

Welcome to Shepherd of the Desert  
Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Sun City, AZ



Second week after Pentecost  
June 6,7, 2026

**Mission Statement**

"To be a congregation that puts the Love of Christ into action from one generation to another and from our community to our world".

✠ Please stand in body or spirit.

## Preludes

## Words of Welcome

### ✠ Confession and Forgiveness

P In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen**

P God of all mercy and consolation, come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that, attentive to your Word, we may confess our sins, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen**

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.  
Gracious God,

C **have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

P Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

C **Amen**

## 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.**



1 We come to you for heal - ing, Lord, of  
 2 As once you walked through an - cient streets and  
 3 You touch us through phy - si - cians' skills, through  
 4 When nights are long with wake - ful - ness, through  
 5 We come to you, O lov - ing Lord, in



bod - y, mind, and soul, and pray that by your  
 reached toward those in pain, come, ris - en Christ, a -  
 nurs - es' gifts of care, and through the love of  
 days when strength runs low, grant us your gift of  
 our dis - tress and pain, in trust that through our



Spir - it's touch we may a - gain be whole.  
 mong us still with pow'r to heal a - gain.  
 faith - ful friends who lift our lives in prayer.  
 pa - tience, Lord, your calm - ing peace to know.  
 nights and days your grace will heal, sus - tain.

‡ **Prayer of the Day**

A The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

O God, you are the source of life and the ground of our being. By the power of your Spirit bring healing to this wounded world, and raise us to the new life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen**

**First Reading: Hosea 5:15—6:6**

Pew Bible

L The word of the Lord

C **Thanks be to God**

**Psalm 50:7-15**

Pew Bible

7 "Listen, my people, and I will speak: Israel, I will bear witness against you; for I am God, your God.

8 **I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices; your burnt offerings are always before me.**

9 I will not accept a calf from your stalls, nor goats from your pens;

10 **for all the wild animals of the forest are mine, the cattle on a thousand hills.**

11 I know every bird of the mountains, and the creatures of the fields are mine.

12 **If I were hungry, I would not tell you, for the whole world is mine and all that is in it.**

13 Do you think I eat the flesh of bulls, or drink the blood of goats?

14 **Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving and make good your vows to the Most High.**

15 Call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall honor me.

**Second Reading: Romans 4:13-25**

Pew Bible

L The word of the Lord

C **Thanks be to God**

**Gospel Acclamation**

Setting 4

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

P The Gospel of Our Lord  
C Thanks be to God

Message

Hymn of the Day There Is a Balm in Gilead

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*Refrain*



There is a balm in Gil-e - ad to make the wound-ed whole;



there is a balm in Gil-e - ad to heal the sin - sick soul.



- 1 Some - times I feel dis - cour-aged and think my work's in vain,
- 2 If you can - not preach like Pe - ter, if you can - not pray like Paul,
- 3 Don't ev - er be dis - cour-aged, for Je - sus is your friend;

*Refrain*



but then the Ho - ly Spir - it re - vives my soul a - gain.  
you can tell the love of Je - sus and say, "He died for all."  
and if you lack for knowl - edge, he'll ne'er re - fuse to lend.

## **‡ Apostles Creed**

A With the whole church let us confess our faith

**C I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into hell.\*  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again 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 Gathered Community**

Each petition ends with:

A God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**

A Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through  
Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**C Amen.**

## **‡ Share the Peace**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C And also with you.**

## **Offering Music**

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
 bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be  
 fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -  
 nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your  
 pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

‡ Prayer at the Table

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

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

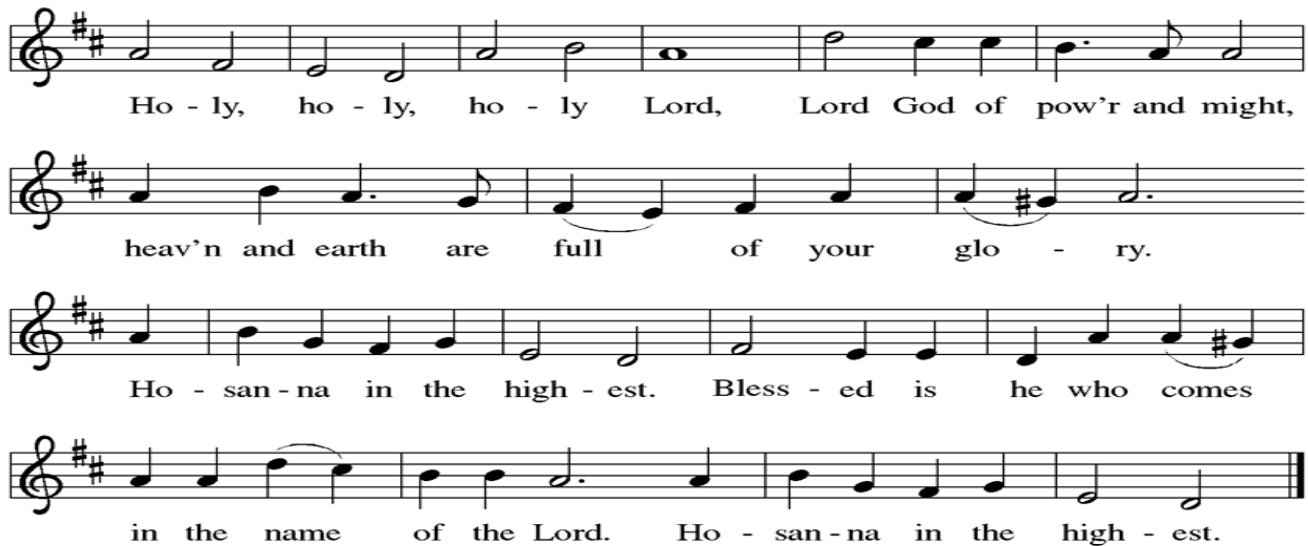
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

P It is indeed right . . . And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## Holy, Holy, Holy

## Setting 4



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n 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.

**P** Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

With hearts full of memories and hopes, we break this bread and share this cup, remembering the death and resurrection of Christ, and his promise to be with us always as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**C** **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

## The Lord's Prayer

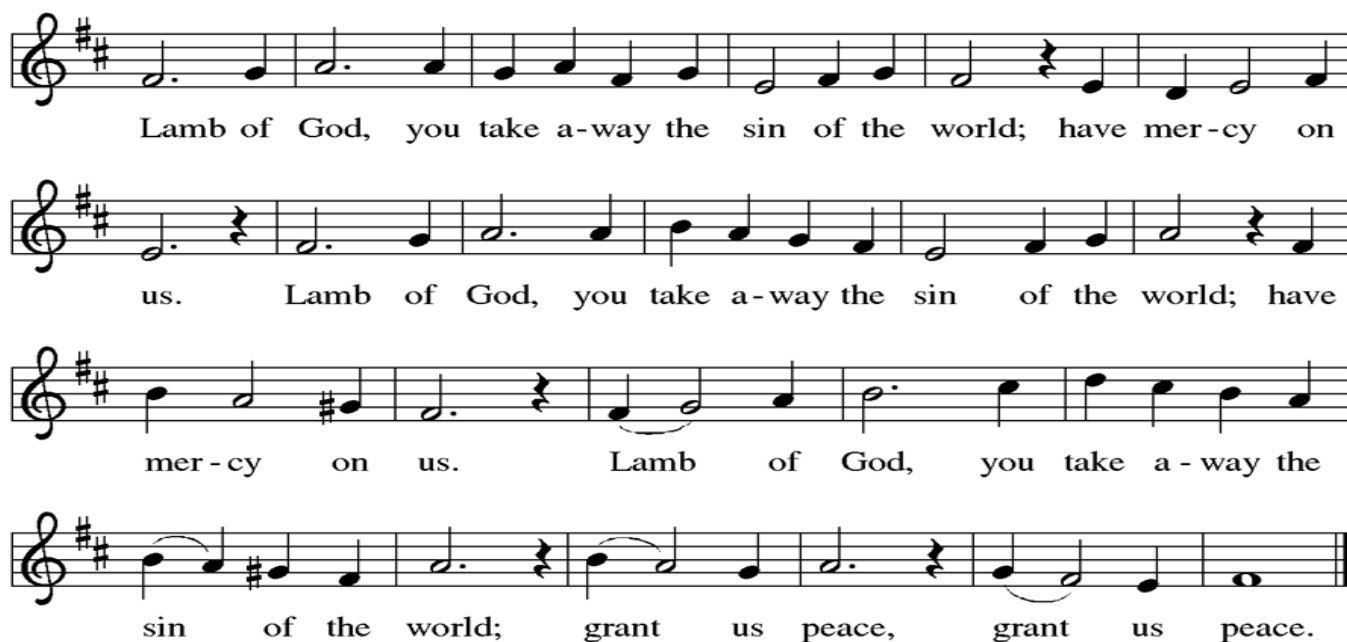
**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

## Invitation to Communion

P There's a place for everyone at the table. All are welcome here.

## ✠ Lamb of God

Setting 4



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on  
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

## ✠ Post-Communion Blessing

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen

## ✠ Post Communion Prayer and Sending of Communion and Ventana Winds

A Let us pray.

Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food.

O God of tender compassion, as you healed the sick and welcomed the stranger, bless those who now leave this assembly to share the gifts of this table with our sisters and brothers who are homebound. May they, and those they visit, be sustained by the love and prayers of this community, and by the Bread of life that satisfies all hunger, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

## ✠ Blessing

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

A Amen



1 My hope is built on noth - ing less than Je - sus' blood and righ - teous - ness;  
 2 When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I rest on his un - chang - ing grace;  
 3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sus - tain me in the rag - ing flood;  
 4 When he shall come with trum - pet sound, oh, may I then in him be found,



no mer - it of my own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.  
 in ev - 'ry high and storm - y gale my an - chor holds with - in the veil.  
 when all sup - ports are washed a - way, he then is all my hope and stay.  
 clothed in his righ - teous - ness a - lone, re - deemed to stand be - fore the throne!

*Refrain*



On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is



sink - ing sand, all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

✠ **Dismissal**

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.  
 C Thanks be to God.

**Postlude**

# Shepherd of the Desert Announcements

**Monday Morning Bible Study** 10:00 a.m. in the Founders Room. Remember to bring your Bible and a beverage. We will be reading the lessons for the upcoming weekend services.

**Game Night** June 26th at 6:00 p.m. in the Founders Room. We will have Trivia Night for this Game Night. Snacks provided but bring a beverage of your choice.

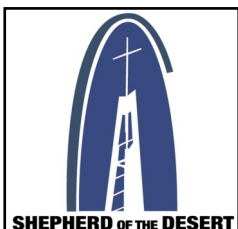
**Pancake Breakfast** June 27th 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. in Walton Hall. The price is right FREE!!! This is a free breakfast for the community and S.O.D.

## **Mission of the Month - June 2026 Pan de Vida Lutheran Church**

Located at 16221 N Greasewood St. in Surprise, Pan de Vida has been serving the Spanish community for over 30 years.



Judy Briggs	6/01
Julia Scott	6/03
Arleen Knoll	6/04
Carole Mariani	6/06
Barbara Walters	6/08



**Worship Times:** Saturday at 4:00 p.m. & Sunday at 9:00 a.m.

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