

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



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14th Sunday after Pentecost

Ann Knipping, Accompanist

***Prelude: "Praise Him, Praise Him!" and
"His Eye Is on the Sparrow" by Mark Hayes***

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. Please note: The bags contain a treat. 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

Call to Worship: "Awesome God" by Rich Mullins

(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."

In the name of God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven.
Rest in God's love.

Amen.

Opening Hymn: "Come Now, You Blessed" *ACS Hymn 1059*

1 "Come now, you bless - ed, eat at my ta - ble,"
3 "When you gave bread to earth's hun - gry chil - dren,
4 Christ, when we meet you out on life's road - ways,

said Je - sus Christ to the righ - teous a - bove.
when you gave wel - come to war's ref - u - gees,
look - ing to us in the fac - es of need,

"When I was hun - gry, thirst - y, and home - less,
when you re - mem - bered those most for - got - ten,
then may we know you, wel - come and show you

sick and in pris - on, you showed me your love."
you cared for me in the small - est of these."
love that is faith - ful in word and in deed.

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

Music: MATTHEW 25, Emily R. Brink, b. 1940

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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



Prayer of the Day

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.

Amen.

(Please be seated)

First Reading: Micah 4:1-5

¹ In days to come the mountain of the Lord's temple shall be established as the highest of the mountains and shall be raised up above the hills. Peoples shall stream to it, ² and many nations shall come and say: "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. ³ He shall judge between many peoples and shall arbitrate between strong nations far away; they shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation; neither shall they learn war any more;

⁴but they shall all sit under their own vines and under their own fig trees,
and no one shall make them afraid,
for the mouth of the Lord of hosts has spoken.

⁵For all the peoples walk, each in the name of its god,
but we will walk in the name of the Lord our God forever and ever.

Second Reading: Acts 3:1-10

¹One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the hour of prayer, at three o'clock in the afternoon. ²And a man lame from birth was being carried in. People would lay him daily at the gate of the temple called the Beautiful Gate so that he could ask for alms from those entering the temple. ³When he saw Peter and John about to go into the temple, he asked them for alms. ⁴Peter looked intently at him, as did John, and said, "Look at us." ⁵And he fixed his attention on them, expecting to receive something from them. ⁶Peter said, "I have no silver or gold, but what I have I give you; in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, stand up and walk." ⁷And he took him by the right hand and raised him up, and immediately his feet and ankles were made strong. ⁸Jumping up, he stood and began to walk, and he entered the temple with them, walking and leaping and praising God. ⁹All the people saw him walking and praising God, ¹⁰and they recognized him as the one who used to sit and ask for alms at the Beautiful Gate of the temple, and they were filled with wonder and astonishment at what had happened to him.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Grace Talk: Susan Anderson

(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: Matthew 28:18-20

The holy gospel according to Matthew Chapter 28.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

Sermon: Pastor Todd Bertani

Sermon Notes:

Sermon Hymn: “God’s Work, Our Hands” *ACS Hymn 1000*

1 God's work, our hands: work - ing to - geth - er,
2 God's work, our feet: trav - 'ling to - geth - er,

build - ing a fu - ture, re - pair - ing the world,
fol - low - ing Je - sus to plac - es un - known,

rais - ing up homes, plant - ing new gar - dens,
walk - ing as friends, march - ing for free - dom,

feed - ing the hun - gry and shelt - 'ring the cold.
run - ning the race with God's fu - ture the goal.

Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name,
Bless, God, our feet as we fol - low your way,

shar - ing the good news of your gos - pel.
shar - ing the good news of your gos - pel.

Text: Wayne L. Wold, b. 1954

Music: EARTH AND ALL STARS, David N. Johnson, 1922–1987

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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: "Merciful God"
Response is **"receive our prayer."**

Sharing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

Choir Anthem: "Love Grows Here" by Don Besig

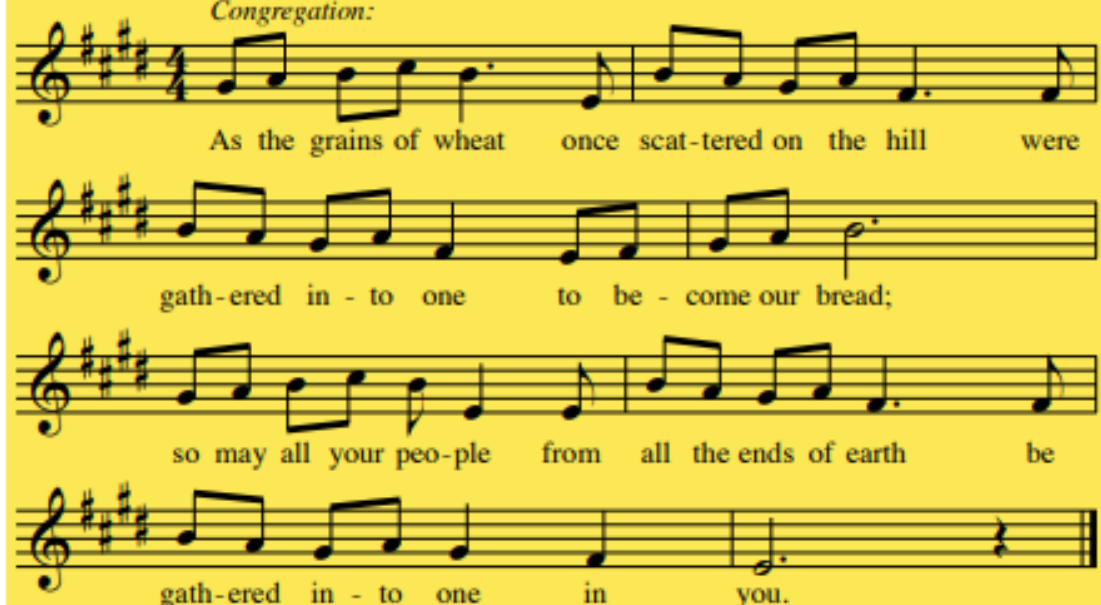
***During the choir anthem, two offerings will be collected today.
The first, in the wood plates, is our traditional general offering.
The second, in the globes, is for Pine Ridge Reconciliation Center.***

Receiving of Gifts

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

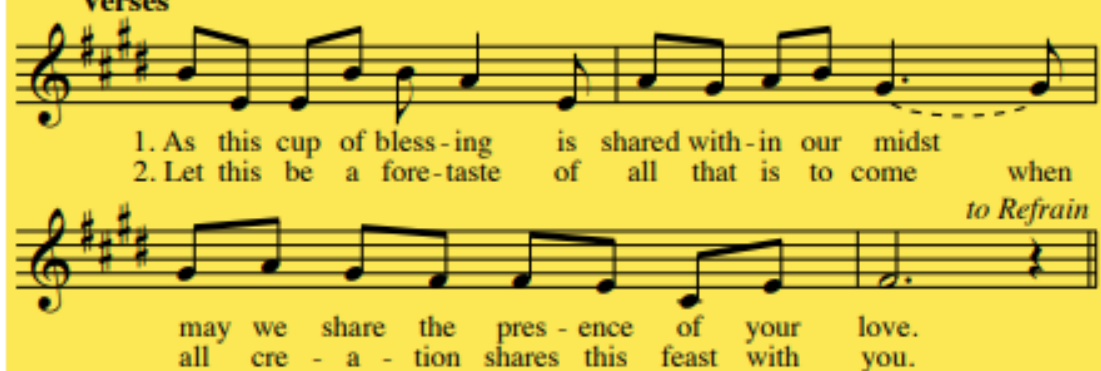
As the Grains of Wheat

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.

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)*

The musical score is written for a Presider and a Congregation. It consists of four lines of music, each with a corresponding line of text. The Congregation's parts are highlighted in yellow.

Line 1:
Presider: The Lord be with you.
Congregation: And al-so with you.

Line 2:
Presider: Lift up your hearts.
Congregation: We lift them to the Lord.

Line 3:
Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
Congregation: It is

Line 4:
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)

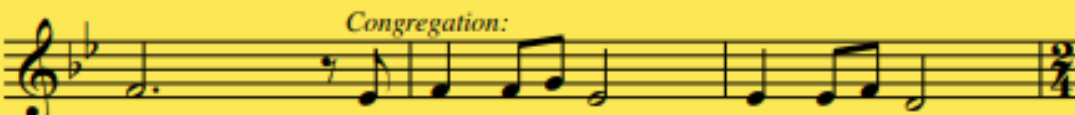
Lamb of God

Congregation:



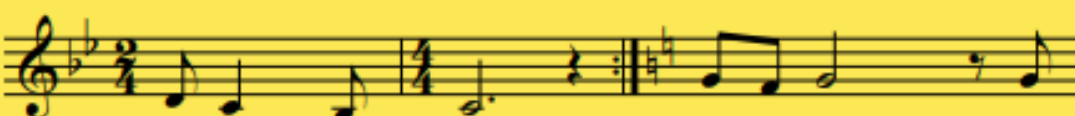
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
 you break the chains of ha - tred and
 you are the way of jus - tice and
 you are the way of mer - cy and

Congregation:



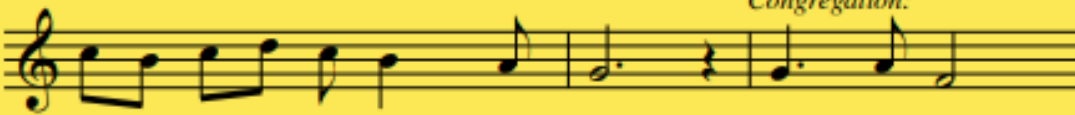
world: have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us,
fear:
peace:
love.

Final Stanza

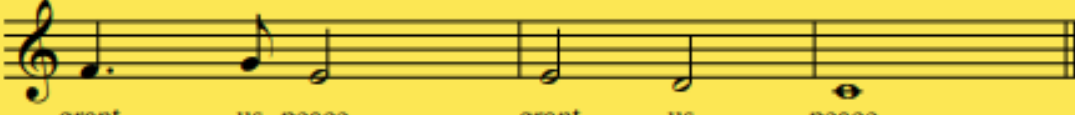


mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you

Congregation:



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



grant us peace, grant us peace.

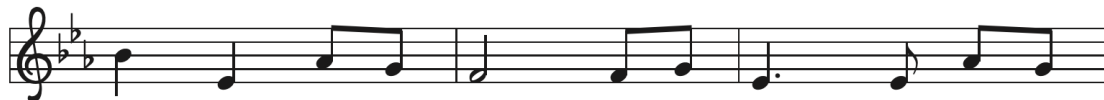


Communion Hymn: "Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken" ACS

Hymn 966



1 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken by the
 2 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken in a
 3 Loaves are bro - ken, words are spo - ken, as in
 4 By the loaves you break and give us, send us



Gal - i - le - an shore. Je - sus, Bread of life from
 qui - et room one night. In the bread and wine you
 faith we gath - er here. Je - sus speaks a - cross the
 in your name to share bread for which the mil - lions

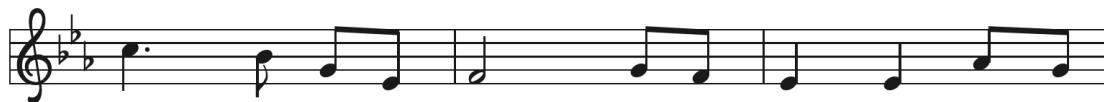


heav - en, was their food for - ev - er - more.
 gave them, Christ, you came as Light from Light.
 a - ges: "I am with you; do not fear!"
 hun - ger, words that tell your love and care.

Refrain



By your bod - y bro - ken for us, by your



wine of life out - poured, Je - sus, feed a - gain your



peo - ple. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., 1923–2007

Music: JOYOUS LIGHT, Marty Haugen, b. 1950

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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

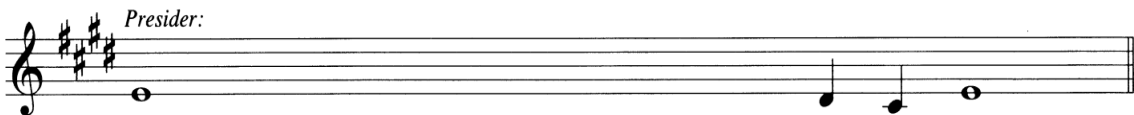
Compassionate God,
through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, Amen.

Ministry Highlights *(see insert)*

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

Blessing

Presider:



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:



Sending Hymn: "Let Us Enter In" ACS Hymn 985

1 Let us en-ter in to the song of thanks - giv - ing and free - dom.
2 Let us en-ter in to the place where our God has pre - ced - ed.
3 Let us en-ter in to the heart of a world that is bro - ken.

Let us en-ter in to the long line of peo - ple in need.
Let us en-ter in to the face of the fear and the pain.
Let us en-ter in to the start of a hope we can share.

Let us en-ter in to the strong mind that God is still liv - ing.
Let us en-ter in to the grace of the love when it's need - ed.
Let us en-ter in to the part where we call one an - oth - er

Heal - ing, for - giv - ing — Let us en - ter in.
Death is de - feat - ed! Let us en - ter in.
sis - ter and broth - er. Let us en - ter in.

Text: Ray Makeever, b. 1943

Music: LET US ENTER IN, Ray Makeever

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Sending

As God's own, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness,
and patience, forgiving each other as the Lord has forgiven you,
and crown all these things with love,
which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

Amen.

(based on Colossians 3:12-14)

Go in peace. Tell what God has done.

Thanks be to God!

Postlude: "Amazing Grace" arr. By Mark Hayes

