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“The Service of the Word – Law and Gospel”

“For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.” (John 1:17)

Last month, we focused on Sola Scriptura, that Scripture alone is the foundation of our teaching and preaching. But how does that Word actually work on us?

The Lutheran answer is both simple and profound: through the proper distinction between Law and Gospel.

This is not just a theological concept, it is the heartbeat of how God speaks to His people.

The Law is God’s truth that reveals what He requires. It shows us His will, His holiness, and His design for life. But it also does something uncomfortable, it exposes our sin. It shows us where we have fallen short, where we have failed to love God and neighbor as we should.

The Gospel, on the other hand, is God’s promise fulfilled in Jesus Christ. It does not demand, it gives. It does not accuse, it forgives. It declares that Christ has done what we could not do, and that through Him, our sins are forgiven.

Both are necessary.

Without the Law, we would not recognize our need for a Savior. Without the Gospel, we would have no hope after that need is revealed.

This pattern is woven throughout Scripture.

Think again of Moses. Through Moses, God gave the Law – clear, holy, and good. Yet the Law also revealed the inability of the people to keep it perfectly. It pointed beyond itself to the need for mercy.

That mercy comes in Jesus Christ.

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This is why, at Holy Lamb, the Service of the Word is not simply about information, it is about transformation. The sermon, the readings, and even the liturgy itself are shaped by this rhythm of Law and Gospel.

You may hear a word that convicts you, that is the Law doing its work. You may hear a word that lifts you up, that is the Gospel speaking directly to your heart.

Often, you will hear both.

This is intentional. Because this is how God works, He reveals the truth about our condition, and then He reveals the greater truth about His grace.

And this prepares us for what comes next.

The Word creates faith. It strengthens trust in Christ. It clears away self-reliance and replaces it with reliance on Him. And with that faith, we are ready to receive the Service of the Sacrament.

At Holy Lamb Lutheran Church, the Service of the Word is not optional or secondary, it is central. It is where God speaks, where hearts are exposed and healed, and where Christ is proclaimed clearly.

And when that Word is rightly preached – distinguishing Law and Gospel – it does exactly what God intends.

It brings sinners to repentance. It brings the broken to healing. It brings all of us back to Christ.

And that is why we listen.

Blessings,

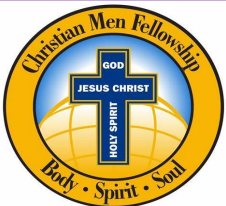
Pastor Scott Kirchoff



Family Game Night

Family Game Night is the second Sunday of the month.

There will be no Family Game Nights in August. They will resume in September.



Holy Lamb Men's Fellowship group meets the second Tuesday each month. The next lunch will be at the Veterans Cafe on:

Tuesday, August 11 at 11:30 AM



Bible Study Opportunities



Sunday Morning Bible Study

The Sunday morning bible class will not meet during the month of August.

The Sunday Adult Bible Class will resume on **September 13, after the 9:00 AM service.** This class will focus on the Scripture lessons for the sermon, giving us an opportunity to take a deeper dive into the readings, themes, and message for the day. We look forward to growing together in God's Word and strengthening our understanding of the Sunday sermon text. Flexibility and patience are appreciated as we work out the timing and details for this class.

Monday Evening Women's Bible Study

The Ladies Bible Study meets every Monday at 6:30 PM on Zoom using Holy Lamb's standard meeting code. All women are invited to join us as we delight in God's word. We are beginning a study on the book of Genesis and will be using the YouTube bible study of Pastor Eric from Redeemer LCMS in Highland, Indiana. Pastor Eric's wonderful passion for God's word has greatly enhanced our previous studies. If you have any questions or need the Zoom link, please contact Linda Katai (call/text) 740-258-2581 or email at ldkatai2@gmail.com.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study

The Tuesday morning bible classes will resume on **August 4 at 9:00 a.m.** Our topic will be **Samuel and Saul**, a ten-lesson study that follows the rise of Samuel, the calling and fall of Saul, and the early movement toward David's kingship. This study will also incorporate insights from **Listen to the Land**, helping us pay attention not only to the people and events of Scripture, but also to the places where God's Word unfolds and why those locations matter. When this ten-week study is completed, it will lead naturally into a follow-up study on **David and Solomon**, continuing the story of Israel's kings and God's faithful work among His people.



The Council meets the second Tuesday each month. The next meeting will be on:

Tuesday, August 11 at 6:00 PM

In Our Thoughts & Prayers



As Holy Lamb continues to grow, it has become necessary to make changes to our prayer request list. We will keep our friends and family members on the list for one month only. If you would like to keep them on longer, please let the office know with a monthly email to holylambcms@aol.com. Holy Lamb members will remain on the list indefinitely or until you email us to take you off.

Cancer Issues

Sami, friend of Dave & Linda

Les Cotton

Ted, friend of Ed & Sylvia Stedina

Dorothy O., Adell Keeney's friend

Eleonore Kidder

J R Relford

For Our Homebound

Mary Margaret Kluge, Myrle Rumsey



For Healing

Joanne, S-I-L of Ron

Maryanne, mother of Michael Zabbara

Ron, Ed's Cousin

Scott, son of J.R.

Brian, Son of Adele Keeney

Joan, friend of Marsha Dunn

Nathan, B-I-L of Blain & Christel Lefort

Brian, friend of Hayley Lauritsen

Maureen, neighbor of Chuck/ Sharon Bumgarner

Tammy, sister of Sharon Bumgarner

Melvin, father of Sonja Kirchoff

Norm Boulet

Marsha Dunn

Merle Falke

Mary Lee

Karen & Gene McCarthy

Kathy Orlowski

Steven Rehm

Monica & Bill Steele

Doc & Nancy Rehm

Al Heiber

Jim & Erin Murphy

Caroline Twentier

Prayer Requests

Unless otherwise requested, prayer request information will be announced in worship, shared with our prayer chain, and published in our bulletin or newsletter. To respect the privacy of those for whom we pray:

- * With regard to health issues, last names will not be given in worship or in print unless they are members of Holy Lamb.
- * Information regarding conditions, diagnosis, or procedures will be given only at the initial church announcement, not in print.
- * Please update the church office of your prayer request by the newsletter deadline or fill out a prayer request form which are on the podium in the Narthex.



We meet the second Saturday of every month around 4:00 PM. You can reserve your spot on the church website: holylambmyrtlebeach.org under the Events tab.

There will be no gathering in August.

The next time we meet will be September 19 at the home of Blain and Christel Lefort. More information to follow.

In 2026, the Brew Crew will check out some new places to have a brewski and meal. Here's our lineup for the year:

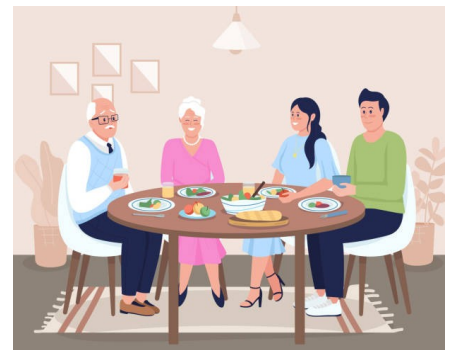
- ~ Crooked Hammock Brewery (Barefoot Landing)
- ~ Black Drum Brewing (Myrtle Beach)
- ~ Southern Hops Brewery (Murrells Inlet)
- ~ Barbecue hosted by Blain & Christel Lefort at their home
- ~ BYOB Party Tiki Boat (either Crazy Sister Marina or Island Adventure Water Sports ~ Swing Bridge ~ Socastee)

DINING WITH FRIENDS

Our next gathering will be:

Tuesday, August 25 at 5:15 PM

Location: Red Lobster
(Coastal Grand perimeter)



LUNCH BUNCH

The concept for the group is to select places where you can enjoy your day before and/or after lunch (and in the daylight hours).

The Holy Lamb Lunch Bunch meets at Noon on the third Saturday of the month. The group's next gathering will be:

Saturday, August 15 at Noon

Location: Red Robin
(Coastal Grand perimeter)

We are always open to suggestions...email yours to Merilynn Sell.

Holy Lamb Financial Profile—Giving

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Month of June	\$ 17,070	\$ 13,620
Year to Date	\$156,423	\$102,150

Volunteers Needed for Worship Services

Our worship services at Holy Lamb are strengthened and supported by the faithful service of our members. Quite simply, we cannot do what we do each Sunday without volunteers who are willing to step in and help.

We are currently in need of volunteers in several areas:

- **Audio** (9:00 AM & 11:00 AM)
- **Video** (9:00 AM)
- **Monitor** slide advancing (both services – simple handheld clicker, and you can remain seated)
- **Ushers** (especially at 11:00 AM)
- **Readers** (you may choose a date and sign up in the Narthex)



If you have ever thought about helping but felt unsure, this is a great time to step forward. All roles are easy to learn. We are only asking for about **one hour per month**, making this a simple and meaningful way to serve.

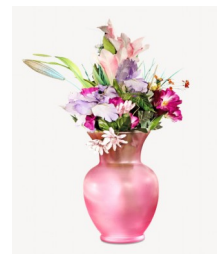
Serving in worship is more than just filling a role — it is a way to support your church family and contribute to an atmosphere where God’s Word can be heard clearly and received with joy.

If you are interested or would like more information, please contact the **church office**.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration and for supporting the life and worship of Holy Lamb.

Pastor Scott & the Elders

Flowers purchased to the Glory of God August 2026



- August 2 ~ Nancy Rehm in celebration of her daughter Nicole's birthday
- August 9 ~ Todd & Brenda Devaney ~ celebrating their daughter and her family as they embark on their 14th year of doing mission work in South Asia, and they are giving thanks and praise to God for His grace and love that have sustained them.
- August 16 ~ Merilynn & Jack Sell in memory of their parents
- August 23 ~ Sylvia & Ed Stedina in celebration of their anniversary
- August 30 ~ Eileen St. Clair in celebration of Duane's birthday and their anniversary

**** If you'd like to purchase flowers for an available date, please contact the office.**

Flower Purchase Reminder

If you are purchasing flowers for our altar, please use the Flower Fund envelopes from the Flower Chart bulletin board and place in the collection plate or drop off at the church office. The cost is \$40.00.

If special flowers are requested, there may be an additional charge.

Please do not put flower payments in weekly offering envelopes.



Books for Forestbrook Elementary



In June of 2020 Sunny Fry, through Socastee United Methodist Church, began collecting, cleaning, and sharing books with children in the Socastee Community under "Families Read."

As part of Sunny's effort, Holy Lamb has been cleaning and distributing books to Forestbrook Elementary for about 2 years.

We need books! We ask that the congregation be on the lookout for gently used children's books. Possible sources are yard sales, estate sales, grandchildren, libraries outside of Horry County, used book stores, etc.

There is a labeled box in the cry room for donated books.

Please help us help our littlest neighbors grow the skills they need to maximize their gifts and graces.



August



2nd Bob Orlowski
3rd Irv Ewing
4th Lois Murphy
9th Pat Marquardt
14th Jane Jankowski
14th Mary Lee
26th Marsha Hulshart
27th Larry Lauffer
28th Bryan Tainter
29th Duane St. Clair

9th Doc & Nancy Rehm
13th Paul & Jane Jankowski
15th David & Kathy Panning
22nd Eddie & Sylvia Stedina
28th Duane & Eileen St. Clair
29th Tom & Pat Marquardt

Please notify the office of any changes to the Birthday and Anniversary information so that we are current. Thank you.

August: Faithful in the Little Things

August reminds us that stewardship often happens in small, unseen ways. A volunteer who cleans up after fellowship hour, a member who prays daily for the church, a visitor who places a single dollar in the offering plate; all

are participating in the same ministry of faithfulness. God takes our small acts and multiplies them beyond what we can see. As we prepare for a new season of ministry, we give thanks for every unseen hand and quiet heart that sustains Holy Lamb's mission in Myrtle Beach.

- What small acts of faithfulness can I offer this week?
- How can I encourage those who serve quietly?

Pastor Scott Kirchoff
(Edited - Phil Harris)



Holy Lamb Vision and Mission & Focus Statements

VISION

To be a Christ centered community that nurtures faith across generations, fosters connections, and equips members to serve God and others in Myrtle Beach and beyond.

MISSION

Through word and sacrament, we welcome all into a vibrant community of faith, provide opportunities for lifelong spiritual growth, and joyfully share the love of Christ with the world.

FOCUS

We aim to be a haven for all who seek refuge from life's storms. A safe harbor where you can explore your faith, grow in God's word, and be supported by a warm, caring church family.

Our New Website

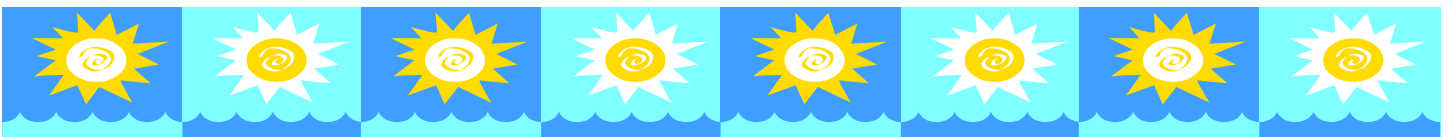
Although we are at the same web address (www.holylambmyrtlebeach.org), we are updating our look. Have you checked our website out lately?

If you feel there are things we should add to our current website, please mention it to Tom Marquardt.

New Contact Information

Holy Lamb now has more ways to contact Pastor Scott. You can always call the office and speak to someone or leave a message if you call outside of office hours (Tuesday and Thursday, 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM). If you have a more urgent matter and need to talk to someone sooner, you can now call or text our cell phone number to reach Pastor Scott. Please keep this number or add it to your contacts:

(843) 602-4339



WORSHIP SCHEDULE through September 6

Worship services will be at 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM.
The 9:00 AM service streams live on FaceBook.



August 2 is Mite Box Sunday. Please return your mite box or a Ziploc bag with your collection. Don't forget to pick up another box if you are leaving yours. Checks are also accepted made out to Holy Lamb and in the memo area, put LWML MITES. We are grateful for all your support.

Thank you for all your donations to the Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief. We put together 60 kits.

Thank you in advance for your participation.

Karen Bombria
President, Holy Lamb LWML



GRIEF SHARE 2026

GRIEF SHARE exists as a ministry of compassion and healing, offering a safe place where we can share our pain, listen to others who understand, and rediscover that, even in the darkness, God is still near.

GRIEF SHARE meets on the second Thursday each month at 3:00 PM.

Date	Topic
August 13	"Transitions and Gentle Routines"
September 10	"Work, Worth, and Rest"
October 8	"Saints, Harvest, and the Long View"
November 12	"Gratitude with Empty Chairs"
December 10	"Advent Waiting, Christmas Light"



Evangelism Committee Meeting

Our next Evangelism Committee meeting will be:

**Tuesday, August 11
1:00 PM at Veterans Café**

The meeting will begin after the Men's Fellowship meeting. You are, however, welcome to come at 11:30 AM for lunch and fellowship. The women sit in the restaurant and the men have lunch and hold their meeting in the private room.

Please reach out to Darcy Taiani with any questions.



**THE BLOOD[®]
CONNECTION**

Your Community Blood Center

THANK YOU!

The Men's Fellowship thanks all of the church members who participated in the recent blood drive.

The generous donation of your time and effort resulted in the successful collection of 25 pints of blood to save lives, as well as helping the Men's Fellowship raise funds for donations to Backpack Buddies for this school year.

We hope to hold this drive again and welcome any comments for improvement.

Please remember to redeem your e-rewards by logging into thebloodconnection.org and setting up an account.



THANK YOU HOLY LAMB!

Our church family donated 59 pairs of shoes, 207 pairs of socks, and \$325 to Help4Kids/Backpack Buddies. Thanks to all for your generosity. It is much appreciated.

Barb Mains from Help4Kids wrote in May: "We appreciate you collecting for the kids! The new shoes and socks make them feel great when going back to school. It makes a difference when they can look like the other boys and girls."



**LCMS
Foundation**

TODAY | TOMORROW | FOREVER

Update on LCMS Foundation Endowment Fund for New Building

During our July 12, 2026 congregation meeting, a motion was made and approved to transfer \$40,000 to the Endowment Fund. This, along with an additional \$300 from our in-house New Building Fund account, has been transferred as of Wednesday, July 29, 2026.

Updated amounts in the Fund are as follows:

Previous Approximate Fair Market Value amount:	\$ 61,000
Approx. Increases due to market trends:	\$ 5,000
Recent Deposit to account:	<u>\$ 40,300</u>
Total approximate Fair Market Value of Fund:	\$106,300

***Approximate because Market Trends fluctuate.*

If you are interested in depositing directly into the endowment fund, or you would like more information, please reach out to Linda Snyder.

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Worship Schedule

June 7—September 6	Beginning September 13
9:00 am & 11:00 am	9:00 am & 11:15 am

Bible Studies

Monday Evening Women's Bible Study	6:30 pm
Tuesday Morning Bible Study (resumes August 4)	9:00 am
Sunday Morning Bible Study (resumes Sept. 13)	10:15 am

AUGUST EVENTS

Tuesday, August 11	Men's Fellowship	11:30 AM
	Evangelism Committee ~ Veterans Café	1:00 PM
	Council Meeting	6:00 PM
Thursday, August 13	GRIEF SHARE ~ " <i>Transitions & Gentle Routines</i> "	3:00 PM
Saturday, August 15	Lunch Bunch ~ Red Robin	12:00 PM
Tuesday, August 25	Dining with Friends ~ Red Lobster	5:15 PM

SEPTEMBER EVENTS

Tuesday, September 8	Men's Fellowship	11:30 AM
	Council Meeting	6:00 PM
Thursday, September 10	GRIEF SHARE ~ "Work, Worth, and Rest"	3:00 PM
Saturday, September 12	LWML Meeting	10:00 AM
Sunday, September 13	Family Game Night	4:00 PM
Saturday, September 19	Lunch Bunch ~ TBD	12:00 PM
Tuesday, September 22	Dining with Friends ~ TBD	5:15 PM
Sunday, September 27	Combined Worship Service	10:00 AM
	Congregational Meeting	11:15 AM