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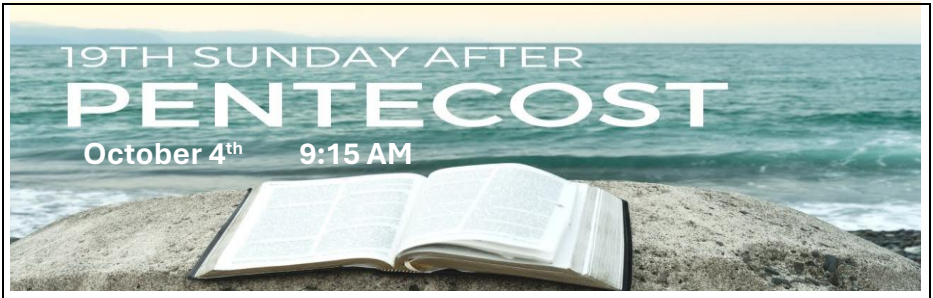
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church & School is a welcoming, Christ-centered family, dedicated to sharing our love and faith.

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LORD'S SUPPER - As Lutherans, in joyful obedience to the clear teaching of our Lord Jesus, we invite to His table at Good Shepherd those who trust His Word, repent of their sins, and set aside refusal to forgive and love just as we have been loved and forgiven by God. If you are unsure about whether you should commune or not, speak to an usher prior to the service. Thank you and welcome!

PRESERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN "Christ Is Our Cornerstone" LSB 912

THE SERVICE OF CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C who made heaven and earth.

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

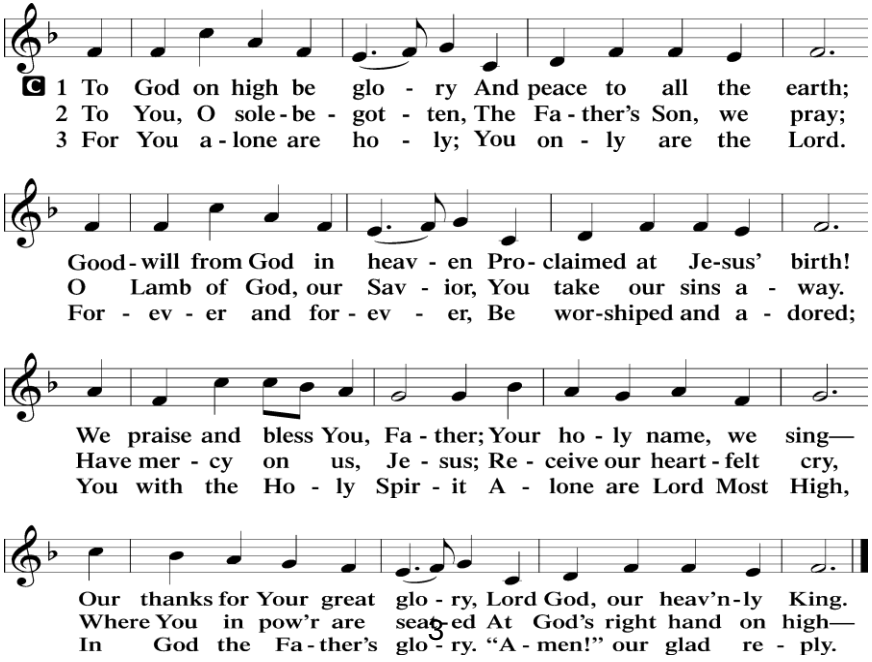
P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS LSB 204



SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.

P Let us pray. Gracious God, You gave Your Son into the hands of sinful men who killed Him. Forgive us when we reject Your unfailing love, and grant us the fullness of Your salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C Amen.

THIS WEEK'S THEME… The True Vine Redeems the Vineyard of the Lord of Hosts

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 5:1–7

Let me sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill.
He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; and he looked for it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard, that I have not done in it? When I looked for it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and briers and thorns shall grow up; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah are his pleasant planting; and he looked for justice, but behold, bloodshed; for righteousness, but behold, an outcry!

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

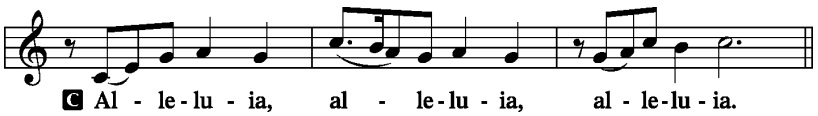
EPISTLE Philippians 3:4b–14

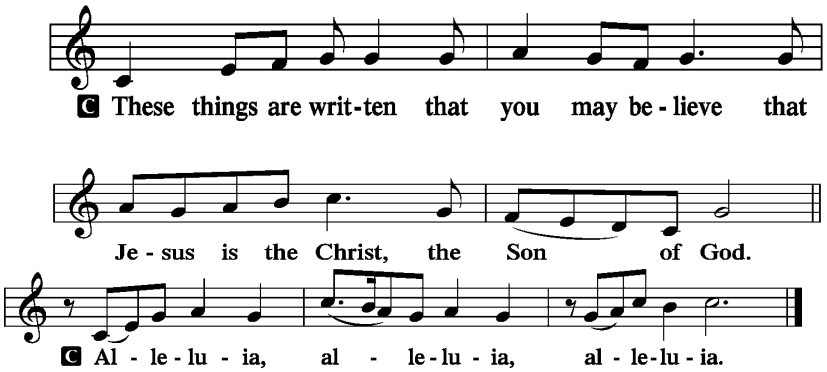
If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness, under the law blameless. But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE





HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 21:33–46

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty first chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] "Hear another parable. There was a master of a house who planted a vineyard and put a fence around it and dug a winepress in it and built a tower and leased it to tenants, and went into another country. When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit. And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other servants, more than the first. And they did the same to them. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.' And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons. "Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures: "'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the

Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes'? Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits. And the one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him." When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they perceived that he was speaking about them. And although they were seeking to arrest him, they feared the crowds, because they held him to be a prophet.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

NICENE CREED LSB 206

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY "O Love, How Deep" LSB 544, vs. 1-2, 5-6

SERMON Matthew 21:33-46; "So Painfully Obvious"

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Each prayer petition concludes:

P Lord, in Your mercy,
C Hear our prayer.

THE OFFERING

While we gather the offering today you are invited to fill out the red "Record of Fellowship" forms located at the end of the pew. If you would, please pass the red pad down the pew so everyone can complete the record. Thanks!

PREFACE LSB 208

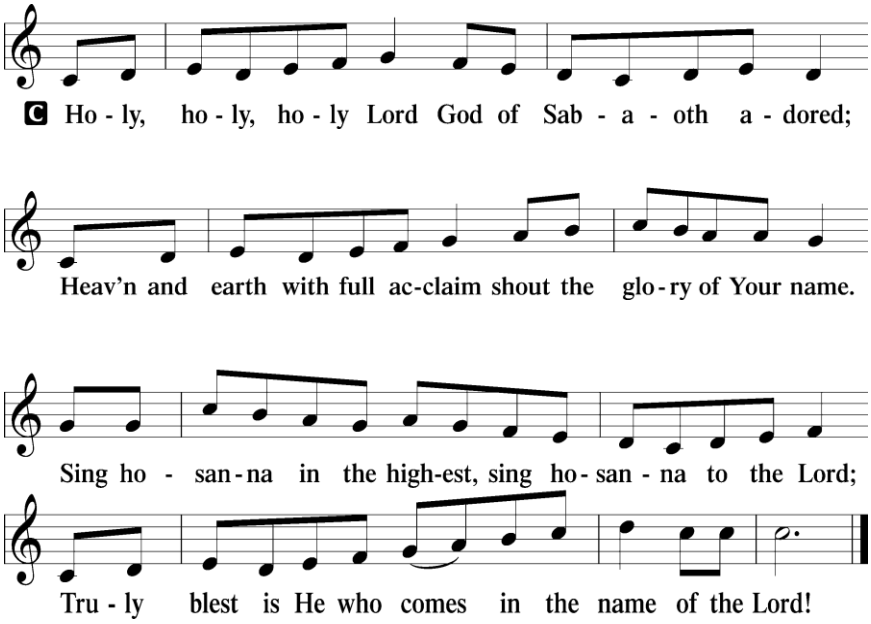
P The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.
C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS LSB 208



LORD'S PRAYER LSB 209

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

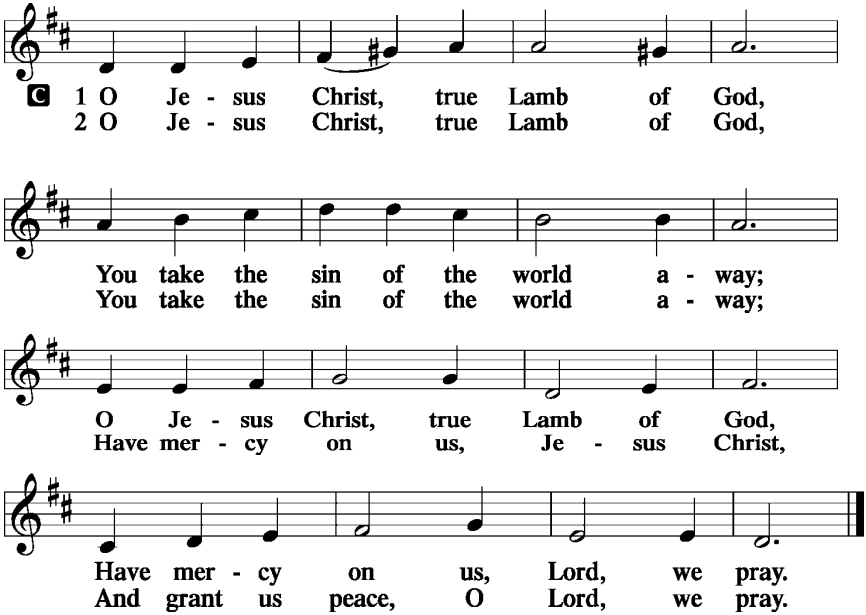
THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

PAX DOMINI LSB 209

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

AGNUS DEI LSB 210



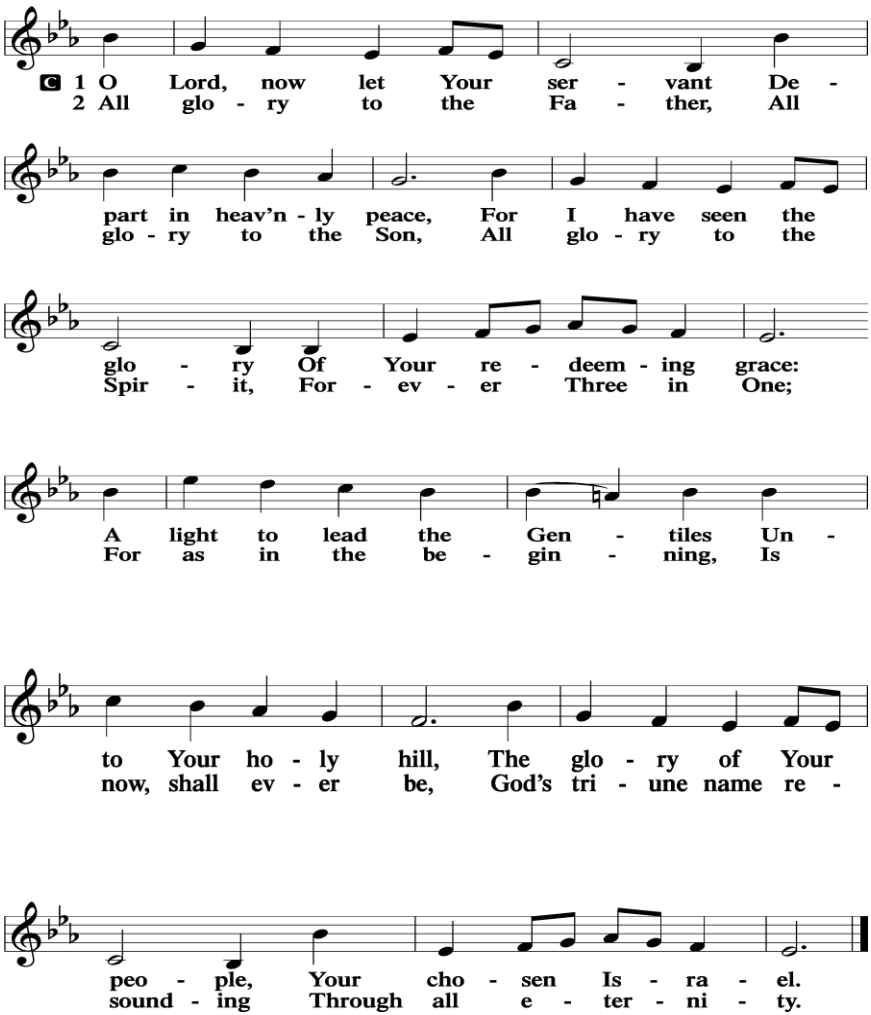
THE DISTRIBUTION

As Lutherans, in joyful obedience to the clear teaching of Lord Jesus, we now invite to His table those who trust His Word, repent of their sins, and set aside refusal to forgive and love just as we have been loved and forgiven by God. You will receive the host and then will have a choice of either the individual cups or the common cup. If you would like the common cup, place your hands FLAT on the rail while the individual cups are offered. This way Pastor will know that you desire the common cup. If for medical or other reasons you would prefer a non-alcoholic individual cup, they are located in the center of each tray. If you would like to receive communion in the pew, please inform an Usher and what your preference would be – either common or individual cup. Thank you.

HYMNS DURING THE DISTRIBUTION

“Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord”	**LSB 637**
“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”	**LSB 425**
“Chief of Sinners Though I Be”	**LSB 611**
“Christ Be My Leader”	**LSB 861**

NUNC DIMITTIS LSB 211



POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C Amen.

P Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

CLOSING HYMN "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" LSB 892

POSTLUDE

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COME SEE WHAT GOD IS DOING IN OUR MIDST;

Come Grow With Us!

OCTOBER

Thur.	08 LWML Meeting	10:00 AM
Sun.	11 LWML Service	
Mon.	12 Elders Meeting	6:00 PM
Thur.	15 Dinner Fellowship Bonefish Grill	5:30 PM
Sun.	***18 Pastor & Church Worker Appreciation***	
Mon.	19 Church Council Mtg	6:00 PM
Tues.	20 School Board Mtg	5:45 PM
Wed.	28 Men's Group	6:00 PM
Fri.	30 Trunk or Treat	6:00 PM

MEN'S GROUP

The next Men's Group meeting will be on Wednesday, October 28th at 6 PM at Oak and Stone on Clark Road. Men are invited to meet for dinner that night and we'll discuss the content of 1 Timothy 6 as we're able. All the men of GSLCS are invited. See you there!

OCTOBER IS....



3rd THURSDAY FELLOWSHIP DINNER

It's back! We'd like to invite you all to our upcoming Third Thursday Fellowship Dinners at 5:30 PM:

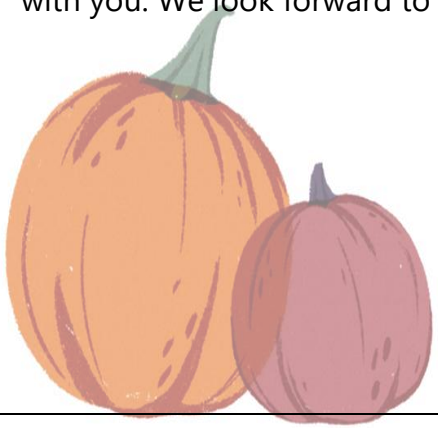
October	15	Bonefish Grill
November	19	TBD

This is a wonderful opportunity to unite our Saturday night and Sunday morning members for a time of good food, good conversation, and good friendships. All dinners are scheduled to begin at 5:30 with time to socialize before the meals. Look for the sign-up sheet in the narthex. See you there!
(And as is our tradition, we will be collecting an outreach offering for the servers).

WOMEN'S ADVENT PROGRAM COMING SOON

Sunday, December 6 at 2:00 PM

All women are invited to join us for our Advent Program on Sunday, December 6, at 2:00 PM. Come and enjoy a meaningful afternoon of reflection, fellowship, and preparation for the Advent season. This is also a wonderful opportunity to invite a friend to share in the spirit of Advent with you. We look forward to seeing you there!





OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Eric Briggs	01
Abigal Rhinehart	01
Bob Barnes	04
Ron Ebert	07
Earl LaGorin	07
Barbara Jones	09
Debra Schueler	13
Carolyn Behnke	14
Ava Rhinehart	15
William Dermody	25

ANNIVERSARIES

Charles & Jeanne Doege	06	64 years
John & Karen Teller	11	68 years

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Isaiah 25:6–9, Psalm 23, Philippians 4:4–13,
Matthew 22:1–14

JOIN US FOR BIBLE STUDY

Sundays After Service

Know Someone in Need of Prayers?

We have a Prayer Chain available for requests of healing, positive news, and restoration. The members of this prayer group are pleased to join together to present your appeal to God collectively. Please contact Jane with requests or interest in joining at LBdickandjane@verizon.net, and your petition will be sent to the Prayer Chain. God hears all.



ALTAR FLOWER DONATIONS

We extend our sincere thanks to Bob & Linda Barnes for providing the beautiful altar flowers in honor of Bob's birthday. Their thoughtful and generous gift enhances our worship space with beauty and serves as a joyful celebration of this special occasion.

ALL SAINTS' DAY AT GSLCS

We will celebrate All Saints' Day at GSLCS on the weekend of October 31st – November 1st. There are sheets in the entryway to document names of any GSLCS members and family/friends who have passed away in the last year and you would like to have them acknowledged. PLEASE write legibly and include your own name in case we have any pronunciation questions.

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 27, 2026

Tithes & Offering: $4531 Thank you for your generosity!
Attendance: Saturday 9/26:18 Sunday 9/27:56

MORE WAYS TO GIVE

1st is Joyful Response- sign up from your checking or savings account to the church on a recurring basis. There is no cost for either the member or church to participate in this program.
2nd is Zelle- sign into your bank via your cell phones and initiate an on-time transfer from your account to the church checking account. There is no cost for the members, however, the church must pay a 1% fee to the bank.