
SHALOM LUTHERAN CHURCH



Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Communion
August 31, 2025: 9:30 a.m.

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“We believe God is calling us to invite people into a deeper relationship with Christ, that they may discover true peace and be prepared to follow Him in compassionate service”

GATHERING

INVITATION TO WORSHIP:

"Build Your Kingdom Here" Rend Collective

"Great Things" Phil Wickham

The congregation may stand as able.

GATHERING TIME "Here I Am To Worship" Tim Hughes

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: O God, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

GOSPEL WELCOME:

"Alleluia" by Jesse Manibusan and Tony Gómez

Refrain (1st time: Band, All repeat; thereafter: All)

GOSPEL: Luke 14:1, 7-14

P: The holy gospel according to St. Luke, the fourteenth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the Sabbath, they were watching him closely.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host, and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers and sisters or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

The congregation may be seated.

CHILDREN'S SERMON
NOISY OFFERING

Pastor John Smith

SERMON "You Don't Understand"

Pastor John Smith

The congregation may stand.

SONG OF THE DAY: "Humble Thyself in the Sight of the Lord/
Awesome God" Bob Hudson/Rich Mullens

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

After each petition:

A: Hear us, O God,

C: Your mercy is great.

The prayers conclude:

P: Confident in God's presence and promise, we entrust our prayers
to the one who always receives them; through Jesus Christ, our
wisdom and companion.

C: Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

The congregation may be seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING

*Offering baskets will be passed. If you prefer to give
digitally, you can scan the QR code to give. White
cards to place in the plate are available in the guest
pad for those who give digitally.*



MUSICAL OFFERING:

"As For Me" Chris Tomlin

The congregation may stand.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: Creator God,

in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good
and the harvest is plentiful.

Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth
and our labor,

that we may work for the good of all;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: Amen.

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P: In the night in which he was betrayed,

our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;

broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,

and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,

shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

C: Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come,

your will be done,

on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those

who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial

and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,

and the glory are yours,

now and forever. Amen.

COMMUNION INVITATION

P: The kingdom of God is set before you.

Eat and rejoice.

The congregation may be seated.

LAMB OF GOD: "Lamb of God" Twila Paris

SPECIAL MUSIC: "Remembrance (The Communion Song)"

The congregation may stand.

BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Mothering God,
you gathered us to your table
and we drank deeply of your grace.
Send us out by your Spirit
to love our neighbors as ourselves
and proclaim your love in Jesus' name.

C: Amen.

BENEDICTION: "Blessing" *Chicago Folk Service*

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And with you, too.

P: Bless we the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you. And give you peace, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

SENDING SONG "Great Things" Phil Wickham

DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

C: Thanks be to God.

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The Week of Aug 31, 2025

Church Office Hours: M-F 8:00 am—12:00 pm

Welcome to our Shalom gathering! All God's children are welcome here, especially our guests, whoever you are or wherever you come from. We invite you to sign the guest pad in your row and hope you'll join us for refreshments after worship in the Community Room. If you have any questions about Shalom or how we worship, please ask our greeters and ushers (wearing name tags). You may also contact Pastor David. If you can't catch him after worship, you may call the office at (320) 762-8461 or email him at pastor@shalomlutheran.org.

COMMUNION: Lutherans believe that Christ is truly present in Holy Communion. We trust Jesus when he says that it is his body and blood, given and shed for us for the forgiveness of sins. All baptized Christians who trust these words of promise are welcome to receive communion today. Children under the guidance of their parents or caregivers may also receive. Those who do not receive may come forward with arms crossed over their chest for a blessing. To receive communion, come forward to receive the bread from the pastor. Gluten-free bread is also available in small containers by the individual communion cups. You may take a cup from the tray by the pastor, then move to either the wine or grape juice chalice. The wine chalice is first, the grape juice chalice is second. Wine or grape juice will be poured into your cup. There will be a basket for used cups. Those who cannot come forward for communion are asked to inform the ushers so that communion may be brought to them.

HOSPITALITY servers for Sep 7, Tom & Renae Hills, Ryan & Rachel Buse, Courtney Bouressa.

JEREMIAH 29 PROJECT: Our team has been busy contacting members for conversation. If you haven't been contacted yet, that is not by design! If you'd prefer not to wait for a team member to get hold of you, please contact Pastor David (pastor@shalomlutheran.org) or Tam Bukowski (wyoboo@outlook.com).

PASTOR DAVID will be out of the office August 25-31. If you require pastoral assistance, please contact Pastor John Smith at (320) 219-6134.

COORDINATOR NEEDED: A member of Shalom has given a very generous gift to WELCA to fund the **NEWBORN KITS** we give to Global Health Ministries. For the NB ministry to continue, we need someone to step up and coordinate this project. The coordinator would ensure that all needed items are acquired, purchased, or donated; assemble the kits and pack them for shipping. (Talk to Judy Hoffman for specifics)

LWR school bags need to be completed and returned to the church by Monday September 8. Thank you.

NOTE from Carol Hedlund to start using her new email address carolhedlund95@gmail.com

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

*Phyllis Strand, *John & Carrie Carlberg, *Dave & Mary Owen, *Gerry Kingsberg, *Sharon Ruud, Bill Malvin (father of Dave Malvin), *Delores Martin, Roger Riley (Colleen Rooney's father), Kaye Crawford, *Evie Raguse, *Jeanne & Charlie Tanksley, Teri Market, *Bonnie Anderson, *Karen Morgan, *Jeanette Priebe *Dave Burbank. **Shalom member*

| Jan/25—Jul/25 Activity | | | |
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| <u>Revenues</u> | <u>Expenses</u> | <u>Surpl/(Deficit)</u> | |
| \$ 42,686 | \$ 46,113 | \$ (3,427) | Building Fund |
| \$ 146,125 | \$ 169,988 | \$ (23,863) | General Fund |

The annual General/Bldg Funds budget was approved with a budget of Offerings equal to the congregation approved expenses. Current General/Bldg fund cash balance is \$112,186.

Shared Ministry

Shared Ministry

08-31-25

09-07-25

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| Acolyte | Skylar Cadena | Skylar Cadena |
| Assisting Minister | Deb Kramer | Cami Pexsa |
| Cantor | SOS Band | Fleener/Kliewer |
| Communion Assist | Cheryl Burbank | Angie Erickson |
| Communion Assist | Juanita Freier | |
| Greeters | Carolyn Carlson | Marlys Wanttie |
| Greeters | Pat Arneson | Amy Schlosser |
| Lector | Nola Smith | Susan Pletcher |
| Proclaim | CJ/Kim/Julie | CJ/Kim/Julie |
| Ushers | Dave Malvin | Al Anderson |
| Ushers | Arvin Pletcher | Grant Pexsa |
| Counters | Renae Hills | Dave Harris |
| Counters | Al Anderson | Arvin Pletcher |

THIS WEEK AT SHALOM

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| Sunday | 08-31 | 9:30 am 10:30 am | Worship in-person or online Hospitality |
| Monday | 09-01 | 8-12 | Office Closed Labor Day |
| Tuesday | 09-02 | 7:30 am 5:00 pm | Men's Bible Study at Common Ground Gospel of Uke |
| Thursday | 09-04 | 8:00-9:45 am 10:00-11:00 am | Shalom Piecemakers Adult Bible Study |
| Sunday | 09-07 | 9:30 am 10:30 am | Worship in-person or online Hospitality GWOH |