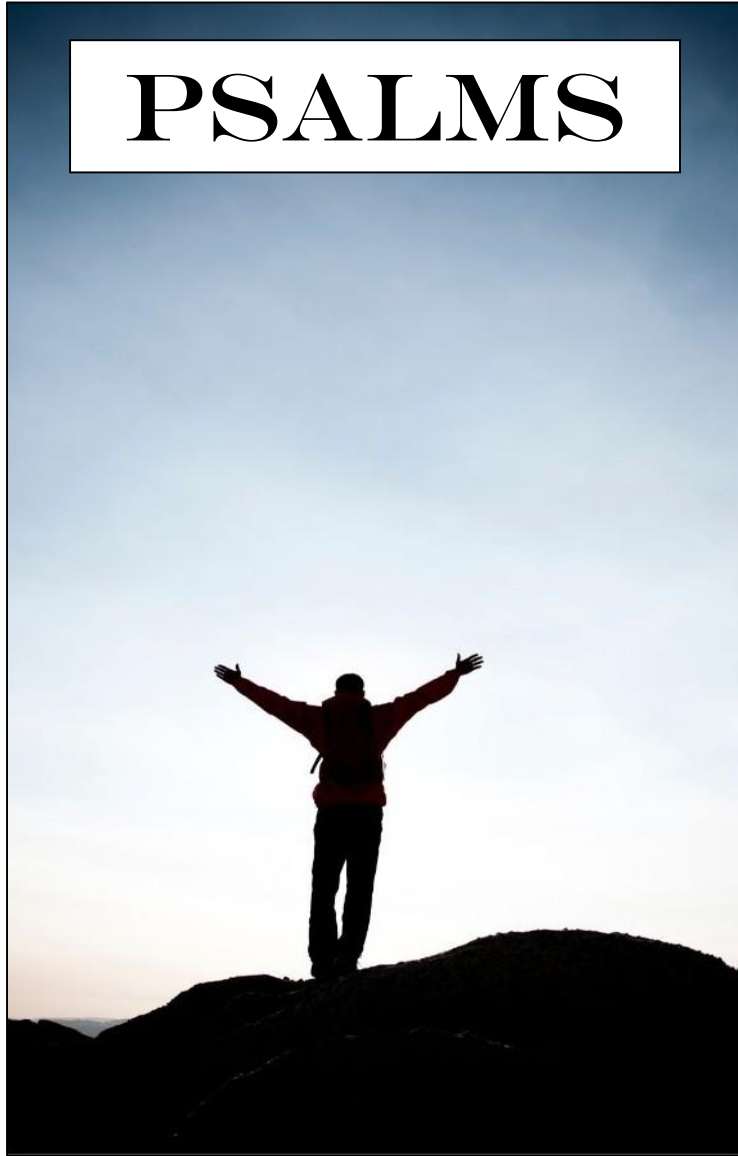


PSALMS



Gratitude for † Vulnerability

August 16, 2026 | 10:00am



Welcome! We're glad you're here!



*If you are a guest and are interested in knowing more about this community and the ministries that Holy Shepherd is engaged in, please add your information on the clipboard located at the **Information Center** kiosk. You may add as much information as you'd like to share. We look forward to getting to know you!*

Trusting God + Loving the World

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

We gather in the presence of a loving God,

Who rejoices in the righteousness of God's people.

Who stands firm in the midst of suffering and torment,

Who holds the power to relieve suffering.

Who hears us even when we do not hear,

Who sees us even when we do not see.

Our God brings light and life to all who follow in God's ways,

In the presence of a loving God we gather. Amen.

Confession & Forgiveness

For the sake of those we harm and for those who harm us, we confess our sins before God and one another.

Pause for silence and reflection.

Lord of the law and the gospel,

Although we do not intend it, too often we walk in the ways of the wicked. We take the path that sinners tread and sit in the seat of the scoffers. Plant us beside the streams of your nourishing love, forgive our sins, and help us to bear fruit. Amen.

The Lord God watches over the way of the righteous, and makes righteous those who stumble and fall. Today your sins are forgiven, and you have been made right with God, a loving, gracious, and merciful Lord. Amen.

Hymn of Praise *The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing*

ELW 531

The trumpets sound, the angels sing,
The feast is ready to begin.
The gates of heav'n are open wide,
And Jesus welcomes you inside.

Sing with thankfulness songs of pure delight.
Come and revel in heaven's love and light.
Take your place at the table of the King.
The feast is ready to begin,
The feast is ready to begin.

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Prayer of Day

Faithful God, **despite our attempts to live as we ought to, we sometimes still suffer. Yet you remain faithful. Hear us when we call to you, and deliver us from suffering. Amen.**

God speaks to us in scripture, preaching & song

This psalm of lament calls upon God's faithfulness to deliver the psalmist from suffering that is caused, in great part, by the psalmist's faithfulness to God. The psalmist, though weary from waiting, remains persistent, knowing that God will answer his pleas and deliver him in God's own time.

Invitation to the Word

I Love You Lord

W&P 67

I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice to worship you; O my soul, rejoice!
Take joy, my King, in what you hear;
may it be sweet, sweet sound in your ear.

- ¹ Save me, O God, for the waters have come up to my neck.
² I sink in deep mire, where there is no foothold;
I have come into deep waters, and the flood sweeps over me.
³ I am weary with my crying; my throat is parched.
My eyes grow dim with waiting for my God.
⁴ More in number than the hairs of my head, are those who hate me without cause;
many are those who would destroy me, my enemies who accuse me falsely.
What I did not steal, must I now restore?

⁵ O God, you know my folly; the wrongs I have done are not hidden from you.
⁶ Do not let those who hope in you be put to shame because of me, O Lord God of hosts;
do not let those who seek you be dishonored because of me, O God of Israel.
⁷ It is for your sake that I have borne reproach, that shame has covered my face.

⁸ I have become a stranger to my kindred, an alien to my mother's children.
⁹ It is zeal for your house that has consumed me;
the insults of those who insult you have fallen on me.
¹⁰ When I humbled my soul with fasting, they insulted me for doing so.
¹¹ When I made sackcloth my clothing, I became a byword to them.
¹² I am the subject of gossip for those who sit in the gate,
and the drunkards make songs about me.

¹³ But as for me, my prayer is to you, O LORD. At an acceptable time, O God,
in the abundance of your steadfast love, answer me.
With your faithful help ¹⁴ rescue me from sinking in the mire;
let me be delivered from my enemies, and from the deep waters.
¹⁵ Do not let the flood sweep over me, or the deep swallow me up
or the Pit close its mouth over me.

¹⁶ Answer me, O LORD, for your steadfast love is good;
according to your abundant mercy, turn to me.
¹⁷ Do not hide your face from your servant, for I am in distress—make haste to answer me.
¹⁸ Draw near to me; redeem me; set me free because of my enemies.
¹⁹ You know the insults I receive, and my shame and dishonor; my foes are all known to you.

²⁰ Insults have broken my heart, so that I am in despair.
I looked for pity, but there was none; and for comforters, but I found none.
²¹ They gave me poison for food, and for my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink.
²² Let their table be a trap for them, a snare for their allies.
²³ Let their eyes be darkened so that they cannot see,
and make their loins tremble continually.

- 24 Pour out your indignation upon them, and let your burning anger overtake them.
 25 May their camp be a desolation; let no one live in their tents.
 26 For they persecute those whom you have struck down,
 and those whom you have wounded they attack still more.
 27 Add guilt to their guilt; may they have no acquittal from you.
 28 Let them be blotted out of the book of the living;
 let them not be enrolled among the righteous.
- 29 But I am lowly and in pain; let your salvation, O God, protect me.
 30 I will praise the name of God with a song; I will magnify him with thanksgiving.
 31 This will please the LORD more than an ox, or a bull with horns and hoofs.
 32 Let the oppressed see it and be glad; you who seek God, let your hearts revive.
- 33 For the LORD hears the needy, and does not despise his own who are in bonds.
 34 Let heaven and earth praise him, the seas and everything that moves in them.
 35 For God will save Zion, and rebuild the cities of Judah,
 and his servants shall live there and possess it;
 36 the children of his servants shall inherit it, and those who love his name shall live in it.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel

Matthew 7:7-11

The holy gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

7 "Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. 8 For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. 9 Is there anyone among you who, if your child asked for bread, would give a stone? 10 Or if the child asked for a fish, would give a snake? 11 If you, then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good things to those who ask him!

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

+ Children's Time +



Children's Church

*Children age 3yrs – 4th grade.
 After children's message, meet
 the leader in back of church.*



Message

Silence for reflection follows the sermon

Song

My Life Flows on in Endless Song

ELW 763

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

Refrain

No storm can shake my inmost calm
while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth,
how can I keep from singing?

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

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

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*

Proclamation of Faith

We are not alone; we live in God's world.
We believe in God: who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit.
We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:

**to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in creation,
to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.**

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.

We are not alone. Thanks be to God!

Prayers of the People

For the times of inconsolable sorrow and for the times of unbridled joy,
we pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

Prayer petitions response

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

With great joy we praise your holy name, confident that all our prayers have
been heard, for the sake of Jesus Christ our savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Sharing God's Peace

May the peace of Christ be with you always. And also with you.

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

Great Thanksgiving

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

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

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

Eucharistic Prayer

Holy God, our Maker, Redeemer, and Healer, in the harmonious world of your
creation, the plants and animals, the seas and stars were whole and well in your
praise. When sin had scarred the world, you sent your Son to heal our ills and to form
us again into one.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for
you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the
forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his acts of healing, his body given up, and his victory over death, we await that day when all the peoples of the earth will come to the river to enjoy the tree of life. Send your Spirit upon us and this meal: as grains scattered on the hillside become one bread, so let your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth, that all may be fed with the Bread of life, your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever. **Amen**

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven,

**hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial

and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,

and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Invitation

All creation rejoices as God's Spirit brings it to life. Here at this table we rejoice in the gifts of creation - bread and wine, the very presence of Christ - given to restore us. Come now, for heaven has come near.



+ All Are Welcome at the Table +

Options for receiving Holy Communion

Please come forward to the front where the pastors are standing. Come forward starting with the front pews, there will be no ushers. After you have received communion please exit by the side aisles and put your empty

cup in the basket. There are kneelers on each side where you are free to kneel and pray before you return to your seat. Bread (gluten-free) and wine or grape juice (center of the tray) will be given to you with the words spoken:

"The body of Christ given for you. The blood of Christ shed for you."

If you would like communion served in the pew, please signal to a pastor or let the usher in the back know.

You are invited... To bring **offering** forward during Holy Communion or before or after worship. The offering is gathered in front of the church in front of the communion table (altar) where we are reminded of God's gifts given to us in Christ and our response to these gifts.

Give thanks with a grateful heart,
give thanks to the Holy One,
give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son.
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give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son.

And now let the weak say, "I am strong,"
let the poor say, "I am rich,"
because of what the Lord has done for us.
And now let the weak say, "I am strong,"
let the poor say, "I am rich,"
because of what the Lord has done for us.
Give thanks!

Seek Ye First

W&P 122

Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness.
And all these things, shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia.

Man shall not live by bread alone, but by ev'ry word.
That proceeds, from the mouth of God. Allelu, alleluia.

Ask and it shall be given unto you, seek and ye shall find.
Knock and the door, shall be opened unto you. Allelu, alleluia.

Lord Be Glorified

W&P 89

In my life, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.
In my life, Lord, be glorified today.

In our song, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.
In our song, Lord, be glorified today.

In your church, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.
In your church, Lord, be glorified today.

In your world, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.
In your world, Lord, be glorified today.

Prayer after Communion

O God, in this holy communion you have welcomed us into your presence, nourished us with word of mercy, and fed us at your table. Amid the cares of this life, strengthen us to love you with all our heart, serve our neighbors with a willing spirit, and honor the earth you have made; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

Blessing

Holy God, Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, increase your hope, strengthen your faith, deepen your love, and grant you peace. **Amen.**

Sending Song

Blessed Assurance

ELW 638

**Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.**

Refrain

**This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior, all the day long:
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.**

**Perfect submission, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love. *Refrain***

**Perfect submission, all is at rest;
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love. *Refrain***

Sending

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude



Worship Leadership

PastorsJulie Brooks, Kim Gonia
Pianist/OrganistChris Johnson
Assisting Minister Amy Evancheck
Reader Jon Johnson
Communion Assistants Betty Moody, Pat Szkrumelak
Greeters Wally & Linda Settgaest
Ushers..... John & Lee Ann Hufford
Altar Guild Judy Ekberg
Children's Church Children's Church Team
Worship Technology Judy Ekberg, Mark Lee
Fellowship (August 16th)..... Christi Young, Wanda Carlson & Bradsbys
Fellowship (August 23rd)..... Ministry Fair (*Set-up, clean up help needed*)

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WORSHIP SERVICE NOTES

THANK YOU for being considerate of disabled worshippers and their families. Please leave the pews and several adjoining seats available for those with walkers & wheelchairs.

HEARING ASSISTANCE DEVICES are located at the sound booth located in the back of the sanctuary on the east side. You can also download the app WaveCast Receiver which is designed for hearing aids with Bluetooth capability. See our sound engineer Mark, in the sound booth if you have any questions. (*Back of the sanctuary, SE corner*).

CANDLE STATION is available for candle-lighting. (*In the back of the sanctuary*).

RELATIONSHIP BUILDING (FELLOWSHIP)

After worship, you are invited to get to know one another for the first – or 100th time, in the narthex (behind the sanctuary) or in the fellowship hall with coffee and snacks.

OFFERING



Your financial gifts support Holy Shepherd and its vision to nurture trusting relationships with God and with one another, along with its vision to engage in generous activities that serve to love the world as Jesus has shown us. Cash, or checks made out to Holy Shepherd, can be placed in the front bowl by the front pews on your way to communion. (Envelopes are available in your pews if you'd like.) You can also scan the QR code to the left and give through Tithely. *Thank you for your generosity.*

KIDS

Kids Zone (un- staffed) is available your family to use if you need a place to step out with kids during the service. It is located off the hallway west of the sanctuary and has a television available for watching the worship live-stream.

Kid busy bags are located in the narthex (outside the sanctuary) and contain kid friendly items for families to take into worship. Please return to the stand after worship.

Children's Church is offered after the kids, typically 3 years old to 4th grade, come up for *Children's Time* with the pastor. This optional activity is during the pastor's message and is led by an adult. It is located in the room just through the nursery off the west hallway of the sanctuary.

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