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The Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost 8:00 & 10:30 AM August 30, 2026

OUR THEME FOR THIS YEAR IS LOVE AND ZEAL: A GOOD MIX FOR 2026!

"Never be lacking in zeal, but maintain your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord." ~ Romans 12:11

We welcome you to Our Shepherd. It is a joy to have you with us today! We pray that you will be strengthened and uplifted through our worship.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Organ Prelude: Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us . . . M. Sedio

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Hymn: LSB 861 – Christ Be My Leader

Invocation

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: *Amen.*

Exhortation

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: *who made heaven and earth.*

P: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C: *But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.*

Confession

P: Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

C: Gracious God, have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things that we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Absolution

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: *Amen.*

Hymn of Praise: Gloria in Excelsis

To God on high be glory
And peace to all the earth;
Goodwill from God in heaven
Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!

We praise and bless You, Father;
Your holy name, we sing—
Our thanks for Your great glory,
Lord God, our heav'nly King.

To You, O sole-begotten,
The Father's Son, we pray;
O Lamb of God, our Savior,
You take our sins away.
Have mercy on us, Jesus;
Receive our heartfelt cry,
Where You in pow'r are seated
At God's right hand on high—

For You alone are holy;
You only are the Lord.
Forever and forever,
Be worshiped and adored;

You with the Holy Spirit
Alone are Lord Most High,
In God the Father's glory.
"Amen!" our glad reply.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray:
C: *Almighty God, Your Son willingly endured the agony and shame of the cross for our redemption. Grant us courage to take up our cross daily and follow Him wherever He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

Scripture Readings (Back of Bulletin)

Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 15: 15-21

Epistle: Romans 12: 9-21

Holy Gospel: Matthew 16: 21-28

P: The Gospel of the Lord
C: *Thanks be to God*

Nicene Creed: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And he will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn of the Day: LSB 531 – Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus

Children’s Message

Message from the Word:
Sermon Series: I Want Faith Like . . . Samuel
Sermon Text: 1 Samuel 3

Offering

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Responsive Prayer

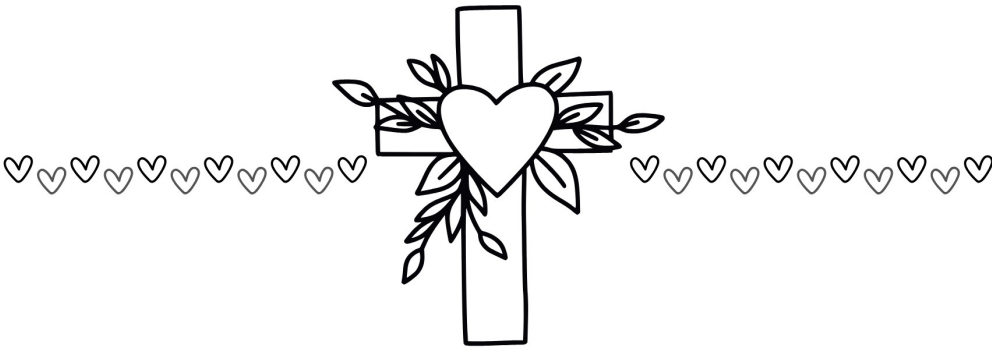
P: Delight yourself in the Lord,
C: *and he will give you the desires of your heart.*
P: Commit your way to the Lord;
C: *trust in him, and he will act.*
P: He will bring forth your righteousness as the light,
C: *and your justice as the noonday.*
P: Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him;
C: *fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way, over the man who carries out evil devices!*
P: Delight yourself in the Lord,
C: *and he will give you the desires of your heart.*

Prayers/Lord’s Prayer

Closing Hymn: LSB 851 – Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us

Benediction

Postlude: Lord Of Glory, You Have Bought Us . . . J. Weber



ANNOUNCEMENTS

FLOWERS: Sign up if you would like to place flowers on the altar in memory or celebration. The cost is \$20 and the arrangement can be taken home after the late service on Sunday.

ALUMINUM CANS: We are collecting aluminum cans next weekend, September 5&6, in the north parking lot. No glass or plastic, please.

FIRST-TIME VISITORS: Welcome to our guests and visitors! Please take home an Our Shepherd gift bag located on the table in the narthex as a “thank you” for being here!

COLLECTION OF WINTER ITEMS: It is not too early to start our annual collection of warm winter wear for those in need! If you knit or crochet, yarn is available in the room off the nursery to make hats, mittens, and scarves. Completed items can be left in the church office.

CHOIR START UP: Our Shepherd’s voice and bell choirs will begin rehearsals the week of September 6th. New members are always welcome; no musical experience is required. See John Schubring for information.

Monday (9/14)	Bell Choir	3:30 PM
Wednesday (9/9)	Bell Choir	6:45 PM
Wednesday (9/9)	Senior Choir	7:30 PM

AV HELP NEEDED: Our AV team needs additional volunteers! Please sign an attendance card if you can serve the congregation on our AV team, and you will be contacted. No experience needed.

SERVE AT THE EBENEZER FOOD PANTRY: On Saturday, September 19, 2026, we are asking for 8 volunteers to bag and distribute food to those in need from 8:00 – 11:30 a.m. Please sign up using the link on our website.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Tuesday	Share Our Strengths (S.O.S.)	6:00 PM
Saturday	Worship Service	6:00 PM
Sunday	Worship Service	8:00 & 10:30 AM
Sunday	Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	9:30 AM

The Word Today is aired locally on Sunday mornings at 7:45 on WJYI 1340 AM and at 8:30 on WRJN 1400 AM.

Listener Responses to The Word Today

"I face ongoing discrimination and harassment because I am a Christian living in a community where most follow the majority religion. The Word Today Punjabi broadcasts gave me the strength and inspiration I sorely need. I was able to maintain my faith by listening to the sermons and worship songs on the radio. These programs have kept my family and I afloat through difficult times and have helped us maintain our faith."

"I am a widow in my 60s. All my children are married. God has truly blessed me, and my life with my spouse was full of joy. But I was left alone after he passed away. In addition, my kids have their own families to attend to. I experienced loneliness. God said to me one day when I was listening to The Word Today (Urdu) program on the radio: 'I will never leave you.' I was moved to tears by this verse. I now have a closer relationship with my God and spend more time with him in prayer. In Jesus Christ I find happiness."

"I’ve been struggling with anxiety and depression for a long time . It felt like I was constantly battling a storm inside me, with no end in sight. But then, I stumbled upon The Word Today (TWT) radio programmes in the Nepali language, and it changed everything. Every time I tuned in, I felt a sense of peace reigning over me. Words of hope spoken on the programme resonate deeply within my soul, reminding me of God’s unwavering love and presence in my life. Slowly but surely, darkness began to drift away, and I found hope during my struggles. I can now confidently say that I'm in a much better place emotionally and spiritually, all thanks to God's grace and the impactful ministry of the TWT Nepali program. It truly is a lifeline for me. Through the radio programme, I learned to lean on God's promises and trust in his faithfulness, even when everything around me seems to be falling apart. His Word and promises became my source of strength and encouragement, guiding me through the darkest days."

"I am grateful for the radio program that helped me reach a turning point in my life, where I learned to count my days and give thanks to God with all of my heart. Despite having experienced all manner of hardships and suffering, I never feel depressed. I am confident that God will support and care for me in every aspect of my life. I am a home appliance manufacturer, a skill that God has given me. Despite the difficulty and arduous nature of my profession, I am incredibly grateful for God's grace and strength in my life. I enjoy hearing the Bible read aloud and I continue to pursue personal development."