



*Shepherd of Life
Lutheran Church*

Welcome to Shepherd of Life

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We are thrilled that you have chosen to spend the morning with us. As we worship, pray, and sing together, we hope that God's Spirit will fill your heart, and bring you joy and peace.

Sunday Morning Schedule

8:30 Worship Service

10:00 Worship Service and Education Classes for all ages (Children and Adult)

We practice Open Communion. Everyone is welcome at the Lord's table. Gluten-free wafers are available for those who are sensitive to gluten.

Please give us the opportunity to send you a personal thank you by filling out one of the yellow cards found in the pew and placing it in the offering plate.

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All are welcome in this place!

GATHERING

[The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God]

Prelude

Welcome

Invocation

Presider: We begin our worship in the name of the One -- who was, who is, and who is to come.

People: Amen.

Confession and Forgiveness

(Congregation stands)

Leader: Beloved in Christ, let us confess our sin. Merciful God,

People: You free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience and kindness, but we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life. Amen.

Leader: You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith. In the cross of Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.

People: Amen.

Gathering Hymn

"All People That on Earth Do Dwell"

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(Congregation may be seated)

Apostolic Greeting

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

People: And also with you.

Canticle of Praise

Leader



1 My life flows on in end - less song; a - bove earth's lam-en - ta - tion,
2 Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear that mu-sic ring - ing.



I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.
It finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing?

People



No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.



Since Christ is Lord of heav-en and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?

Prayer of the Day

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

[God speaks to us in scripture, reading, preaching and song.]

International Bag of Mystery

Psalm of Praise



Heal - er of our ev - 'ry ill, light of each to - mor - row,



give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.

First Reading: Isaiah 58:9b-14

[God promises those who have returned from exile that where justice and mercy prevail, the ruins will be rebuilt and light will rise in the darkness. It is a day for new beginnings.]

If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The Lord will guide you continually and satisfy your needs in parched places and make your bones strong, and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in. If you refrain from trampling the Sabbath, from pursuing your own interests on my holy day; if you call the Sabbath a delight and the holy day of the Lord honorable; if you honor it, not going your own ways, serving your own interests or pursuing your own affairs; then you shall take delight in the Lord, and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth; I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Special Music

(Congregation stands and sings)



Reader: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the thirteenth chapter

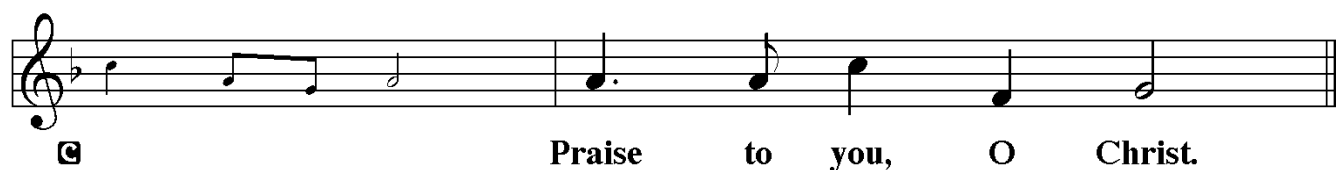


Gospel Reading: Luke 13:10-17

[Jesus heals a woman on the sabbath, offering her a new beginning for her life. When challenged by a narrow reading of the sabbath command, Jesus responds by expanding “sabbath work” to include setting people free from bondage.]

Now [Jesus] was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, “Woman, you are set free from your ailment.” When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the Sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, “There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured and not on the Sabbath day.” But the Lord answered him and said, “You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger and lead it to water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the Sabbath day?” When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame, and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things being done by him.

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord



(Congregation may be seated)

Message IN DEFENSE OF THE RULE-FOLLOWERS *Pastor Mark Hadley*

Hymn of the Day **“We Come to You for Healing, Lord”**

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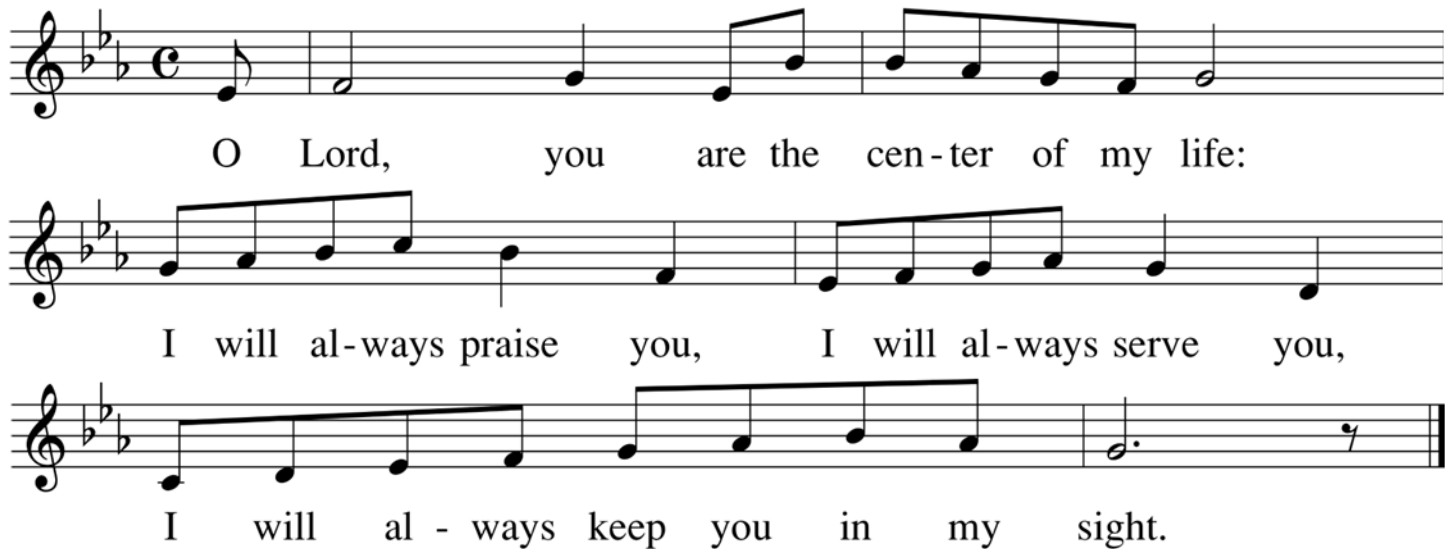
Opportunities for Growth and Service

Joys and Concerns

(If you have a prayer concern or prayer of thanksgiving you would like included in the bulletin, please call the church office.)

Prayers of the Church

(Sung before and after prayers)



O Lord, you are the cen-ter of my life:
I will al-ways praise you, I will al-ways serve you,
I will al - ways keep you in my sight.

Apostles Creed *(Congregation stands)*

People: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,* the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

Presider: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: And also with you.

(As a sign of God's peace, please take a moment to greet those around you.)

**catholic = universal*

MEAL

[God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.]

The Gathering of Tithes and Offerings

[Your offerings support Shepherd of Life's ministry here, in our community, and around the world through the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Thank you for prayerfully considering your sacrificial response.]

Presider: Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

People: Amen.

Pre-Communion Canticle

Leader



1 Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,
2 Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured,
3 In Je - sus' pres - ence now we meet and rest,

People



come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread.
come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured.
in Je - sus' pres - ence now we meet and rest.

Leader



Our Lord's bod - y let us take to - geth - er,
Je - sus' blood poured let us drink to - geth - er,
In the pres - ence of our Lord we gath - er,

People



our Lord's bod - y let us take to - geth - er.
Je - sus' blood poured let us drink to - geth - er.
in the pres - ence of our Lord we gath - er.

Great Thanksgiving

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Consecration of the Elements

(Congregation stands)

The Lord's Prayer

People: **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.**

(Congregation may be seated)

Holy Communion

[The Lutheran church believes that Jesus is truly present in the bread and wine, and that through the reception of this sacrament, we receive the forgiveness of sins. You do not have to be a member in order to receive the Lord's Supper at Shepherd of Life. All are welcome! If you prefer gluten-free wafers mention that to the pastor or to receive grape juice, simply point to the second communion assistant who will also be holding grapes for our children.]

Communion Hymns

"Eat This Bread" *(3 times through)*

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"O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come"

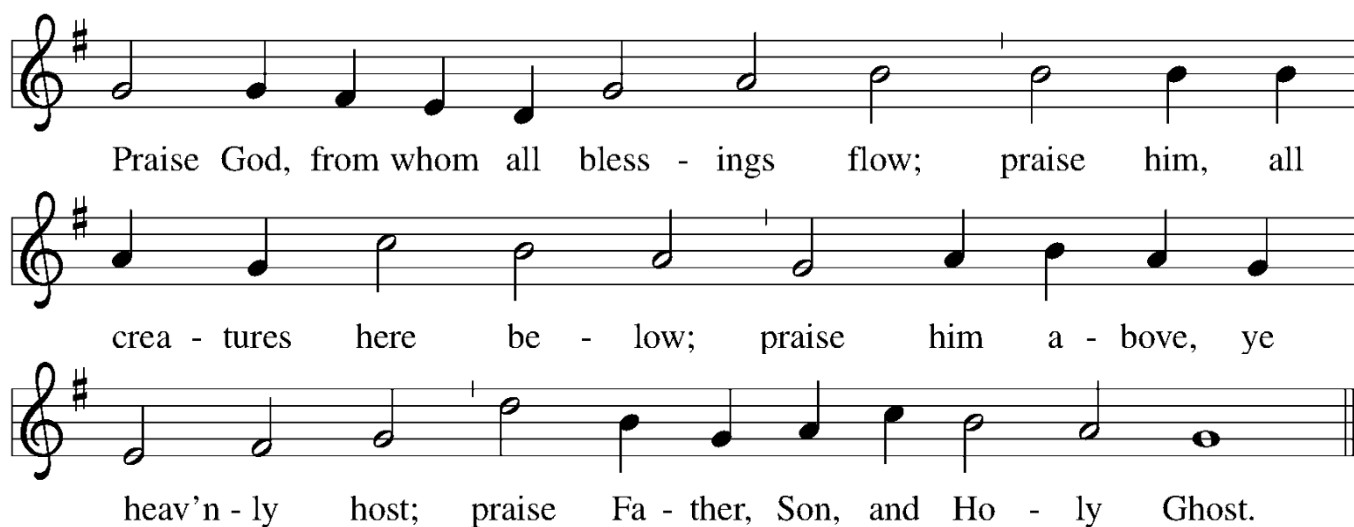
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"O Lord, We Praise You"

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(Congregation stands)

Doxology



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all
crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye
heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

SENDING

[God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.]

Benediction

Sending Hymn

“Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

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Dismissal

Leader: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

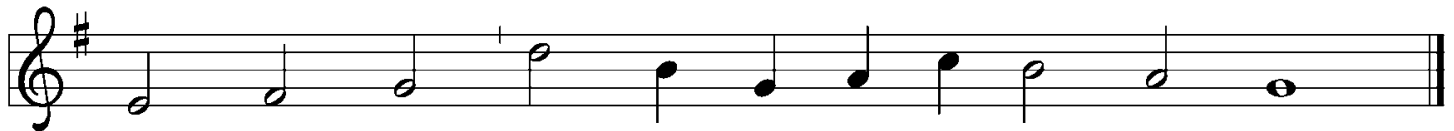
All People That on Earth Do Dwell



1 All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, sing to the
 2 Know that the Lord is God in - deed; with - out our
 3 Oh, en - ter then his gates with praise; ap - proach with
 4 For why? The Lord our God is good: his mer - cy
 5 To Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, the God whom



Lord with cheer - ful voice; him serve with mirth, his
 aid he did us make. We are his folk, he
 joy his courts un - to; praise, laud, and bless his
 is for - ev - er - sure; his truth at all times
 heav'n and earth a - dore, from us and from the



praise forth tell; come ye be - fore him and re - joice.
 doth us feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.
 name al - ways, for it is seem - ly so to do.
 firm - ly stood, and shall from age to age en - dure.
 an - gel host be praise and glo - ry ev - er - more.

Text: William Kethe, d. c. 1594

Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510–1561

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We Come to You for Healing, Lord



1 We come to you for heal - ing, Lord, of
 2 As once you walked through an - cient streets and
 3 You touch us through phy - si - cians' skills, through
 4 When nights are long with wake - ful - ness, through
 5 We come to you, O lov - ing Lord, in



bod - y, mind, and soul, and pray that by your
 reached toward those in pain, come, ris - en Christ, a -
 nurs - es' gifts of care, and through the love of
 days when strength runs low, grant us your gift of
 our dis - tress and pain, in trust that through our



Spir - it's touch we may a - gain be whole.
 mong us still with pow'r to heal a - gain.
 faith - ful friends who lift our lives in prayer.
 pa - tience, Lord, your calm - ing peace to know.
 nights and days your grace will heal, sus - tain.

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., 1923–2007

Music: MARTYRDOM, Hugh Wilson, 1764–1824

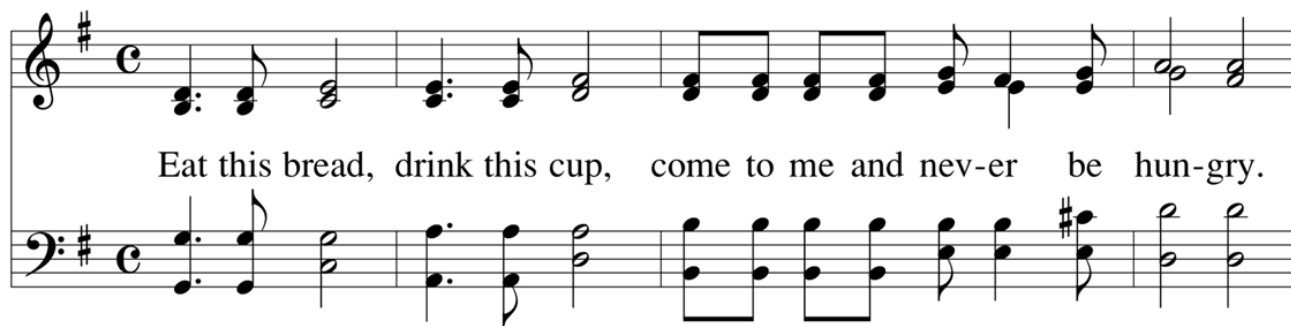
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Eat This Bread

Refrain



Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev-er be hun-gry.

The first line of the refrain is written on two staves. The treble staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature (C). The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes. The bass staff begins with a bass clef, the same key signature, and common time. The accompaniment features chords and moving lines in the left hand.



Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.

The second line of the refrain continues the melody and accompaniment from the first line. It concludes with a double bar line. The musical notation follows the same format as the first line, with treble and bass staves in G major and common time.

Text: John 6; adapt. by Robert J. Batastini, b.1942, and the Taizé Community

Tune: Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994

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O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come



- 1 O Christ, the heal - er, we have come to pray for health, to plead for friends.
- 2 From ev - 'ry ail - ment flesh en - dures our bod - ies clam - or to be freed;
- 3 In con - flicts that de - stroy our health we rec - og - nize the world's dis - ease;
- 4 Grant that we all, made one in faith, in your com - mu - ni - ty may find



How can we fail to be re-stored when reached by love that nev - er ends?
yet in our hearts we would con - fess that whole-ness is our deep - est need.
our com - mon life de - clares our ills. Is there no cure, O Christ, for these?
the whole-ness that, en - rich - ing us, shall reach the whole of hu - man-kind.

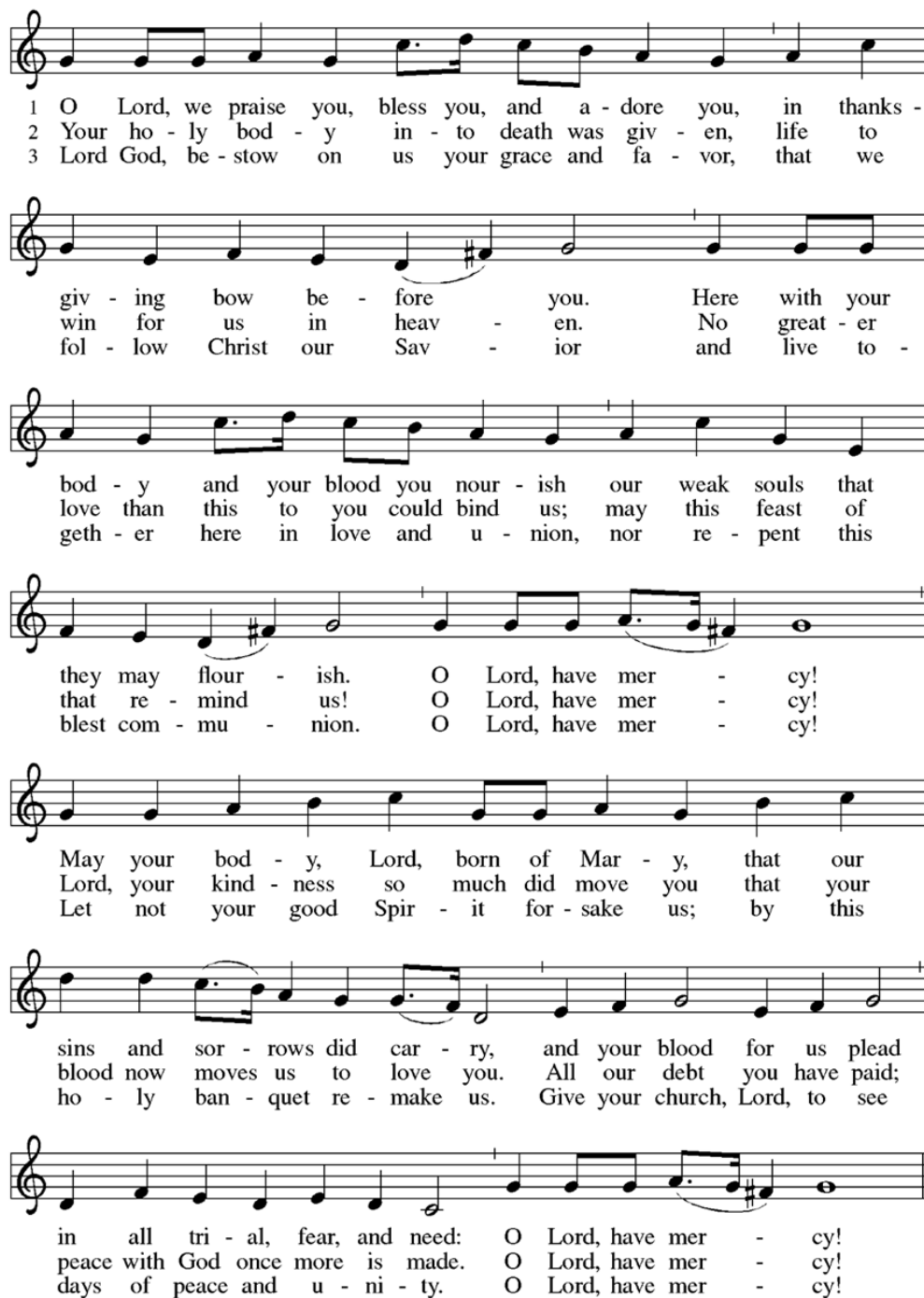
Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000

Music: DISTRESS, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

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O Lord, We Praise You



1 O Lord, we praise you, bless you, and a - dore you, in thanks -
 2 Your ho - ly bod - y in - to death was giv - en, life to
 3 Lord God, be - stow on us your grace and fa - vor, that we

giv - ing bow be - fore you. Here with your
 win for us in heav - en. No great - er
 fol - low Christ our Sav - ior and live to -

bod - y and your blood you nour - ish our weak souls that
 love than this to you could bind us; may this feast of
 geth - er here in love and u - nion, nor re - pent this

they may flour - ish. O Lord, have mer - cy!
 that re - mind us! O Lord, have mer - cy!
 blest com - mu - nion. O Lord, have mer - cy!

May your bod - y, Lord, born of Mar - y, that our
 Lord, your kind - ness so much did move you that your
 Let not your good Spir - it for - sake us; by this

sins and sor - rows did car - ry, and your blood for us plead
 blood now moves us to love you. All our debt you have paid;
 ho - ly ban - quet re - make us. Give your church, Lord, to see

in all tri - al, fear, and need: O Lord, have mer - cy!
 peace with God once more is made. O Lord, have mer - cy!
 days of peace and u - ni - ty. O Lord, have mer - cy!

Text: German hymn, 15th cent., st. 1; Martin Luther, 1483–1546, sts. 2–3; tr. composite
 Music: GOTT SEI GELOBET UND GEBENEDEIET, J. Walter, *Geistliche Gesangbüchlein*, 1524

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Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing



- 1 Oh, for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem-er's praise,
- 2 My gra-cious Mas-ter and my God, as-sist me to pro-claim,
- 3 The name of Je-sus charms our fears and bids our sor-rows cease,
- 4 He speaks, and lis-t'ning to his voice, new life the dead re-ceive;



the glo-ries of my God and king, the tri-umphs of his grace!
to spread through all the earth a-broad the hon-ors of your name.
sings mu-sic in the sin-ner's ears, brings life and health and peace.
the mourn-ful, bro-ken hearts re-joice, the hum-ble poor be-lieve.

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|---|---|
| 5 Look unto him, your Savior own,
O fallen human race!
Look and be saved through faith alone,
be justified by grace! | 6 To God all glory, praise, and love
be now and ever giv'n
by saints below and saints above,
the church in earth and heav'n. |
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Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.

Music: AZMON, Carl G. Gläser, 1784–1829; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

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Happy Birthday

8/24
Sonia Jager

8/26
Bob Peterson
Mike Selene

8/27
Sharon Johnson
Jan Rogerson

8/28
Margo Stewart

8/30
Shirley Bruce



8/24 - Ronnie & Tena Ward
8/25 - Donald & Nancy Ruemke



Coffee time is sponsored by Chris &
Sherri Wade in celebration of their 43rd
anniversary

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

	<u>8:30 AM</u>	<u>10:00 AM</u>
Minister Assistant	Corey Rosenbaum	The Moore Family
Altar Guild	Dyann Campbell	Maggie Lira & Dottie Johnson
Greeter	Laura Higginbotham	The Mohons
Prayer of the Day	Judy Siefken	Laura Letts
Reader	Kim Doege	Jeff Nelson
Ushers	Scott Fields & Godlove Fabisin	Dennis Bashore & Carmen Puente
Coffee Clean-up		Maggie Lira
Worship Recording	John Gnann	

Shepherd of Life's Youth and Family Page

SUNDAY SCHOOL

TODAY at 10:00 am

Children's Sunday School:

Join Mrs. Carol in the Sunday School hallway. Our topic is "Paul Writes to the Corinthians".

Junior High and High School:

Jr and Sr High School will meet in the Youth Room to watch and discuss "Mulan" with Mrs. Tina.



Little Shepherd Children's Center



Now Enrolling!

Spread the word! We are now enrolling ages 6 weeks through 5 years at Little Shepherd Children's Center! Call Stephanie at 817-460-6130 or email her at showard.sollc@gmail.com to schedule a tour!



Confirmation Retreat

Sept 26. 8pm to
Sept 27, 8pm
at Camp Ascend

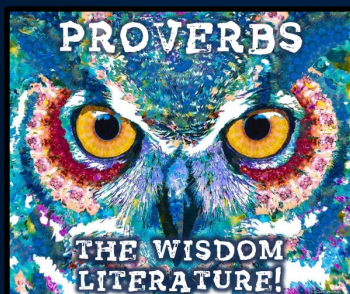
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\$65 early bird by 9/10
\$90 regular registration

To register use the QR Code
or go to:
<http://bit.ly/4fSWCCQ>



ADULT BIBLE STUDY



Join us Sundays at
10:00 am in the
Admin Building

Week 8: Sayings of the Wise

NT-NL Synodical Women's Organization Convention

Act Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly

October 10 from 1:00 pm - 8:30 pm &
October 11 from 8:30 am - 4:00 pm at
Calvary Lutheran Church at 7620 Baker Blvd
in Richland Hills.

The Keynote speaker is Patti Reed,
Smart Conversations for All Generations.

Early Bird registration is \$35 per person and ends
on 9/12. Email pgrosze@tx.rr.com for more info
or to register. Join their facebook group at
<https://www.facebook.com/ntnlsw>

God's work. Our hands.



September 7, 2025

God's Work, Our Hands Sunday is a national day promoted by the ELCA where member churches all over the country focus on service in all its forms. Here at Shepherd of Life, we will use that Sunday to highlight our numerous service ministries, and give everyone a chance to sign up to serve in an ongoing ministry. We will also have sign-ups for some one-off volunteer opportunities as well. Please join us on September 7 to celebrate and support the many ways we love our neighbors with our actions.

Join us on Sunday,
September 7th at 11:15 am
in the lounge area in the
Education Building for a
planning meeting for our
Young Adult Ministry.

Please contact the Bravos or
Moore's for more information

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY PLANNING MEETING

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Eric: greentrk99@msn.com



We come to you with Thanksgiving...

For the freedom to worship together and the weekly opportunity to grow in faith

For I am the Lord who heals you...

- *For Dave and Kay Fox. Kay is dealing with ongoing strength and stability issues*
- *For Rebecca Chojnacki who is in treatment for squamous cell carcinoma*
- *For Rebecca and John Chojnacki's niece, Mikayla who has a benign mass on her thyroid*
- *For Jim Rogerson who has exhausted all treatment options for his cancer and is in a great deal of pain*
- *For Corena George who fell and is in rehab*
- *For Gene Walzer who is in rehab*
- *For Brenda Maxwell who is beginning chemotherapy for colon cancer*
- *For the Gaarder's 6 year old granddaughter, Emmy who is in the ICU with transverse myelitis*
- *For Val Hick's bother's, brother-in-law, Jay who is hospitalized preparing for CarT cell therapy for blood cancer*
- *For Barbara Nelson who is recovering from hip surgery*
- *For Steve Amlin who is recovering from knee surgery*
- *For Lennie Brown who has been diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer that has spread to her bones*

The Lord has compassion ...

For the Dzelzkalns family following the passing of beloved former Shepherd of Life member, Ace Dzelzkalns

Your continued prayers are appreciated for...

Wolz family friend, April; Rollie Voise; Val Hicks; Laura Kribs sister; Frank Gomez mother; Kay Fox; Maxanne Alumbaugh; Kassandra Bravo's brother, James; Pat Woods; Dave Thomas; Zach Fields; Andrea Wolz' mother; Carol

- *If you have a prayer request please contact Theresa Jorgensen at theresaajorgensen@gmail.com.*
- *There are prayer shawls in the chapel available for you to take to someone who is in need of comfort.*
- *Our James 5 Ministry can arrange pre-surgery prayers in our chapel for you. Contact Cathy Racette at grammashepherd@sbcglobal.net.*

THE STORY OF THE BLUE LAMB



We believe the Lord is our Shepherd, that goodness and mercy follow us all the days of our lives, and that one day we shall dwell in the House of the Lord forever! We also believe that God wants you to know these blessings as well.

As a reminder that this promise is for all, we invite you to take this moment to gaze at our window. Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, is gently holding a lamb. We love that it's not black or white. It's blue, an artistic and beautiful reminder that every single Child of God is unique, special and welcome here.

WHAT WE ARE ABOUT

Here at Shepherd of Life we focus our attention on three important concepts found in the Bible: a calling given to us by Jesus, a recognition of the importance of community in our walk of faith, and an acknowledgement that we are a group of imperfect human beings who get it wrong sometimes. So, what are we about here at Shepherd of Life? Very simply this...

Loving God and Neighbor Together

As Best We Can!

You can visit us online at www.bluelamb.org. Also look for us on



GIVE ONE FOR MISSION

Your "Give One for Mission" Dollars are going to the Lutheran Braille Ministry this quarter

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