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The Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost 8:00 & 10:30 AM September 6, 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: Shepherd of Tender Youth . . . B. Culli

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Hymn: LSB 686 – come, Thou Fount of Every Blessings

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: *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. Amen.*

Scripture Readings (Back of Bulletin)

Old Testament Reading: Ezekiel 33: 7-9

Epistle: Romans 13: 1-10

Holy Gospel: Matthew 18: 1-20

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: *Thanks be to God!*

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.

Hymn of the Day: LSB 864 – Shepherd of Tender Youth

Children's Message

Message from the Word:

Sermon Series: I Do (Not) Want Faith Like . . . Saul

Sermon Text: 1 Samuel 10: 17-27

Offering

Prayer for Healing

Responsive Prayer:

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.*

Prayers/Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution/The Lord's Supper (8:00 a.m.)

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.

Communion Hymn: LSB 611 – chief of Sinners Though I Be

Post-Communion Canticle: Nunc Dimittis (LSB 211)

O Lord, now let Your servant

Depart in heav'nly peace,

For I have seen the glory

Of Your redeeming grace:

A light to lead the Gentiles

Unto Your holy hill,

The glory of Your people,

Your chosen Israel.

All glory to the Father,

All glory to the Son,

All glory to the Spirit,

Forever Three in One;

For as in the beginning,

Is now, shall ever be,

God's triune name resounding

Through all eternity.

Closing Hymn: LSB 797 – Praise the Almighty

Benediction

Postlude: Praise the Almighty . . . J. Behnke

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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 ~ Nepali (South Asia)

"We listen to The Word Today on a regular basis. We can say that the programme helped us establish an intimate relationship with Jesus Christ and enabled us to share our faith with our neighbours. Through Radio Home fellowships, we had the best opportunity to learn the Word of God and have Bible study. We encouraged others to listen to the programme and receive blessings because of it. When I listened to the radio programme, we learned about the doctrine, God's love, and his commandments. Today, I take a stand for God's calling. The Word of God from the radio programme reminded me many times not to be shaken and leave the ministry."

"We are regular listeners of the The Word Today (TWT) Nepali programme, which provides us with good discipleship teaching methods. We are aware that as Christ followers, we will face numerous challenges and huddles in our lives. For nearly four months, I've been fighting battles on my own. I've lost my job, as well as many other things in my life and in my family. I have no one else to turn to for help. Then a radio programme led me to go to God's presence and ask for his support. As I pray to God for help and advice. I've been victorious and have received his blessings. Such instances have occurred in our daily lives because of the TWT radio journey. So our family always prays to the Lord to give us strength to fight these battles and overcome the obstacles that I need to overcome in order to be a better and more successful person."

We are grateful to be alive "We are church leaders, and we need to feed ourselves to teach our congregations. We discovered a good resource in the The Word Today (TWT) radio programme, where we have been nurturing our spiritual lives. We keep listening to this programme. When my parents and I had Covid, which nearly killed us, TWT revived and rebuilt our lives from the wreckage of Covid destruction. Today, we're alive and we're grateful to be alive. God is truly ahead of us, behind us and around us. He is with us, within us and for us. In Jesus' name, I pray for peace for everyone. And please honour and listen to his Word that has been circulating in our midst. Thank you very much, TWR Nepal."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FLOWERS: Flowers are given to the glory of God this weekend by Mike and Kelly Farley in celebration of their 25th wedding anniversary on August 31st. God's blessings to them!

ALUMINUM CANS: We are collecting aluminum cans this 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.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES: Our Fall activities will begin in September! Wednesday choirs begin this week. Monday Bells at 3:30 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. Monday women's study will meet starting on September 14th. The Wednesday studies (men at 6:30 a.m. and women at 9:30 a.m.) will resume on September 16th. All are welcome and encouraged to attend!

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 we are asking for 8 volunteers to distribute food to those in need. Please see our website to sign up.

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Tuesday	Share Our Strengths (S.O.S.)	6:00 PM
Wednesday	Bell Choir	6:45 PM
Wednesday	Senior Choir	7:30 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

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