

*We are transformed in Christ
to share the hope of eternal life.*



CROSS-WORD



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LCMS Stewardship Ministry

What Do You Want?

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One of the best-known and most-beloved psalms is Psalm 23, the “Shepherd Psalm.” There we learn that the Lord is our Shepherd. And since He is our Shepherd, we will not want. We will not suffer want because the Lord, our Shepherd, will lead us to green pastures and beside still waters. In other words, the Lord, our Shepherd, will provide for all that we need in both body and soul.

Yet, we live as though this is not the case. We live as though we actually suffer from want, that the Lord, our Shepherd, will not provide for all that we need. And thus, we live as though the Lord is not our Shepherd. And that means that we live as though we are not the Lord’s sheep.

When do we live as though the Lord is not our Shepherd? When we put anything else before Him and His provision for us. When we think that going to work is more important

than receiving His gifts in church on Sunday (in violation of the First and Third Commandments). When we fail to give generously of the first fruits of what the Lord has provided for us because we don't know what the future will bring (even though He has promised that He will lead us to green pastures and still waters).

We live as though we are not the Lord's sheep when we think that the Lord is only in the business of helping those who will help themselves. We act this way because our minds are set on earthly, temporal things and not on heavenly, eternal things. We act this way because we have stopped hearing the call of our Shepherd, which comes through His Word.

Through the Word of God, the Shepherd calls us to Himself. Through the Word, the Holy Spirit gathers and enlightens us with His gifts. Through the Word, we are kept holy and nourished in the one true faith, the faith that follows our Shepherd wherever He leads us. He promises to lead us to our true home, to the land flowing with milk and honey, to a better country, not of this world, but a heavenly one.

And so, here's the Good News: the Lord is your Shepherd, even and especially for wayward sheep. For Jesus seeks and saves those who are lost. He finds the lost sheep and carries them back to the fold. He is the Shepherd who lays down His life for His sheep. The Lord is your Shepherd. Let us live as His sheep.



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**Holy Cross Members Celebrating
Birthdays in June**



June 1	John Zerwig
June 5	Jackie Huck
June 6	Sharon Estes
June 8	Ava Schremp
June 13	Barbara Jones
June 20	Lauren Bell
June 23	Betty Schremp
June 27	Brandon Boland
June 29	Kelly Sullivan

☀ A blessed birthday to you! ☀



June 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 10:30 AM Bible Class	3	4	5	6
7 Second Sunday After Pentecost 9am Sunday Worship Bible Class after the service	8	9 10:30 AM Bible Class	10	11	12	13
14 Third Sunday After Pentecost 9am Sunday Worship Bible Class after the service	15	16 10:30 AM Bible Class	17	18	19	20
21 Fourth Sunday After Pentecost 9am Sunday Worship Bible Class after the service	22	23 10:30 AM Bible Class Charlie and Patricia Wibbenmeyer's anniversary	24 Mark and Connie Schwent's anniversary	25	26	27
28 Fifth Sunday After Pentecost 9am Sunday Worship Bible Class after the service	29	30 10:30 AM Bible Class				



**Listen to The Lutheran Hour
on Radio Station
KFUO AM-850
every Sunday**



at 12:30 p.m. and again at 5:00 p.m.



May 24, 2026

“Misery Loves Company”

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

It's often said, “Misery loves company.” Christ comes to us in our misery with God's love and mercy. Acts 2:38



May 31, 2026

“A Friendly Recommendation”

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

What happens when you find out that acquiring everything you've ever wanted... still isn't enough? Genesis 1:26



June 7, 2026

“Peter's Restoration—and Ours”

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Chad Lakies

Jesus forgives and restores us and He sends us out to offer this restoration to others, in His name. John 21:1-19



June 14, 2026

“Journey Through Anxiety”

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Anxiety is like a “Check Engine” light for the soul that leads us to take all our concerns to the Lord in prayer. Matthew 6:25

UPCOMING EVENTS

Ordination and Installation of Pastor-elect Peyton Douglas Holland



Sunday, June 7, 2026, at 3:00 p.m.

The entire congregation is invited and encouraged to attend the Ordination and Installation Service for Pastor-elect Peyton Douglas Holland on Sunday, June 7, 2026, at 3:00 p.m. A meal will be served in the dining hall of the church basement following the service.



Jour de Fete is August 8 & 9, 2026.

Donations are now being accepted for the Jour de Fete sale. Please bring items to the old basement. We welcome books, holiday decorations, dishes, pots and pans, toys, tools, small appliances, CDs, DVDs, gently used bedding, crafts, knick-knacks, and jewelry.

Please note the following restrictions:

- No clothing
- No large or heavy furniture (easy-to-carry items only)
- No electronics with rechargeable lithium-ion batteries, old computers, phones, printers, or routers
- No encyclopedias

Thank you for your donations and support!



Father's Day - June 21

Join us as we thank God for the fathers, grandfathers, stepfathers, and all faithful men who guide, support, and encourage us in Christ's love. We pray that the Lord blesses them with strength, wisdom, and joy as they continue to be examples of faith and service in their families and communities. Happy Father's Day!

BIBLE STUDIES & CLASSES

- Sunday Morning Bible Study - Join us after the service for Bible study.
- Tuesday Morning Bible Study – Join us on Tuesdays from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. as we study “Characters in the New Testament.”
- Lutheran Heritage Center will be hosting a summer Bible study again this year on Wednesday mornings at 9 a.m. throughout June and July.
All are welcome!

ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS

Flower Waterers Needed This Summer!



Volunteers are needed to help water the flowers outside the church throughout the summer. If you are willing to help, please sign up on the sheet located on the table at the back of the sanctuary. Thank you to everyone who helps keep our church grounds beautiful!



Would you like to provide flowers for the altar? Available dates may be found on the flower chart located on the wall by the kitchenette above the water fountain. Please print your name and occasion clearly when signing up. Please place your payment of \$25 in an envelope marked “Flower Fund” and place it in the offering plate.

Famous Fathers in the Bible

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GOD THE FATHER

KING DAVID

ZACHARIOUS

ABRAHAM

SOLOMON

JOSEPH

MOSES

JACOB

ISAAC

NOAH

ADAM

JOB

LCMS Memory Verse Challenge

Week of June 7, 2026

1 Corinthians 6:20

You were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

Week of June 14, 2026

Ephesians 5:8

At one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light.

Week of June 21, 2026

Colossians 4:2

Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving.

Week of June 28, 2026

Isaiah 40:8

The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.

Lutheran Liturgy Explained

Have you ever wondered what certain words mean that we say and sing in our liturgy in the worship service? Here is a brief explanation of what each part of the liturgy means.

The Hymns

We have several hymns throughout the service. We follow the advice of the apostle Paul to teach and admonish “one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.” (Colossians 3:16).

The Invocation

*We call upon God to be present with us. We worship the triune God, remembering our baptism in His name. **Amen** means “So be it; it is true!”*

Confession/Absolution

We examine ourselves and publicly confess our sins. Such a confession at the beginning of the service provides a climate of acceptance. In spite of our sins, we are accepted by God, and in turn, we can accept each other. Christ said to His disciples, “If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven.” The pastor speaks for God and announces God’s cleansing forgiveness to those who made confession.

The Introit (in-TRO-it)

Introit is a Latin word meaning “he enters into.” The Introit is a part of a psalm or a hymn that announces the theme of the day and begins the Service of the Word. Many years ago, the faithful would meet outside and then proceed into the church. The pastor and the people would chant psalms as they entered the sanctuary.

The Kyrie (KEE-ree-ay)

Kyrie is a Greek word meaning “O Lord.” It is a cry to the Lord for help and strength.

The Hymn of Praise/Gloria in Excelsis

Two hymns of praise, “Glory to God in the Highest” and “This Is the Feast of Victory,” give the congregation the opportunity to praise God and express joy because Jesus is our victorious Savior. During Advent and Lent, the hymn of praise is omitted.

The Salutation

In the Salutation, the pastor and the congregation greet each other in the Lord’s name.

The Collect or Prayer of the Day

The main thoughts of the day are collected, or summarized, in this short prayer. The collects for the season of the church year have come to us from the rich treasury of the church’s heritage.

The First Reading

The first reading is from the Old Testament, except during the Easter season when it is from the Book of Acts.

The Gradual

A Latin expression meaning “step,” it is a scripture passage for each season of the church year. It is a response to the First Lesson and a bridge to the Second Lesson. Sometimes a psalm is sung or spoken.

The Second Reading

The second reading is from one of the epistles (letters) in the New Testament.

The Verse

A verse from the holy scriptures is usually sung in preparation for the reading of the Gospel. There are general verses as well as specific verses for the seasons of the church year.

The Gospel Reading

The Gospel Lesson is a selection from the accounts of the life of our Lord recorded by the four evangelists, St. Matthew, St. Mark, St. Luke, and St. John. Because Christ is with us in the Gospel reading, we stand to honor His presence.

The Hymn of the Day or Sermon Hymn

Another great hymn – usually coincides with the theme for the sermon that day.

The Sermon

The Pastor proclaims God’s Word and applies that word to modern life and problems. He stresses both what God demands of us (the Law) and what God does for us through Jesus Christ (the Gospel)

The Creed

A statement of what we believe as Christians. We have the Apostles’ Creed and the Nicene Creed. Both help us to remind each other about who God is and what we believe about Him.

The Prayer of the Church

This prayer in the service follows the directive of the Apostle Paul to young Timothy, a pastor: “I urge, then, first of all that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone.” Prayers are included in the whole church, the nations, those in need, the parish, and special concerns. The congregation may be invited to offer petitions and thanksgivings.

The Offering

The offering is an opportunity to serve God and the support that work that He does through the church.

The Offertory

is a song sung usually as the offering is brought forward. It reminds us of what the Lord has done.

The Preface

Preface means introduction. This is the opening dialogue between pastor and people that begins the Holy Communion part of the service.

The Sanctus (SAHNK-tus)

The preface runs right into this part. Another of those great Latin words meaning “holy.” The Sanctus is the song sung at the beginning of the communion liturgy. It is drawn from the song of the angels in Isaiah 6:3. The concluding text, “blessed is He who comes...” is from Psalm 118:26 and Mark 11: 9-10. One focus in church is always on God's Word.

The Lord's Prayer

A prayer given by Jesus (Matthew 6:9-13), which is a summary of the blessings people seek from God.

The Words of Institution

Jesus' words from the Last Supper, Matthew 26:26-28—used with the bread and wine—make this sacrament a “means of grace” or way that God brings His love and forgiveness to us.

The Agnus Dei or The Lamb of God

This is our way of saying to God and to each other that it was Jesus who died for our sins as that perfect sacrifice—that perfect Lamb—who was slain for our lives.

Holy Communion

As we come to the Lord's Table, the pastor invites us, “Take eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins. Take, drink, this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins.” After we receive the Sacrament, we hear the comforting words spoken by the pastor, “The body and blood of our Lord strengthen and preserve you in the true faith to life everlasting.” While the meal is being distributed, the congregation sings one or more hymns.

The Post-Communion Canticle

A song of thanksgiving based on a Bible passage that comes right after communion.

The Benediction or Blessing

The pastor tells you that God loves you, blesses you always, and goes with you into your daily life!

Enjoy the service! It is God's gift to you!
