

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



Eleventh Week after Pentecost
August 9, 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**

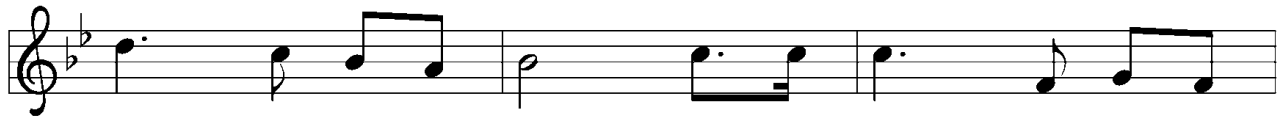
Greeting

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.**



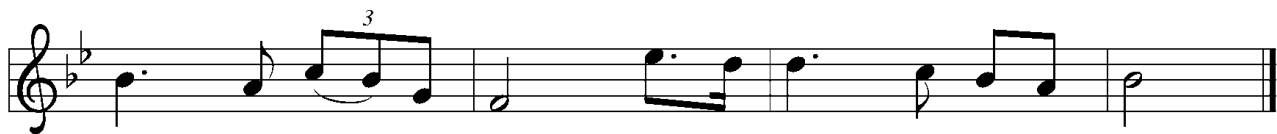
1 Je - sus, Sav - ior, pi - lot me o - ver
2 As a moth - er stills her child, thou canst
3 When at last I near the shore, and the



life's tem - pes - tuous sea; un - known waves be - fore me
hush the o - cean wild; bois - t'rous waves o - bey thy
fear - ful break - ers roar twixt me and the peace - ful



roll, hid - ing rock and treach - 'rous shoal; chart and
will when thou say'st to them: "Be still." Won - drous
rest, then, while lean - ing on thy breast, may I



com - pass come from thee. Je - sus, Sav - ior, pi - lot me.
sov - 'reign of the sea, Je - sus, Sav - ior, pi - lot me.
hear thee say to me: "Fear not, I will pi - lot thee."

‡ **Prayer of the Day**

A The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

O God our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen**

First Reading: 1 Kings 19:9-18

Pew Bible

L The word of the Lord

C **Thanks be to God**

Psalm: Psalm 85:8-13

- ⁸ I will listen to what the LORD | God is saying;
for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their | hearts to you.
- ⁹ **Truly, your salvation is very near to | those who fear you,**
that your glory may dwell | in our land.
- ¹⁰ Steadfast love and faithfulness have | met together;
righteousness and peace have | kissed each other.
- ¹¹ **Faithfulness shall spring up | from the earth,**
and righteousness shall look | down from heaven.
- ¹² The LORD will indeed | grant prosperity,
and our land will | yield its increase.
- ¹³ **Righteousness shall go be- | fore the LORD**
and shall prepare for | God a pathway.

Second Reading: Romans 10:5-15

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?

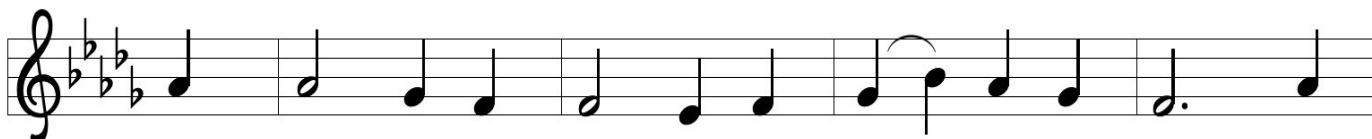
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

P The Gospel of Our Lord
C Thanks be to God

Message

Hymn of the Day When Peace Like a River

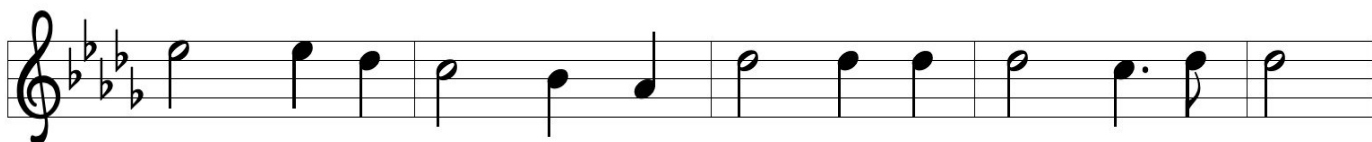
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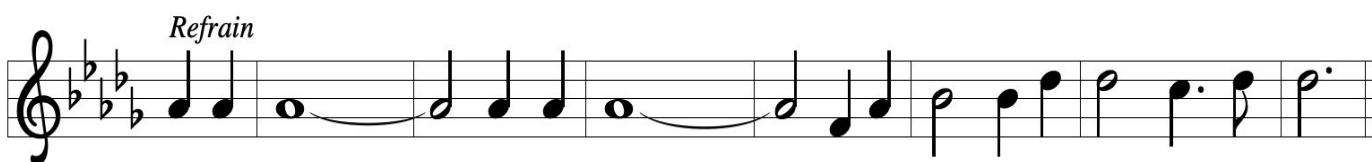
1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when
2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let
3 He lives—oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; my
4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the



sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast
this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my
sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to his cross and I
clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the



taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.
help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.
bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.



It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

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 Merciful God,

C receive 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



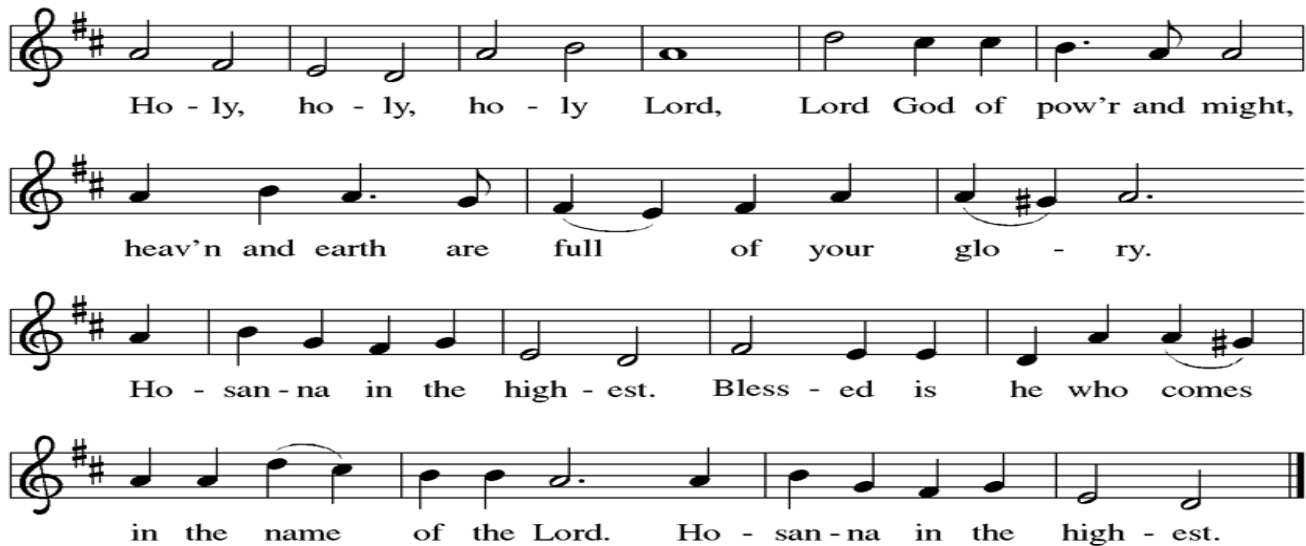
Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
 bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be
 fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -
 nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with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

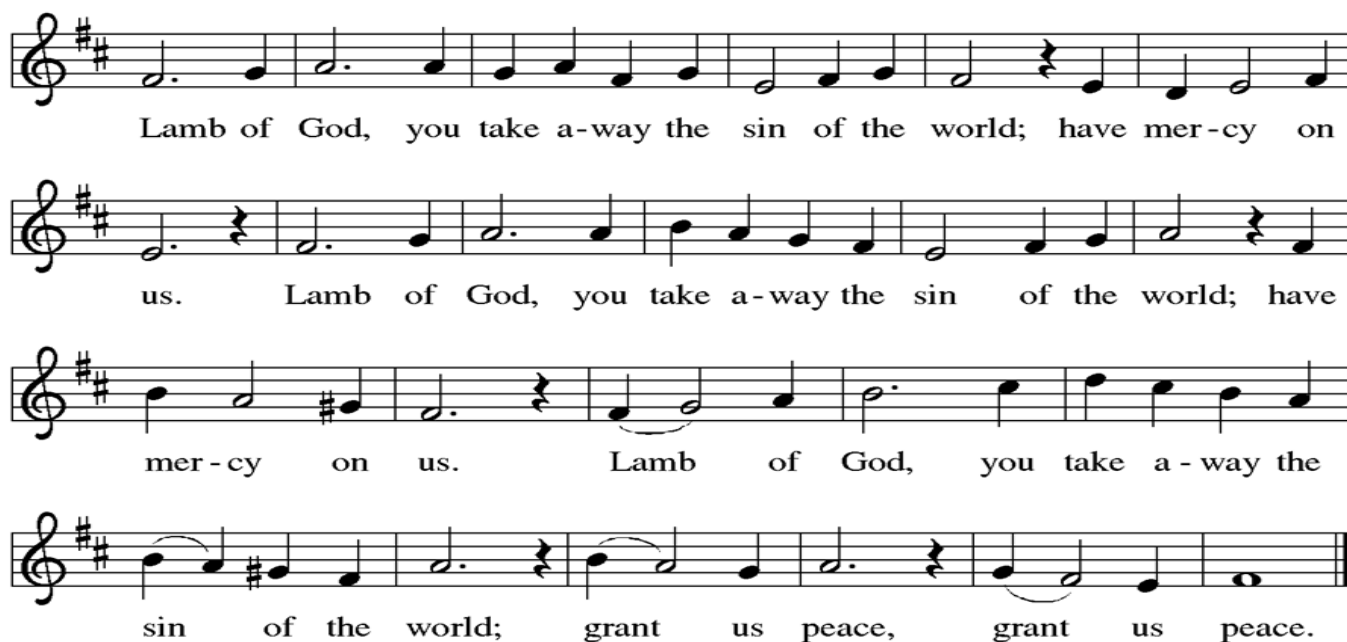
Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the 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 faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
- 2 May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart,
- 3 While life's dark maze I tread and griefs a - round me spread,
- 4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, when death's cold, sul - len stream



Sav - ior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my
 my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, oh, may my
 be thou my guide; bid dark-ness turn to day, wipe sor-row's
 shall o'er me roll; blest Sav - ior, then, in love fear and dis -



guilt a - way, oh, let me from this day be whol - ly thine!
 love to thee pure, warm, and change-less be, a liv - ing fire!
 tears a - way, nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.
 trust re-move; oh, bear me safe a - bove, a ran - somed soul!

✠ **Dismissal**

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

Postlude

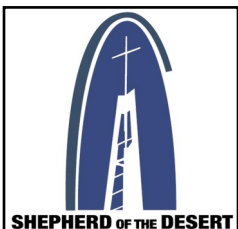
Shepherd of the Desert Announcements

Memorial Service for Lois Goetz August 24th at 11:00 a.m. if you would like to come please sign up in the Narthex. Also, we will not have Bible Study that Monday morning.

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. No Bible Study Monday August 24th.

Paint Night August 12th at 5:30 p.m. in Walton Hall. Please make sure to sign up so we can plan snacks and supplies. Bring a beverage, snacks are provided.

Mission of the Month - August 2026 "Spirit Lift" Shuttle Bus
Keeping our bus running safely for our community comes with rising maintenance and operational costs. Your gifts to **Mission of the Month** this August help cover these expenses so we can keep the ministry rolling.



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

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