>23</sup> For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; <sup>24</sup> for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like.

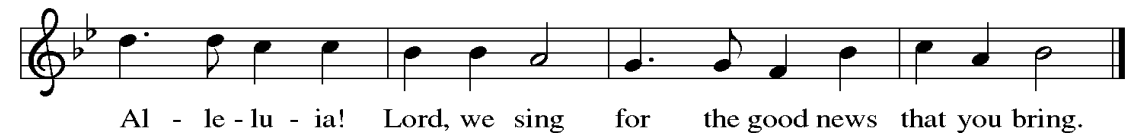
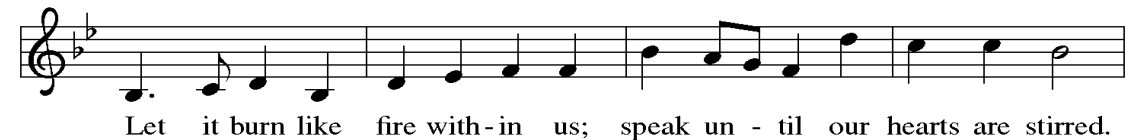
<sup>25</sup> But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

<sup>26</sup> If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. <sup>27</sup> Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation



## GOSPEL: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

The holy gospel according to St. \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_ chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around [Jesus], <sup>2</sup> they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. <sup>3</sup> (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; <sup>4</sup> and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) <sup>5</sup> So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” <sup>6</sup> He said to them, “Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

‘This people honors me with their lips,  
but their hearts are far from me;

<sup>7</sup> in vain do they worship me,  
teaching human precepts as doctrines.’

<sup>8</sup> You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.”

<sup>14</sup> Then he called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand: <sup>15</sup> there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.”

<sup>21</sup> For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, <sup>22</sup> adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly.

<sup>23</sup> All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

### HYMN OF THE DAY

*“OH THAT THE LORD WOULD GUIDE MY WAYS”*

ELW 772

### APOSTLES CREED

**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.**

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\*Or, “he descended into hell,” another translation of this text in widespread use.

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

With confidence in God's compassion and generosity, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of God's creation.

*A brief silence.*

O God, we pray for the church throughout the world. Give its members the inspiration to be doers of the word. Proclaim your grace to their children and their children's children. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

As the harvest comes to its peak, remind us that we live in a bountiful universe and inspire us to work for continued nourishment for Earth and all its creatures. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

We pray for the nations of the world (*especially*). Give them the courage to seek peace with justice and to set free every person who is oppressed. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

We pray for those waiting for their freedom. Break the chains that bind our human hearts. Console those constrained by any sort of oppression, grief, loneliness, or illness (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

We pray for all congregations. Inspire and strengthen them to live by your commandments and to be your hands in the community. Make them shining lights to the world. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

O God, we give thanks for those who have held fast to your commandments, and we look forward to the day of reunion when we shall all live upon your holy hill. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.  
**Amen.**

## PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

## OFFERING

### OFFERTORY

*"IN THIS MOMENT OF REMEMBRANCE"*

*D. WOOD*

### Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful *Offering Song*

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be  
fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -  
nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your  
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

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### + OFFERTORY PRAYER

A God of mercy and grace,  
C **the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord. Amen.**

## + GREAT THANKSGIVING

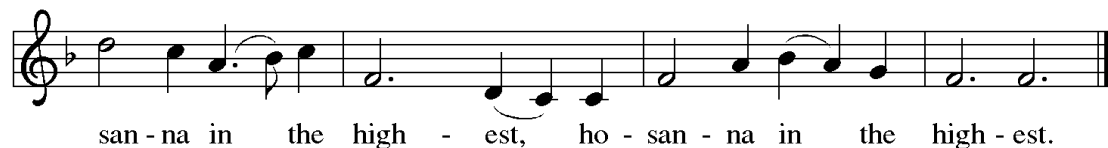
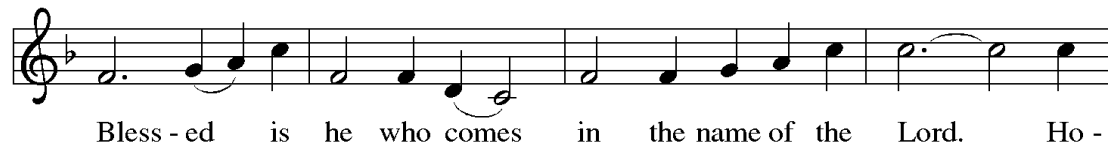
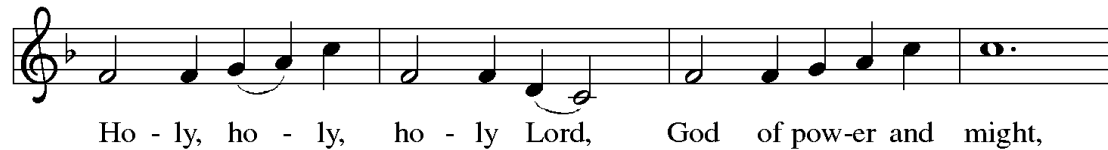
A The Lord be with you.  
C **And also with you.**

A Lift up your hearts.  
C **We lift them to the Lord.**

A Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:*

### Holy, Holy, Holy



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## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.  
You are most holy,  
and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,  
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish  
but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world  
to fulfill for us your holy will  
and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,  
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

### Christ Has Died



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Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,  
 his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension,  
 and the promise of his coming again,  
 we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty,  
 not as we ought but as we are able;  
 we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving  
 and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants,  
 and these your own gifts of bread and wine,  
 so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ  
 may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace,  
 and, receiving the forgiveness of sin,  
 may be formed to live as your holy people  
 and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
 be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

### Amen



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### 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.**

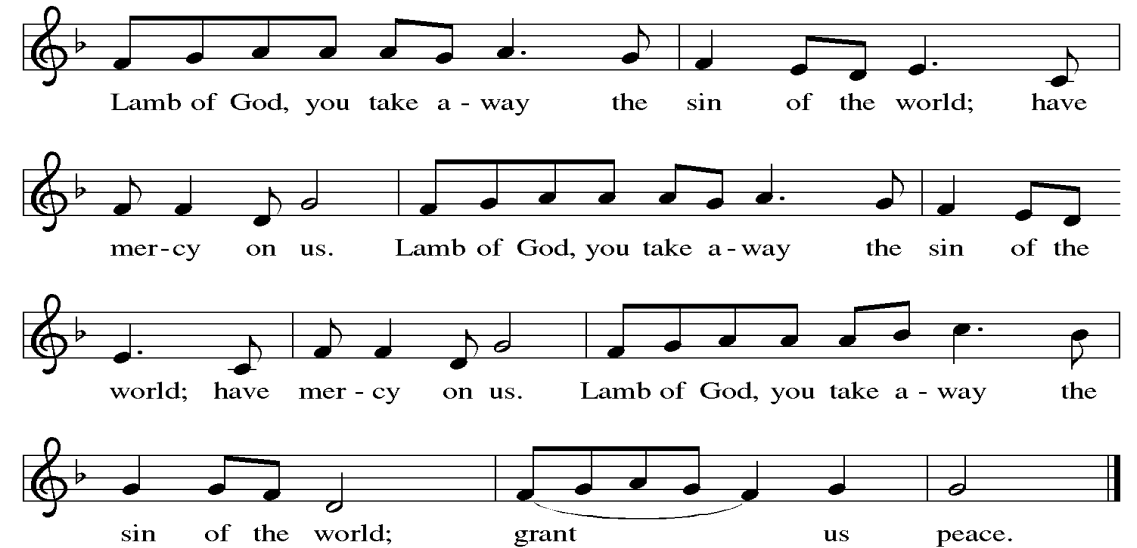
**Give us this day our daily bread;  
 and forgive us our trespasses,  
 as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
 and lead us not into temptation,  
 but deliver us from evil.  
 For thine is the kingdom,  
 and the power, and the glory,  
 forever and ever. Amen.**

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Jesus said, "Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

### DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

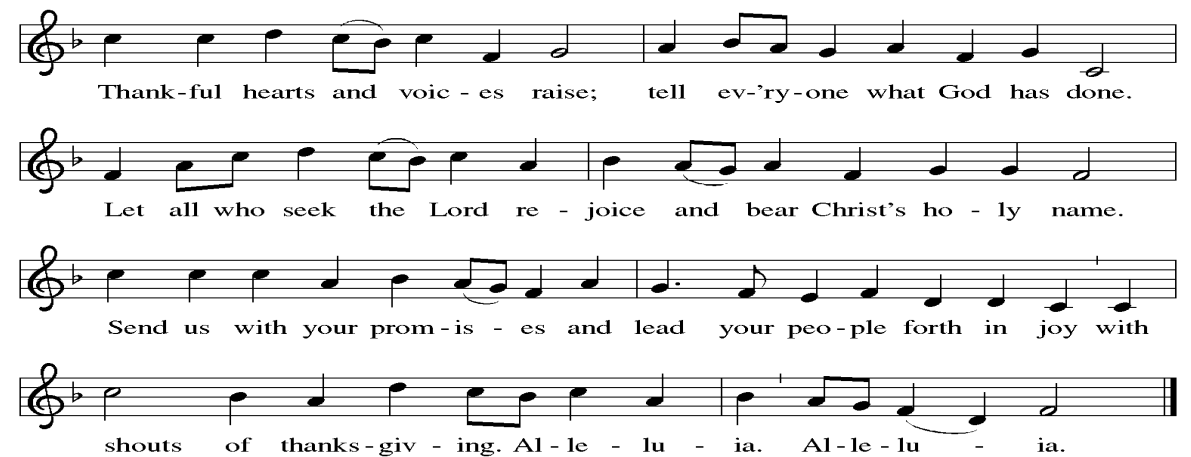
*During the distribution the congregation and choir shall join in singing **Lamb of God***



*Please continue singing during distribution of communion the following hymns: ELW 681, 608, 445.*

### + POST COMMUNION CANTICLE

#### Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise



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**+ POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Let us pray.

Wise and generous God,  
We thank you that at this holy table you have fed us again with the food of everlasting life.  
Send us with your blessing to seek the good of our neighbor and call others to your feast;  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

**+ BENEDICTION**

Almighty and merciful God, Father, +Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you this  
day and forevermore. **Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN**

***“ABIDE WITH ME”***

**ELW 629**

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Live in love, as Christ loved us.

**Thanks be to God.**

***POSTLUDE***

***“GRAND CHOEUR”***

***C. FRANCK***

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**ALTAR FLOWERS** are presented to the honor and glory of God.

**A LIVING GIFT** has been designated by:

Ann Shockey to Meals on Wheels in general thanksgiving.

**SERVING TODAY:**

	10:30
Worship Assistant	Open
Lector	Lillian Shea
Acolyte	Jaden Biller
Crucifer	Jesse Biller
Greeters	Chuck & Jenny Luffy
Ushers	Roger Sullenberger & George Billig
Altar Guild	Alice Podolinski
Counters	Carole Bridges & Jenny Luffy



CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF August 30 – September 6, 2015

Sunday	10:30 am.	Holy Communion
Monday	9:00 am.	New Neighbors
Tuesday	9:00 am – 12:00 pm	Brunot – Sanctuary
	10:00 am. – 12:00 pm.	Chat-n-Sew
	7:00 pm.	Chairperson Meeting
Wednesday	12:30 pm. – 6:30 pm.	Blood Drive
		RHP Visitation – 4 yr. olds
Thursday		RHP Visitation – 3 yr. olds
Friday		NO Bridge Club
Saturday	5:30 pm.	Holy Communion
Sunday	10:30 am.	Holy Communion

***ANNOUNCEMENTS***

**Please be considerate to those around you and observe silence during the prelude and service. This time is designed for personal meditation.**

We are in need of a Chairperson for the Evangelism Committee, the Stewardship Committee and Vacation Bible School. If you would like to consider serving Good Shepherd in this capacity, please let Pastor Frank or the church office know.

The office will be closed on Monday, September 7<sup>th</sup> in observance of Labor Day.

There will be a Fellowship Meeting on Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup> during Coffee Hour.

Two Sunday morning services (8:30 am. & 10:30 am.) will resume on September 13<sup>th</sup>. Coffee Hour at 9:30 am.

Camp Genesis will Kick off on September 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am.

Grades 6 – 12 Youth Group Picnic – September 13<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm at Dave & Kathy Wolfe's house.