

In Our Prayers This Week

Throughout the week, please keep these people in your daily prayers. As a model for prayer, consider going through the **A.C.T.S. of prayer**. **Adoration**: praising God for who He is. **Confession**: confessing your sins to God, especially those that weigh on your heart. **Thanksgiving**: thanking God for specific blessings. **Supplication**: asking God for help.

For those who are homebound • Val Rakey, Paul and Barb Jones, Sharon Estes, Ann Paschal, Wanda Bollinger, Randy Skaggs, Doug Arnold, Doris Bayuk, Tim Armbruster.

For healing and continued recovery • Pastor Jim Kirk (recovering from pacemaker surgery), Jesslynn, granddaughter of Rick and Cindy Hutson (for the health of her and her unborn baby boy), Mike Fitzsimmons (chronic prostatitis), Mike, a former student of Christa Reiter's (recovering from brain surgery), Phyllis Ogden (hepatitis), Sue Schweiss (Cathy Dew's sister, back problems), Sue Steiger (cancer), the Schwent family, Jeannie Feeler (Tina Port's mother), Judy Becker (Jim Bell's mother).

For those celebrating birthdays in May • Evelyn Boyd (May 3), Annette Rolfe (May 3), Pansy Meyer (May 15), Linda Ruzicka (May 18), Laverne Fitzsimmons (May 21), Vicky Surman (May 21), Maryann Roth (May 23), Lance Meyer (May 27).

For those celebrating wedding anniversaries in May • Ben & LaJune Rottler (May 26).

For those who mourn • Debbie Spenner, the sister-in-law of Cathy Dew: prayers for her and her family with the passing of her mother.

For local, state, and national elected officials • that they uphold goodness and work humbly for those they serve.

For our community • that more people believe the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

For our circuit congregations.

For our church family • that we are transformed in Christ to share the hope of eternal life.

For missionaries • Angela Steinbacher.

For all prayer requests not listed here.

If you desire a prayer request to be printed in the bulletin, please let Pastor Craig or the church office know by email or phone by noon on Wednesday. Other prayer requests may still be prayed for during the church service by writing the request on the attendance card and folding your card in half. Additionally, if you would like a prayer request removed, please talk to Pastor Craig, or contact the church office. Please note that if no update is given after a month, the prayer request will be removed from the list.

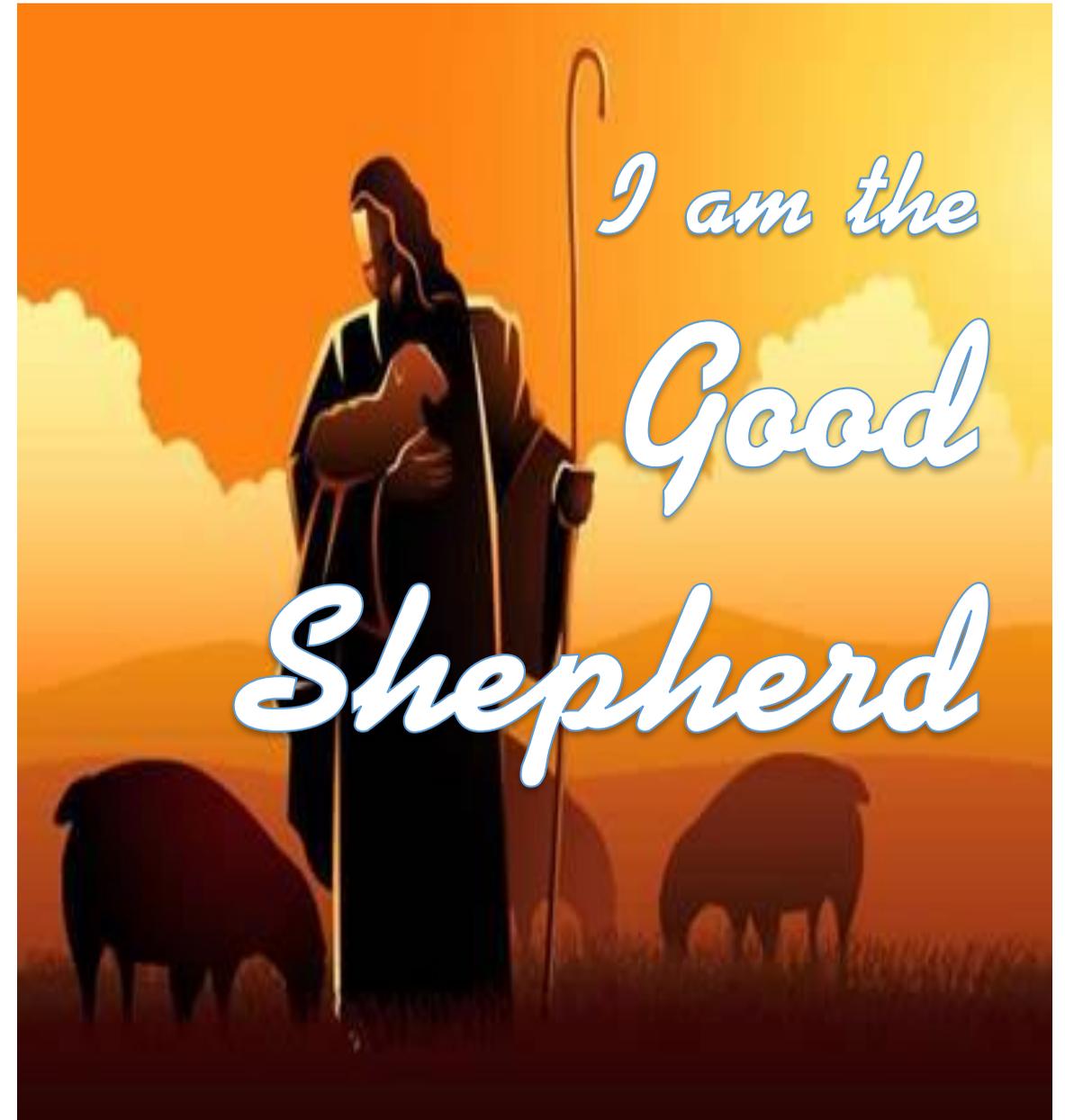
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Welcome to Holy Cross! We're glad you're here!

May our Good Shepherd, Jesus Christ, be your constant comfort and source of joy. We invite all our guests and visitors to return to worship with us again soon.

The flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God by Paul and Donna Ringwald in celebration of their mothers for Mother's Day.

Friendly Reminder: There have been several times recently when lights have been left on in the church building. **Please be sure to turn all lights off before leaving.** Thank you!

Are you willing and able to mow the church lawn? The sign-up sheet for weekly mowing is on the table in the back of the sanctuary. Thanks to all our volunteers!

We soon will need volunteers to water the pots out in front of the church. The Glaesers are kind enough to donate and plant the flowers again this summer. Watch for the sign-up sheet.

Would you like to give flowers for the altar? Upcoming dates are available: June 5, 12, 19 (Father's Day). Sign up on the flower chart located on the wall by the kitchenette above the water fountain. Please print your name and occasion clearly. Put \$20 in an envelope, mark it **Flower Fund**, and place it in the offering plate.

Ascension Day is coming. We will observe our Lord's Ascension with a special evening service at 6 p.m. on Thursday, May 26. An ice cream social will follow.

*"For You formed by inward parts;
You knitted me together in my mother's womb.*

I praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made." —Psalm 139:13-14

A BLESSED MOTHER'S DAY TO ALL OUR MOTHERS!

Our Father's Business

SUNDAY May 8	TUESDAY May 10	WED. & THURS. May 11 & May 12	NEXT SUNDAY May 15
9:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE	10:30 AM TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS	7:00 PM STRATEGIC PLANNING MEETING	9:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE Holy Communion
BIBLE CLASS after the service			BIBLE CLASS after the service

Your Financial Support of Your Church	May 1, 2022	Year to Date
Weekly Budget Requirement	\$3,044	\$54,792
Actual Offerings—including online offerings (budget)	\$5,300	\$52,265
Ahead/Behind Budget Requirement	\$2,256	-\$2,527
% Ahead/Behind	74.1%	-4.6%

"I am the Good Shepherd." ♥ John 10:1

The Good Shepherd saves. He lays down His life for the sheep. See Him in Gethsemane stepping forward: "Who is it you want?" "Jesus of Nazareth." "I am He. ... If you are looking for Me, then let these men go." (See John 18:4-5, 8.) Then follow Him to Calvary. There hear the victory cry from the lips of our Good Shepherd: "It is finished!" (John 19:30). Salvation is ours!

The Good Shepherd sustains. "I know My sheep" (John 10:14). He knows more than which sheep belong in His flock. He knows His sheep's needs and helps them. He knows their hurts and heals them. He knows their weaknesses and cradles them. Your Baptism has numbered you among His sheep and causes Him to say to you, "I know My sheep."

The Good Shepherd seeks. "I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to My voice" (John 10:16). The Word of promise, first given to Adam and Eve, spoke of God's overwhelming desire to seek and to save. It was spoken through Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob through Moses, Joshua, Isaiah, and Jeremiah. Finally, in the fullness of God's time, that saving Word of God became flesh. So there could be no mistake as to His identity, the voice of God announced: "You are My Son, whom I love; with You I am well pleased" (Luke 3:22).