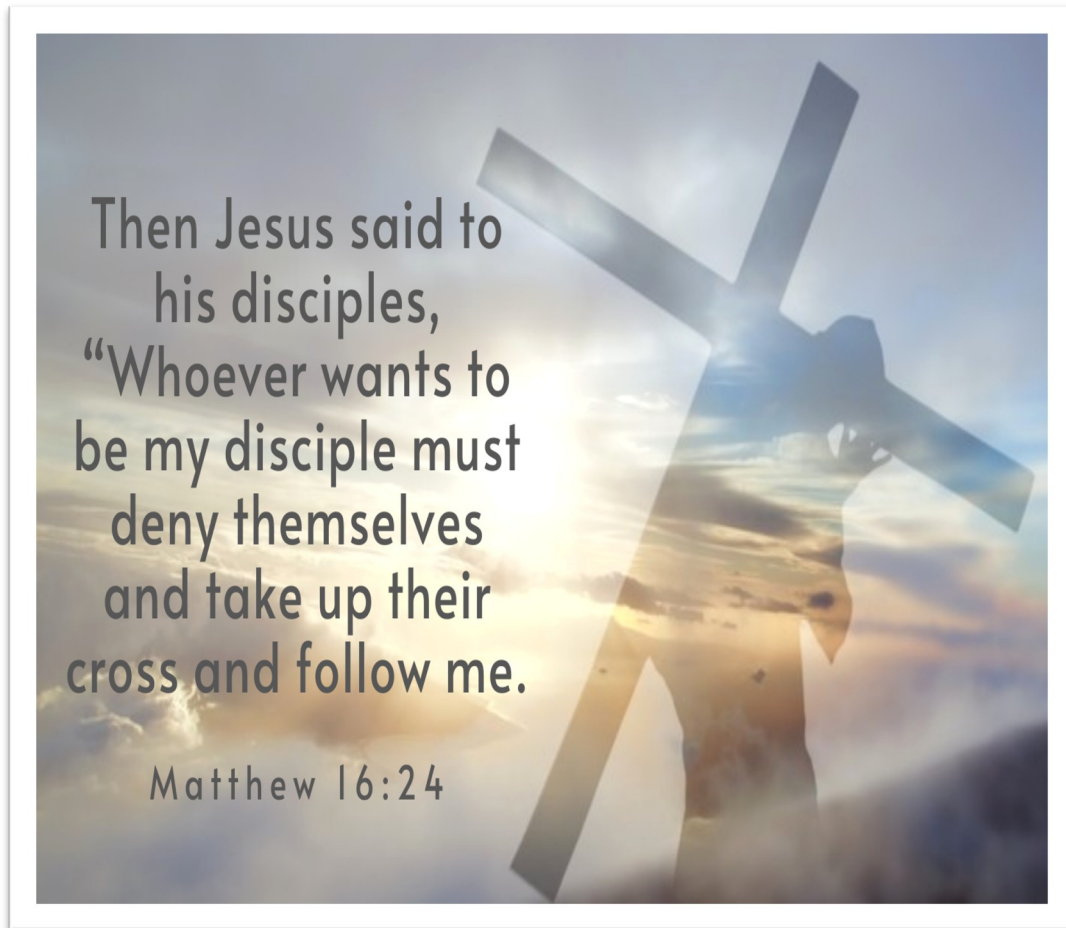


Welcome to Shepherd of the Desert
Evangelical Lutheran Church
Sun City, AZ



Fourteenth Week after Pentecost
August 29,30, 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 Let the whole cre - a - tion cry, "Glo - ry to the Lord on high!"
 2 Ser - vants striv - ing for the Lord, proph - ets burn - ing with the word,
 3 Men and wom - en, young and old, raise the an - them loud and bold,



Heav'n and earth, a - wake and sing, "Praise to our al - might - y king!"
 those to whom the arts be - long add their voic - es to the song.
 and let chil - dren's hap - py hearts in this wor - ship take their parts;



Praise God, an - gel hosts a - bove, ev - er bright and fair in love;
 Pow'rs of knowl - edge and of law, to the glo - rious cir - cle draw;
 from the north to south - ern pole let the might - y cho - rus roll:



sun and moon, lift up your voice; night and stars, in God re - joice.
 all who work and all who wait, sing, "The Lord is good and great!"
 "Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly One; glo - ry be to God a - lone!"

Prayer of the Day

A The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world.
 Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your
 commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen**

First Reading: Jeremiah 15:15-21

Pew Bible

L The word of the Lord

C **Thanks be to God**

Psalm: Psalm 26:1-8

¹ Give judgment for me, O LORD, for I have lived | with integrity;
I have trusted in the LORD and I have not faltered.

² **Test me, O | LORD, and try me;**
examine my heart | and my mind.

³ For your steadfast love is be- | fore my eyes;
I have walked faithful- | ly with you.

⁴ **I have not sat | with the worthless,**
nor do I consort with | the deceitful.

⁵ I have hated the company of | evildoers;
I will not sit down | with the wicked.

⁶ **I will wash my hands in inno- | cence, O LORD,**
that I may go in procession | round your altar,

⁷ singing aloud a song | of thanksgiving
and recounting all your won- | derful deeds.

⁸ **LORD, I love the house in | which you dwell**
and the place where your glo- | ry abides.

Second Reading: Romans 12:9-21

Pew Bible

L The word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Setting 4



P The Gospel of Our Lord
C Thanks be to God

Message

Hymn of the Day Let Us Break Bread Together

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1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;
2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;
3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;



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When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing



sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me.

✠ 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



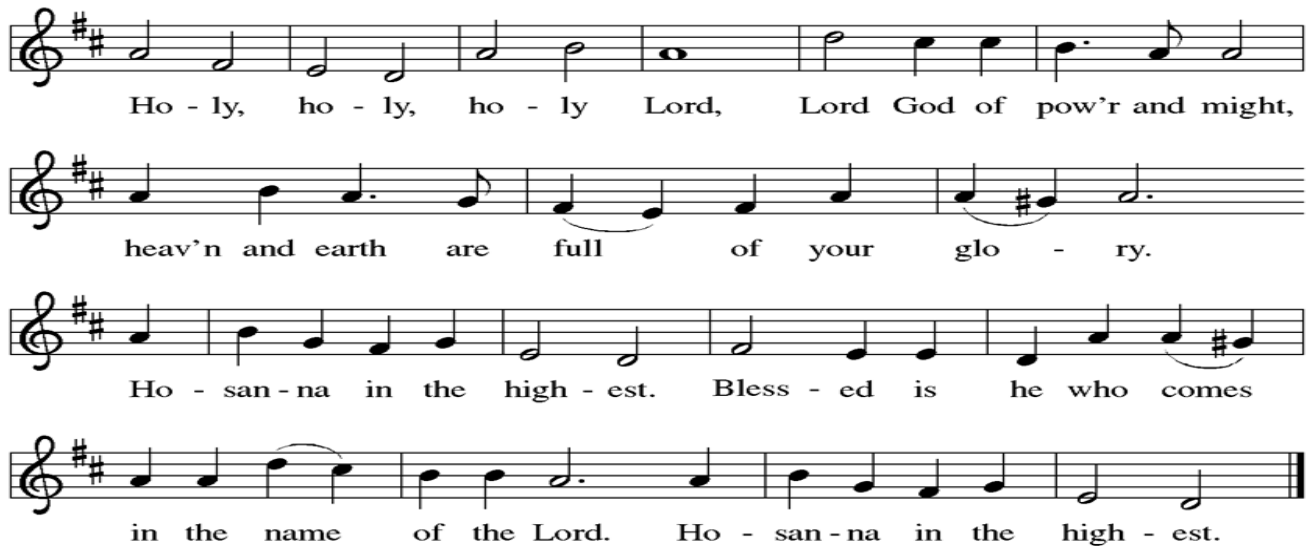
Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
 bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be
 fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -
 nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with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

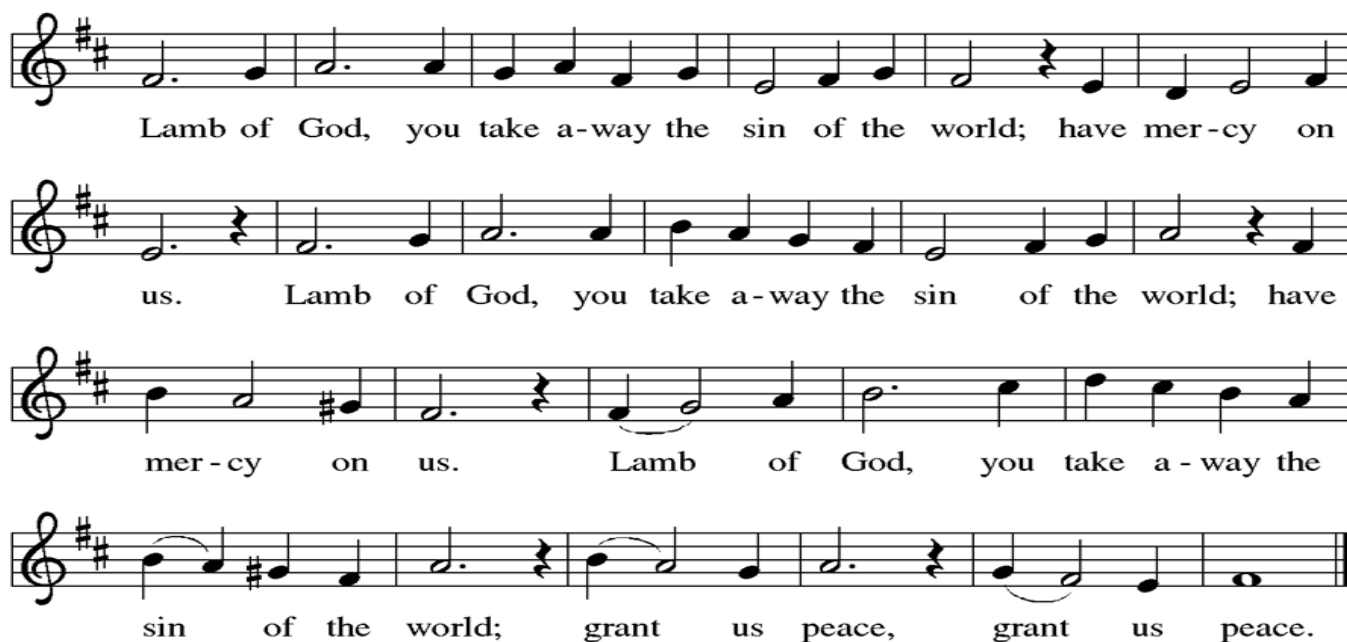
Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the 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 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,
 2 Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
 3 All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,



who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;
 with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,
 the Son, and Spirit blest, who reign in highest heaven,



who, from our mothers' arms, has blest us on our way
 and keep us all in grace, and guide us when perplexed,
 the one eternal God, whom earth and heav'n adore;



with countless gifts of love, and still is ours to-day.
 and free us from all harm in this world and the next.
 for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

✠ **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.

First Wednesday Bingo First Wednesday of **every month** through

November. Fellowship, food, bingo and Prizes. **September 2nd at 5 p.m.** in Walton Hall. Please make sure to sign up so we can plan for enough food. Thank you!

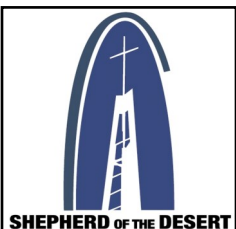
Paint Night September 9th at 5:30 p.m. in Walton Hall. Please make sure to sign up so we can plan snacks and supplies. Bring a beverage, snacks are provided.

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.



Linda George

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

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