

“The King of Love, My Shepherd Is”
Text: Psalm 23 | Lyricist: Sir Henry W. Baker (1821-1877)
Composer: Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)
Hymn tune: ST. COLUMBA | Arranger: Mark Schweizer (1956-2019)

The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never.
I nothing lack if I am his, and he is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul he leadeth;
And where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.

And so through all the length of days, thy goodness faileth never,
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.

About the Anthem:
This arrangement by the late American composer Mark Schweizer combines the well-known Gaelic hymn tune, ST. COLUMBA, with J.S. Bach’s equally famous *Prelude in C Major*. It is an intriguing gentle combination of an Irish tune and the German Baroque composer’s first prelude for piano in his collection, *The Well-Tempered Clavier*.

This set of lyrics for the twenty-third Psalm was written by Sir Henry Williams Baker, a Vicar and hymnwriter in the Church of England. He was educated at Trinity College, Cambridge and took Holy Orders just after his college graduation. He is known for using simple language and smooth lyrical rhythms. Baker completed John Mason Neale’s English translation for, “Of the Father’s Love Begotten.” Today’s anthem is his most popular work; it has three additional verses not included in this arrangement. Henry Baker’s last words were the third verse of this Psalm setting, “Perverse and foolish, oft I strayed, but yet in love he sought me, and on his shoulder gently laid, and home rejoicing, brought me.”

Music during Communion -
"God of Creation" O HEILAND REISS from *Rheinfelsisches Deutsches Catholisches Gesangbuch*, 1666
Reflection on "Draw Nigh and Take the Body of the Lord" Song 46, Orlando Gibbons
and "Bread of Heaven" JESU, JESU DU MEIN HIRT, Paul Heinlen
All Settings by Matthew McConnell

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today Please greet your neighbors and pass the Fellowship Pad

Tuesday September 8	Morning Bible Study 10:30am
Tuesday September 8	Ladies Dinner 5pm
Tuesday September 8	Session 6:30pm
Wednesday September 9	Youth 6pm
Thursday September 10	Choir 4:30pm
Saturday September 12	Sat. Lunch Ministry

The Church office will be closed Monday September 7th in observance of Labor Day.

Save the Date for our annual Church Picnic. It will be held at Angler’s Park on Sunday October 11th from 4-8pm. More info to come.

It’s CROP Walk Time! The CROP Hunger Walk is October 4 at 3:00pm. Look for info on how to participate in the next few weeks. BUT-if you are going to walk, we need your T-shirt size by Sunday, Sept, 13- sign up sheet on table under bulletin board.

SERVING TODAY

Minister of Discipleship	Jackson Weller
Music Director	Ashley Stanley-Robey
Video/Sound	Alex Walthall
Liturgist	Jackie Rochford
Greeter	Joan Reynolds
Side door/Offering	Barry Cutright
Counters	Reynolds/Ramey

List of Session members
Class of 2026: Ava Barrett, Barry Cutright, Gail Jones, Kim Wimer
Class of 2027: Harriet Beale, Pat Pinckney, Joan Reynold, Kent Shelton
Class of 2028: Eddie Blount, Jr., Kathy Dolianitis, Jackie Rockford, Alex Walthall
Trustees: Bob Newnam, Ray Beale, Gary Wimer

2026 Budget Update		
	July 2026	FY 2026
Revenue	\$21,063.75	\$238,732.69
Expenditures	\$50,637.29	\$264,865.34
Difference	(-\$29,573.54)	(-\$26,132.65)

If you enter the hospital, your church will have no way of knowing unless you notify us. Please let us know of your hospital stay so that we may respond with pastoral care.

A Warm Welcome

We would love to have you join our church family. If you are moved to do by the Lord, please talk to one of the elders or our pastor.

Scan the QR code for today’s scripture readings.



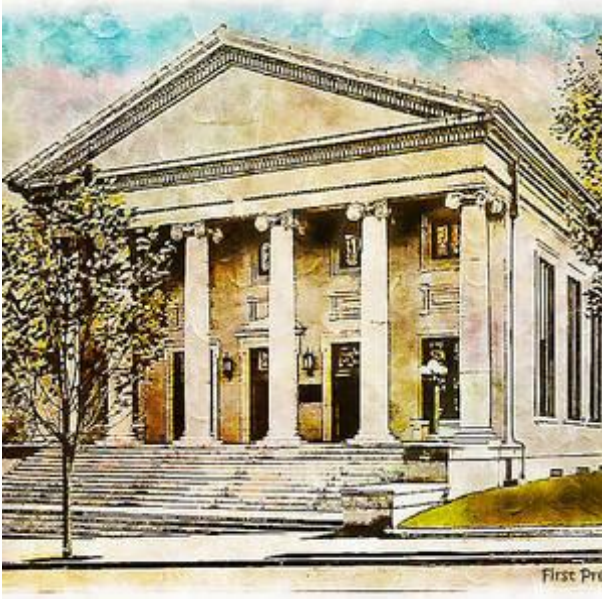
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September 6, 2026

15th Sunday after Pentecost



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