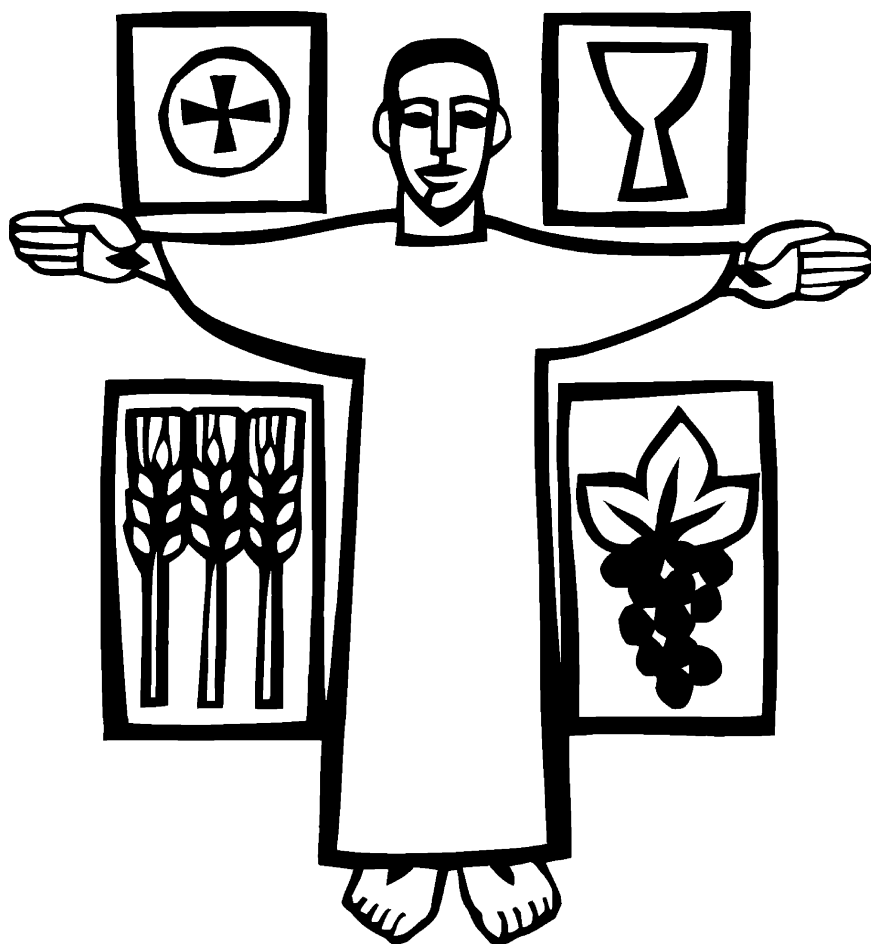


# GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

... We Are God's People and the Sheep of God's Pasture ...

Psalm 100:3



**August 11<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**ALL ARE WELCOME AT GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH.**

**God makes no exceptions. In the spirit of Jesus Christ, we offer trust and respect to all, including those who may experience alienation, distrust, or rejection.**

**We rely on the healing, unconditional love of God to shape our community in the name of the Good Shepherd.**

In keeping with our welcome, Good Shepherd is a *Reconciling in Christ* partner congregation, affirming our welcome to persons of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions, and our commitment to anti-racism work so that all may participate fully in the life of our congregation. We are an AMMPARO *Welcoming Congregation* - Accompanying Migrant Minors with Protection, Advocacy, Representation and Opportunities.

The Good Shepherd buildings are Carbon Neutral/Net Zero Energy use.

**Welcome guests! There is more information for you on the back of the bulletin.**

# Worship Books are in the Pews

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) - red book

All Creation Sings (ACS) - purple book

Page numbers (p.) in front of the books; hymn numbers (#) in back of books.

Congregational responses are in **bold**. An \* indicates a time to rise in body or spirit.

## GATHERING

**PRAYER BELL – PRELUDE:** Prelude on “St. Agnes” – Peter Crisafulli

The prelude is a time when we allow the musical offering to quiet our hearts and minds as we prepare for worship.

## WELCOME

**\*GATHERING HYMN:** ELW #523 “Let Us Go Now to the Banquet”

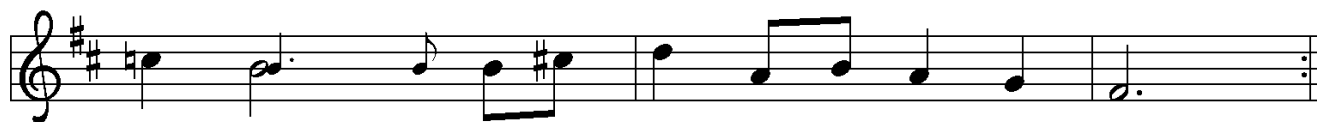
*Refrain / Estribillo*



Va - mos to - dos al ban - que - te, a la  
Let us go now to the ban - quet, to the



me - sa de la crea - ción; ca - da cual con su ta - bu -  
feast of the u - ni - verse. The ta - ble's set and a place is



re - te tie - ne un pues - to yu - na mi - sión.  
wait - ing; come, ev - 'ry - one, with your gifts to share.



1 Hoy me le - van - to muy tem - pra - no; ya me es -

1 I will rise in the ear - ly morn - ing; the com -

2 God in - vites all the poor and hun - gry to the

3 May we build such a place a - mong us where all

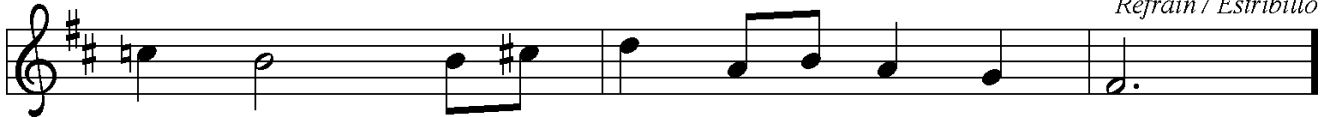


pe - ra la co - mu - ni - dad; voy su - bien - do a - le - gre la

mu - ni - ty's wait - ing for me. With a spring in my step I'm

ban - quet of jus - tice and good where the har - vest will not be

peo - ple are e - qual in love. God has called us to work to -



*cues - ta,                      voy en bus - ca de tu a - mis - tad.*  
 walk - ing                      with my friends and my fam - i - ly.  
 hoard - ed                      so that no one will lack for food.  
 geth - er                      and to share ev - 'ry - thing we have.

**\*APOSTOLIC GREETING:**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY:** Let us pray... **Amen.**

**WORD**

**FIRST READING: 1 Kings 19:4-8**

<sup>4</sup>[Elijah] went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors."<sup>5</sup> Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat."<sup>6</sup> He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again.<sup>7</sup> The angel of the LORD came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you."<sup>8</sup> He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM 34:1-8**

<sup>1</sup>I will bless the LORD | at all times;  
the praise of God shall ever be | in my mouth.

<sup>2</sup>**I will glory | in the LORD;**  
**let the lowly hear | and rejoice.**

<sup>3</sup>Proclaim with me the greatness | of the LORD;  
let us exalt God's | name together.

<sup>4</sup>**I sought the LORD, who | answered me**  
**and delivered me from | all my terrors.**

<sup>5</sup>Look upon the LORD | and be radiant,  
and let not your faces | be ashamed.

<sup>6</sup>**I called in my affliction, and | the LORD heard me**  
**and saved me from | all my troubles.**

<sup>7</sup>The angel of the LORD encamps around those who | fear the LORD  
and de- | livers them.

<sup>8</sup>**Taste and see that the | LORD is good;**  
**happy are they who take ref- | uge in God!**

## **SECOND READING: Ephesians 4:25–5:2**

<sup>25</sup>So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. <sup>26</sup>Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, <sup>27</sup>and do not make room for the devil. <sup>28</sup>Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. <sup>29</sup>Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. <sup>30</sup>And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. <sup>31</sup>Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, <sup>32</sup>and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. <sup>5:1</sup>Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, <sup>2</sup>and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

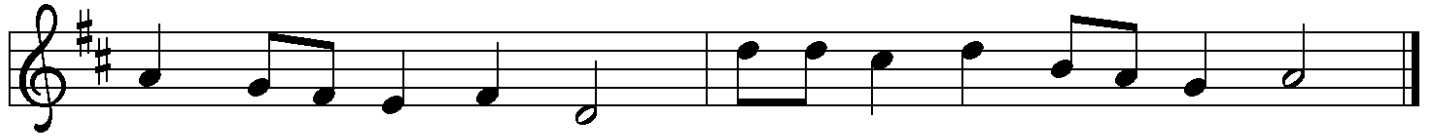
Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

## **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**



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.

**\*GOSPEL READING: John 6:35, 41-51**

The Holy Gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>35</sup>Jesus said to [the crowd,] “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”

<sup>41</sup>Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, “I am the bread that came down from heaven.” <sup>42</sup>They were saying, “Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, ‘I have come down from heaven’?” <sup>43</sup>Jesus answered them, “Do not complain among yourselves. <sup>44</sup>No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. <sup>45</sup>It is written in the prophets, ‘And they shall all be taught by God.’ Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. <sup>46</sup>Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. <sup>47</sup>Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. <sup>48</sup>I am the bread of life. <sup>49</sup>Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. <sup>50</sup>This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. <sup>51</sup>I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW #469 "By Your Hand You Feed Your People"**



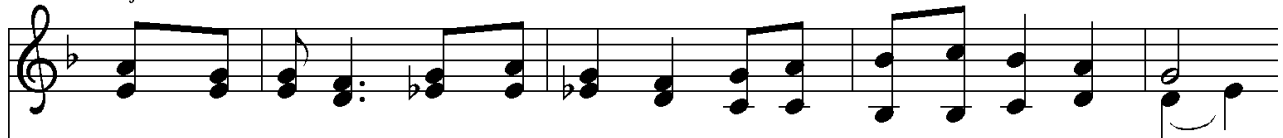
1 By your hand you feed your peo - ple, food of an - gels, heav-en's bread.  
2 In this meal we taste your sweet-ness, bread for hun - ger, wine of peace.  
3 Send us now with faith and cour - age to the hun - gry, lost, be - reaved.



For these gifts we did not la - bor, by your grace have we been fed:  
Ho - ly word and ho - ly wis - dom sat - is - fy our deep - est needs.  
In our liv - ing and our dy - ing, we be - come what we re - ceive:



*Refrain*



Christ's own bod - y, blessed and bro - ken, cup o'er - flow - ing, life out - poured,



giv - en as a liv - ing to - ken of your world re - deemed, re - stored.



**\*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:** *Each petition ends...* God of mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

**\*PEACE OF CHRIST:** The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

## MEAL

**OFFERING MUSIC:** "Now We Join in Celebration" – Johann Crüger

**\*OFFERING SONG:** ELW #512 "Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil"



Lord, let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your word.



Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der-stood.



When my heart is hard, break the stone a - way. When my heart is cold,



warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.



Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

**\*OFFERING PRAYER:** Let us pray... **Amen.**

## **\*GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

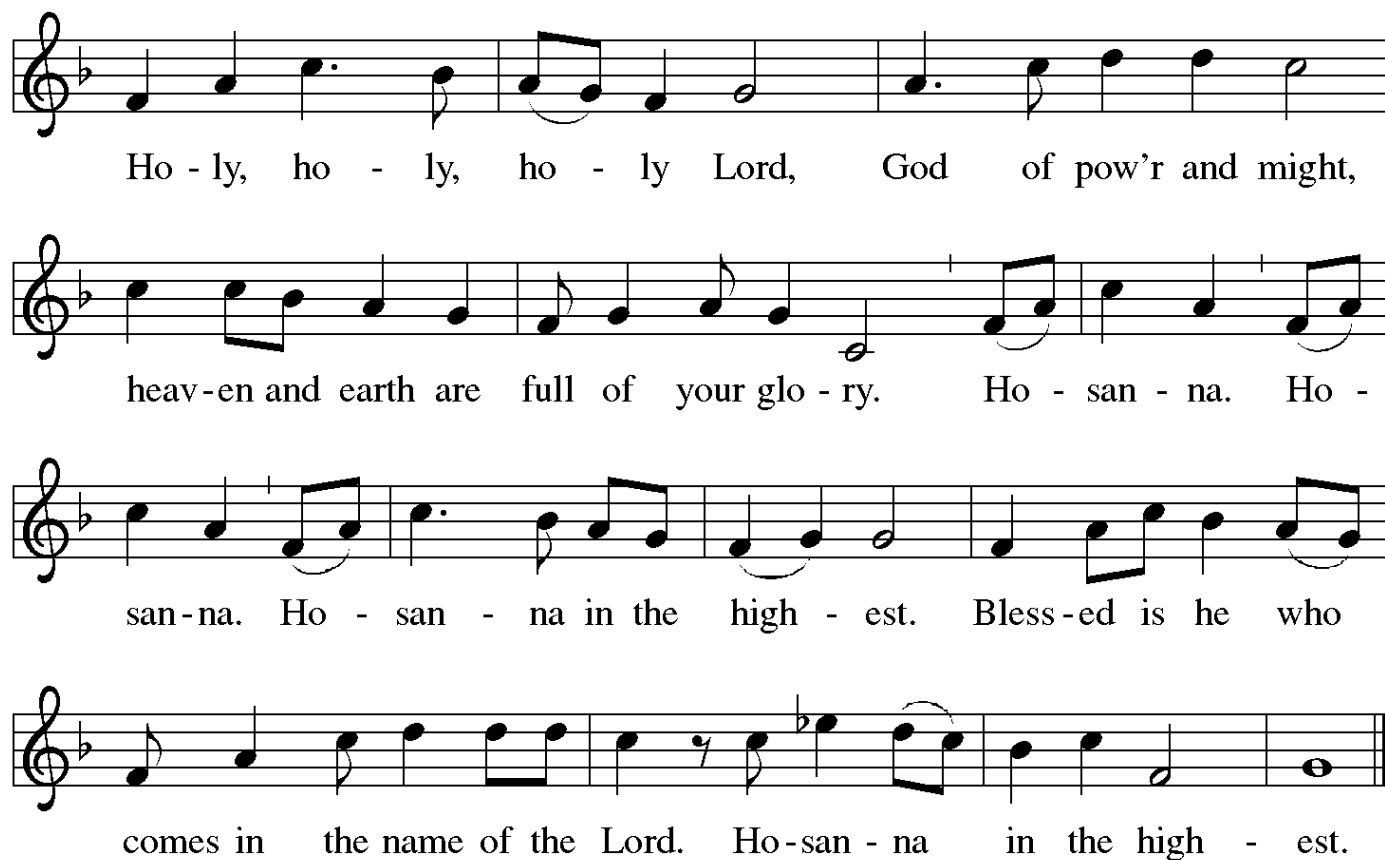
Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right... join their unending hymn:



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.

Holy God, our Maker, Redeemer, and Healer...

For as often as we eat... we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. **Christ has died. Christ is Risen. Christ will come again.**

Remembering, therefore... to enjoy the tree of life. **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Send your Spirit upon us...the Bread of life, your Son. **Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

Through him all glory... both now and forever. **Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread; and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

## WELCOME TO COMMUNION

*All are welcome at Christ's table. Ushers will direct you down the center aisle.*

- *Gluten and dairy free bread and red wine/white grape juice are available to all.*
- *If you prefer only blessing, indicate by placing your hands over your heart.*
- *Prepackaged servings of bread and wine are available upon request.*
- *Place wine/juice cups in the tray as you return to your pew.*



# COMMUNION SONG:



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.

**COMMUNION HYMN: ELW #485 "I Am the Bread of Life"**

Leader or All

1 "I am the Bread of life. You who  
 2 "The bread that . . . I will give is my  
 3 "Un - less . . . . . you . . . . . eat of the  
 4 "I am the res - ur - rec - tion, . . . . .  
 5 Yes, Lord, . . . . . I be - lieve that . . .

come to me shall not hun - ger, and who be -  
 flesh for the life of the world, . . . . . and if you  
 flesh of the Son of Man . . . . . and . . . . .  
 I . . . . . am the life. . . . . If you be -  
 you . . . . . are the Christ, . . . . . the . . . . .

lieve in me shall not thirst. No one can come to  
 eat . . . . . of this bread, and you shall . . live for -  
 drink . . . . . of his blood, and drink . . . . . of his  
 lieve . . . . . in . . . . . me, e - ven . . though you  
 Son . . . . . of . . . . . God, who . . . . . have . . . . .

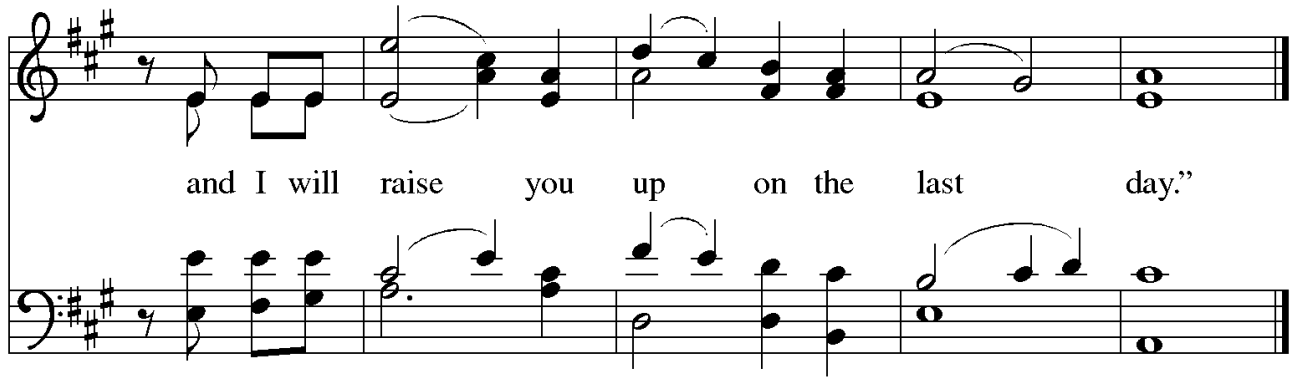
me un - less the Fa - ther beck - ons."  
 ev - er, . . . . . you shall live for - ev - er."  
 blood, you shall not have life with - in you."  
 die, . . . . . you shall live for - ev - er."  
 come in - to . . . . . the . . . . . world. . . . .

*Refrain*

All

"And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,

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and I will raise you up on the last day."

The image shows a musical score for a vocal line. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is two sharps (F# and C#), and the time signature is 7/8. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass line is written in the bass staff. The lyrics are: "and I will raise you up on the last day."

**\*TABLE BLESSING**

**\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:** Let us pray... Amen.

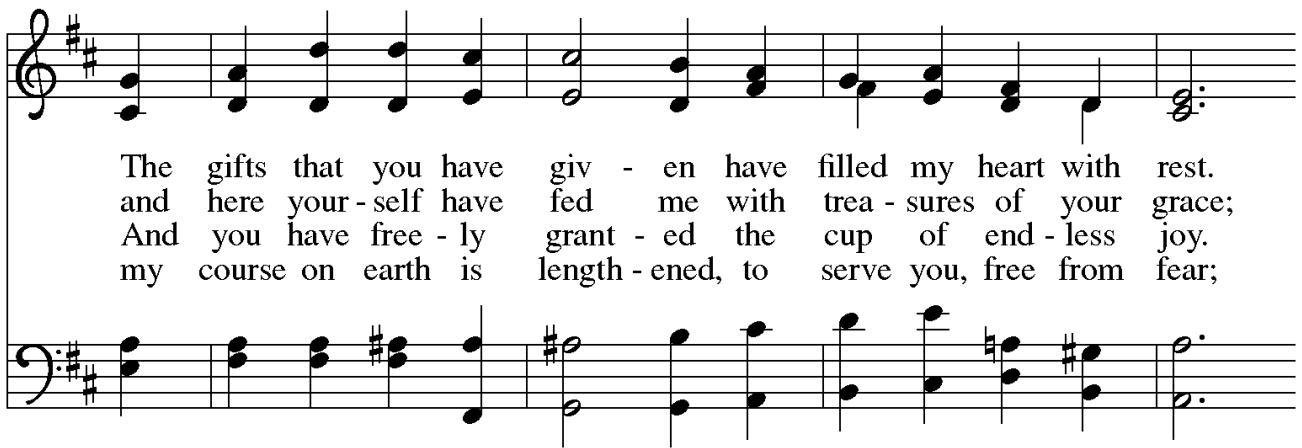
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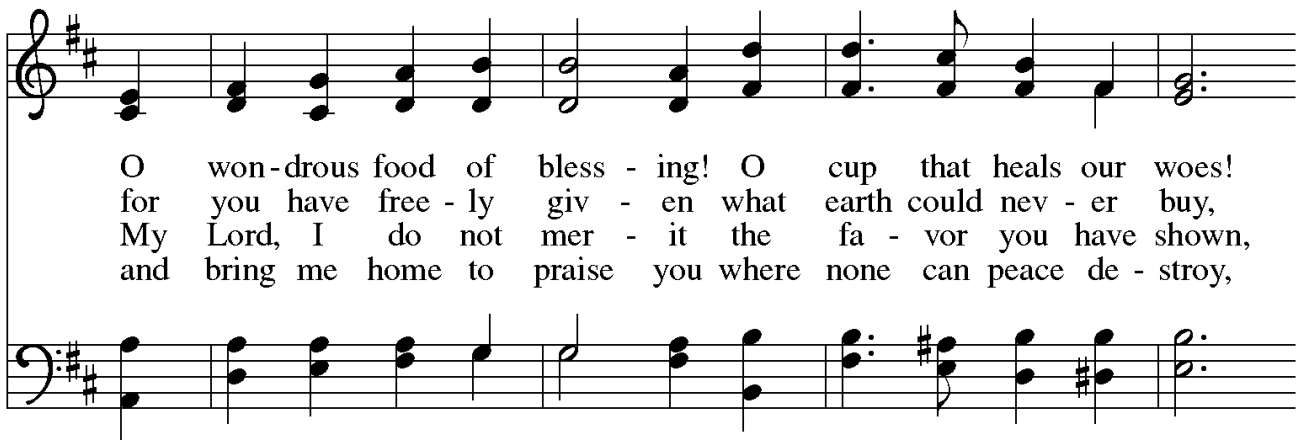
**\*SENDING SONG: ELW #542 "O Living Bread from Heaven"**



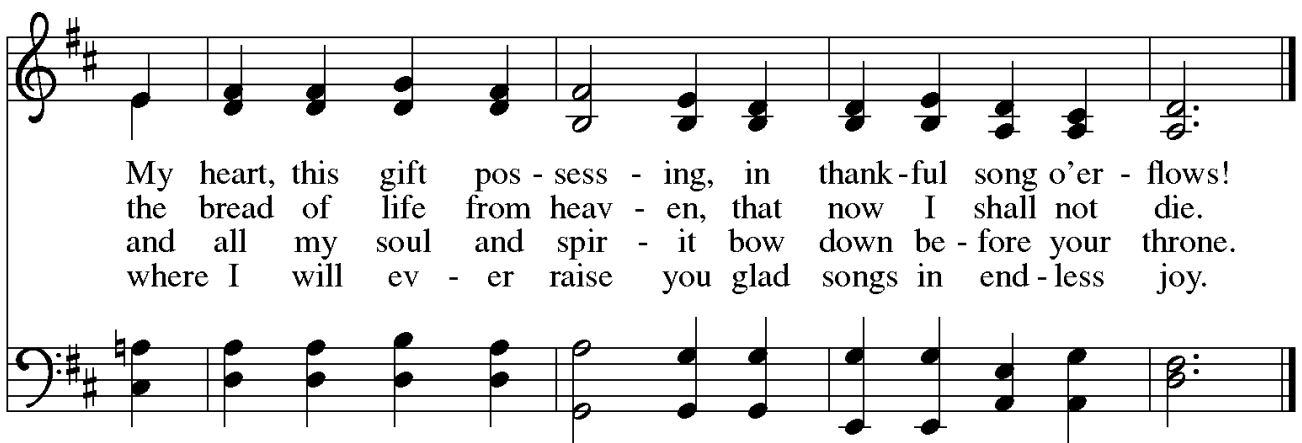
1 O liv - ing Bread from heav - en, how well you feed your guest!  
2 My Sav - ior, you have led me with - in your ho - liest place,  
3 You gave me all I want - ed; this food can death de - stroy.  
4 Oh, grant me then, well - strength - ened with heav' n - ly food, while here



The gifts that you have giv - en have filled my heart with rest.  
and here your - self have fed me with trea - sures of your grace;  
And you have free - ly grant - ed the cup of end - less joy.  
my course on earth is length - ened, to serve you, free from fear;



O won - drous food of bless - ing! O cup that heals our woes!  
for you have free - ly giv - en what earth could nev - er buy,  
My Lord, I do not mer - it the fa - vor you have shown,  
and bring me home to praise you where none can peace de - stroy,



My heart, this gift pos - sess - ing, in thank - ful song o'er - flows!  
the bread of life from heav - en, that now I shall not die.  
and all my soul and spir - it bow down be - fore your throne.  
where I will ev - er raise you glad songs in end - less joy.

**\*BLESSING:**

May God bless you and keep you.

May God' face shine on you with grace and mercy.

May God look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

**Amen.**

**\*PRAYER BELL**

**\*DISMISSAL:** Go in peace. Remember the poor. **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE:** Sonata, op. 10 no. 2 – Ludwig van Beethoven

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**TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERSHIP AND HOSPITALITY:** PRESIDING/PREACHING: Pastor Marion Pruitt-Jefferson; ORGANIST & PIANIST: Brooke Joyce; GREETER: Dianne Burke; READER: Jane Kemp; ASSISTING MINISTER: Martin Klammer; CANTOR: Reg Laursen; FELLOWSHIP: Kathy Reed, Wanda Deifelt, Dianne Burke, John Jefferson, Jane Kemp, and Pastor Marion.

**Thanks to Tara Rajanesan for her music this morning!**

**GOOD SHEPHERD CALL COMMITTEE:** Megan Buckingham (Convener), Anne Clausen, Steve Holland, Karin Martin-Hiner, Bob Larson, and Leah Holland.

**THANK YOU, PASTOR MARION!** Today is Pastor Marion's last Sunday in interim ministry with us. We are grateful for the countless ways Pastor Marion has led, cared for, and shepherded us this summer. Thank you for guiding us through this time of transition.

**SUPPLIES NEEDED FOR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF BABY CARE AND SCHOOL KITS:** With school supplies currently on sale and Decorah city-wide garage sales coming up on September 14, now is a perfect time to pick up gently used items for LWR Baby Care Kits and new items for School Kits. For a list of supplies needed, go to page 6 of the August newsletter. The donation box for all supplies is in the Gathering Space. Questions? Contact **Gail Judisch** at **563-380-7276** regarding Baby Care Kits or **Bev Sheridan** at **563-608-3272** about School Kits.

**PRODUCE AND FLOWERS THIS WEEK FROM THE GOOD SHEPHERD VEGETABLE AND CUTTING GARDEN:** Come see what's available this week on the table outside of the Fellowship Hall! Freewill donations are very welcome and go directly to the Decorah Community Food Pantry.

**MEALTRAIN DATES EXTENDED FOR LAVERNE RAMSEY:** Good Shepherd member LaVerne Ramsey and her family are very thankful for the current MealTrain meals being provided once a week by their Good Shepherd family. LaVerne and family are asking that the current MealTrain be extended for an additional 6 weeks. All dates in September are now filled, but there are two open dates in October: Wednesday, October 2, and Wednesday, October 9. If you can help provide a meal, please sign up at [goodshepherddecorah.org/laverne-ramsey-mealtrain](https://goodshepherddecorah.org/laverne-ramsey-mealtrain)

**THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED MAKE OUR KRUMKAKE SALES A SUCCESS.** We had total sales of \$4,745 with 10% of this amount going to the Nordic Fest board. We had over 100 volunteers who clocked in over 500 hours. We couldn't have done it without you. This congregation is truly amazing. Thank you again!

**LUTHERANS TALK ABOUT GOD, SEX, AND POLITICS (OH MY!) WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21, 7:00-8:30 p.m., Pulpit Rock Brewing Company and THURSDAY, AUGUST 22, 10:30 a.m.- noon, The Landing** - All are welcome at this final Summer Book Club! You can attend the Wednesday evening and/or Thursday morning discussions. The August book selection is *Doing Justice: Congregations and Community Organizing* by Pastor Dennis Jacobsen. Copies of the August book are available at First Lutheran's church office for \$10 and online.

**GUATEMALAN BASICS INITIATIVE NEEDS FINANCIAL DONATIONS:** The Guatemalan Basics Initiative provides staples to local immigrant families. Each set costs about \$90 wholesale and can provide food essentials to a family of four for approximately six weeks. **To give and learn more:**  
[decorahucc.breezechms.com/give/online](http://decorahucc.breezechms.com/give/online)

**MINDFULNESS WORKSHOP: WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21, 6:00-9:00 p.m. - EMOTIONAL EMPOWERMENT: TAKING CONTROL OF YOUR FEELINGS**, presented by Petrina Eger. The workshops are sponsored by and take place at the Center for Belonging Folk School, run by Good Shepherd friend **Liz Rog, 1591 Manawa Trail Road, Decorah**. The workshops have a sliding fee scale.

**OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK:**  
*Tristan: 9 AM – 12 PM Monday-Friday*  
*Erica: 10 AM – 5 PM Wednesday-Thursday*

# Good Shepherd Worship Schedule

## **Sunday, August 11:** *12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*

Worship at 9:30 am; Sanctuary; with Holy Communion

Presiding/Preaching: Pr. Marion Pruitt-Jefferson

Coffee/Treats/Social Time: 10:30-11:30 am; Fellowship Hall; Pink Flock

## **Sunday, August 18:** *13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*

Worship at 9:30 am; Sanctuary; with Holy Communion

Presiding/Preaching: Pr. Melissa Bills

Coffee/Treats/Social Time: 10:30-11:30 am; Fellowship Hall; Pink Flock

## **Sunday, August 25:** *14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*

Worship at 9:30 am; Sanctuary; with Holy Communion

Blessing of the Backpacks in worship

Presiding/Preaching: Pr. Stacey Nalean-Carlson

Coffee/Treats/Social Time: 10:30-11:30 am; Fellowship Hall; Pink Flock

## **Sunday, September 1:** *15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*

Worship at 9:30 am; Sanctuary; with Holy Communion

Presiding/Preaching: Pr. April Ulring Larson

Coffee/Treats/Social Time: 10:30-11:30 am; Fellowship Hall; Red Flock



## **From Good Shepherd Member Kathryn Thompson**

Beloved Good Shepherd,

I'm excited to share that on August 1st I started a new position as Campus Minister with LuMin (Lutheran Campus Ministries) in La, Crosse, WI. LuMin is a ministry of the La Crosse Area Synod that draws students from the University of Wisconsin—La Crosse, Western Technical College, and Viterbo University. I'm excited to begin this call and my vocation in full time ministry.

In the ELCA, clergy are required to serve a three-year call in a congregation as their first call. Because this is my first call and LuMin is not a congregational call, but instead a call to a specialized ministry, this call needs special permission from the ELCA Conference of Bishops. I ask for your prayers to be with the Roster Committee and the Bishops of the ELCA as they consider my request to be ordained into specialized ministry. When and if the exception is granted, I look forward to my ordination at Good Shepherd!

As I begin my first call, I want to express my continued gratitude for Good Shepherd. It is clear that so much of my formation for Word and Sacrament ministry came in and through Good Shepherd. This includes the opportunity to serve as your Director for Children, Youth, and Family ministry, as well as the partnership we had for one year with Luther College Campus Ministry, which greatly equipped me for this call to serve LuMin in La Crosse.

My prayers continue to go with you, Good Shepherd, during this interim time as you await the call of your next pastor.

Peace, Kathryn Thompson

## **A Message from Pastor Marion**

*Close the door gently.*

This is the phrase my wonderful colleague in ministry, Pr. Steve Jacobsen, used to announce his retirement from First Lutheran in 2010. It is a beautiful description of the important transition that must take place when a pastor – even a short-term pastor – steps down from pastoral ministry in a congregation.

Today is my final Sunday serving as your interim pastor. It was an honor to be invited to do this work, and I have felt such love and joy in serving you. When Kris Peterson first spoke to me about this possibility, I took quite a bit of time for prayer and reflection before discerning that God was calling me to this ministry. My biggest concern was that my ability to serve would be compromised by my physical limitations. But you have been so gracious, and encouraging, and kind, and I have felt God's sustaining presence through your care for me. I'm so deeply grateful to Kris, Erica, Tristan, Brooke, Elizabeth, and all who have helped me with the ministry in this place.

On Wednesday of this week, I will lead worship at our three care facilities, and that will conclude my ministry. And while I thought and prayed much about taking on the role of pastor, what I didn't anticipate was the challenge of letting go of that responsibility. I find that I need to "close the door gently" and allow time and distance to help me readjust to life as a member of the congregation, and not as your pastor. John and I will be apart from our beloved community here at Good Shepherd for a period of time. You will carry on with the extraordinary ministry that you have been doing and continue to do. Soon, Pr. April Larson will begin serving you with all her depth of wisdom, love, and experience. And I will join you in praying that the day when we can welcome our new "settled" pastor.

With love for you and gratitude to God,

*Pr. Marion*

# Prayers of Healing, Care and Joy

*Praying for others is a cherished ministry that everyone can participate in at any time. There are no time constraints to our care for others as we offer their needs up to God.*

*People on the prayer list are welcome to remain there for as long as is needed.*

## **Those with health concerns:**

- Stephanie Hoff – *awaiting kidney transplant*
- Jutta Anderson – *chordoma, rare cancer of the spine*
- Carrie Solberg – *cancer treatment*
- Ingrid Callaghan
- Dennis Martin, Marv & Mickey Slind's brother-in-law
- Bob Fahrenkrug, grandfather of Sarah Wicks
- Harland Nelson
- Millard Nelson, father of Laurie Biedermann and Linda Martin
- Renee Scheuerlein, daughter of Bonnie Flora and sister of Melanie Folkerts
- Phillip Swanson, son of Ted & JoAnn Swanson and brother of Kristin Swanson
- Harley Refsal – *moved to Eastern Star care facility*

## **Those who grieve:**

- Liz and Jim Fritz and family, upon the death of Liz's mother Janet Gall on July 20<sup>th</sup>.
- Charilyn Hover and family, upon the death of her husband Ed Hover on July 11<sup>th</sup>.
- Our condolences to Brooke Joyce and his family on the death of his cousin, Sister Mary Thomas. (1933-2024) Several years ago, Brooke led an adult forum where he shared with us about her extraordinary life of service and creativity. Thanks be to God for Sister Mary Thomas. Rest eternal grant her, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon her.

## **Those serving the needs of others:**

- Maryn Olson, *Director of Lutheran Disaster Response*

*To have a prayer request added to the Prayer List, please email Tristan/Erica at: [office@goodshepherddecorah.org](mailto:office@goodshepherddecorah.org)*

**WELCOME TO ALL GUESTS and especially to Luther College Students!** It is a joy to worship with you. You are welcome to enjoy really great coffee, juice, treats, and conversation down the hall after worship – follow the crowd. Sit anywhere!

**ALL ARE WELCOME TO SHARE IN HOLY COMMUNION.** It is Christ's table and Christ is the host. Instructions are included in the communion section of the Order of Worship.

**THE PRESENCE, ENERGY, AND NOISE OF CHILDREN ARE MOST WELCOME HERE!**

The sound of a child in worship is the sound of a new Christian being formed. This congregation is glad to share in this work. We welcome and encourage kids to move and play. A nursery with toys and activity bags is available. Mothers are welcome to nurse anywhere that works.

**RACIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT:** This Statement was approved at the annual meeting of the congregation on February 6th, 2022. It was developed through the work of the Racial Justice Team which held listening sessions with the congregation. Find the full statement at [goodshepherddecorah.org/Racial-Justice-Statement](https://goodshepherddecorah.org/Racial-Justice-Statement) or by scanning the code.



**We trust** in the new life made possible through Christ's resurrection and we are hopeful that the Church is an ideal place to engage in the lifelong and transformative work of racial justice. Fostering antiracist ideas and actions is one way that we can follow Jesus' example of love for our neighbor. When we fail, we will rely on God's grace, that God might work in and through our broken humanity and that we might be sustained to learn from our mistakes and continue to show up for the work of antiracism. (*2 Corinthians 5:17-18*)

**We commit** to listen, learn, and act with courage, kindness, respect, and humility as we practice antiracism both individually and as a congregation. (*Galatians 5:22*)

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