



The Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd

**Holy Eucharist
Lectionary 20
August 16, 2026
8:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.**

In Isaiah we hear that God's house shall be a house of prayer for all people and that God will gather the outcasts of Israel. The Canaanite woman in today's gospel is a Gentile, an outsider, who is unflinching in her request that Jesus heal her daughter. As Jesus commends her bold faith, how might our church extend its mission to those on the margins of society? In our gathering around word and meal we receive strength to be signs of comfort, healing, and justice for those in need.

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Prelude

The assembly stands at the ringing of the bell.

At the entrance of the Nave:

Invocation

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

C Amen.

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.

Confession & Forgiveness

P My brothers and sisters, to prepare ourselves to celebrate these sacred mysteries, let us call to mind our sins.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P You were sent to heal the contrite of heart: Lord, have mercy.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P You came to call sinners: Christ, have mercy.

C **Christ, have mercy.**

P You are seated at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us: Lord, have mercy.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P In great mercy God has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. In obedience to our Lord's command, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Gathering Song

Oh, Praise the Gracious Power

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CHRISTPRAISE RAY

**1 Oh, praise the gracious power
that tumbles walls of fear
and gathers in one house of faith all
strangers far and near: R**

**5 Oh, praise the tide of grace
that laps at every shore
with visions of a world at peace,
no longer bled by war: R**

***Refrain* We praise you, Christ! Your cross has made us one!**

**2 Oh, praise persistent truth
that opens fisted minds
and eases from their anxious clutch
the prejudice that blinds: R**

**6 Oh, praise the power, the truth,
the love, the word, the tide.
Yet more than these, Oh, praise their
source, Praise Christ the crucified: R**

**3 Oh, praise inclusive love,
encircling every race,
oblivious to gender,
wealth, to social rank or place: R**

**7 Oh, praise the living Christ
with faiths bright songful voice!
Announce the gospel to the world
and with these words rejoice: R**

**4 Oh, praise the word of faith
that claims us as Gods own,
a living temple built on Christ,
our rock and corner stone: R**

Entrance Antiphon

P Lord, be true to your covenant, forget not the life of your poor ones forever.
C Rise up, O God, and defend your cause; do not ignore the shouts of your enemies. (*Psalm 73:20, 19, 22, 23*)

Canticle of Praise

Refrain



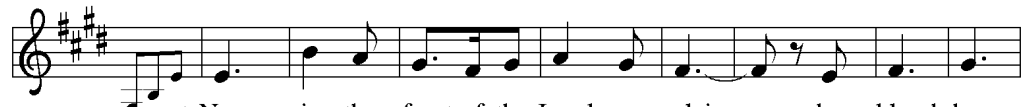
Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;



praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!



1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God. *Refrain*



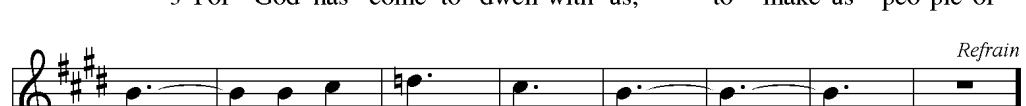
2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and



glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er. *Refrain*



3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of



God; to make all things new. *Refrain*

Prayer of the Day

P God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

Word

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

First Reading

Isaiah 56: 1 ,6-8

The prophet calls upon Israel to do justice in view of God's imminent intervention to save. Righteousness and obedience define who belongs to the Israelite community—not race, nationality, or any other category.

A A reading from Isaiah.

¹ Thus says the Lord:

Maintain justice, and do what is right,
for soon my salvation will come
and my deliverance be revealed.

⁶ And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord,
to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord,
and to be his servants,
all who keep the Sabbath and do not profane it
and hold fast my covenant—

⁷ these I will bring to my holy mountain
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar,
for my house shall be called a house of prayer
for all peoples.

⁸ Thus says the Lord God,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel:
I will gather others to them
besides those already gathered.

A The Word of the Lord.

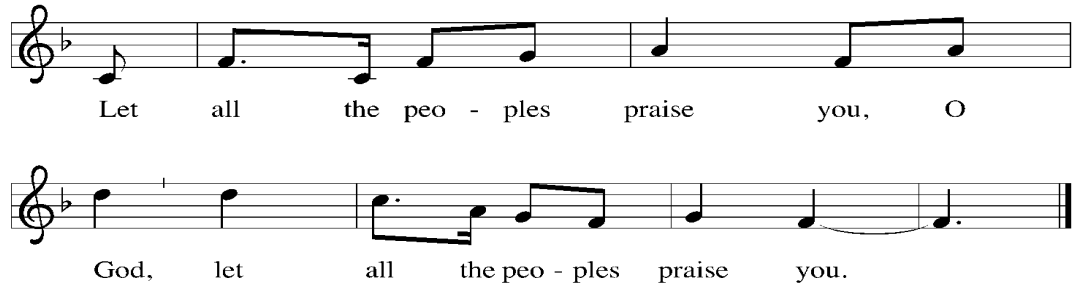
C Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 67

The antiphon will be sung by the cantor and repeated by the congregation. The antiphon is then repeated as indicated R.

Psalm Refrain



Psalm Tone



- ¹ May God be merciful to | us and bless us;
may the light of God's face | shine upon us.
- ² **Let your way be known | upon earth,**
your saving health a- | mong all nations.
- ³ Let the peoples praise | you, O God;
let all the | peoples praise you.
- ⁴ **Let the nations be glad and | sing for joy,**
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the na- | tions on earth. R
- ⁵ Let the peoples praise | you, O God;
let all the | peoples praise you.
- ⁶ **The earth has brought | forth its increase;**
God, our own | God, has blessed us.
- ⁷ May God | give us blessing,
and may all the ends of the earth | stand in awe. **R**

Second Reading

Romans 11: 1,2a, 29-32

God has not rejected Israel. Rather, the call and gifts of God are irrevocable so that, while all have been disobedient, God has mercy upon all.

A A reading from Romans.

[Paul writes:] ¹ I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ^{2a} God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

²⁹ For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰ Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹ so also they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they also may now receive mercy. ³² For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

A The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

The assembly stands to welcome the Gospel.

Gospel Acclamation

The cantor introduces the acclamation. The assembly will repeat the acclamation. Following the verse, the acclamation is sung again by all.

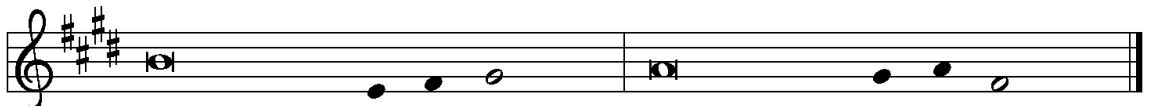
Congregation:

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

Optional Repeat

life Al - le - lu - ia!

Verse tone



Cantor

Jesus preached the good news ¹ of the kingdom* and cured every sickness a- ¹ mong the people. (Matt. 4:23)

Matthew's gospel typically portrays Jesus' disciples as people of "little faith," who fail despite their best intentions. In this story, Matthew shows how Jesus comes to the disciples when they are in trouble and sustains them in their time of fear and doubt.

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

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

¹⁰ [Jesus] called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand:¹¹ it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles."¹² Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?"¹³ He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted.¹⁴ Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit."¹⁵ But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us."¹⁶ Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding?¹⁷ Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach and goes out into the sewer?¹⁸ But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles.¹⁹ For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander."²⁰ These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile."²¹ Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon.²² Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon."²³ But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us."²⁴ He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel."²⁵ But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me."²⁶ He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs."²⁷ She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table."²⁸ Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed from that moment.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The assembly may be seated.

Sermon

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

Hymn of the Day

Healer of Our Every Ill

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HEALER OF EVERY ILL

The assembly stands at the last stanza.

Refrain

**Healer of our every ill, light of each tomorrow,
give us peace beyond our fear, and hope beyond our sorrow.**

- 1 You who know our fears and sadness,
grace us with your peace and gladness;
Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts. R**
- 2 In the pain and joy beholding
how your grace is still unfolding,
give us all your vision, God of love. R**
- 3 Give us strength to love each other,
every sister, every brother;
Spirit of all kindness, be our guide. R**
- 4 You who know each thought and feeling,
teach us all your way of healing;
Spirit of compassion, fill each heart. R**

Profession of Faith
The Apostles' Creed

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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 power of 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 The People

Hearing the Word of God in Scripture and in Preaching moves us to pray for the whole Church, the nations, those in need, the parish, and our special concerns. The intercessor moves to stand with the assembled people of God, as a rich symbol of the petitions truly being the Prayers of the People.

Each portion of the prayers ends with these words:

A Merciful God,
C receive our prayer.

Response at the conclusion of the prayers of the people:

C Amen.

Peace

The words of the Peace are an ancient and solemn blessing signifying the reconciliation that we have with God and, through Christ, with one another. Please do not use this time for casual greetings or conversations.

P Jesus said: Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled.
The peace of the risen Christ be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

Please share some sign (a handshake, an embrace, etc.) with one another as you exchange the greeting of peace.

Greeting: Peace be with you.

Response: And also with you.

Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Offering

Offertory

*Offering plates are located by the font and inside the West Nave entrance.
Offerings may also be made electronically by scanning the QR Code:*



Offertory Song

As the Grains of Wheat

The assembly stands as the ushers come forward with the gifts.

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BREAD OF PEACE

Refrain

**As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill
were gathered into one to become our bread;
so may all your people from all the ends of earth
be gathered into one in you.**

1 As this cup of blessing is shared within our midst,
may we share the presence of your love. *Refrain*

2 Let this be a foretaste of all that is to come
when all creation shares this feast with you. *Refrain*

Offertory Prayer

P Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life.

C **Blessed be God forever!**

P Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become our spiritual drink.

C **Blessed be God forever!**

A Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.

C **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving Dialogue

Presider: Congregation:

The Lord be with you. And al-so with you.

Presider: Congregation:

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Presider: Congregation:

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is

right to give God thanks and praise.

Preface
Holy, Holy, Holy

C

Congregation:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and
might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est!
Bless - ed is the One who comes in your name. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

Detailed description: This is a musical score for a congregational hymn. It consists of five staves of music. The key signature is three sharps (F#, C#, G#), and the time signature is 6/8. The melody is written on a single treble clef staff. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with the word 'Congregation:' in italics. The lyrics are: 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Bless - ed is the One who comes in your name. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!'. The music features various note values including quarter, eighth, and half notes, with some rests and ties.

Eucharistic Prayer

At the Presiding Minister's invitation: "...the peoples of the earth will come to the river to enjoy the tree of life." Sung twice.

C

Congregation:

A - men. Come, Lord Je - sus.
A - men. Come, Lord Je - sus.

Detailed description: This is a musical score for a congregational hymn. It consists of two staves of music. The key signature is three sharps (F#, C#, G#), and the time signature is 6/8. The melody is written on a single treble clef staff. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with the word 'Congregation:' in italics. The lyrics are: 'A - men. Come, Lord Je - sus. A - men. Come, Lord Je - sus.'. The music features various note values including quarter, eighth, and half notes, with some rests and ties.

The Eucharistic prayer continues: "... that all may be fed with the Bread of Life, your Son." Sung twice.

C

Congregation:

A - men. Come, Ho - ly Spir - it.

A - men. Come, Ho - ly Spir - it.

The Eucharistic prayer concludes, "Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever."

C

Congregation:

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the

u - ni - ty of the Spir - it, all glo - ry and hon - or is

yours, O God, now and for ev - er.

A - men.

The Lord's Prayer

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P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.**

Lamb of God

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

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world:
grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

Invitation to Communion

P This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Happy are those who are called to his supper.

C **Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

Communion Of The Faithful

All baptized Christians are invited to share faithfully in the Holy Eucharist. In this sacrament, by the power of God's Word and the Holy Spirit, we receive the body and blood of Jesus Christ along with the bread and wine for our forgiveness and salvation, as we celebrate our unity with Christ and all the saints.

Please come by the center aisle as directed by the ushers.

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say, "The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you," and each person may respond, "Amen."

Music During Distribution

Song After Communion

*Praise to You, O God of Mercy
The assembly stands.*

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NOW THE FEAST AND CELEBRATION

- 1 Praise to you, O God of mercy:
thanks be to you forever!
Raising high the weak and lowly:
thanks be to you forever!**
- 2 From of old you loved and sought us:
thanks be to you forever!
Truth and justice you have taught us:
thanks be to you forever!**

Bridge

**Strong is your faithfulness,
strong is your love,
rememb'ring your covenant of life with us.**

- 3 Praise to you, O God of mercy:
thanks be to you forever!
Raising high the weak and lowly:
thanks be to you forever!
Thanks be to you forever!**

Prayer After Communion

Sending

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

Blessing

P Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ☩ one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always.

C Amen.

Sending Song

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There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

LORD, REVIVE US

- 1** There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in God's justice which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heaven.
There is no place where earth's failings have such kindly judgement given.
- 2** There is welcome for the sinner, and a promised grace made good;
there is mercy with the Savior; there is healing in his blood.
There is grace enough for thousands of new worlds as great as this;
There is room for fresh creations in that upper home of bliss.
- 3** For the love of God is broader than the measures of our mind;
and the heart of the eternal is most wonderfully kind.
But we make this love too narrow by false limits of our own;
and we magnify its strictness with a zeal God will not own;
- 4** 'Tis not all we owe to Jesus; it is something more than all:
greater good because of evil, larger mercy through the fall.
Make our love, O God, more faithful; let us take you at your word,
And our lives will be thanksgiving for the goodness of the Lord.

Dismissal

A The liturgy is ended. Heaven has come near. Go, and share the good news!

C Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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A warm welcome to our visitors in the Name of Christ.

We seek to minister to all who become a part of our community in Christ as we worship together. We are pleased to have you share in our worship and ministry and sincerely hope you will return. Please sign the guest register in the Narthex and introduce yourself to the Pastor.

- The liturgy and worship book page numbers are printed in the worship folder. Please join in the responses as indicated. You may stand as you are able where indicated or remain seated. Hymns marked with ELW are in the red hymnal, Evangelical Lutheran Worship. Hymns marked with WOV are in the blue soft cover hymnal, With One Voice.
- A rest room with a baby changing area is located off the Narthex of the Nave
- The guest register and devotional booklets are in the Narthex.

Holy Eucharist

Saturdays at 5:00 p.m. in the Chapel

Sundays at 8:30 a.m. in the Nave and 10:00 a.m. in the Chapel

Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in the Chapel

Adult Faith Formation

Adult Faith Formation is on hiatus for the summer and will return in October.

Summer Fellowship

There will be a social time between Sunday services, from 9:30 a.m. until 10 a.m., on the patio off the education wing's Wilhelm Road entrance.

In case of inclement weather, we will move inside to the St. Stephen Room.

Last Week

Our praise and thanksgiving to God for our many blessings reflected in our tithes and offerings each week.

Spending Proposal Per Week	\$ 4,904.00
Total Received	5119.08
Difference	215.08

This Week

Sunday	September Call Deadline
August 16	8:30 a.m. Word and Sacrament (Nave/YouTube—link may be found at www.goodshepherdpxtang.com)
Lectionary 20	9:30 a.m. Summer Fellowship (Wilhelm Road Patio) 10:00 a.m. Word and Sacrament (Chapel)
Monday	6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 42 (ASH)
August 17	
Tuesday	9:30 a.m. Workshop (St. Lydia/ASH)
August 18	
Wednesday	9:30 a.m. Word and Sacrament (Chapel)
August 19	7:00 p.m. Keystone Concert Band (ASH)
Saturday	5:00 p.m. Word and Sacrament (Chapel)
August 22	
Sunday	
August 23	8:30 a.m. Word and Sacrament (Nave/YouTube—link may be found at www.goodshepherdpxtang.com)
Lectionary 21	9:30 a.m. Summer Fellowship (Wilhelm Road Patio) 10:00 a.m. Word and Sacrament (Chapel)

Daily Readings

M	Psalm 87, 2 Kings 5: 1-14, Acts 15: 1-21
T	Psalm 87, Isaiah 43: 8-13, Romans 11: 13-29
W	Psalm 87, Isaiah 66: 18-23, Matthew 8: 1-13
Th	Psalm 138, Ezekiel 28: 11-19, 1 Corinthians 10: 12-18
F	Psalm 138, Ezekiel 31: 15-18, 2 Corinthians 10: 12-18
S	Psalm 138, Ezekiel 36: 33-38, Matthew 16: 5-12
Su	Isaiah 51: 1-6, Psalm 138, Romans 12: 1-8, Matthew 16: 13-20,



Worship Dedications

The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God
and in loving memory of Barbara Wendt
by Gary Wendt.

Correction/Altar flowers on August 9th were given to the Glory of God
and in celebration of granddaughter Aria's 14th Birthday
by John and Sue Bricker.

The bulletins are given to the Glory of God.

The lamps are burning to the Glory of God
and are given in memory of Ruth Kreckman
by Kristen Stewart.

Announcements

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS all those who, because of illness or infirmity, are unable to be with us for worship. Your prayers, cards, and visits to them are invited so that Christ may be glorified by the manner in which his people care for one another.

PRAYER CHAIN: Good Shepherd members lift up prayer requests throughout the week. If you have a prayer request you wish to share, or if you would like prayer requests to include in your daily devotions, please contact Edna Hafer or Dix McCauley.

COMMUNITY AID: When dropping off your donations at a Community Aid center, **please note Good Shepherd's partner number—10055**—so the church will receive appropriate credit for donations. Thank you!

ELECTRONIC GIVING OPTIONS AVAILABLE: Contributions may be made via eCheck or Credit Card by scanning the QR code with your smart phone or by clicking on the GIVE NOW button on goodshepherdpx-tang.com.



COMMUNITY DAY IS COMING FAST: Our annual church-wide Community Day, set for **Saturday, Sept. 12**, from 8 a.m. to noon, is almost here. There will be hot dogs, soups, baked goods, milk shakes as well as a multi-level yard sale. Also, the Keystone Concert Band will hold a concert at 10 a.m. Please note all profits are passed along to community organizations. Last year we raised \$3,260. Volunteers are still being sought to lend a hand and/or provide items for our various sales. Please use the included sheet to sign up. Clothing, shoes and jewelry should be taken to the choir room off the breezeway. Other items should be brought to the electrical room by the kitchen entrance in All Saints Hall. All electronic items should be in good working order and inspected by a member of the Evangelism Committee. **Remember: No televisions, books or CDs will be accepted this year.** There will be a special set-up day on Sunday, Sept. 6, after worship services (beginning at 9:45 a.m.) Baked goods will be collected in the breezeway on Friday, Sept. 11, from 10 a.m. to noon unless other arrangements are made with Karen Frischkorn or Fred Sprunk. Please contact Fred Sprunk with any other questions.

ECUMENICAL PICNIC: More than 30 people representing Good Shepherd Lutheran, Paxton Presbyterian, Road to Emmaus, and St. Catherine Laboure Churches attended the potluck picnic at the 40 and 8 Club on Chambers Hill Road last Sunday afternoon. Despite the warm weather, the shaded pavilion and overhead fans allowed attendees to enjoy good food, entertaining conversation and even a little magic by St. Catherine's John, the magical storyteller. A special thank you to Ben Nebroski of St. Catherine's for organizing the event.

THRIVENT T-SHIRTS: All volunteers for Community Day are asked to wear the newest Thrivent t-shirt (color is light blue).

ADVENT DEVOTIONALS ARE BEGINNING TO TRICKLE IN! Even though thinking about Advent in August may seem odd, submissions for this year's Advent devotional are needed this week! Assembling the booklet is a time-consuming process, but it is worth the effort because your Advent stories and meditations are timeless! To help jumpstart your creativity, a list of Advent scripture texts and suggested Advent themes is located in the Narthex. Choose a date and sign up. Your finished devotional can be emailed to the church office or to Vicki Delp, or a paper copy can be placed in Vicki's mailbox in the breezeway. Your devotional is guaranteed to enrich our celebration of the Advent Season as we watch and wait for the birth of Jesus.

Women of the ELCA's: To mobilize women to ACT BOLDLY on their faith in Jesus Christ, "You're invited to join us September 10, 2026 for our Gathering meetings at 9:30 a.m. in the Gathering Room. Dixie McCauley will be our leader for our Gather Bible study, "I am Worthy and Wonderfully Made" Psalm 139:14. Walk-ins welcome. Our meetings are the second Monday of the month from September through June. ACT BOLDLY.

BUDGET TIME: To all Committee Chairs: Please submit your 2027 budget requirements to Greg Borzok no later than September 1. Thank you!

ENVELOPE UPDATE: Thank you to everyone for teaming up to get through another month of envelope glitches. You should have received envelopes for August and half of September (not what we were told we would get) so we will all need to improvise again the last two weeks of September. After that we will be changing to Lifestyle envelopes and they will begin with the first Sunday of October. Hopefully that will be a lot more successful. Thanks again for your patience. - Sue Bricker

Community Day Volunteer Form

Saturday, September 12, 2026

*Please complete and return to the church office.
Questions? Contact Fred Sprunk*

☐ I will help set up for Community Day on **Sunday, September 6 at 10 a.m..** (Additional days during the week will be added if necessary.)

☐ I will donate an item for the Bake Sale.

What? _____

Please bring all baked items in disposable containers, dishes, or wraps to accommodate people who would like to purchase an entire pie or cake.

Please drop off all baked items Friday, September 11 between 10 a.m. and 12 noon .

☐ I will help Saturday, September 12.

☐ wherever needed

☐ specified area

Where? _____

☐ I will help clean up after Community Day

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

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Preaching and Presiding

The Rev. Kathleen J. Baker, STM

Organist

Nicholas P. Werner

Assisting Ministers

8:30 a.m.
10:00 a.m.

Marcia Freedman
Susan Master

Cantor

Nicholas P. Werner

Ushers

8:30 a.m.
10:00 a.m.

John and Sylvia McAnaney
Vicki Delp

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