

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, July 19

8:30am—11:00am—Coffee & Donuts Fellowship
9:00am—Worship—Sanctuary
10:30am—Worship—Sanctuary
4:00pm—Baptism Orientation

Wednesday, July 22

6:00pm—Worship—Celebration Hall

Thursday, July 24

7:00pm—Young Adults

Sunday, July 26

8:30am—11:00am—Coffee & Donuts Fellowship
9:00am—Worship—Celebration Hall
10:30am—Worship—Celebration Hall
10:30am—Baptism—Layken Michelle Olson

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8th Sunday After Pentecost
Sunday, July 19, 2026
9:00am & 10:30am



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Sanctuary Worship

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship (based on Matthew 11)

Hymn #693 vs 1—

"Come, Ye Thankful People Come"

Confession and Forgiveness p.94

Hymn #689—*"Praise and Thanksgiving"*

Greeting

Prayer of the Day

Story Time

Isaiah 44: 6-8

Psalms 86: 11-17

Romans 8: 12-25

Gospel Acclamation p. 205

Matthew 11: 16-19, 25-30

Sermon—Pastor Tawanda Murinda

Moment for Quiet Reflection

Hymn #759 vs 1,2,3—

"My Faith Looks Up To Thee"

Offering & Offering Prayer

The Apostles Creed

Prayers of the People p.206

Sharing God's Peace

Words of Institution p. 206

The Lord's Prayer p. 208

Distribution & Song—*"Come To The Table"*

Blessing

Prayer after Communion

Benediction

Hymn #679—*"For the Fruit of All Creation"*

Sending

Hymnals may be found under pews



NOW OPEN!!

Church School/Confirmation Registration

Registration is open for the 2026-2027 program year for church school and confirmation—3 year olds (on or before July 31, 2026) through 10th grade.

**First Wednesday of the 2026/2027 program
year: September 16, 2026.**

**First Sunday of the 2026/2027
program year: September 20, 2026.**

Early registration helps us plan for volunteers, curriculum, supplies, and all the considerations for a successful year.



**To register,
please scan this
QR code.**



Join us this summer for our meaningful "Praise & Graze" gatherings filled with fellowship, worship, food, and Holy Communion. We will explore a different part of the meal through a unique message and menu, all centered around the words of Psalm 34: "Taste and see that the Lord is good."

August 19: Dessert (potluck, bring a dish to share)

Regular Wednesday worship continues on the other days this summer.



Community Connections Team collecting supplies for Lutheran World Relief school kits

For the months of July and August, Community Connections team will be collecting school supplies for LWR school kits. Each kit needs the following:

- 4 – notebooks
- 5 - #2 pencils
- 5 – black or blue pens
- 1 – eraser
- 1 – box crayons either 16 or 24 count
- 1 – pencil sharpener
- 1 – 30 centimeter ruler
- 1 – pair of blunt scissors
- 1 – drawstring backpack style cloth bag

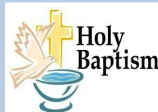
Items can be left in a tote under the TV by South Hall.

Red Willow Bible Camp Quilt Auction

Support Red Willow Bible Camp—one of our synod's camps—by attending the annual auction on Saturday, August 22nd. Live auction begins at 12:30pm. More information available at:

<https://www.redwillowministries.com/quilts-auction>

Or purchase raffle tickets for a chance to win this gorgeous quilt!



"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, July 19th 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.

Global Refuge

Global Refuge, one of the ministries supported by the ELCA, continues in its commitment to the work of welcoming immigrants and refugees. Learn more about the work of Global Refuge at: <https://www.globalrefuge.org/>

Summer Stewardship 2026

For Summer Stewardship 2026, we are going to tie into the game of soccer. This year, the FIFA World Cup tournament will be held in the US, featuring 48 nations and 78 matches in 11 US Cities. The dates of the World Cup will run from June 11 to July 19. Our Summer Stewardship dates will run from May 17th to July 19.

We have a soccer field depicted on a wheeled display. We began at the middle of the field with our teams. We are having two team captains, Deacon Jamie and Pastor Tawanda, one bucket for each to collect donations (we have Summer Stewardship envelopes for donations). Our overall goal is \$5,000, \$2,500 for each team. The soccer ball will move towards the goal based on the contributions for each team. We will post progress each week. So far Pastor Tawanda has raised \$1,479 and Deacon Jamie has raised \$1,954 for a total of \$3,433.



SUMMER BLOCK PARTY FEATURING DOWNTOWN HORNS & FOOD TRUCKS

**Thursday, July 30
5:30pm-7:30pm**

Sharon's North Parking Lot



Let's celebrate community with a FREE block party! Join us for FOOD TRUCKS and music by "the Red River Valley's Premier Party Band" - Downtown Horns! This event is free for everyone. Come have some family-friendly fun.

Food trucks this year:

The Wok
Our Magic Food Bus
Chino Latino/Steers
Brain Freeze

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.