

Announcements

Sunday school (for all ages) – Summer break.

Interested in membership at Christ the Shepherd? Join the New Members/Communicants class beginning September 10th. Classes run through October.

Wednesday – 7 am at the church building:

Man2Man – Men will discuss The Man in the Leather Hat.

Saturday – 9 am at the church building:

Men will discuss R.C. Sproul's Everyone's a Theologian.

Women will discuss Mere Christianity by C.S. Lewis.

Hopeline Pregnancy Center – Diaper Drive coming soon!

Mark your calendar!

September 4th – Hutchinsons' Labor Day cook out begins at noon. Hot dogs, hamburgers, and drinks are provided. Please bring a salad, side dish, and/or dessert. **42 Hine Hill Rd, New Milford**. RSVP to Paula.

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Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

Invocation

*Hymns and Songs of Worship and Adoration

To God Be the Glory (#55)

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise (#38)

*Confession of Faith – The Nicene Creed (pg. 846)

*Old Testament Scripture – Isaiah 55:1 - 5 (pg. 615)

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Declaration of Absolution

Pastoral Prayer

*Worship through giving back to God

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me (#499)

Sermon – Bread of Life

John 6:35 – 40 (pg. 892)

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Music for Meditation

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross (#264)

*Closing Song – I Am Thine, O Lord, I Have Heard Thy Voice (#533)

*Doxology (#731)

*Benediction

* Please stand if able.

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Holy Father, forgive us. Though you should guide us, we inform ourselves. Though you should rule us, we control ourselves. Though you should fulfill us, we console ourselves. For we think your truth too high, your will too hard, your power too remote, your love too free. But they are not! And without them, we are of all people most miserable. Heal our confused minds with your word; heal our divided wills with your law; heal our troubled consciences with your love; heal our anxious hearts with your presence — all for the sake of your Son, who loved us and gave himself for us. Amen.

Regarding the Lord's Supper

All who trust in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and are members in good standing in any evangelical church are welcome to partake of the Lord's Supper with us.

We use wine in the Lord's Supper believing it to be the Biblical element Jesus used when He instituted this sacrament. Wine is in the red cups. Grape juice is in the clear cups for those who prefer it. The bread is gluten - free.

Food for Thought

"The grace won for us by the servant of the Lord is not a theory. It's an experience. And God wants us to enjoy it freely. His invitation is too good to refuse, too urgent even to delay. Isaiah 55:1 lies so close to the heart of God, it reappears at the very end of the Bible as God's final word to us all until Christ returns (Rev. 22:17). This is the message God wants every member of the human race to hear. What is he saying? 'Don't just sit there thinking about this, theorizing, hesitating, making excuses. Get up. Come over here. I have rich spiritual privilege prepared for you. Buy in - though Someone Else has already paid your bill.'"

— Raymond C. Ortlund, Jr., Preaching the Word Commentary on Isaiah