



**Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Service of the Word**  
**September 14, 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

*The congregation may stand as able.*

**GATHERING TIME:** "Here I Am To Worship" Tim Hughes

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: O God, overflowing with mercy and compassion, you lead back to yourself all those who go astray. Preserve your people in your loving care, that we may reject whatever is contrary to you and may follow all things that sustain our life in your Son, 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 15:1-10

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

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

So he told them this parable: "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my lost sheep.' Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

"Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

*The congregation may be seated.*

**SERMON** "The Prodigal God" Pastor David Fleener

*The congregation may stand.*

**SONG OF THE DAY:** "Amazing Grace (Peaceful Easy Feeling)"

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*After each petition:*

A: God of grace,

**C: receive our prayer.**

*The prayers conclude:*

P: We entrust these prayers to you, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend.

**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:** "Reckless Love" Cory Asbury

*The congregation may stand.*

### **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

A: Lord of the harvest,  
we return to you a portion of what you have given to us.  
Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches,  
but on you, who richly provides for us.  
Multiply what we have gathered  
to bless all who are suffering and in need,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## **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.**

## **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. Serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## SHALOM LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Week of Sep 14, 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](mailto: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. 21 are Grant & Cami Pexsa, Darrell Neilsen, and Pam McCormick.

**STEWARDSHIP** will be hosting a study, Thursdays at 5:15 on September 25th, October 2nd, October 9th and October 16th, using the book *“Ask, Thank, Tell” by Charles Lane*. Pastor Charles (Chick) Lane is a retired pastor in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Previously he served as Director of the Center for Stewardship Leaders at Luther Seminary, Director for Stewardship Key Leader in the ELCA, Assistant to the Bishop in the Northwestern Minnesota Synod of the ELCA, and pastor of four congregations, one in Pennsylvania and three in Minnesota. The book can be purchased on Amazon for around \$12.00 (paperback or Kindle) or at [betterworldbooks.com](http://betterworldbooks.com) for less than \$10.

**NEW MEMBER & SEEKER GROUP** begins October 5 after worship in the youth room. It will also meet October 12, 19, and 26. New members will be received on All Saints Sunday, November 2.

**LEFSE LADIES/GENTS FOR SHALOM** will be preparing rounds, rolling, and baking lefse on Wednesday, Sept 17, beginning at 8 AM in Shalom's Community Room. We hope to prepare 200 to sell at the Diversity Fest Global Bites & Beats Thursday from 3:30-6-30 pm. Proceeds will fund youth dinners. If you can help, talk to Amy S or Catherine SK.

**ALL WOMEN OF THE CHURCH** our NWMN Synod convention is to be held Sept 19-20 at First Lutheran Church in Alexandria, MN. One of the offerings is to bring gift cards (ex: Target, Walmart, gas) to be given to local charities such as someplace safe, Love INC. Teen/Adult Challenge to name a few. Even if you do not attend our Synod Conference, your gift cards would be greatly appreciated. Your gift cards can be left in Nola's mailbox.

**ALL LADIES:** Conference 8 Fall Convention will be on Saturday October 11th at Messiah Lutheran Church in Hoffman MN from 8:15 am to 1 pm. Cost is \$15. Speaker will be Betty McBrady. She will present a message regarding her action for Children Zambia project. Special offering will be taken for the Children of Zambia program.

Congregation assessment is \$25. Registration must be done by Sep. 30th, 2025,

**FALL BAZAAR INFO:** an informational meeting will be held on Monday, September 22 at 4:30 in the church community room. We will be finalizing details for this event. Sign-up sheets for volunteer workers will be available in the community room. All ladies and gentlemen are invited to attend this meeting. It takes all of us working together to generate a successful Fall Bazaar.

**PASTOR DAVID** will be out of the office September 12-21. If you need pastoral assistance, please contact Pastor Kathryn Rothman at (320) 760-6439.

### **PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS**

\*Phyllis Strand, \*John & Carrie Carlberg, \*Bob Hildebrandt, \*Dave & Mary Owen, \*Gerry Kingsburg, Bill Malvin (Dave Malvin's Father), \*Delores Martin, Roger Riley (Colleen Rooney's father), \*Evie Raguse, \*Charles & Jeanne Tanksley, Teri Market, \*Jeanette Priebe, Anna (Roy & Deb Kramer's granddaughter) \*Bonnie Anderson, \*Dave Burbank, Joan Searles (Pastor David's aunt), Nova Vacek (Granddaughter of Fritz and Tam Bukowski), \*Skeeter Kingsburg. *\*Shalom member*

### **Jan/25—Jul/25 Activity**

| <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

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### 09-14-25

### 09-21-25

|                    |                 |                  |
|--------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Acolyte            | Katie Kappmeyer | Mara Malvin      |
| Assisting Minister | Nola Smith      | Carol Hedlund    |
| Cantor             | SOS Band        | Mike Flaten      |
| Communion Assist   | Sue Engstrom    | Cheryl Burbank   |
| Communion Assist   | Dave Morgan     | Judy Hoffman     |
| Greeters           | Barb Beyer      | Joyce Rogosheske |
| Greeters           | Dave Beyer      | Dave Rogosheske  |
| Lector             | Ellen Kappmeyer | Diane Koranda    |
| Proclaim           | CJ/Kim/Julie    | CJ/Kim/Julie     |
| Ushers             | Eric Holthusen  | Dave Malvin      |
| Ushers             | Carolyn Carlson | Arvin Pletcher   |
| Counters           | Craig Neubarth  | Cheryl Burbank   |
| Counters           | Dave Burbank    | Renae Hills      |

## THIS WEEK AT SHALOM

|                  |       |   |   |
|------------------|-------|---|---|
| <b>Sunday</b>    | 9-14  | 9:30 am<br>10:30 am                       | Worship in-person or online<br>Hospitality<br>Radio Ministry    |
| <b>Monday</b>    | 09-15 | 5:30 pm                                   | Church Council  |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | 09-16 | 7:30 am<br>9:00 am<br>5:00 pm             | Men's Bible Study at Common Ground<br>Dartball<br>Gospel of Uke |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | 09-17 | 5:00 pm<br>5:30-6:30 pm                   | Meal<br>Confirmation/Faith time                                 |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | 09-18 | 8:00-9:45 am<br>10:00-11:00 am<br>6:30 pm | Shalom Piecemakers<br>Adult Bible Study<br>Vintage Car Club     |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | 09-21 | 9:30 am<br>10:30 am                       | Worship in-person or online<br>Hospitality                      |