

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 27, 2025

8:30 AM Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church warmly welcomes people of any age, race, nationality, sexual orientation, life circumstance, and physical or mental capability

*You are invited to stand—please silence your cell phones

∞ GATHERING ∞

PRELUDE

“Prelude on Eventide”

Chase Petersen

-Douglas Wagner

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection

P Merciful God,

C 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, kindness, and generosity, 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.

P 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. **C** Amen.

*GATHERING HYMN

“Just a Closer Walk with Thee”

ELW #697

*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.

***KYRIE**



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well - being of the church of



God, and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



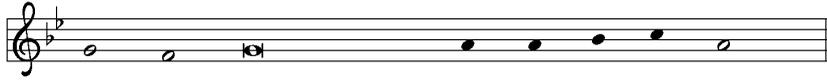
For this ho - ly house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and



praise, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men.

*CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

¹ Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be



peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and



hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

² Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and join in the hymn of



all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to



God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,
 for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. Almighty and ever-living God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us your abundant mercy. Forgive us those things that weigh on our conscience, and give us those good things that come only through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **A** Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING

L A reading from 1 Kings.

At conclusion of reading

L The Word of the Lord. **A** Thanks be to God.

1 Kings 18:20-40

Pew Bible, Page 321

SECOND READING

L A reading from Job.

At conclusion of reading

L The Word of the Lord. **A** Thanks be to God.

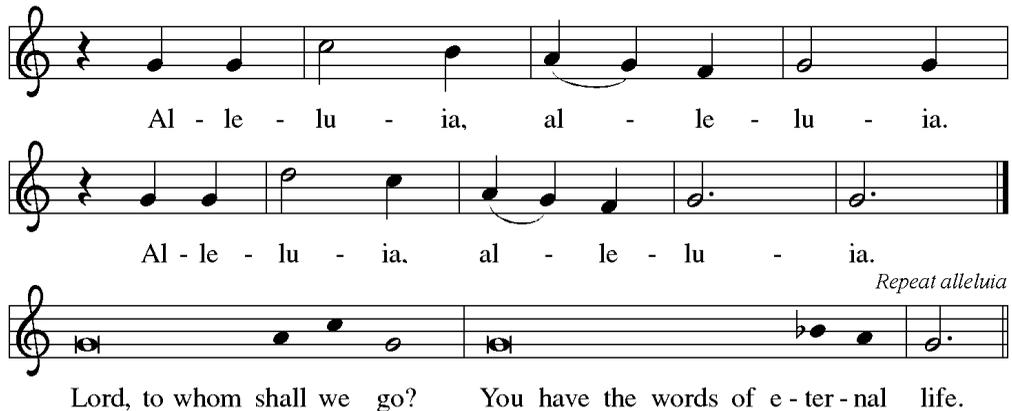
Job 19:25-26

Pew Bible, Page 458

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE



*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. *Repeat alleluia*

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

*GOSPEL

P The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Matthew 3:1-10

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Pew Bible, Page 878

At conclusion of reading

L The gospel of the Lord. **C** **Praise to you, O Christ**

“THE TEARS OF THINGS” **“Unfinished Prophets
(Including Me)”**

Pastor Karen Boda

***HYMN OF THE DAY**

“Just As I Am, without One Plea”

ELW #592

***APOSTLES’ CREED**

C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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.

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

The Assisting Minister will close each petition with the words, “God of grace,” worshippers respond with the words, “hear our prayer”.

*PEACE

P The Peace of the Lord be with you always. **G** And also with you.

(Please greet one another with a friendly word or gesture of God's peace.)

MEAL

OFFERING

Please sign the "Who's Who in the Pew" pads and pass along as the offering is received. Please indicate if you are a visitor to Good Shepherd.

OFFERING ANTHEM

"Just As I AM"

Chase Petersen

-Patti Drennen

*OFFERING HYMN

"We Plow the Fields and Scatter"

ELW #681 vs. 1

*BLESSING OF DIAPERS AND WIPES

*OFFERING PRAYER

A Let us pray. 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.

G Amen.

*GREAT THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

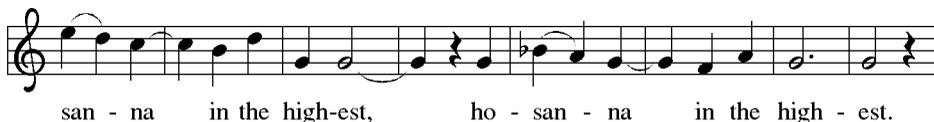
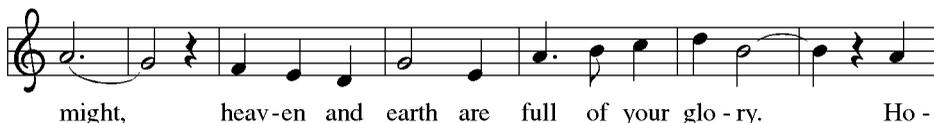
P The Lord be with you. **G** And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts. **G** We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **G** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right...praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high-est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

***WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

***LORD'S PRAYER**

☒ 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.

***INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

LAMB OF GOD

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, grant us peace.

COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMNS

“Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty”
“Around You, O Lord Jesus”

ELW #777 vs. 1-6
ELW #468

*POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **G** Amen.

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Let us pray. Loving God, you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus’ name. **G** Amen.

SENDING

*BLESSING

P The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts; and the life of the Spirit \dagger bless you and give you peace. **G** Amen.

*SENDING HYMN

“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

ELW #597

*DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.
G Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“Voluntary in D Major”
-John Stanley

Chase Petersen

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