

## **Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd**

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### **✠ Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost ✠**

*September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020   10:30 AM*

*LSB Setting 1*

*Please turn off all cell phones and pagers before entering the nave.  
If you need to leave the service please do so during the hymns.*

*The altar represents God's presence. It is fitting to act and speak  
reverently when we enter the sanctuary / worship space.*

## GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH WELCOMES YOU THIS MORNING!

We welcome you to this service of God's Word and Sacrament at which the words and action of Jesus Christ are central. Visitors are asked to sign the guest book in the narthex (entrance) and complete the Visitor Registration Card. Visitors who desire to receive Holy Communion are asked to read and consider the Communion Registration card (*reverse side of same card and below*\*) before joining us at the altar and to place the card in the offering plate or give it to one of the ushers.

**If you are unable to receive wine, please speak to Pastor or an elder before the service.**

**COMMUNION:** When you commune, you will have a choice between individual cup and the common cup (chalice). The acolyte offers an individual cup before the pastor presents the common cup (chalice). Non-alcoholic wine is offered from individual cups placed in the center of the tray.

### ***\*PLEASE NOTE\****

Those who intend to commune are encouraged to prepare for reception of the Sacrament of Holy Communion by reviewing the "*Sacrament of the Altar*" on page 326 and "*Christian Questions with Their Answers*" drawn up by Dr. Martin Luther on page 329-330 of the Lutheran Service Book. *Visitors are invited to share in the Sacrament of Holy Communion (Eucharist) with us if you...* are baptized in the name of the Triune God, repent of your sins and trust in Jesus Christ alone for your salvation, believe & confess the Christian Faith as expressed in Apostle's and Nicene Creeds, believe that in receiving Communion, you eat & drink Jesus' true body & blood with bread & wine for forgiveness of your sins & strengthening of your faith.

If you can affirm the statements above, you are welcome to share in reception of the Sacrament with us today. Please complete one of the red & white Visitor Communion Registration cards if you commune with us. Thank you!

### **Acknowledgments**

Divine Service, Setting One from Lutheran Service Book

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**The Prelude**  
**The Greetings and Theme of the Day**

**✠ THE PREPARATION IN CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION ✠**

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*Kneel/Stand*

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination*

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. 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.

*Stand*

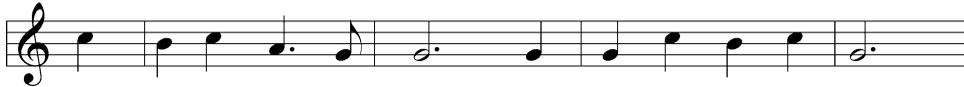
**✠ THE SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠**

**Entrance Hymn**

**LSB # 807** *When Morning Gilds the Skies*



1 When morn-ing gilds the skies, My heart, a - wak - ing, cries,  
2 When mirth for mu - sic longs, This is my song of songs:  
3 No love - lier an - ti - phon In all high heav'n is known  
4 Ye na - tions of man - kind, In this your con - cord find:  
5 Sing, suns and stars of space, Sing, ye that see His face,



“May Je - sus Christ be praised!” When eve - ning shad - ows fall,  
 “May Je - sus Christ be praised!” God’s ho - ly house of prayer  
 Than “Je - sus Christ be praised!” There to the e - ter - nal Word  
 “May Je - sus Christ be praised!” Let all the earth a - round  
 Sing, “Je - sus Christ be praised!” God’s whole cre - a - tion o’er,



This rings my cur - few call: “May Je - sus Christ be praised!”  
 Hath none that can com - pare With “Je - sus Christ be praised!”  
 The e - ter - nal psalm is heard: “May Je - sus Christ be praised!”  
 Ring joy - ous with the sound: “May Je - sus Christ be praised!”  
 Both now and ev - er - more Shall Je - sus Christ be praised!

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### Apostolic Greeting

- P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C** And also with you.

### Gloria



**A** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.



**C** Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther:



We wor - ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,



You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

### Salutation and Collect of the Day



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al - so with you.

**P** Let us pray.

Lord God, heavenly Father, since we cannot stand before You relying on anything we have done, help us trust in Your abiding grace and live according to Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

*Sit*

### Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 55:6-9*

<sup>6</sup>“Seek the LORD while he may be found;  
call upon him while he is near;  
<sup>7</sup>let the wicked forsake his way,

and the unrighteous man his thoughts;  
let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him,  
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

<sup>8</sup>For my thoughts are not your thoughts,  
neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD.

<sup>9</sup>For as the heavens are higher than the earth,  
so are my ways higher than your ways  
and my thoughts than your thoughts.”

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Psalm

*Psalm 27:1-9*

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my light and my salvation;  
whom | shall I fear?\*

The LORD is the stronghold of my life;  
of whom shall I | be afraid?

<sup>2</sup>When evildoers assail me  
to eat | up my flesh,\*

my adversaries and foes,  
it is they who stum- | ble and fall.

<sup>3</sup>Though an army encamp against me,  
my heart | shall not fear;\*

though war arise against me,  
yet I will be | confident.

<sup>4</sup>One thing have I asked of the LORD,  
that will I seek | after:\*

that I may dwell in the house of the LORD  
all the days of my life,  
to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD  
and to inquire in his | temple.

<sup>5</sup>For he will hide me in his shelter  
in the day of | trouble;\*

he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;  
he will lift me high up- | on a rock.

<sup>6</sup>And now my head shall be lifted up  
above my enemies all around me,  
and | will offer in his tent  
sacrifices with | shouts of joy;\*

I will sing and make melody | to the LORD.

<sup>7</sup>Hear, O LORD, when I | cry aloud;\*

be gracious to me and | answer me!

<sup>8</sup>You have said, | “Seek my face.”\*

My heart says to you,

“Your face, LORD, | do I seek.”

<sup>9</sup>Hide not your face from me.

Turn not your servant away in | anger,\*

O you who have been my help.

Cast me not off; forsake me not,

O God of my sal- | vation!

**▲ Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\***

**and to the Holy | Spirit;**

**as it was in the be- | ginning,\***

**is now, and will be forever. | Amen**

## **Epistle**

*Philippians 1:12-14, 19-30*

<sup>12</sup>I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, <sup>13</sup>so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. <sup>14</sup>And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear.

<sup>19</sup>For I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, <sup>20</sup>as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. <sup>21</sup>For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. <sup>22</sup>If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. <sup>23</sup>I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. <sup>24</sup>But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. <sup>25</sup>Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, <sup>26</sup>so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again.

<sup>27</sup>Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, <sup>28</sup>and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. <sup>29</sup>For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, <sup>30</sup>engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

### Common Alleluia and Verse

**C** Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

### Holy Gospel

*St. Matthew 20:1-16*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twentieth chapter.

**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>“For the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. <sup>2</sup>After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. <sup>3</sup>And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, <sup>4</sup>and to them he said, ‘You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.’ <sup>5</sup>So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. <sup>6</sup>And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, ‘Why do you stand here idle all day?’ <sup>7</sup>They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You go into the vineyard too.’ <sup>8</sup>And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.’ <sup>9</sup>And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. <sup>10</sup>Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. <sup>11</sup>And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, <sup>12</sup>saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ <sup>13</sup>But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius?’ <sup>14</sup>Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. <sup>15</sup>Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?’ <sup>16</sup>So the last will be first, and the first last.”

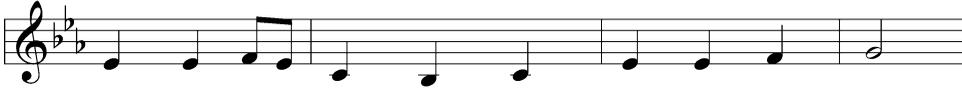
**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

### Hymn of the Day

**LSB # 738** *Lord of All Hopefulness*



1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,  
2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,  
3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,  
4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,



Whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy:  
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:  
Your hands swift to wel - come, Your arms to em - brace:  
Whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm:



Be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,  
Be there at our la - bors, and give us, we pray,  
Be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,  
Be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,



Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.  
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.  
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.  
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

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*Sit*

### Sermon

*Pr. Emil Witschy*

*Stand*

### Nicene Creed

**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 catholic 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.**

### **Prayer of the Church**

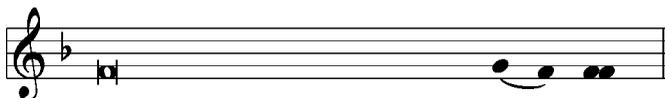
**P** Lord in your mercy,

**C** Hear our prayer.

*Stand*

### **Pax Domini**

*Following the prayers, the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).*



**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.

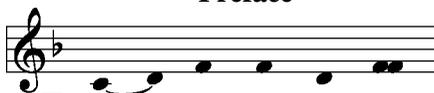


**C** A - men.

*Sit*

## ✠ LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST ✠

### Preface



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al - so 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.

### Proper Preface

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way

of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

### Sanctus



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -  
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

### The Words of Our Lord

- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{†}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\text{†}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

### Proclamation of Christ

- P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.  
**C** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.  
**P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

### Lord's Prayer

- 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.

**P** The gifts of God for the people of God

**C** Thanks be to God!

### Agnus Dei



**C** Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the



world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace.

*Sit*

### Distribution of the Sacrament

Please come forward in *Pilgrim style* and extend your arm so that pastor may place the bread /wafers in your hand.

An individual cup of wine will be placed on the altar rail.

After communing you are asked to place your individual cups in the bowl of water and dispose of your paper container in the waste basket

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

**C** Amen.

## Communion Distribution Hymns

**LSB # 631** *Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face*



1 Here, O my Lord, I see Thee face to face;  
 2 Here would I feed up - on the bread of God,  
 3 This is the hour of ban - quet and of song;  
 4 I have no help but Thine; nor do I need



Here would I touch and han - dle things un - seen;  
 Here drink with Thee the roy - al wine of heav'n;  
 This is the heav'n - ly ta - ble spread for me;  
 An - oth - er arm but Thine to lean up - on.



Here grasp with firm - er hand the e - ter - nal grace,  
 Here would I lay a - side each earth - ly load,  
 Here let me feast and, feast - ing, still pro - long  
 It is e - nough, my Lord, e - nough in - deed;



And all my wea - ri - ness up - on Thee lean.  
 Here taste a - fresh the calm of sin for - giv'n.  
 The brief bright hour of fel - low - ship with Thee.  
 My strength is in Thy might, Thy might a - lone.

- 5 Mine is the sin, but Thine the righteousness;  
 Mine is the guilt, but Thine the cleansing blood;  
 Here is my robe, my refuge, and my peace:  
 Thy blood, Thy righteousness, O Lord my God.
- 6 Too soon we rise; the vessels disappear;  
 The feast, though not the love, is past and gone;  
 The bread and wine remove, but Thou art here;  
 Nearer than ever; still my shield and sun.
- 7 Feast after feast thus comes and passes by,  
 Yet, passing, points to that glad feast above,  
 Giving sweet foretaste of the festal joy,  
 The Lamb's great marriage feast of bliss and love.

### Post-Communion Canticle/Thank the Lord



**C** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

### Post-Communion Collect

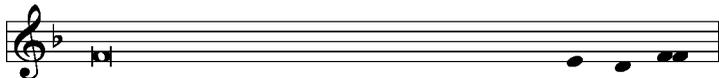
**A** Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

### Benediction



**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  $\text{†}$  give you peace.



**C** A - men.

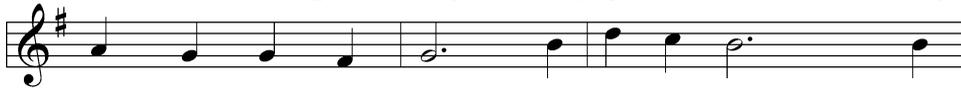
## Announcements

### Exit Hymn

LSB # 854 *Forth in Thy Name, O Lord, I Go*



1 Forth in Thy name, O Lord, I go, My dai - ly  
2 The task Thy wis - dom has as - signed, O let me  
3 Thee may I set at my right hand, Whose eyes my  
4 Give me to bear Thine eas - y yoke, And ev - 'ry  
5 For Thee de - light - ful - ly em - ploy What - e'er Thy



la - bor to pur - sue, Thee, on - ly Thee, re -  
cheer - ful - ly ful - fill; In all my works Thy  
in - most sub - stance see, And la - bor on at  
mo - ment watch and pray, And still to things e -  
boun - teous grace has giv'n, And run my course with



solved to know In all I think or speak or do.  
pres - ence find, And prove Thy good and per - fect will.  
Thy com - mand, And of - fer all my works to Thee.  
ter - nal look, And has - ten to Thy glo - rious day.  
e - ven joy, And close - ly walk with Thee to heav'n.

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### Dismissal

**P** Depart in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God!

**FLOWERS:** *Rita Vacca ~ to the glory of God*

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**THE LADIES #1 BIBLE STUDY IS UP AND RUNNING!** We will begin a study of the Gospel according to John on **September 29, 30, and October 1**. We meet in masked/distanced small groups AND offer a Zoom meeting as well. All are welcome. **If you are interested in joining us, please call or text Jan Saxe (864) 607-0217.**

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**DEVOTIONALS:** October – December, 2020, *Portals of Prayer*, are available at the door.

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**THANK YOU!** Thank you so much to everyone who brought a meal to the Kizzees! I know they really appreciated it, and it was a blessing to their family. – Sally Dugan

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**PASTOR TED'S GOLF FUNDRAISER:** Although we have canceled the golf tournament this year, please consider a donation to Project Host on behalf of Pastor Ted. In speaking with Project Host, they remain busy as ever helping to provide food and work opportunities to those in need. I recently logged on to their website to make a donation and it only took me a moment. Do it today or at least set a deadline of October 4<sup>th</sup>, which would have been our tournament date. Looking forward to next year and thank you all for your support. Donation link: <http://www.projecthost.org/>

Regards, Pastor Ted Planning Committee.

Questions?: contact M. Kilpatrick via email [marquek53@gmail.com](mailto:marquek53@gmail.com) or 864.201.6277

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