

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

Offering Options

IN-PERSON—drop in offering plate

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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, October 26 Noisy Offering

8:30am—11:00am—Coffee & Donuts Fellowship
9:00am—Worship—Sanctuary
9:00am—10th Grade Affirmation of Baptism
9:00am—Baptism—Eliza Rae Luna Reese
10:30am—Worship—Celebration Hall
10:30am—10th Grade Affirmation of Baptism
3:00pm—Trunk or Treat
3:45pm—3-4-5 Alive
4:00pm—Baptism Orientation

Monday, October 27

1:00pm—Hannah Circle
2:00pm Visit./3:00pm Memorial Service for Russell Pauls @ Amundson Funeral Home
7:00pm—Deborah Circle

Tuesday, October 28

8:30am—Faithfully Fit

Wednesday, October 29 Noisy Offering

9:45am—Bible Study
6:00pm—10th Grade Affirmation of Baptism
6:00pm—Worship—Celebration Hall
7:00pm—Choir Practice

Thursday, October 30

8:30am—Faithfully Fit

Sunday, November 2 ALL SAINTS 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

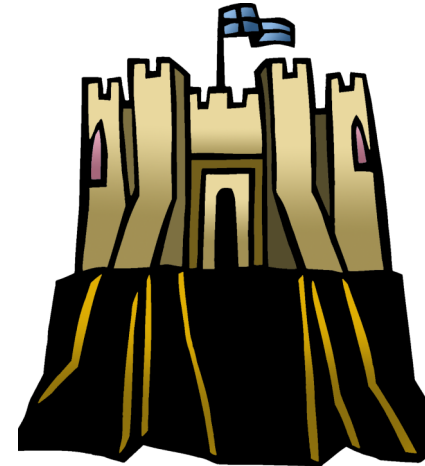
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20th Sunday After Pentecost

Sunday, October 26, 2025

9:00am



Phone: 701-772-3122

Email: office@sharonlutheran.org

Sanctuary Worship

Prelude

Welcome

Reformation Confession and Forgiveness

Hymn #504 — "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

Greeting

Kyrie p.175

Canticle of Praise p.176

Holy Baptism & Baptismal Song:

Hymn 595 vs 1 — "Jesus Loves Me"

Prayer of the Day

Choir Anthem — "Here I Am Lord"

Story Time

Noisy Offering

Psalm 84: 1-7

2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 16-18

Gospel Acclamation

Luke 18: 9-14

Sermon—Pastor Tawanda Murinda

Moment for Quiet Reflection

Hymn #654 vs 1,2,5 — "The Church's One Foundation"

Prayers of God's People

Sharing God's Peace

Offering and Confirmands Slide Show

Offering Prayer

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Distribution

Blessing

Prayer after Communion

Benediction

Hymn #660 vs 1,3,4 — "Lift High The Cross"

Sending

Hymnals may be found under pews



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



The money collected from our Noisy Offerings on October 26th & October 29th will benefit Christus Rex.

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. Our first week will cover committed to serve with Julie Hill and Karen Axvig sharing a story on Nov 2nd & 5th. On Nov 9th, Emilie DeKrey will share a story related to "called to teach". On Nov 12th, Kari Olson will share a story on "called to teach". 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.



Through Holy Baptism, we welcome into the Christian faith:

- **(9:00am) Eliza Rae Luna Reese**, child of Logan Reese & Bryanna Reese. The sponsors for Eliza are Samm Melbye, Kinley Thorpe, Noah Fagerlund.

Bazaar News

Our Bazaar will be on November 1st from 9am-Noon

Knoephla soup must be ordered by **October 29th** and it will be available for pick up on the following days:

Saturday, November 1st: 9-noon
Sunday, November 2nd: 9-noon

Questions? Contact Mary Adams 701-739-5520.



Trunk or Treat
Sunday, October 26
3:00-5:00

Come join us for fall fun! Our Trunk or Treat event is a great opportunity to bring your vehicle and decorate it if you wish and hand out treats. **If you would like to donate treats, please bring them to the church office by October 23.**



People new to Sharon in the last 2 years...

Join us on Tuesday, November 4 at 6pm

Learn more about:
What happens at Sharon
How to get involved
Meet with Clergy
Invitation to become official members
There will be dinner provided and crafts for children in a separate room.

WREATH SALES

Please be on the lookout for holiday wreath sales at the Welcome Center beginning on Wednesday, October 8th and continuing through Wednesday, October 29th. Proceeds from these sales support students participating in the June 2026 mission trip to Milwaukee, Wisconsin and the July 2026 Eastern North Dakota Synod trip to Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

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

We appreciate your prayers, your support, and your encouragement!

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!



"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, October 26th 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.



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.

FAITH & CIVIC LIFE

PHYLLIS JOHNSON
SPEAKS ON

**"FAITH AND CIVIC LIFE:
SEEKING THE WELL-
BEING OF ALL"**

A SOCIAL STATEMENT ADOPTED BY THE
ELCA CHURCHWIDE ASSEMBLY 2025.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28
7:00 PM-8:15 PM
UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH
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