

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

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Sunday, November 16 *New Member Sunday*

8:30am—11:00am—Coffee & Donuts Fellowship
9:00am—Worship—Sanctuary
10:30am—Worship—Celebration Hall
10:30am—Church School
3:45pm—3-4-5 Alive
4:00pm—Baptism Orientation

Tuesday, November 18

8:30am—Faithfully Fit
1:00pm—Mary Circle
6:00pm—Church Council
7:00pm—Sharon's Book Group

Wednesday, November 19 *New Member Wed*

9:45am—Bible Study
1:30pm—Rachel Circle
6:00pm—Worship—Celebration Hall
6:00pm—Church School
7:00pm—Choir Practice
7:15pm—Confirmation
7:15pm—Sharon University for Gr 6-12 & Adults

Thursday, November 20

8:30am—Faithfully Fit
1:00pm—Sarah Circle

Sunday, November 23

8:30am—11:00am—Coffee & Donuts Fellowship
9:00am—Worship—Sanctuary
10:30am—Worship—Celebration Hall
10:30am—Church School
3:45pm—3-4-5 Alive

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Sanctuary Choir Director—Ketina Francois



23rd Sunday After Pentecost

Sunday, November 16, 2025



SHARON LUTHERAN CENTENNIAL
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Celebration Hall Worship

Gathering Song: "Rescuer (Good News)"

Welcome

Stewardship Talk—Roxanne Gessler

Ringers of Faith—"To God Be The Glory"

Confession and Forgiveness

Song: "You Never Let Go"

Greeting

Prayer of the Day

Song: "Trust In God"

Story Time

Song: "Praise The Lord With Trumpet Sounds"

Psalm 98

2 Thessalonians 3: 6-13

Luke 21: 5-19

Sermon—Deacon Jamie Travers

Moment for Quiet Reflection

Song: "Still Rolling Stones"

The Apostles' Creed

Prayers of God's People

Welcome New Sharon Lutheran Members

Sharing God's Peace

Offering

Offering Prayer

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Distribution & Songs: "10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord)" & "Your Name"

Blessing

Prayer after Communion

Benediction

Song: "Love Come Down"

Sending

The Worship is over;
the service begins.

Welcome, New Members

Meranda Braaten

Harry Burns

Jody Burns

Avery Christofferson

Kaycee Fry-Hoover

Lainey Ann Hajicek

Austin Hoover

Jack Kroke

Sharon Martens

Ilene Olson

Tim Olson

Deborah J. Stark



Thanksgiving Worship

There will be no worship on Wednesday, November 26th. There will be a special Thanksgiving service on Tuesday, November 25th with an ice cream social.



Wreath Pick-Ups

Wreaths will be available for pickup beginning on Wednesday, November 26th.



5:30-6:30pm is still available for the Salvation Army Bell Ringing at Scheels on Saturday, December 6th.



Sharon Lutheran's Backpack Program

On the second Sunday of each month, we will collect food items for Ben Franklin Elementary School to provide meals for the whole school-year.

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.

A list of items that are needed are:

- Ravioli (must have pull-open top)
- Soup (must have pull-open top)
- Mac & Cheese (Easy Mac or Velveeta Cups)
- Juice Boxes/Capri Sun



"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, November 16th 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; or speak to Deacon Jamie Travers. Sponsors are welcome too in addition to parents.



We're Hiring in Youth Ministry!

Hey church family! The Youth Team is excited to share that we've created a new paid part time position (about 8–10 hours a week) to help coordinate and strengthen our ongoing High School ministry, such as RAFT, Castaway, summer trips, etc. This position will also assist with 9th grade Confirmation activities.

This role will help us stay better connected with students, build relationships, and keep all the good things happening in our high school youth ministry running smoothly.

If you—or someone you know—has a heart for walking alongside teens in faith and life, we'd love to hear from you! Contact Deacon Jamie for more details or to apply.

The Impact of My Stewardship

We will be having a three-week stewardship program in November where members of our congregation will be sharing stories of how the ministry stated in our mission statement or their involvement in that ministry has had an impact on their life. On Nov 16th & 19th, Roxanne Gessler will share a story related to "created to worship". Each week the entire congregation will be invited to fill out a card sharing a story about how the ministry of Sharon Lutheran has had an impact on them. During the Nov 16th and 19th services, we will collect a form that combines the forms that we have used in the past, My Ministry and Estimate of Giving, into one form. The new form is going to be My Stewardship. We will be collecting those by Nov 26th.

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!



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.