



The Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd

**Holy Eucharist
Lectionary 17
July 26, 2026
8:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.**

As Solomon prays for wisdom, we seek to more deeply know the treasures of faith. In today's gospel Jesus offers everyday images that reveal to us the reign of God: a tree that becomes a sheltering home, yeast that penetrates and expands, a treasured pearl, a net that gains a great catch. Even as we seek the riches of God's reign, the great surprise is that God's grace finds us first!

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

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Be Thou My Vision

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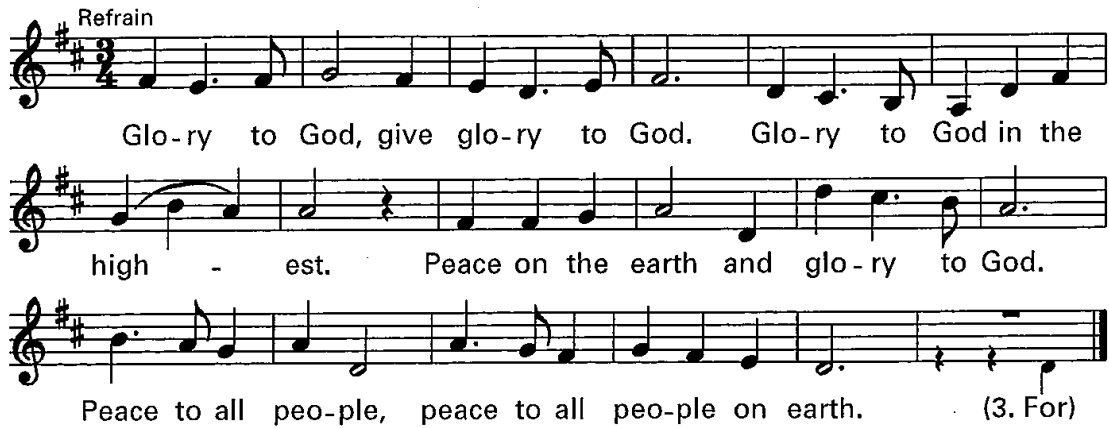
- 1 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
 Naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
 thou my best thought both by day and by night,
 waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.
- 2 Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
 Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee
 and thou with me Lord.
 Thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower,
 raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.
- 3 Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise,
 thou mine in inheritance, now and always:
 thou and thou only, the first in my heart,
 great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.
- 4 Light of my soul, after victory won,
 may I reach heaven's joys, O' heavens Sun!
 Heart of my own heart, whatever befall
 still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Entrance Antiphon

P God is in his Holy dwelling
C He will give a home to the lonely, he gives power and strength to his people.
 (Psalm 67: 6-7, 36)

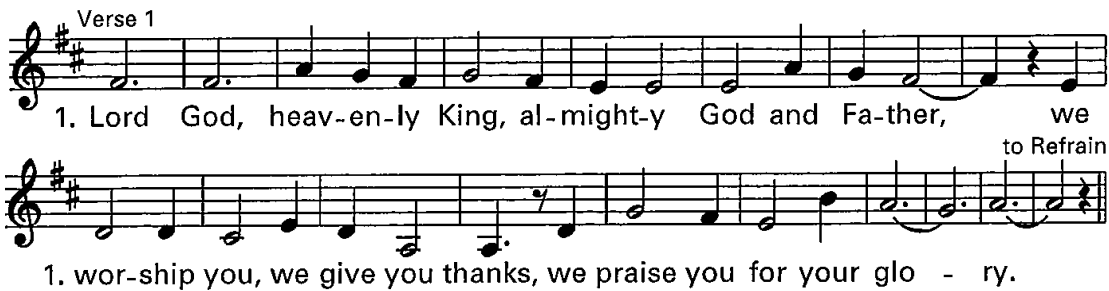
Canticle of Praise

Refrain



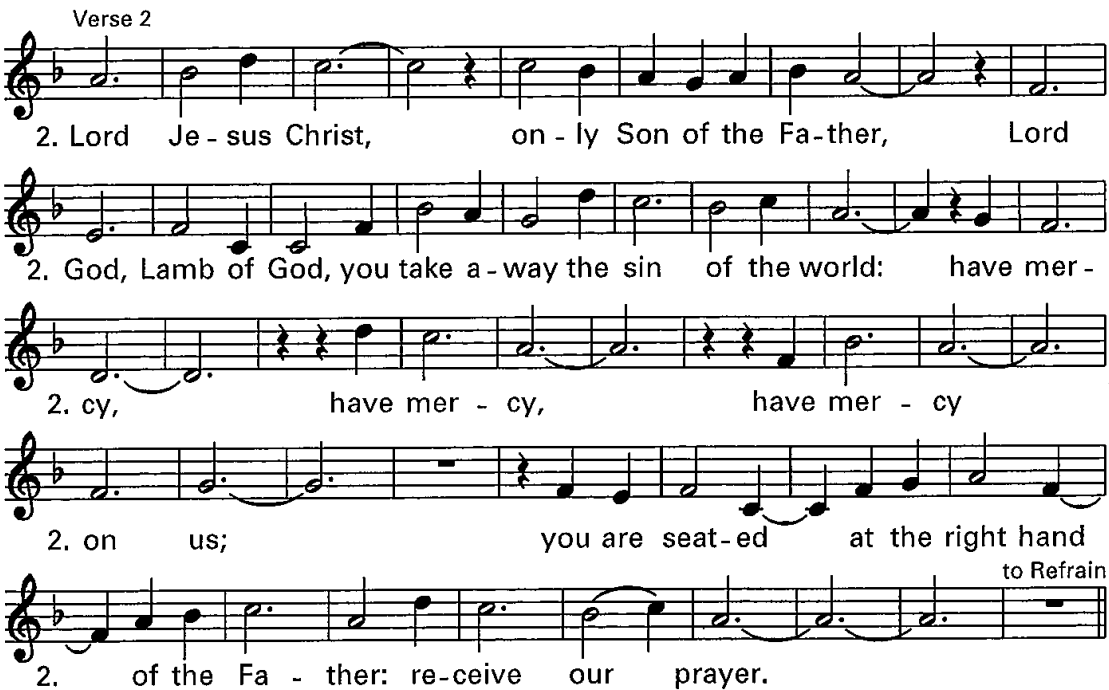
Glo-ry to God, give glo-ry to God. Glo-ry to God in the
high - est. Peace on the earth and glo-ry to God.
Peace to all peo-ple, peace to all peo-ple on earth. (3. For)

Verse 1



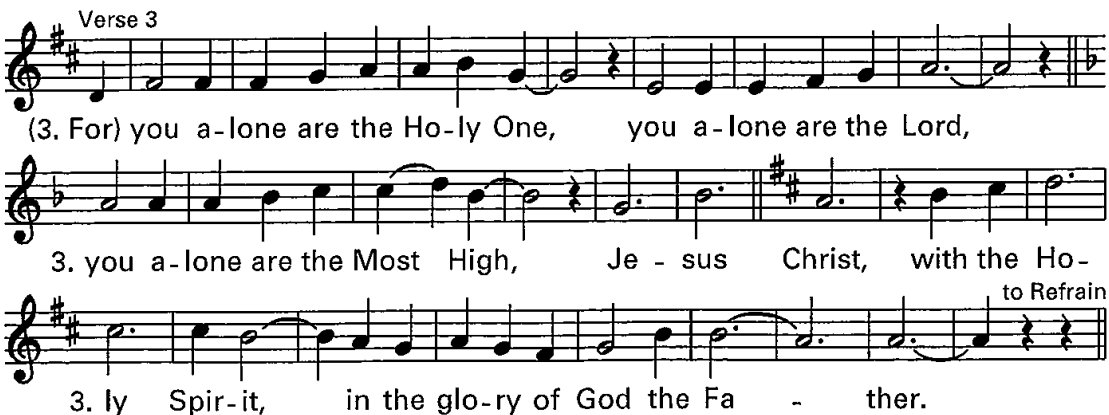
1. Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we
to Refrain
1. wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

Verse 2



2. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord
2. God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer -
2. cy, have mer - cy, have mer - cy
2. on us; you are seat-ed at the right hand
to Refrain
2. of the Fa - ther: re-ceive our prayer.

Verse 3



(3. For) you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,
3. you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho-
to Refrain
3. ly Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa - ther.

Prayer of the Day

P Beloved and sovereign God, through the death and resurrection of your Son you bring us into your kingdom of justice and mercy. By your Spirit, give us your wisdom, that we may treasure the life that comes from Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

The assembly may be seated.

Word

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

First Reading

1 Kings 3:5-12

Because Solomon did not ask for long life, riches, or the defeat of his enemies, God gave him what he asked for: wisdom to govern the people well.

⁵ At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, "Ask what I should give you."

⁶ And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you, and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne today.

⁷ And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in.

⁸ And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted.

⁹ Give your servant, therefore, an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil, for who can govern this great people of yours?"

¹⁰ It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this.

¹¹ God said to him, "Because you have asked this and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or for the life of your enemies but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right,

¹² I now do according to your word. Indeed, I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you, and no one like you shall arise after you."

A The Word of the Lord.

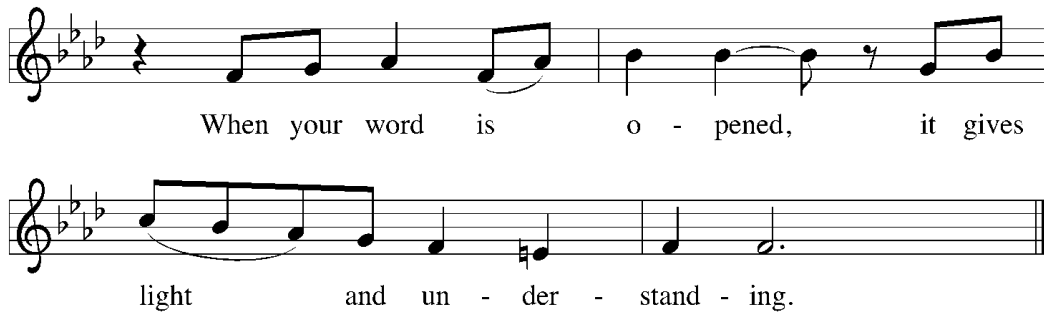
C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

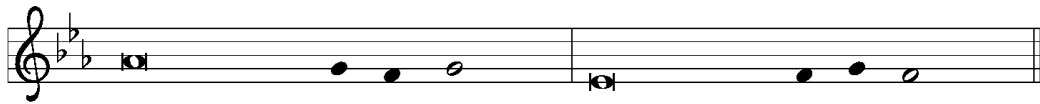
Psalm 119: 129—136

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



¹²⁹Your de- | crees are wonderful;
therefore I obey them with | all my heart.
¹³⁰**When your word is opened | it gives light;
it gives understanding | to the simple.**
¹³¹I open my | mouth and pant
because I long for | your commandments.
¹³²**Turn to me and be gra- | cious to me,
as you always do to those who | love your name. R**

¹³³Order my footsteps | in your word;
let no iniquity have dominion | over me.
¹³⁴**Rescue me from those | who oppress me,
and I will keep | your commandments.**
¹³⁵Let your face shine up- | on your servant
and teach | me your statutes.
¹³⁶**My eyes shed | streams of tears,
because people do not | keep your teaching. R**

Second Reading

Romans 8: 26-36

These words celebrate the depth of God's actions for us. Through Christ's death for us and the activity of the Spirit praying for us, we are fused to God's love poured out in Jesus Christ. Nothing, not even death itself, is able to separate us from such incredible divine love.

²⁶ The Spirit helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with groanings too deep for words. ²⁷ And God, who searches hearts, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

²⁸ We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹ For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. ³⁰ And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

³¹ What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³² He who did not withhold his own Son but gave him up for all of us, how will he not with him also give us everything else? ³³ Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who is to condemn? It is Christ who died, or rather, who was raised, who is also at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us. ³⁵ Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will affliction or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or peril or sword? ³⁶ As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all day long;
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.”

³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than victorious through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

A The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

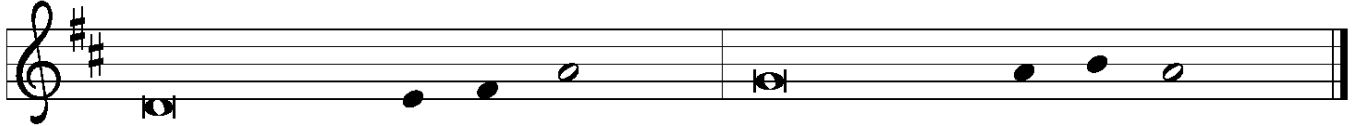
The assembly stands to welcome the Gospel.

Gospel Acclamation

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



Verse tone



Cantor

Many will come from [|] east and west* and will eat in the king- [|] dom of heav-
en. (Matt. 8:11)

Gospel

Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52

Throughout Matthew's gospel, Jesus and his disciples proclaim the good news that "the kingdom of heaven is near!" Here, Jesus offers several brief parables that explore the implications of this announcement for people's lives.

P The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew the 13 chapter.

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

³¹ [Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; ³² it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches." ³³ He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened." ⁴⁴ "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and reburied; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. ⁴⁵ "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; ⁴⁶ on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. ⁴⁷ "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; ⁴⁸ when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. ⁴⁹ So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰ and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁵¹ "Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." ⁵² And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

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

God of Grace and Glory

The assembly stands at the last stanza.

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CWM RHONDA

- 1 God of grace and God of glory on your people pour your power;
Crown your ancient church's story; bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the facing of this hour,
For the facing of this hour.**
- 2 Lo! The hosts of evil round us scorn the Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts
to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the living of these days,
for the living of these days.**
- 3 Cure your children's warring madness; bend our pride to your control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss your kingdom's goal,
lest we miss your kingdom's goal.**
- 4 Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;
let the gift of your salvation be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving you whom we adore,
serving you whom we adore.**

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 God of grace,

C hear 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

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

Soul, Adorn yourself with Gladness (vs 1,2)

ELW 488

SCHMUCKE DICH

- 1 Soul, adorn yourself with gladness, leave the gloomy haunts of sadness,
come into the daylights splendor, there with joy your praises render.
Bless the ones whose grace unbounded this amazing banquet founded;
Christ, thou heavenly, high, and holy, deigns to dwell with you most lowly.**
- 2 Hasten as a bride to meet him, eagerly and gladly greet him.
There he stands already knocking; quickly, now, your gate unlocking,
open wide the fast-closed portal, saying to the Lord Immortal:
"Come and leave your loved dwell never; dwell within my heart forever."**

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 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.

C **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Dialogue

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Preface

Holy, Holy, Holy

C

Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. 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. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

Eucharistic Prayer

At the Presiding Minister's invitation: "...we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes."

C

Christ has died, Christ is ris-en, Christ will come a - gain.

The Presiding Minister continues the prayer, and concludes: "... with all your saints in light."

C

A - men. A - men. A -
 men. For ev - er and 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

Cantor/Choir All

(Invocations) you take a - way the sins of the

1, 2... world: have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy, have mer-cy on
(Final) world: O grant us peace, O grant us last - ing

1, 2... (Final) peace, Lamb of God.

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

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*Soul, Adorn yourself with Gladness (verses 3 and 4)
The assembly stands.*

SCHMUCKE DICHE

**3 Now in faith I humbly ponder over this surpassing wonder
that the bread of life is boundless though the souls it feeds are countless;
with the choicest wine of heaven Christ own blood to us is given.
Oh, most glorious consolation, pledge and seal of my salvation.**

**4 Jesus, source of lasting pleasure, truest friend, and dearest treasure,
peace beyond all understanding, joy into all life expanding:
humbly now, I bow before you, love incarnate, I adore you;
worthily let me receive you, and, so favored, never leave you.**

Prayer After Communion

Sending

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

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 ✠ bless you and give you peace.

C **Amen.**

Sending Song

On What Has Now Been Sown

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DARWALLS 148th

- 1 On what has now been sown your blessing Lord, bestow;
the power is yours alone to make it sprout and grow.
O Lord, in grace the harvest raise, and your alone shall be the praise!**
- 2 To you our wants are known, from you are all our powers;
accept what is yours own pardon what is ours.
Our praises, Lord, and prayers receive and to your word a blessing give.**
- 3 Oh, grant that each of us, now met before you here,
may meet together thus when you and yours appear,
and follow you to heaven, our home. E'en so, Amen! Lord Jesus, come!**

Dismissal

A The Liturgy is ended. Heaven has come near. Go, 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	\$ 4,793.00
Total Received	3,534.55
Difference	-1,258.45

This Week

Sunday July 26 Lectionary 17	8:30 a.m. Word and Sacrament (Nave/YouTube—link may be found at www.goodshepherdpxtang.com) 9:30 a.m. Summer Fellowship (Wilhelm Road Patio) 10:00 a.m. Word and Sacrament (Chapel) 6:30 p.m. Living Room Dialogue (Martin Luther)
Monday July 27	6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 42 (ASH)
Tuesday July 28	9:30 a.m. Workshop (St. Lydia/ASH)
Wednesday July 29	9:30 a.m. Word and Sacrament (Chapel) 7:00 p.m. Keystone Concert Band (ASH)
Saturday August 1	5:00 p.m. Word and Sacrament (Chapel)
Sunday August 2 Lectionary 18	Food Pantry Sunday 8:30 a.m. Word and Sacrament (Nave/YouTube—link may be found at www.goodshepherdpxtang.com) 9:30 a.m. Summer Fellowship (Wilhelm Road Patio) 10:00 a.m. Word and Sacrament (Chapel)

Daily Readings

M	Psalm 119:121-128, 1 Kings 3:16-28, James 3:13-18
T	Psalm 119:121-128, 1 Kings 4:29-34, Ephesians 6:10-18
W	Psalm 119:121-128, Proverbs 1:1-7, 20-33, Mark 4:30-34
Th	Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21, Proverbs 10:1-5, Philippians 4:10-15
F	Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21, Isaiah 51:17-23, Romans 9:6-13
Sa	Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21, Isaiah 44:1-5, Matthew 7:7-11
Su	Isaiah 55:1-5, Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21, Romans 9:1-5, Matthew 14:13-21



Worship Dedications

The altar flowers are also given to the Glory of God
and in celebration our granddaughter's Cecily's 12th 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 loving memory of Mary Hevel
by Dixie and Larry McCauley.

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 goodshepherdpxtang.com.



WELCOME FATHER DAVID HARPER! We once again welcome the Reverend David Harper, who is preaching and presiding at Good Shepherd this weekend.

SUMMER FELLOWSHIP: The summer continental breakfast (snack) social will be held between the two Sunday services outside the Wilhelm Road entrance to the Chapel. Please sign-up to volunteer for one or more Sundays, **The sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board outside the St. Stephen room.** Volunteers are responsible for set-up, food and beverage and clean-up. If you would like to share a Sunday with someone, you are welcome to do so. Necessities (table, table cloth, napkins, cups, plates, plastic ware) will be located behind the door in the St. Stephen room. Other needs may be obtained in kitchenette 1.

It's Time to Think About Advent!

(*Perhaps more appropriately, it's time for the members of Good Shepherd to start thinking about Advent!) In 2025, we tried something new for Advent. Rather than ordering a devotional booklet from a publisher, we created our own. Members of the congregation wrote stories, shared memories, offered commentaries, reflected on scripture – all relating to the season of Advent. Some devotionals were a paragraph, others spanned several pages, and ALL helped us learn something important about the authors and ALL deepened and enhanced our journey through the Advent Season. Because the devotional booklet was so well-received, we are doing it again for 2026! A devotional entry is needed for each day of Advent. Inspiration for your entry can come from a variety of sources:

- Scripture texts assigned for that day
- Traditional themes of Advent – waiting, watching, preparing, the coming of the Light
- The 4 Advent candles on the Advent wreath: HOPE, PEACE, JOY, LOVE
- A favorite scripture that reminds you of Advent
- A personal experience

The compilation of this booklet is a time-consuming process but well worth the effort. Consequently, entries for this year's Advent devotional need to be submitted by August 9, 2026. Your submission should include your name, a title, and a scripture reference if applicable, and then email it to the church – goodshepherdpxtang@gmail.com. Start thinking now. A list of the scripture texts is available in the Nave Narthex and outside the Chapel. Some people may choose to use these scripture texts while others may not. Sign-up sheets, arranged by dates, can also be found in the Narthexes. Last year, some of the writers selected a specific date because their Advent memory was tied to a birthday, anniversary, or special event. Please consider sharing your Advent message with your church family – a booklet written **for us by us**. Vicki Delp

Community Day is scheduled to take place on **September 12, from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.** The event will feature a yard sale, soup sale, and bake sale. Entertainment will be provided by the Keystone Concert Band with a performance taking place at 10:00 a.m. Donations for the yard sale may be placed on the tables in All Saints Hall. We will be accepting clothing items that are in good and clean condition—**all donations of clothing and shoes, should be placed in the Choir Room.** Furniture items will also be accepted. We ask that any electronic items be in good working condition and inspected by a member of the Evangelism Committee prior to being placed in ASH. Televisions will not be accepted. Please contact Fred Sprunk with questions. If you are interested in helping, please fill out the form on page 23 of the bulletin and return it to the church office.

SET UP FOR COMMUNITY DAY will begin on Sunday, September 6 at 10 am. Depending on the progress made, additional set-up days during that week may be necessary.

THRIVENT T-SHIRTS: All volunteers for our upcoming events (National Night Out on Tuesday, August 5 and/or Community Day on Saturday, September 13) are asked to wear the newest Thrivent t-shirt (color is light blue). The shirts may be picked up in the Gathering Room and are separated by sizes.

From the Broader Church and Community

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT: The Swatara Township Police Department will host National Night Out 2026 on Tuesday, August 4 from 6 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. at Vanatta Park in Swatara Township (located behind the 7 Eleven on Derry Street). Good Shepherd will be represented—if you are planning to attend, be sure to stop and say hi!

REGISTRATION IS OPEN: Get ready to tee up for a powerful cause! The **Mission Classic Golf Tournament** is more than just a day on the green—it's a chance to drive real change for families in our community who are working to overcome homelessness and housing instability. Join us on **Friday, October 3 at 1:30 p.m.** at the beautiful **Rich Valley Golf Course** for an afternoon filled with friendly competition, fresh air, laughter, and purpose. Whether you're a scratch golfer or more of a "swing and a prayer" kind of player, **this event is all about coming together to support the life-changing mission of Family Promise of Harrisburg Capital Region.** Your participation helps provide shelter, case management, transportation assistance, employment coaching, and so much more to families striving to rebuild their lives on their journey to stability and independence. Register to play (individuals and foursomes welcome) or to be a sponsor. For more information: familypromisehcr.org/mission-classic/

Community Day Volunteer Form

Saturday, September 12, 2026

*Please complete and return to the church office.
Questions? Contact Dix McCauley*

☐ 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
prior to 8 a.m. on September 12.***

☐ I will help Saturday, September 12.

☐ wherever needed

☐ specified area

Where? _____

☐ I will help clean up after Community Day

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Serving God's People at the Liturgies

Preaching and Presiding

Father David Harper

Organist

Nicholas P. Werner

Assisting Ministers

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

Fred Sprunk
Susan Master

Ushers

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

Greg and Karen Borzok

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