



The Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd

**Holy Eucharist
Lectionary 19
August 9, 2026
8:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.**

Elijah finds the presence of God not in earthquake, wind, or fire, but in the sound of sheer silence. When the disciples face a great storm on the sea, they cry out with fear. Jesus says: "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Amid the storms of life, we gather to seek the calm presence of Christ that soothes our fears. In comforting words of scripture and in the refreshing bread and cup of the eucharist, God grants us peace and sends us forth to be a sign of God's presence to others.

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, Worship the King

ELW 842

HANOVER

**1 Oh, worship the King, all glorious
above. Oh, gratefully sing God's power
and love; our shield and defender,
the Ancient of Days, pavilioned in
splendor, and girded with praise.**

**2 The earth with its store of wonders
untold, Almighty, your power has
founded of old; established it fast by
a changeless decree, and round it
hast cast, like a mantle, the sea.**

**3 Your bountiful care what tongue can
recite? It breathes in the air, it shines
in the light, it streams from the hills,
it descends to the plain, and sweetly
distills in the dew and the rain.**

**4 Frail children of dust, and feeble as
frail, in you do we trust, nor find you
to fail; your mercies, how tender, how
firm to the end, our maker, defender,
redeemer, and friend.**

**5 O measureless might, ineffable love,
while angels delight to hymn you
above, the humbler creation, though
feeble their lays, with true adoration
shall sing to your praise.**

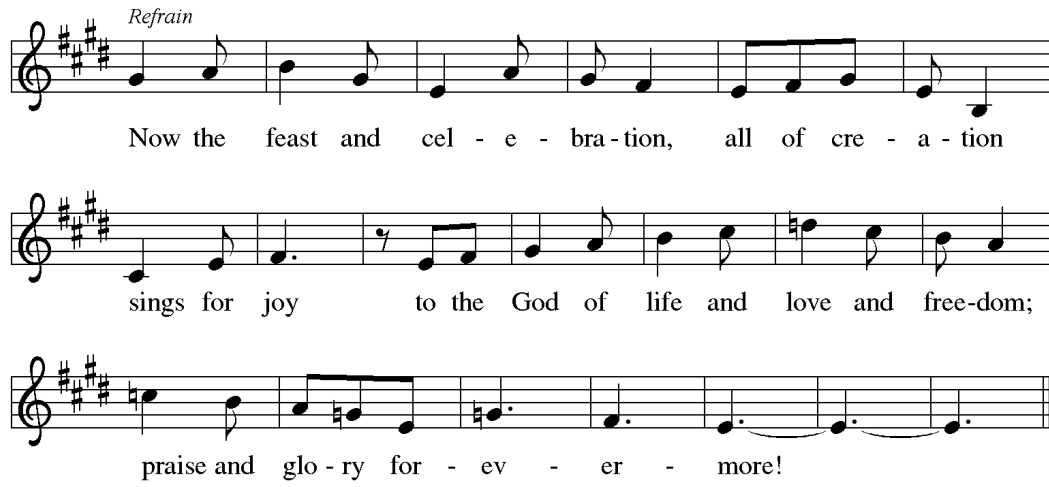
Entrance Antiphon

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**

Canticle of Praise

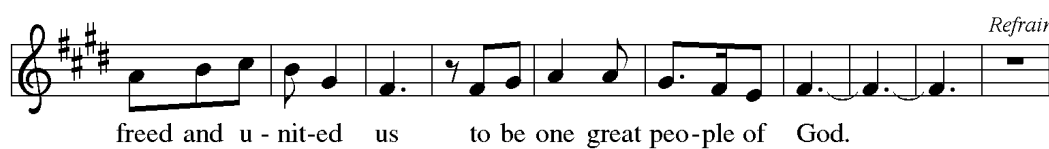
Refrain



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

Refrain



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

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

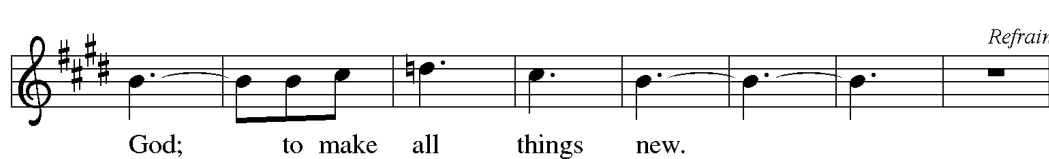
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glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.

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

Refrain



God; to make all things new.

Prayer of the Day

- P Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C Amen.

Word

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

First Reading

1 Kings 19: 9-18

On Mount Horeb, where God had appeared to Moses with typical signs of God's presence—earthquake, wind, and fire—Elijah now experienced God in "sheer silence." God assured Elijah that he is not the only faithful believer. Seven thousand Israelites are still loyal. God instructed Elijah to anoint two men as kings and to anoint Elisha as his own successor.

A A reading from 1 Kings.

⁹ At [Horeb, the mount of God, [Elijah] came to a cave and spent the night there. Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁰ He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." ¹¹ He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind, and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake, ¹² and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire, and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. ¹³ When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁴ He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." ¹⁵ Then the Lord said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. ¹⁶ Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel, and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. ¹⁷ Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill, and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. ¹⁸ Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

A The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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



- ¹²Happy is the nation whose God | is the Lord!
Happy the people chosen to | be God's heritage!
- ¹³**The Lord looks | down from heaven,
and sees all | humankind.**
- ¹⁴God sits firmly en- | throned and watches
all who dwell | on the earth.
- ¹⁵**God fashions | all their hearts
and observes | all their deeds. R**
- ¹⁶A king is not saved by the size | of the army,
nor are warriors rescued by | their great strength.
- ¹⁷**The horse gives vain | hope for victory;
despite its great strength it | cannot save.**
- ¹⁸Truly, your eye is upon those who fear | you, O Lord,
upon those who wait for your | steadfast love,
- ¹⁹**to deliver their | lives from death,
and to keep them alive in | time of famine. R**
- ²⁰Our innermost being waits for | you, O Lord,
our helper | and our shield.
- ²¹**Surely, our heart rejoic- | es in you,
for in your holy name we | put our trust.**
- ²²Let your lovingkindness, O Lord, | be upon us,
even as we place our | hope in you. **R**

Second Reading

Romans 10: 5-15

A right relationship with God is not something we achieve by heroic efforts. It is a gift received in the proclamation whose content is Jesus Christ. This proclaimed word creates our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Hence Christian proclamation is an indispensable component of God's saving actions.

A A reading from Romans.

5 Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that "the person who does these things will live by them." 6 But the righteousness that comes from faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?' " (that is, to bring Christ down) 7 "or 'Who will descend into the abyss?' " (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). 8 But what does it say?

"The word is near you,
in your mouth and in your heart"

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim), 9 because if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For one believes with the heart, leading to righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, leading to salvation. 11 The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." 12 For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. 13 For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

14 But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? 15 And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

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

life. Al - le - lu - ia! *Optional Repeat*

Verse tone

Cantor

Alleluia. I wait for | you, O Lord;* in your word | is my hope. Alleluia. (Ps. 130:5)

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 14 chapter.

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

²² [Jesus] made the disciples get into a boat and go on ahead to the other side [of the Sea of Galilee,] while he dismissed the crowds.²³ And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone,²⁴ but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them.²⁵ And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea.²⁶ But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear.²⁷ But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

²⁸ Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water."²⁹ He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus.³⁰ But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!"³¹ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?"³² When they got into the boat, the wind ceased.³³ And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

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

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

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The assembly stands at the last stanza.

1 Eternal Father, strong to save, whose arm has bound the restless wave, who bade the mighty ocean deep its own appointed limits keep: Oh, hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.

2 O Savior, whose almighty word the winds and waves submissive heard, who walked upon the foaming deep, and calm amid the storm didst sleep: Oh, hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.

3 O Holy Spirit, who didst brood upon the chaos dark and rude, and bid its angry tumult cease, and give, for wild confusion, peace: Oh, hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.

4 O Trinity of love and power, all travelers guard in dangers hour from rock and tempest, fire and foe, protect the wheresoever they go ; thus evermore shall rise to thee glad hymns and praise from land and sea.

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

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.

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

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!

The musical score is written on five staves. The key signature has four sharps (F#, C#, G#, D#). The time signature is 6/8. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The piece ends with a double bar line.

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.

Congregation:

C

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

The musical score is written on two staves. The key signature has four sharps (F#, C#, G#, D#). The time signature is 6/8. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The piece ends with a double bar line.

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 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

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My Life Flows on in Endless Song

HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING

1 My life flows in endless song; above earths lamentation, I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new creation.

2 Through all the tumult and strife , I hear that music ringing. It finds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing?

3 What though my joys and comforts die? The Lord my Savior liveth. What though the darkness gather round? Songs in the night he giveth.

4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing! All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from singing?

Refrain

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

Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?

Dismissal

A The liturgy is ended. Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

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	3,905.40
Difference	-998.60

This Week

Sunday August 9 Lectionary 19	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) 1:30 p.m. Community Multi-Faith Picnic (40 and 8 Club Pavilion, 5831 Chambers Hill Road, Harrisburg)
Monday August 10	6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 42 (ASH) 6:30 p.m. Congregation Council (Gathering Room)
Tuesday August 11	9:30 a.m. Workshop (St. Lydia/ASH) 7:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry (Martin Luther)
Wednesday August 12	9:30 a.m. Word and Sacrament (Chapel) 7:00 p.m. Keystone Concert Band (ASH)
Saturday August 15	5:00 p.m. Word and Sacrament (Chapel)
Sunday August 16 Lectionary 20	September <i>Call</i> Deadline 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 18: 1-19, Genesis 7: 11-8:5, 2 Peter 2:4-10
T	Psalm 18: 1-19, Genesis 19:1-29, Romans 9: 14-29
W	Psalm 18: 1-19, Job 36: 24-33; 37: 14-24, Matthew 8: 23-27
Th	Psalm 67, Isaiah 45: 20-25, Revelation 15: 1-4
F	Psalm 67, Isaiah 63: 15-19, Acts 14: 19-28
S	Psalm 67, Isaiah 56: 1-5, Matthew 14: 34-36,
Su	Isaiah 56:1, 6-8, Psalm 67, Romans 11: 1-2a, 29-32, Matthew 15: 10-20, 21-28



Worship Dedications

The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God
and in memory of Walter Hafer, Sr.
by Edna Hafer.

The bulletins are given to the Glory of God
and in memory of Annabelle and Bob Saylor
by John and Phyllis Switaj

The lamps are burning to the Glory of God
and are given in memory of Virginia Balmer
by Dix 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.



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

HAVE YOU SIGNED UP TO WRITE AN ADVENT DEVOTIONAL? Thank you to those who have already submitted an Advent article! Thank you to all who have signed up and are trying to decide what they want to write! Thank you to those who want to participate but are still thinking about it because they just don't know where to start! Many years ago, Zion's members compiled several different Advent devotionals. Three of these devotionals are available in the Narthex for your perusal. If you are finding you have a writer's block, take some time before or after church to look through these booklets. The marked entries were written by Zion members (or family members) who were part of the merger. As you leaf through the booklets, you will see that some are quite short while others are long; some tell a story while others reflect on scripture verses; some quote other texts; some open with a hymn and others close with a prayer. Each, in their own way, inform, inspire, recall, or proclaim the coming of our Savior. If you think it may be helpful, look through the booklets to see how different writers expressed their thoughts about the Advent Season. When you are finished, return the devotionals to the Narthex so other members may look through them. Anyone who writes an entry should email it to the church office no later than August 15. A list of Advent scripture texts and other Advent topics can be found in the Narthex. Thank you for taking the time to write an Advent message. Your contributions to this devotional booklet are guaranteed to make this a very personal Advent Season because we will know all the authors!

SAVE THE DATE: Our annual **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 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 order and inspected by a member of the Evangelism Committee prior to being placed in ASH. Televisions will not be accepted. **SET UP FOR COMMUNITY DAY** will begin on Sunday, September 6, directly after the 10 a.m. worship service. Depending on the progress made, additional set-up days during that week may be necessary. If you are interested in helping, please fill out the form on page 23 of the bulletin and return it to the church office.

THRIVENT T-SHIRTS: All volunteers for Community Day 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.

COMMUNITY MULTI-FAITH PICNIC: Save the date and come to meet and greet your neighbors at a Community Multi-Faith Picnic on Sunday, August 9 from 1:30 p.m. until 5 p.m. at the 40 and 8 Club Pavilion (5831 Chambers Hill Road, Harrisburg). Bring a dish to share and a lawn chair to this free family event. All are invited!

Women of the ELCA's Mission Statement: Aug 9, 16, 23, & 30

“ 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. Walkins welcome. Our meetings are the second Monday of the month from September through June. ACT BOLDLY

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 Life-style 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

SET UP FOR COMMUNITY DAY will begin on Sunday, September 6, immediately following the 10 a.m. worship service. Depending on the progress made, additional set-up days during that week may be necessary.

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 13.

☐ 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. Eric Anderson, STM

Organist

Nicholas P. Werner

Assisting Ministers

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

Sonya Mink
Susan Master

Cantor

Julie McCauley

Ushers

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

Mary and Fred Sprunk
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