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The Twenty-Fifth Sunday After Pentecost 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. November 15, 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: Lord Most High (Don Harris/Gary Sadler) and Angus Dei (Michael W. Smith)

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 (8:00): Give Thanks (Paul Wilbur/Don Moen)

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. If you are new to Our Shepherd, please make an appointment with Pastor Doug to review the foundational Christian teachings.

Scripture Readings (Back of Bulletin)

Message from the Word:
Sermon Theme: Sowing Generously
Sermon Text: 2 Corinthians 9: 6-11

Offering

Prayers/Lord's Prayer

Closing Song: Open Up the Heavens (Vertical Church Band)

Benediction

All songs/music used by permission CCLI-181-3609

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Monday	Women's Bible Study	2:00 PM
Monday	Adult Bible Study	6:30 PM
Monday	Bell Choir	3:30 PM
Wednesday	Men's Bible Study	6:00 AM
Wednesday	Women's Bible Study	9:30 AM
Wednesday	Bell Choir	6:45 PM
Wednesday	Senior Choir	7:30 PM
Saturday	Worship Service	6:00 PM
Sunday	Worship Service	8:00 AM
Sunday	Sunday School	9:30 AM
Sunday	Teen and Adult Bible Study	9:30 AM
Sunday	Worship Service	10:30 AM

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FLOWERS: Sign up if you would like to place flowers on the altar. The cost is $20 and the arrangement can be taken home after the 10:30 service on Sunday.

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!

ALTAR GUILD: We are seeking volunteers to set up and take down communion on the Saturday 6:00 p.m. and Sunday 8:00 a.m. service. Sign an attendance card if you can help, and you will be contacted.

BLANKET TAKE HOME OPTION: Please return blankets and donations of new socks and gloves by December 1st!

SERVE AT THE EBENEZER FOOD PANTRY: On Saturday, November 21, 2026, we are asking for eight volunteers to distribute food to those in need. Please see our website to sign up.

LOYALTY WEEKEND: November 21 & 22 is Loyalty Weekend. Please be in prayer as you consider your pledges for 2025.

THANKSGIVING: Our Thanksgiving worship service is at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, November 26th.

VOTER'S MEETING: Our annual Voter's Meeting is scheduled for November 29 at 1:00 p.m. All confirmed members are invited to attend.

SERVE AT THE EBENEZER BREAKFAST: On Saturday, December 5, 2026, we are asking for 4-5 volunteers beginning at 7:30. See our website for the sign-up link.

CAROLING AND CRAFTS: Join us at 9:30 a.m. on December 5 to sing and entertain the **Ebenezer Breakfast** guests with carols and crafts!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: On Saturday, November 28 at 10:00 a.m. we are looking for volunteers to help decorate the church for Christmas. It will take around 2 hours. In addition, Holly Zeige is stepping down from leading this each year. If you are interested in taking over this yearly task, please email Holly at zeigeh@gmail.com.

GRIEFSHARE GROUP: This new group will meet for **Surviving the Holidays** on Thursday, December 10 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Please go to Griefshare.com to register. On the homepage, click on "find a group" and you will see Our Shepherd's listings. *GriefShare is a welcoming support group for people grieving the death of a family member or friend.* All are welcome. If you know someone that would benefit from this support, please invite them to attend. On Thursday January 14, we will begin a 13-week series. You are encouraged to attend any week; the sessions are self-contained. These meetings will be from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

HOLIDAY FOOD COLLECTION: Once again this year, we will be collecting non-perishable food for the Ebenezer Food Pantry. The food will be taken and given to people in need shortly before the Christmas holiday. You can start bringing in food anytime and leave it in the narthex, along the bulletin board.

Most needed items: Canned fruit (all kinds), Pasta (spaghetti, mac, etc.), pasta sauce, cold and hot cereal, white and brown rice, lentils, canned tuna and chicken, canned soup, ramen noodles (chicken and beef), sides (Rice-a-Roni, instant potatoes, stuffing mix, etc.), Mac and cheese, peanut butter, canned beans (all kinds), Chef Boyardee (spaghetti-o's, ravioli, etc.), canned beef stew, Manwich, chili with and without beans, fruit juice (bottles and boxes)

The following personal hygiene items are most needed: Soap (bar and bottled), shampoo, toothbrushes and toothpaste, toilet paper, deodorant, feminine products, and razors.

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

Nepali

"Through The Word Today Nepali radio program, which I regularly listen to, I was given a Bible to read and study. I set aside time each day to study the Bible and consider the lessons taught. These teachings have made it clearer to me how important it is to follow God's Word and live by his precepts. My faith has strengthened as a result of this daily involvement, and I now find inspiration and optimism in my day-to-day existence. The radio broadcast has genuinely grown to be a source of spiritual support, empowering me to share God's love with others and preparing me to tackle obstacles head-on with faith. God and TWT have my sincere gratitude for this amazing gift."

"I was raised in a different faith background, following the traditions and rituals of my ancestors. From a young age, I participated in festivals and worship, but something always felt empty in my heart. I longed for peace, purpose, and a real connection with God. One day, a Christian friend shared about Jesus Christ and suggested that I listen to a Christian radio program. I obeyed, and as I listened, the program spoke about God's love and forgiveness. At first, I was curious, but soon I felt a deep change inside me. As I continued listening, I found a Bible and started attending church regularly. Through reading the Bible and learning about Jesus Christ, along with the guidance from the TWT radio program, I slowly realized that He was the Savior I had been searching for all my life. I confessed my sins, accepted Jesus into my heart through the pastor, and experienced a joy and peace I had never known before. Today, I give all glory to God for his mercy and guidance, and I am especially thankful for The Word Today Nepali radio program, which played a vital role in leading me to Christ."