



The Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd

**Holy Eucharist
Lectionary 18
August 2, 2026
8:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.**

In today's first reading God invites all who are hungry or thirsty to receive food and drink without cost. Jesus feeds the hungry multitude and reveals the abundance of God. At the eucharistic table we remember all who are hungry or poor in our world today. As we share the bread of life, we are sent forth to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry.

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

All who Hunger, gather Gladly

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HOLY COMMUNION

1 All who hunger, gather gladly; holy manna is our bread. Come from wilderness and wandering. Here in truth we will be fed. You that yearn for days of fullness, all around us is our food. Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

3 All who hunger, sing together, Jesus Christ is living bread. Come from loneliness and longing. Here in peace we have been fed. Blest are those who from this table live their days in gratitude. Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

2 All who hunger , never strangers; seeker, be a welcome guest. Come from restlessness and roaming. Here in joy we keep the feast. We that once were lost and scattered in communion's love have stood. Taste and see the grace eternal, Taste and see that God is good.

Entrance Antiphon

P God, come to my help. Lord, quickly give me assistance.

C **You are the one who helps me and sets me free: Lord, do not be long in coming.** (Psalm 70:2, 6)

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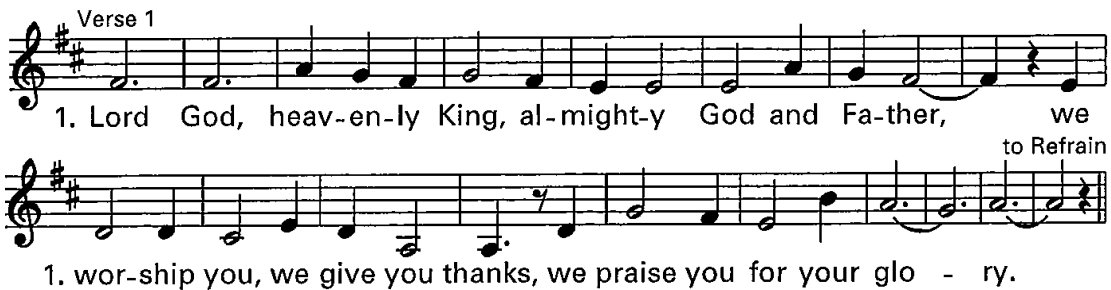
Canticle of Praise

Refrain



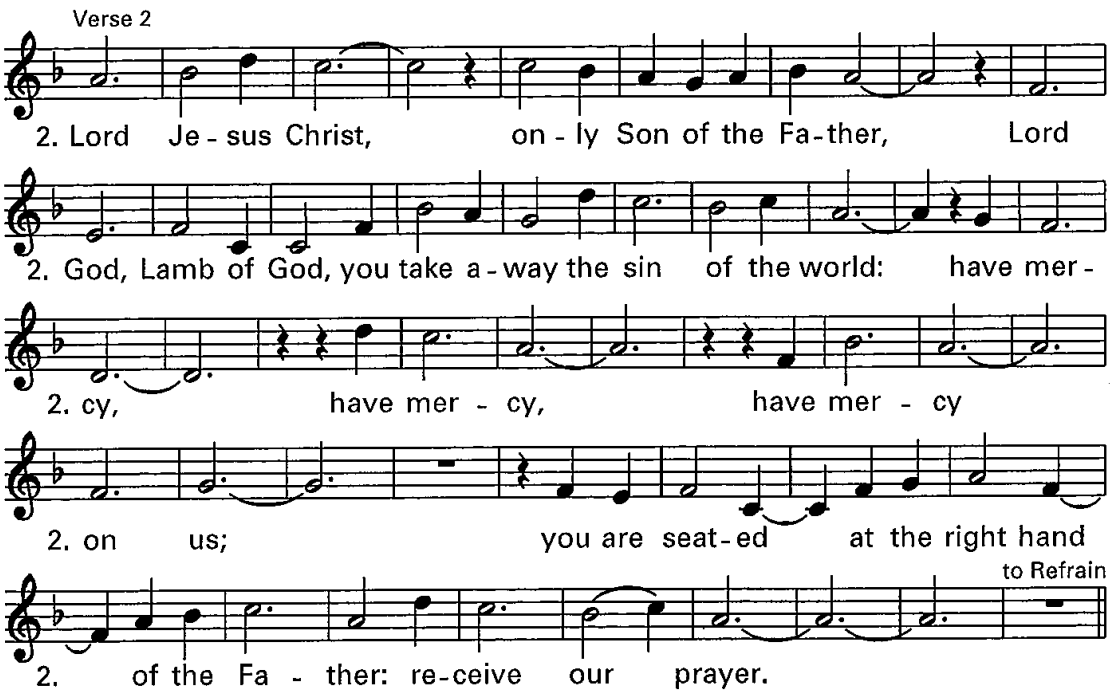
Glo-ry to God, give glo-ry to God. Glo-ry to God in the
high - est. Peace on the earth and glo-ry to God.
Peace to all peo-ple, peace to all peo-ple on earth. (3. For)

Verse 1



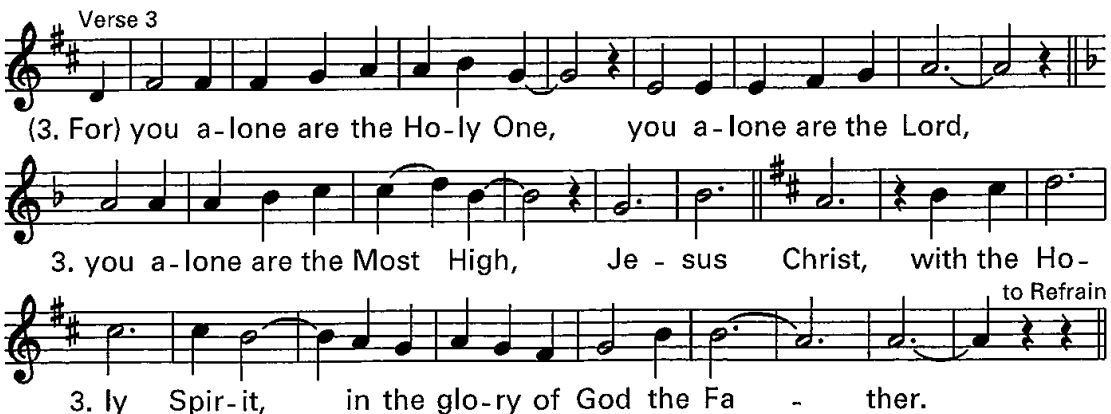
1. Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we
1. wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

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
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-
3. ly Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa - ther.

Prayer of the Day

P Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, 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

Isaiah 55: 1– 5

Hear everyone who thirsts

God invites Israel to a great feast at which both food and drink are free. God also promises to make an everlasting covenant with all peoples, with promises that previously had been limited to Israel. As David was a witness to the nations, these nations shall now acknowledge the ways in which God has glorified Israel.

A A reading from Isaiah.

¹ Hear, everyone who thirsts; come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

² Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread and your earnings for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.³ Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.⁴ See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples.⁵ Now you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

A The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm

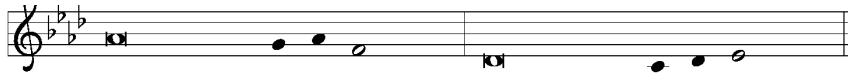
Psalm 145: 8-9, 14-21

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

Psalm Re-



Psalm



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- ⁸ The LORD is gracious and full [|] of compassion,
slow to anger and abounding in [|] steadfast love.
- ⁹ **LORD, you are [|] good to all,
and your compassion is over [|] all your works. R**
- ¹⁴ The Lord upholds all [|] those who fall
and lifts up those who [|] are bowed down.
- ¹⁵ **The eyes of all wait upon [|] you, O LORD,
and you give them their food [|] in due season.**
- ¹⁶ You open [|] wide your hand
and satisfy the desire of every [|] living thing.
- ¹⁷ **You are righteous in [|] all your ways
and loving in [|] all your works. R**
- ¹⁸ You are near to all who [|] call upon you,
to all who call up- [|] on you faithfully.
- ¹⁹ **You fulfill the desire of [|] those who fear you;
you hear their [|] cry and save them.**
- ²⁰ You watch over all [|] those who love you,
but all the wicked you [|] shall destroy.
- ²¹ **My mouth shall speak the praise [|] of the LORD;
let all flesh bless God's holy name forev- [|] er and ever. R**

Second Reading

Romans 9:1-5

This begins a new section in Paul's letter in which he will deal with the place of Israel in God's saving plan. He opens by highlighting how Israel's heritage and legacy include being God's children, having God's covenants, being given God's law, participating in worship of God, and receiving divine promises.

A A reading from Romans.

¹ I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—² I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³ For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own brothers and sisters, my own flesh and blood. ⁴ They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; ⁵ to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Christ, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

A The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

The assembly stands to welcome the Gospel.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia. One does not live by | bread alone, but by every word that comes from the | mouth of God. Alleluia. (Matt. 4:4)*

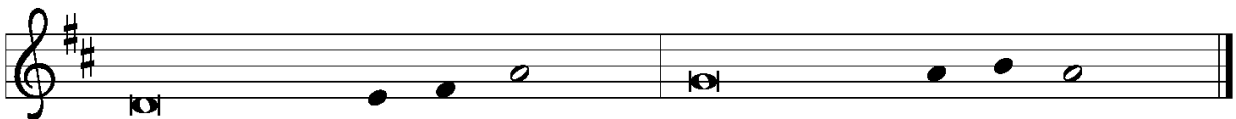
Dan Schutte



Cantor

Blessed are the ¹ poor in spirit, for theirs is the king- ¹ dom of heaven. (Matt. 5:3)*

Verse tone



Cantor

One does not live by ¹ bread alone,* but by every word that comes from the ¹ mouth of God.

Gospel

Matthew 14:13-21

After John the Baptist is murdered, Jesus desires a time of solitude. Still, his compassion for others will not allow him to dismiss those who need him, and he is moved to perform one of his greatest miracles.

P The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew, the 14th Ch.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³ Now when Jesus heard [about the beheading of John the Baptist,] he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴ When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵ When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” ¹⁶ Jesus said to them, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” ¹⁷ They replied, “We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.” ¹⁸ And he said, “Bring them here to me.” ¹⁹ Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and blessed and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰ And all ate and were filled, and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹ And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

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

Break now the bread of life

The assembly stands at the last stanza.

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ST FLAVIAN

- 1 Break now the bread of life, dear Lord, to me,
as once you broke the loaves beside the sea.
Beyond the sacred page I seek you, Lord;
my spirit waits for you, O living Word.**
- 2 Bless your own word of truth, dear Lord, to me.
As when you blessed the bread by Galilee.
Then shall all bondage cease, all fetters fall;
and I shall find my peace, my All in All!**
- 3 You are the bread of life, dear Lord, to me,
your holy word the truth that rescues me.
Give me to eat and live with you above;
teach me to love your truth, for you are love.**

**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 come our bread; so may all your people from all the ends of the 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

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

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

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.

The musical score is written on four staves in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

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 musical score is written on a single staff in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

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 musical score is written on two staves in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

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

1, 2... us. (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

*Praise to you, O God of mercy
The assembly stands.*

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SERVICE MUSIC

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

**Strong is your faithfulness, strong is your love, remembering your covenant of life
with us. Thanks be to you forever and ever!**

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

Praise the one who breaks the darkness

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NETTLETON

- 1 Praise the one who breaks the darkness with a liberating light;
Praise the one who frees the prisoners, turning blindness into sight.
Praise the one who preached the gospel, healing every dread disease,
calming storms and freeing thousands with the very bread of peace.**
- 2 Praise the one who bless the children with a strong yet gentle word;
Praise the one who drove out demons with a piercing, two edged sword.
Praise the one who brings cool water to the deserts burning sand;
from this well comes living water quenching thirst in every land.**
- 3 Praise the one true love incarnate: Christ , who suffered in our place;
Jesus died and rose for many that we may know God by grace.
Let us sing for joy and gladness, seeing what our God has done.
Praise the one redeeming glory; praise the one who makes us one.**

Dismissal

A 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	\$ 4,904.00
Total Received	3,055.75
Difference	-1,737.25

This Week

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)
Monday August 3	6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 42 (ASH)
Tuesday August 4	9:30 a.m. Workshop (St. Lydia/ASH)
Wednesday August 5	9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer (Chapel) 7:00 p.m. Keystone Concert Band (ASH)
Saturday August 8	5:00 p.m. Word and Sacrament (Chapel)
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)

Daily Readings

M	Ecclesiastes 2: 1-17, Colossians 3: 18—4:1, Psalm 127
T	Ecclesiastes 3: 16—4:8, Colossians 4: 2-6, Psalm 127
W	Ecclesiastes 12: 1-8, 13-14; Luke 12: 22-31; Psalm 127
Th	Job 21: 1-16, Romans 9: 1-9, Psalm 33: 12-22
F	Ecclesiastes 6: 1-6, Acts 7: 1-8, Psalm 33: 12-22
Sa	Genesis 11: 27-32, Matthew 6: 19-24, Psalm 33: 12-22
Su	Genesis 15: 1-6; Psalm 33: 12-22; Hebrews 11: 1-3, 8-16; Luke 12: 32-40



Worship Dedications

The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God
and in loving memory of her husband, Robert
by Edna Hafer.

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

The lamps are burning to the Glory of God
and are given in memory of Mary Hevel
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.

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

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 goodshepherdpaxtang.com.



FAMILY PROMISE HOST WEEK—AUGUST 10 THROUGH 17— Overnight hosts, meal preparers, and van drivers are still needed. We've had no guests in the program for several weeks, but the staff still received 134 calls in the month of June. The staff provided referrals to other agencies for help and support. **We now have 3 families and 10 guests in the program. Please contact Georgia Rehm to volunteer.**

BUDGET TIME: To all Committee Chairs: Please submit your 2026 budget requirements to Greg Borzok no later than **September 1**. Thank you!

ORDINATION SERVICE INVITATION: Vicar Rose Tonkin will be ordained into the ministry of Word and Sacrament on **Saturday, August 16** at St Peter's Lutheran Church in Middletown. All are invited to attend. Vicar Rose has been called to serve Salem Lutheran in Oberlin and St John in Steelton. Good Shepherd will hold our regularly scheduled chapel service at 5 p.m. that day.

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!

COMMUNITY MULTI-FAITH PICNIC: Save the date and come to meet and greet your neighbors at a Community Multi-Faith Picnic on **Sunday, August 10** 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!

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 through September 28, inclusive. **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.

SAVE THE DATE: Our annual **Community Day** is scheduled to take place on **September 13, 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, shoes, and books 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 Dix McCauley 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 7, immediately following the 10 a.m. worship service. 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 2025 on Tuesday, August 5 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/

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 not²¹. Sign-up sheets, arranged by dates, can also be found in the Narthex. Last year, some of the writers selected a specific



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Community Day Volunteer Form

Saturday, September 13, 2025

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

☐ I will help set up for Community Day on **Sunday, September 7 at 11 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 13.***

☐ I will help Saturday, September 13.

☐ 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

The Rev. Dr. David Harper

Organist and Cantor

Nicholas P. Werner

Assisting Ministers

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

Julie McCauley
Dix McCauley

Ushers

8:30 a.m.

Sylvia and John McAnaney

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