

Wesley United Methodist Church

Worship Sundays 9 AM

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PRAYER HYMN

Lord, We Come to Ask Your Blessing (V. 1 & 4)

TFWS # 2230

JOYS & CONCERNS

Leader: God of Grace...

People: ...hear our prayer.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

+CLOSING HYMN

Help Us Accept Each Other

UMH # 560

+BENEDICTION

Pastor Doug

POSTLUDE

Go, Ye, Go Ye into the World

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

reaching up to worship God | reaching out to serve others | reaching in to grow together

WHO IS MY
NEIGHBOR?



22nd Sunday after Pentecost

+Indicates that all are invited to stand in body or spirit.

Congregation is invited to respond as indicated by **Bold Print**

PRELUDE Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven | God Almighty, We Are Waiting | Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee

GREETING & WELCOME Pastor Doug

BREAKTHROUGH SIGHTINGS

BREAKTHROUGH PRAYER (UNISON) Pastor Doug

God, we do not know what to do, but You do. Open our hearts, eyes, and minds to You. Amen.

CENTERING TIME Bless the Lord

+CALL TO WORSHIP Penny M.

Penny: From the booths of everyday work; from the gatherings within our homes,

All: we hear the Lord’s voice calling us-to repent and to follow in God’s way.

Penny: God shows up wherever we’re at; Christ shares with us in a common meal,

All: that we might be reunited by the Spirit, made a part of the same journey.

Penny: With God’s help, we continue to grow together as believers and neighbors,

All: becoming more than strangers, as we move deeper into right relationship.

+OPENING HYMN There’s a Widenss in God’s Mercy UMH # 121

+OPENING PRAYER (UNISON): Penny M.

Wonderous God, there is nothing in heaven or on earth that can compare to your glory. Your love is deeper than the oceans, your grace mightier than mountains, your mercy wider than the seas. It was you who formed us from the dust of the earth, who breathes into us your breath of life. You pour out your blessing upon us, and summon us to share in the goodness of your work together. But too, often, we are reluctant to do so. We are quick to withhold care and attention, choosing to separate ourselves, instead of reaching for one another as fellow siblings within your family. Forgive us, O God! Open our hearts and eyes to see you, not just in our lives, but in the lives of those around us. Teach us to point (with our whole beings) to your abiding presence, here and now. Give us what we need, that we might be your faithful disciples-doing justice, loving kindness, and walking humbly with you. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

+SILENT PRAYER

+SHARING THE PEACE

We shake hands and say, “The peace of Christ be with you.” If you are not comfortable shaking hands (or have difficulty moving about), you are invited to bump elbows, wave, or offer some sign of peace.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE Pastor Doug

+GOSPEL READING Luke 5:27-32 Penny M.

²⁷ Afterward, Jesus went out and saw a tax collector named Levi sitting at a kiosk for collecting taxes. Jesus said to him, “Follow me.”
²⁸ Levi got up, left everything behind, and followed him. ²⁹ Then Levi threw a great banquet for Jesus in his home. A large number of tax collectors and others sat down to eat with them. ³⁰ The Pharisees and their legal experts grumbled against his disciples. They said, “Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?”
³¹ Jesus answered, “Healthy people don’t need a doctor, but sick people do. ³² I didn’t come to call righteous people but sinners to change their hearts and lives.”

SERMON “Moving Down the Line” Pastor Doug
Growing from strangers to right relationship

HYMN Walk with Me TFWS # 2242

COMMUNITY PRAYER Penny M.

OFFERTORY Blest Be the Tie That Binds
+DOXOLOGY Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow UMH # 95

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION Penny M.

God of Grace, we know that in every moment you are present among us. You teach us what it means to love one another without limit, and you give us what we need to live more fully together. May the gifts we return to you-our words, our deeds, our whole selves-be a witness to the great abundance and right relationship that you desire for all people. Amen.

This week's YouTube link for Sunday—

<https://www.youtube.com/live/dOIPuCT42w>

LET'S PRAY THIS WEEK FOR OUR SISTERS AND BROTHERS!

If you have a joy or concern let us know! wumcoffice@wesleyhopeconnection.org

JOYS: those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week (see announcement page). Share with us your joys so we may celebrate together and glorify our Lord for your blessings!

- For **Shirley S.**, who moved to a new apartment last Thursday (Oct. 16).
- For **Mary E.**, who was able to get all of her vaccine shots updated.
- For a safe, enjoyable trips to South Africa and to see baby granddaughter. (*Kristine L.*)
- For **Rebecca and Jeff's** safe returns from their adventures in Europe.
- For **Terry and Allean F.**, celebrating their 59th wedding anniversary.
- For **Pastor Doug and Pastor Caleb**, celebrating their 3rd wedding anniversary.

For CONCERNS:

- For **Jeff N.**, as he deals with back issues.
- For **Rebecca N.**, as she continues to work through the process with cancer treatment.
- For the family of **Fay J.**, who passed away overnight into Sunday (Oct. 18).
- For the family of **Pastor Kerry Wilson**, who passed away on Oct. 3.

HOMEBOUND: Dorothy D. Shirley S. Ardis A. Marge K.

OTHERS:

- For all our **election heroes**-poll workers, clerks, election officials, etc.
- For the people of **Bend, OR**, affected by the elementary school shooting on Oct. 15.
- For those participating in the **UMC Leadership Gathering** from Oct. 20 to Oct. 24.

THIS WEEK, WE SAW GOD "BREAKING THROUGH"...

- ...in a week's break between our family's sporting seasons. (*Rachel S.*)
- ...in being part of the play, which is coming together well. (*Nolan H.*)
- ...in Kristine L. being back from her travels abroad. (*Penny M.*)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OCTOBER'S NOISY can

Community

Thanksgiving Meal



For almost 20 years, the Marshfield Community Thanksgiving Dinner has provided a home-cooked traditional turkey dinner with all the trimmings on Thanksgiving Day. The meal is FREE to all who are looking for a hot meal. American Legion Hall Post 54, 2100 S. Maple Ave. has hosted the dinner in -person as well as a carry out option. It takes a lot of volunteers and donations to make this event happen. Around 700 people are usually served at this meal. As the meal fills so many



Wesley's next week to serve at the Food Pantry is October 26th-30th (Monday, Wednesday, and Friday). Please see Jackie if you are available to volunteer.

New volunteers are always welcomed!



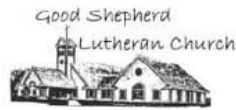
OCTOBER 20: Cameron S.

OCTOBER 25: Mark K.

We place a rose on the altar today in loving memory of our dear Fay J., a beloved member of our church family who passed away on Sunday, October 18. We give thanks for the presence she shared with us, the memories we hold dear, and the ways Fay touched our lives. May we find comfort in God's love.



***Fay's funeral arrangements are pending at this time. ***



Chili Feed & Basket Raffle!

At Good Shepherd Lutheran Church



Mark your calendars for **Sunday, October 25th (11:00 AM – 1:30 PM)** for our Chili Fundraiser and Gift Basket Raffle! Please invite your friends, neighbors, and family to join us. All free-will donations and raffle proceeds directly support Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and our ministries. *All Are Welcome! Open to the Public.*

Date: Sunday, October 25 2026
Serving: 11:00 am-1:30 pm
Location: 502 W. McMillan St, Marshfield WI 54449

- **Chili Feed:** Free-will donations gratefully accepted. Eat-in or carry-out.
- **Gift Basket Raffle:** Tickets \$1 each or 6 for \$5! Drawing to be held at 1:30 pm.

All proceeds directly support the church and our community ministries. Come hungry!

Growing in
The Art of Neighboring

Starting **Sunday, October 11**, we will be embarking on a six-week journey through scripture, tradition, and our lived experiences, with the help of the book ***The Art of Neighboring*** by Jay Pathak and Dave Runyon. We will grow more deeply in faith, together, and we will learn how to build relationships with others.

What we hear in worship will inform discussion and prayer in small group sessions during the week (**Mondays at 11:00 am** and **Wednesdays at 6:30 pm**). Together, we will discern actionable steps to be taken within our own neighborhood and community, as we seek to more fully embody God's love for those who are right next door.

Notes