

*Welcome!*

All are welcome to worship! Worship gathers us as one body, invites us to hear God's Word, leads us to experience God's grace in baptism and communion, and then sends us out to engage and serve the world. **If you are visiting today**, please stop by our welcome center in the main hallway to complete a visitor card. To find out more information about our ministries, please visit us at our website:

[www.sharonlutheran.org](http://www.sharonlutheran.org)

#### Offering Options

**IN-PERSON**—drop in offering plate

**TEXT TO GIVE:** Just text to **73256**, hit next, type (no spaces) **Sharon1720**, hit send. You will receive a message to click the link to complete your gift to Sharon Lutheran Church.

**MAIL A CHECK:** 1720 S. 20th Street, Grand Forks, ND 58201

#### DIRECT GIVING:

[www.sharonlutheran.org/giving](http://www.sharonlutheran.org/giving)



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*Thank you for your new or continued generosity towards God's mission at Sharon Lutheran Church.*

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#### Sunday, September 7

8:30am—11:00am—Coffee & Donuts Fellowship

9:00am—Worship—Sanctuary

10:30am—Celebration Hall

10:30am—Baptism—Rylan William Hajicek

#### Monday, September 8

7:00pm—WELCA

#### Tuesday, September 9

6:00pm—Education Team

6:30pm—Properties Team

#### Wednesday, September 10

6:00pm—Orientation for Church School  
Volunteers

6:00pm—Worship—Celebration Hall

7:15pm—Confirmation Orientation (Students/  
Parents/Guardians)

#### Thursday, September 11

9:00am—Quilting

1:00pm—Sharon Cares

#### Friday, September 12

2:00pm—Golden Age

3:30pm - Braathen Wedding Rehearsal

#### Saturday, September 13

4:30pm—Braathen Wedding

#### Sunday, September 14

8:30am—11:00am—Coffee & Donuts Fellowship

9:00am—Worship—Sanctuary

10:30am—Celebration Hall

10:30am—Baptisms—Remy Joseph Lundgren  
Maverick Lee Schiff

4:00pm—Orientation for Church School Volunteers

6:00pm—Youth Team

**Education Coordinator**—Heather Peters  
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**Organist**—Sue Kerr

**Custodian**—Dan Kuzel

**Sanctuary Choir Director**—Ketina Francois

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### 13th Sunday After Pentecost

Sunday, September 7, 2025

10:30am



SHARON LUTHERAN CENTENNIAL  
**Grounded in Faith  
Growing in Faith**

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#### Celebration Hall Worship

**Gathering Song:** "Good God Almighty"

**Welcome**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

**Song:** "The Heart of Worship"

**Greeting**

**Holy Baptism & Baptismal Song:**

"Hand to Hold"

**Prayer of the Day**

**Story Time**

**Song:** "Go!"

**Deuteronomy 30: 15-20**

**Psalms 1**

**Luke 14: 25-33**

**Sermon**—Deacon Jamie Travers

**Moment for Quiet Reflection**

**Song:** "Goodness of God"

**Prayers of God's People**

**Sharing God's Peace**

**Offering**

**Offering Prayer**

**Words of Institution**

**Lord's Prayer**

**Distribution & Songs:**

"Lamb of God"

"Take Up Your Cross"

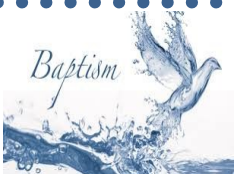
**Blessing and Prayer after Communion**

**Benediction**

**Song:** "Lead On Good Shepherd"

**Sending**

**The Worship is over;  
the service begins.**



Through Holy Baptism, we welcome into the Christian faith:

(10:30am) **Rylan William Hajicek**, child of Tyler & Carly Hajicek. The sponsors for Rylan are Morgan Bodensteiner & Bradley Bergman.



### Sharon Lutheran to participate in Backpack Program

Starting this fall, our church has committed to provide children in low-income families with extra food during the school year. We have adopted Ben Franklin Elementary School and we will provide meals for the whole school-year.

Soon, we will start a collection of food items that we will pack monthly on the second Sunday of each month. The first packing event will be on September 14.

We invite you to join us by donating the following items:

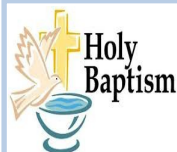
Ramen Noodles  
Macaroni & Cheese  
Juice Boxes/Pouches  
Instant Oatmeal (nut-free)  
Applesauce/Fruit Cups  
Fruit Snacks

You can drop these at the church in the boxes marked for the Backpack Program. For questions, please contact the Community Connections Team or Pastor Tawanda.



### **Monday—Friday**

**8:30am—5:00pm**



### “Welcome to Baptism” Orientation

If you are planning a baptism in your family, plan to come to a one-hour orientation called “Welcome to Baptism” on **Sunday, September 21st at 4:00pm** in the church lounge. Please enter through door #1. To register for the class, please call the church office by Friday before the class at 772-3122. or email the church office at: [office@sharonlutheran.org](mailto:office@sharonlutheran.org); or speak to Deacon Jamie Travers. Sponsors are welcome too in addition to parents.



### Church School/Confirmation Registration

Registration is open for the 2025-2026 program year for church school and confirmation—3 year olds (on or before July 31, 2025) through 9th grade.

**Confirmation classes start on Wednesday, September 17th (with parent/guardian/student orientation on Wednesday, September 10th).**

**Church school classes start on Wednesday, September 17th and on Sunday, September 21st.**

Early registration helps us plan for volunteers, curriculum, supplies, and all the considerations for a successful year. You can register your student(s) by going to

[www.sharonlutheran.org/event-registration](http://www.sharonlutheran.org/event-registration).



### **Worship Times (starting Sunday 9/7/2025)**

#### Sundays

9:00am Sanctuary  
10:30am Celebration Hall

#### Wednesdays

6:00pm Celebration Hall

### **Golden Age Club**

**Friday, September 12 at 2:00pm**



All are welcome to join us for fellowship, dessert, and a short program. The program for September will be given by All Seasons Garden Center.



### LEFSE DATES & TIMES

#### PATTY MAKING

12:00pm - Sundays (Sept 7, 14, 21, 28)  
7:00am - Mondays (Sept 8, 15, 22, 29)

#### LEFSE MAKING

8:30am - Mon/Tues (Sept 8, 9, 15, 16, 22, 23, 29, 30)



### **Communion**

We welcome all to Christ's table, however young or old you are, whether you are a member of Sharon or not. Come **receive a blessing or bread and grape juice**, and through them the body and blood of Jesus Christ.

***Gluten-free wafers are available.***



### Summer Stewardship 2025

In many African cultures, the Baobab is seen as a source of life, providing food, shelter, medicine, and even water. Like the Baobab Tree, the church is a gathering place for all of God's children and a place of shelter, comfort, support and community. At church we gather for community around Jesus Christ. We gather for communion. During these summer months, please help us sustain the ministry and gathering space at Sharon Lutheran.

We will use a depiction of the tree provided for Vacation Bible School (in the narthex). We will measure our progress toward our goal by providing water colored (blue) indicators as we reach \$1,000 levels of the goal (\$8,000). This symbolic tree also provides a guide as we provide contributions to Sharon Lutheran to support our programming during the summer months. Our drive will end on **September 28th**.

### Castaway Club

#### **Eastern ND Synod 6th-10th Grade Fall Retreat**

Friday, September 26th @ 4:30pm  
through

Sunday, September 28th @ 3:00pm

Cost: \$180 (Financial Assistance Available)

**Sign-up deadline: Wednesday, September 17th**

**See September Newsletter for  
Registration Form.**

If you or someone you know is sick, in the hospital or facing challenges, please let us know. We want to include you in our prayers, and the Prayers of the People during worship if you would like to be included in them. We are here for you!