

# Shepherd of the Mountains Lutheran Church

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Mission Statement:

Shepherd of the Mountains Lutheran Church is a community of faith grounded in love for God and love for our neighbors.



**June 28, 2026**

***5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost***

***Celice Clark, Accompanist***

***Prelude: "Partita on Lobe den Herren" by Charles Callahan***

***Postlude: "Trumpet Voluntary" Henry Purcell***

## **Welcome, Friends in Christ,**

*To assist in worship, this bulletin includes all portions of our service; prayers, readings, hymns, congregational responses in **bold**.*

*We also provide activity bags for children. You may request these from an usher to use during the service.*

*Whether you are first time visitors or long time friends returning to share in worship with us, we are grateful for your presence today.*

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## **Welcome: Pastor Todd Bertani**

*(You are invited to stand, in body or spirit)*

## **Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity,† one God, whose compassion endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin to God.

*(Brief silence for reflection)*

Compassionate God,

**we confess to you all our sins.**

**Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.**

**In your mercy, call us back to you.**

**Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.**

**Restore us to dwell in your peace.**

**In Christ's name we pray, Amen.**

Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."  
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In the name of God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven.  
Rest in God's love.

Amen.

### Opening Hymn: "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" *Hymn 858*

1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a - tion!  
3 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de - fend you;

O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and sal - va - tion!  
sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall dai - ly at - tend you.

Let all who hear now to his tem - ple draw near,  
Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can do

join - ing in his glad ad - o - ra - tion!  
if with his love he be - friend you.

Text: Joachim Neander, 1650–1680; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.  
Music: LOBE DEN HERREN, *Erneuertem Gesangbuch*, Part II, Stralsund, 1665

## Greeting

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

## Kyrie

*(Congregation sings the highlighted text)*

*Assistant:*  
In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

*Congregation:*  
**Refrain** Lord, have mer - cy.

*3rd time to Coda* ⊕

Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

*Assistant:*  
For the Reign of God, and for peace through - out the  
For your peo - ple here, who have come to give you  
world, for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the  
praise, for the strength to live your Word, let us pray to the

⊕ *Coda* **Refrain**  
Help, save, and de - fend us, O

\* *Ending for Kyrie*  
God.  
A - men.

# Now The Feast

(Refrain, Verse 1, Refrain)

## Refrain

*Congregation:*

Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion,  
all of cre - a - tion sings for joy  
to the God of life and love and  
free - dom: praise and glo - ry for ev -  
er - more!

## Verse 1

1. Now is the feast of the Lamb once  
slain, whose blood has freed and u -  
nit-ed us to be one great peo - ple of  
God. *to Refrain*

## Salutation



The musical notation is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first part, labeled "President:", consists of five measures of music with the lyrics "The Lord be with you." The second part, labeled "Congregation:", consists of five measures of music with the lyrics "And al - so with you." The second part is highlighted with a yellow background.

## Prayer of the Day

O God,  
you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy  
reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and  
serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

*(Please be seated)*

## First Reading: Ruth 4:1-22

<sup>1</sup>No sooner had Boaz gone up to the gate and sat down there than the next-of-kin of whom Boaz had spoken came passing by. So Boaz said, "Come over; sit down here." And he went over and sat down. <sup>2</sup>Then Boaz took ten men of the elders of the town and said, "Sit down here," so they sat down. <sup>3</sup>He then said to the next-of-kin, "Naomi, who has come back from the country of Moab, is selling the parcel of land that belonged to our kinsman Elimelech. <sup>4</sup>So I thought I would tell you of it and say: Buy it in the presence of those sitting here and in the presence of the elders of my people. If you will redeem it, redeem it; but if you will not, tell me, so that I may know; for there is no one prior to you to redeem it, and I come after you." So he said, "I will redeem it." <sup>5</sup>Then Boaz said, "The day you acquire the field from the hand of Naomi, you are also acquiring Ruth the Moabite, the widow of the dead man, to maintain the dead man's name

on his inheritance.”<sup>6</sup> At this, the next-of-kin said, “I cannot redeem it for myself without damaging my own inheritance. Take my right of redemption yourself, for I cannot redeem it.”

<sup>7</sup> Now this was the custom in former times in Israel concerning redeeming and exchanging to confirm a transaction: the one took off a sandal and gave it to the other; this was the manner of attesting in Israel.<sup>8</sup> So when the next-of-kin said to Boaz, “Acquire it for yourself,” he took off his sandal.<sup>9</sup> Then Boaz said to the elders and all the people, “You are witnesses today that I have acquired from the hand of Naomi all that belonged to Elimelech and all that belonged to Chilion and Mahlon.<sup>10</sup> I have also acquired Ruth the Moabite, the wife of Mahlon, to be my wife, to maintain the dead man’s name on his inheritance, in order that the name of the dead may not be cut off from his kindred and from the gate of his native place; today you are witnesses.”<sup>11</sup> Then all the people who were at the gate, along with the elders, said, “We are witnesses. May the Lord make the woman who is coming into your house like Rachel and Leah, who together built up the house of Israel. May you produce children in Ephrathah and bestow a name in Bethlehem;<sup>12</sup> and, through the children that the Lord will give you by this young woman, may your house be like the house of Perez, whom Tamar bore to Judah.”

<sup>13</sup> So Boaz took Ruth, and she became his wife. When they came together, the Lord made her conceive, and she bore a son.<sup>14</sup> Then the women said to Naomi, “Blessed be the Lord, who has not left you this day without next-of-kin, and may his name be renowned in Israel!<sup>15</sup> He shall be to you a restorer of life and a nourisher of your old age, for your daughter-in-law who loves you, who is more to you than seven sons, has borne him.”<sup>16</sup> Then Naomi took the child and laid him in her bosom and became his nurse.<sup>17</sup> The women of the neighborhood gave him a name, saying, “A son has been born to Naomi.” They named him Obed; he became the father of Jesse, the father of David.

<sup>18</sup> Now these are the descendants of Perez: Perez became the father of Hezron,<sup>19</sup> Hezron of Ram, Ram of Amminadab,<sup>20</sup> Amminadab of Nahshon, Nahshon of Salmon,<sup>21</sup> Salmon of Boaz, Boaz of Obed,<sup>22</sup> Obed of Jesse, and Jesse of David.

## Psalm 77:11-20

<sup>11</sup> I will call to mind the deeds of the Lord;  
I will remember your wonders of old.

<sup>12</sup> I will meditate on all your work  
and muse on your mighty deeds.

<sup>13</sup> Your way, O God, is holy.

What god is so great as our God?

<sup>14</sup> You are the God who works wonders;  
you have displayed your might among the peoples.

<sup>15</sup> With your strong arm you redeemed your people,  
the descendants of Jacob and Joseph. Selah

<sup>16</sup> When the waters saw you, O God,  
when the waters saw you, they were afraid;  
the very deep trembled.

<sup>17</sup> The clouds poured out water;  
the skies thundered;  
your arrows flashed on every side.

<sup>18</sup> The crash of your thunder was in the whirlwind;  
your lightnings lit up the world;  
the earth trembled and shook.

<sup>19</sup> Your way was through the sea,  
your path through the mighty waters,  
yet your footprints were unseen.

<sup>20</sup> You led your people like a flock  
by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

## Grace Talk: Marilyn Kienker

*(You are invited to stand, in body or spirit)*

## Gospel Acclamation

*Congregation:*

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we  
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal  
life. Al - le - lu - ia!

## Gospel: Luke 1:46-55

The holy gospel according to Luke Chapter 1.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>46</sup> And Mary said, “My soul magnifies the Lord, <sup>47</sup> and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, <sup>48</sup> for he has looked with favor on the lowly state of his servant. Surely from now on all generations will call me blessed, <sup>49</sup> for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name; <sup>50</sup> indeed, his mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. <sup>51</sup> He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. <sup>52</sup> He has brought down the powerful from their thrones and lifted up the lowly; <sup>53</sup> he has filled the hungry with good things and sent the rich away empty.

<sup>54</sup> He has come to the aid of his child Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, <sup>55</sup> according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*(Please be seated)*

## Sermon: Pastor Todd Bertani

### Sermon Notes:

### Sermon Hymn: "My God, How Wonderful Thou Art" *Hymn 863*

1 My God, how won - der - ful thou art, thy maj - es - ty how bright!  
3 No earth - ly fa - ther loves like thee; no moth - er, e'er so mild,  
5 My God, how won - der - ful thou art, thou ev - er - last - ing friend!

How beau - ti - ful thy mer - cy seat in depths of burn - ing light!  
bears and for - bears as thou hast done with me, thy sin - ful child.  
On thee I stay my trust - ing heart till faith in vi - sion end.

Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1814–1863  
Music: DUNDEE, *Psalter*, Edinburgh, 1615

## **Apostle's Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come 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.**

## **Intercessory Prayer**

Each petition ends: "God of grace"

Response is "hear our prayer."

## **Sharing of the Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

**Choir Anthem: "Redeemer and King" by Brian Powell & Stan Pethel**

## Receiving of Gifts

(You are invited to stand, in body or spirit)

### As the Grains of Wheat

**Refrain** *Congregation:*

As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were  
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread;  
so may all your peo-ple from all the ends of earth be  
gath-ered in - to one in you.

**Verses**

1. As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst  
2. Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when  
to Refrain  
may we share the pres-ence of your love.  
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'As the Grains of Wheat'. It is set in a key with three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a 4/4 time signature. The Refrain section consists of four lines of music with lyrics underneath. The Verses section consists of two lines of music with lyrics underneath. The second line of the Verses section is followed by the text 'to Refrain', indicating that the music continues with the Refrain melody.

## Offering Prayer

Loving God,  
we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts.  
Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love,  
so that all creation can taste your abundance.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus,  
through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.  
Amen.

## Great Thanksgiving *(Congregation sings highlighted text)*

*Presider:* The Lord be with you. *Congregation:* And al-so with you.

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

*Presider:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *Congregation:* It is

right to give God thanks and praise.



# Preface

*Presider:*

It is our duty and de - light that we should everywhere and always offer  
 thanks and praise to you, O God, through Je - sus Christ...  
 who calls us to follow his way of humble service ...and so with the church on earth, all creation and the  
 and love,  
 host of heaven we praise your name and join their un - end - ing  
*in rhythm* *To Holy, Holy*  
 hymn: \_\_\_\_\_

# “Holy, Holy, Holy”

*Congregation:*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and  
 might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your  
 glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Bless - ed is the  
 One who comes in your name. Ho - san - na in the  
 high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

## Eucharistic Prayer

You are indeed holy, gracious and merciful God;  
everything is filled with your glory.

We give you thanks for your promise and presence which have  
sustained the faithful in this and every generation.

Above all, we give you thanks for Jesus, born of Mary, who in word and  
deed announced your gentle rule of justice, reconciliation and peace.

On the night of his betrayal 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.

After the 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 all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering his command to love one another, his life and death,  
his resurrection and his ascension, we pray for his coming again,  
even as we cry:

## Eucharistic Acclamation

*Presider:*

A - men. Come, Lord Je - sus. A -

*Congregation:*

men. Come, Lord Je - sus. A - men. Come, Lord

Je - sus. A - men. Come, Lord Je - sus.

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit,  
that all of your promises may come to us  
and your whole creation.

*Presider:*

A - men. Come, Ho - ly Spir - it. A -

*Congregation:*

men. Come, Ho - ly Spir - it. A - men. Come, Ho - ly

Spir - it. A - men. Come, Ho - ly Spir - it.

This we pray through Jesus Christ, our Savior and our friend.  
And now, make us bold, O merciful God, to address you as our Abba  
as we pray:

## The 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 to Communion

Heaven has come near.  
Come, share in the feast!

*We commune by 'Intinction', by dipping the wafer in wine or grape juice.  
We are **all** guests at God's table. **Everyone** is invited to receive communion.*

*(Please be seated)*

# Lamb of God

*Congregation:*



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
 you break the chains of ha - tred and  
 you are the way of jus - tice and  
 you are the way of mer - cy and

*Congregation:*



world: have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us,  
 fear:  
 peace:  
 love.

**Final Stanza**



mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you

*Congregation:*



take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace,



grant us peace, grant us peace.



## Communion Hymn: "O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!" *Hymn 308*



1 O Morn - ing Star, how fair and bright! You shine with  
 2 Come, pre - cious dia - mond, light di - vine, and deep with -  
 3 Lord, when you look on us in love, at once there  
 4 Al - might - y Fa - ther, in your Son you loved us,



God's own truth and light, a - glow with grace and mer - cy!  
 in our hearts now shine; there light a flame un - dy - ing!  
 falls from God a - bove a ray of pur - est plea - sure.  
 when not yet be - gun was this old earth's foun - da - tion!



Of Ja - cob's line, King Da - vid's son, our Lord and Sav - ior,  
 In your one bod - y let us be as liv - ing branch - es  
 Your word and Spir - it, flesh and blood re - fresh our souls with  
 Your Son has ran - somed us in love to live in him here



you have won our hearts to serve you on - ly! Low - ly,  
 of a tree, your life our lives sup - ply - ing. Now, though  
 heav'n - ly food. You are our dear - est trea - sure! Let your  
 and a - bove: this is your great sal - va - tion. Al - le -



ho - ly! Great and glo - rious, all vic - to - rious, rich  
 dai - ly earth's deep sad - ness may per - plex us and  
 mer - cy warm and cheer us! Oh, draw near us! For life  
 lu - ia! Christ the liv - ing, to us giv - ing life



in bless - ing! Rule and might o'er all pos - sess - ing!  
 dis - tress us, yet with heav'n - ly joy you bless us.  
 you teach us God's own love through you has reached us.  
 for - ev - er, keeps us yours and fails us nev - er!

Text: Philipp Nicolai, 1556–1608; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*

Music: WIE SCHÖN LEUCHTET, Philipp Nicolai

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## Post Communion Blessing

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us, now and forever. **Amen.**

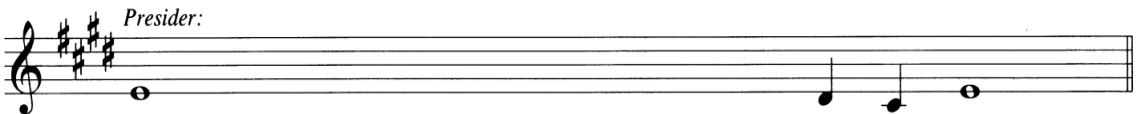
## Post Communion Prayer

Compassionate God,  
through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus, **Amen.**

## Ministry Highlights

*(You are invited to stand, in body or spirit)*

### Blessing



May God bless us and keep us.  
May God's face shine on us and be gracious to us.  
May God look on us with favor and + give us peace.

*Congregation:*

A - men.

## Sending Hymn: "What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine" Hymn 774



1 What a fel - low-ship, what a joy di - vine, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms;  
 3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms?



what a bless-ed-ness, what a peace is mine, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.  
 I have bless-ed peace with my Lord so near, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.



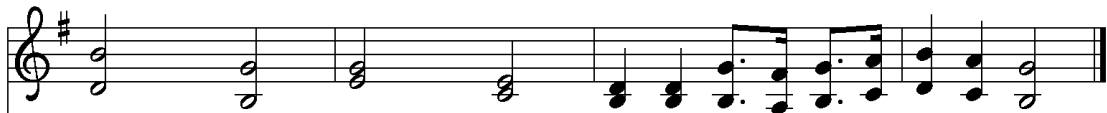
*Refrain*



Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se-cure from all a - larms;



Lean - ing on Je - sus, lean - ing on Je - sus,



lean - ing, lean - ing, lean-ing on the ev - er - last-ing arms.



lean - ing on Je - sus, lean - ing on Je - sus,

Text: Elisha A. Hoffman, 1839–1919

Music: SHOWALTER, Anthony J. Showalter, 1858–1924

**Sending:** .... go in peace. Tell what God has done. **Thanks be to God.**