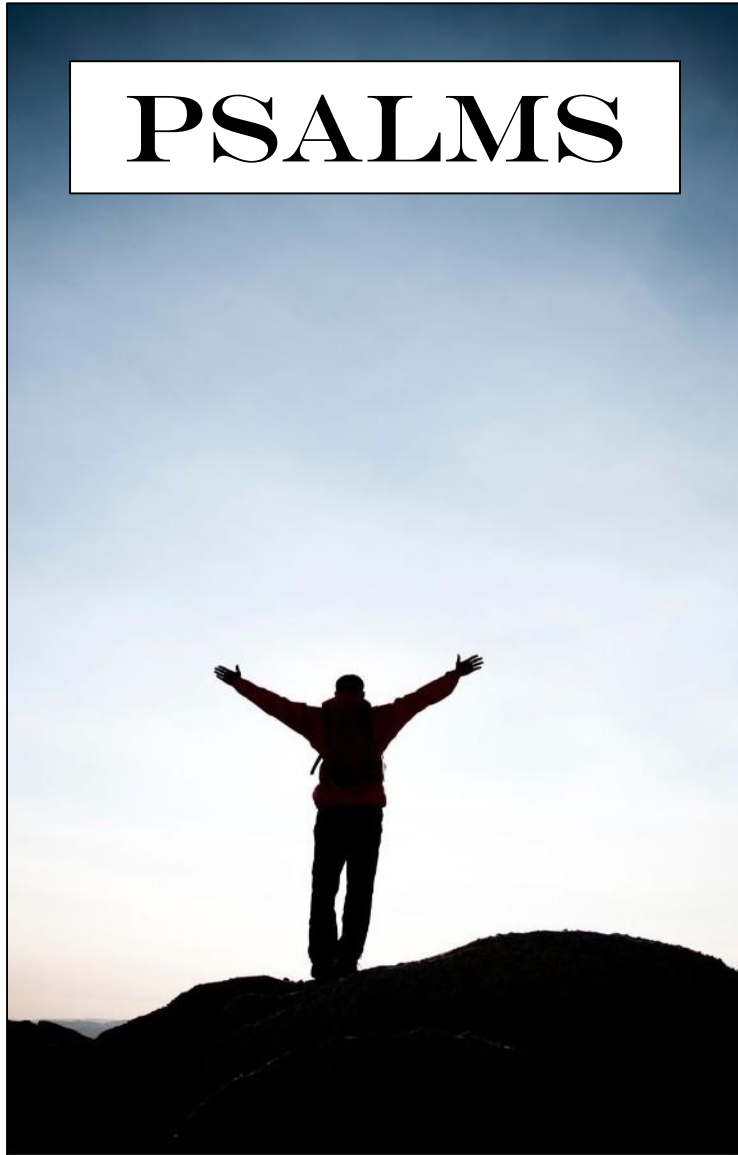


PSALMS



Gratitude for † Tenacity

August 23, 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

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

Lord of light and salvation, **you have delivered your children from so many dangers. Make us fearless in the face of threats, knowing that you will not let us fall. Amen.**

God speaks to us in scripture, preaching & song

The psalmist expresses trust in a God that delivers. This trust makes it possible to be brave in the face of danger, knowing that God will be present despite the threats around us.

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.**

Scripture Reading

Psalm 27

¹ The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?

² When evildoers assail me to devour my flesh—
my adversaries and foes— they shall stumble and fall.

³ Though an army encamp against me,
my heart shall not fear;
though war rise up against me,
yet I will be confident.

⁴ **One thing I asked of the LORD; this I seek:
to live in the house of the LORD, all the days of my life,
to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in his temple.**

⁵ For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;
he will set me high on a rock.

⁶ Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me,
and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy;
I will sing and make melody to the LORD.

⁷ **Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me!**

⁸ **“Come,” my heart says, “seek his face!” Your face, LORD, do I seek.**

⁹ Do not hide your face from me.
Do not turn your servant away in anger,
you who have been my help.
Do not cast me off; do not forsake me,
O God of my salvation!

¹⁰ If my father and mother forsake me, the LORD will take me up.

¹¹ Teach me your way,
O LORD, and lead me on a level path because of my enemies.

¹² Do not give me up to the will of my adversaries,
for false witnesses have risen against me,
and they are breathing out violence.

¹³ **I believe that I shall see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.**

¹⁴ **Wait for the LORD; be strong,
and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!**

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

Holy Gospel

Matthew 6:25-34

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

²⁵ “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food and the body

more than clothing? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷ And which of you by worrying can add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁸ And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹ yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ³⁰ But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? ³¹ Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' ³² For it is the gentiles who seek all these things, and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³ But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

³⁴ "So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.

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

Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song

ELW 808

**Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey;
I'll tell ev'rybody about you wherever I go:
you alone are our life and our peace and our love.
Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey.**

**Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey.
May all of my joy be a faithful reflection of you.
May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.
Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey.**

As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant,
to carry your cross and to share all your burdens and tears.
For you saved me by giving your body and blood.
As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant.

I fear in the dark and the doubt of my journey;
but courage will come with the sound of your steps by my side.
And with all of the family you saved by your love,
we'll sing to your dawn at the end of our journey.



+ Holy Baptism+

Brayden Waren Kella



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.

Communion Song

Give Thanks

W&P 41

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

**Give thanks with a grateful heart,
give thanks to the Holy One,
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!**

Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken

- ACS 966

**Loaves were broken, words were spoken, by the Galilean shore.
Jesus, Bread of life from heaven, was their food forevermore.**

Refrain

**By your body broken for us, by your wine of life outpoured,
Jesus, feed again your people. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.**

Loaves were broken, words were spoken, in a quiet room one night.
In the bread and wine you gave them,
Christ, you came as Light from Light. *Refrain*

Loaves are broken, words are spoken, as in faith we gather here.
Jesus speaks across the ages:
"I am with you; do not fear!" *Refrain*

By the loaves you break and give us, send us in your name to share
bread for which the millions hunger,
words that tell your love and care. *Refrain*

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

We Praise You, O God

ELW 870

We praise you, O God, our redeemer, creator;
in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;
we bless your holy name; glad praises we sing.

We worship you, God of our fathers and mothers;
through trial and tempest our guide you have been.
When perils o'ertake us, you will not forsake us,
and with your help, O Lord, our struggles we win.

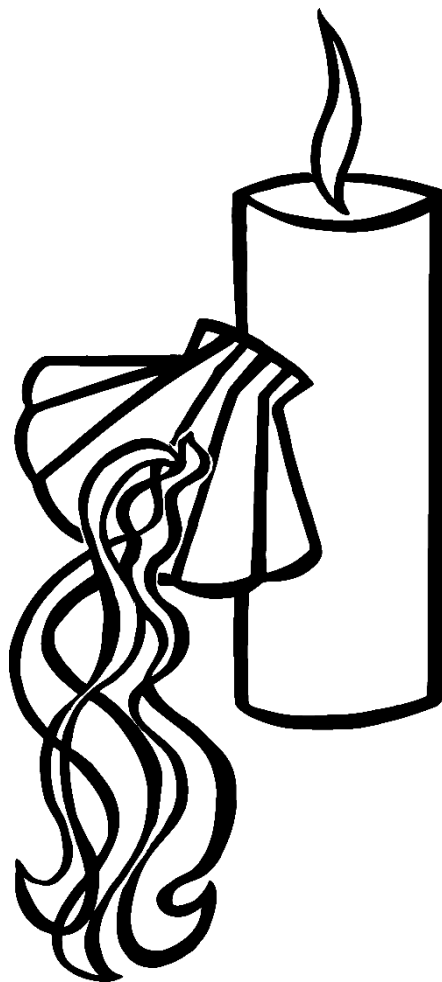
With voices united our praises we offer
and gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.
With you, Lord, beside us,
your strong arm will guide us.
To you, our great redeemer, forever be praise!

Sending

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude





Worship Leadership

Pastors Julie Brooks, Kim Gonia
Pianist/Organist Chris Johnson
Reader Randy Updike
Communion Assistants Don Threlkeld, Lisa Grimm
Greeters Corene Morcom, Lisa Scott
Usher Mel Yockstick
Altar Guild Judy Ekberg
Children's Church Children's Church Team
Worship Technology Mike Madsen, Mark Lee
Fellowship (August 23rd)..... Need helpers to clean up
Fellowship (August 30th)..... Open

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WORSHIP SERVICE NOTES

THANK YOU for being considerate of disabled worshippers and their families. Please leave the pew cuts 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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