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The Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost Saturday & Sunday August 8 and 9, 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

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Songs: Open the Eyes of My Heart . . . Paul Baloche

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord,
Open the eyes of my heart: I want to see You,
I want to see You.

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord,
Open the eyes of my heart: I want to see You,
I want to see You.

To see You high and lifted up, shining in the light of Your glory;
Pour out Your pow'r and love as we sing "Holy, holy, holy."

Holy, holy, holy.
Holy, holy, holy.
I want to see You, I want to see You.

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord,
Open the eyes of my heart, I want to see You,
I want to see You.

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord,
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To see You high and lifted up, shining in the light of Your glory,
Pour out Your pow'r and love as we sing "Holy, holy, holy." (3 times)

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Holy, holy, holy.
Holy, holy, holy.
I want to see You, I want to see You.

Holy, holy, holy.
Holy, holy, holy.
I want to see You, I want to see You.

Goodness of God

I love You, Lord
For Your mercy never fails me
All my days, I've been held in Your hands
From the moment that I wake up
Until I lay my head
Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God

Chorus:
And all my life You have been faithful
And all my life You have been so, so good
With every breath that I am able
Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God

I love Your voice
You have led me through the fire

In the darkest night
 You are close like no other
 I've known You as a Father
 I've known You as a Friend
 And I have lived in the goodness of God

Repeat Chorus

Bridge:
 'Cause Your goodness is running after
 It's running after me
 Your goodness is running after
 It's running after me
 With my life laid down
 I'm surrendered now
 I give You everything
 'Cause Your goodness is running after
 It's running after me

Repeat Bridge
 Repeat Chorus Twice

Oh, I'm gonna sing of the goodness of God

Confession (All): Lord, we confess our lack of faith. We see a glimpse of what we ought to be and we know we fall short of the goal. We desire faith that is solid and unchanging, yet we crumble under trials and temptations. We want to be strong, but we know our weaknesses. Our sinful condition strips us of any spiritual gain that we humbly devise. Lord, forgive us. Accept us as we are, unworthy for the task, yet gifted for your purposes. Grant us Your gift of faith.

Absolution (Pastor)

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.

Communion Song (Sunday, 10:30): Holy Forever

A thousand generations falling down in worship
 To sing the song of ages to the Lamb
 And all who've gone before us
 And all who will believe
 Will sing the song of ages to the Lamb

Your name is the highest
 Your name is the greatest
 Your name stands above them all
 All thrones and dominions
 All powers and positions
 Your name stands above them all

And the angels cry Holy
 All creation cries Holy
 You are lifted high Holy
 Holy forever

If you've been forgiven and if you've been redeemed
 Sing the song forever to the Lamb
 If you walk in freedom and if you bear His name
 Sing the song forever to the Lamb
 We'll sing the song forever and amen

And the angels cry Holy
 All creation cries Holy
 You are lifted high Holy
 Holy forever
 Hear Your people sing Holy
 To the King of Kings Holy
 You will always be Holy
 Holy forever

Your name is the highest
 Your name is the greatest
 Your name stands above them all

All thrones and dominions
All powers and positions
Your name stands above them all

And the angels cry Holy
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The Lord’s Supper

The Bible is specific about who should attend the Lord’s Supper (1 Corinthians 10: 16-17; 11: 27-30). We invite those who wish to confess their sins and believe they receive Christ’s body and blood in this sacrament, for their forgiveness, to join us at the Lord’s Table for their spiritual strengthening.

Scripture Readings (Back of Bulletin)

Message from the Word:

Sermon Series: I *Don’t* Want Faith Like . . . Sampson
Sermon Text: Judges 16: 23-31

Offering

Prayers/Lord’s Prayer

Closing Song: Who You Say I Am

Who am I that the highest King would welcome me
I was lost but He brought me in Oh, His love for me
Oh His love for me

Who the Son sets free Oh, is free indeed
I'm a child of God Yes I am

Free at last He has ransomed me His grace runs deep
While I was a slave to sin Jesus died for me
Yes He died for me

Who the Son sets free Oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God Yes I am
In my Father's house there's a place for me
I'm a child of God Yes I am

I am chosen, not forsaken, I am who You say I am
You are for me, not against me, I am who You say I am
I am chosen, not forsaken, I am who You say I am
You are for me, not against me, I am who You say I am
I am who You Say I am

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Benediction

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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	Teen Bible Class	9:30 AM
Sunday	Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	9:30 AM

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FLOWERS: Sign up to place flowers on the altar in celebration or in memory of a loved one. The cost is \$20.00, and payment can be left in the church office.

FIRST-TIME VISITORS: Welcome, 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!

SERVE AT THE EBENEZER FOOD PANTRY: On Saturday, August 15, 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.

MILKMEN OUTING: In partnership with Michelle's Action Angels Community Outreach, the evangelism committee is hosting a *Milwaukee Milkmen* game on *Monday, August 24th at 6:30 PM*. Michelle's Action Angels, founded in 2015 by longtime Our Shepherd members Jeff and Denise Gildersleeve in memory of their daughter Michelle, supports individuals with intellectual disabilities by making public spaces accessible. The organization also provides scholarships for accessible recreational activities and delivers personalized welcome totes to individuals transitioning to supported living. A portion of ticket sales will be donated to Michelle's Action Angels.

Please sign up by August 16th so we can order tickets. Our seats will be in the skybox section – the cost is \$23.46 per ticket. (Kids 12 and under receive a hot dog, chips, fountain soda, and a cookie with their ticket!)

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, there is yarn available in the room off the nursery to create hats, mittens, and scarves. Completed items can be left in the church office.

EBENEZER BREAKFAST: There will not be a breakfast the first Saturday in September due to the Labor Day holiday.

NURSERY: We have free nursery care available beginning at 7:45 a.m. through the end of the late service.

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 – India

Awadhi

"When I heard on the radio that only Jesus Christ can save us, I was reminded of Luke 2:10. I adopted the Word after hearing it on the radio in Awadhi. My family is happy and at peace right now. My family used to have a lot of family conflicts. My own son and daughter-in-law and I used to argue. And Lord Jesus has greatly blessed my family ever since I began praying while sitting with them and listening to the word. My entire family is joyful in the Lord today. Glory to the Lord's name, amen! I appreciate the TWR team providing me with a radio."

Bundeli

"Despite my hectic schedule and numerous responsibilities, I have always had a strong desire to hear the Word of God. I yearned for calm, direction, and support throughout my everyday struggles. Thank you very much to the TWR team for giving me a radio so I can now frequently listen to God's Word. My heart is filled with optimism and serenity as I listen, something I have never felt before. John 14:27 left an impact on me: 'I give you my peace; I leave you in peace... Do not be anxious or allow your hearts to be worried.' I now sense this calm in my heart, which comes from the Lord himself and is not from the outside world. I get stronger and get closer to God with every message. I sincerely thank God, the TWR team, and all those who are involved in this mission. By sharing the Word of life with people like me, you are doing a fantastic job. Please keep me in your prayers."

Marathi

"Thank God! We are learning more about Jesus, our God and Savior, and developing spiritually as a result of the sermons on the radio. Every day I am filled with joy and a strong desire to learn more about him. My family and I are incredibly fortunate to have discovered the love of Jesus in our life. 'Now is the time of God's favor, now is the day of salvation,' the Bible says in 2 Corinthians 6:2. We think that this is God's unique time for us. We are so grateful that you have allowed us to hear his Word."

Banjara

"Every Sunday, I tune in to the radio program. My spiritual development is greatly aided by the TWR program. Mark 11:24 says that when we pray, we should have faith that our requests will be answered and that we get what ask for. Thank you for the verse that has given us so much strength. May God be praised."