

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



September 13, 2026
16th Sunday after Pentecost

Celice Clark, Accompanist

Prelude: "Rondo" John Bull

"God of Grace" Paul Manz

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 Chuck Hubbard

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: "God of Grace and God of Glory" *Hymn 705*

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple
 3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to

pour your pow'r; crown your an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;
 your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,

bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
 rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 lest we miss your king - dom's goal, lest we miss your king - dom's goal.

Text: Harry E. Fosdick, 1878–1969
 Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873–1932

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 Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

(Please be seated)

First Reading: Genesis 6:5-22, 8:6-12, 9:8-17

⁵The Lord saw that the wickedness of humans was great in the earth and that every inclination of the thoughts of their hearts was only evil continually. ⁶And the Lord was sorry that he had made humans on the earth, and it grieved him to his heart. ⁷So the Lord said, "I will blot out from the earth the humans I have created—people together with animals and creeping things and birds of the air—for I am sorry that I have made them." ⁸But Noah found favor in the sight of the Lord.

⁹These are the descendants of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his generation; Noah walked with God. ¹⁰And Noah had three sons: Shem, Ham, and Japheth. ¹¹Now the earth was corrupt in God's sight, and the earth was filled with violence. ¹²And God saw that the earth was corrupt, for all flesh had corrupted its ways upon the earth. ¹³And God said to Noah, "I have determined to make an end of all flesh,

for the earth is filled with violence because of them; now I am going to destroy them along with the earth. ¹⁴ Make yourself an ark of cypress wood; make rooms in the ark, and cover it inside and out with pitch. ¹⁵ This is how you are to make it: the length of the ark three hundred cubits, its width fifty cubits, and its height thirty cubits. ¹⁶ Make a roof for the ark, and finish it to a cubit above, and put the door of the ark in its side; make it with lower, second, and third decks. ¹⁷ For my part, I am going to bring a flood of waters on the earth, to destroy from under heaven all flesh in which is the breath of life; everything that is on the earth shall die. ¹⁸ But I will establish my covenant with you, and you shall come into the ark, you, your sons, your wife, and your sons' wives with you. ¹⁹ And of every living thing, of all flesh, you shall bring two of every kind into the ark, to keep them alive with you; they shall be male and female. ²⁰ Of the birds according to their kinds and of the animals according to their kinds, of every creeping thing of the ground according to its kind, two of every kind shall come in to you, to keep them alive. ²¹ Also take with you every kind of food that is eaten, and store it up, and it shall serve as food for you and for them." ²² Noah did this; he did all that God commanded him.

⁶ At the end of forty days Noah opened the window of the ark that he had made ⁷ and sent out the raven, and it went to and fro until the waters were dried up from the earth. ⁸ Then he sent out the dove from him to see if the waters had subsided from the face of the ground, ⁹ but the dove found no place to set its foot, and it returned to him to the ark, for the waters were still on the face of the whole earth. So he put out his hand and took it and brought it into the ark with him. ¹⁰ He waited another seven days, and again he sent out the dove from the ark, ¹¹ and the dove came back to him in the evening, and there in its beak was a freshly plucked olive leaf; so Noah knew that the waters had subsided from the earth. ¹² Then he waited another seven days and sent out the dove, and it did not return to him any more.

⁸ Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹ "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you ¹⁰ and

with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. ¹¹ I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” ¹² God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³ I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴ When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵ I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh, and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶ When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” ¹⁷ God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

Second Reading: Psalm 105:1-15 *(Read Responsively)*

¹ O give thanks to the Lord; call on his name;
make known his deeds among the peoples.

**² Sing to him, sing praises to him;
tell of all his wonderful works.**

³ Glory in his holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

**⁴ Seek the Lord and his strength;
seek his presence continually.**

⁵ Remember the wonderful works he has done,
his miracles and the judgments he has uttered,

**⁶ O offspring of his servant Abraham,
children of Jacob, his chosen ones.**

⁷ He is the Lord our God;
his judgments are in all the earth.

**⁸He is mindful of his covenant forever,
of the word that he commanded for a thousand generations,**

⁹the covenant that he made with Abraham,
his sworn promise to Isaac,

**¹⁰which he confirmed to Jacob as a statute,
to Israel as an everlasting covenant,**

¹¹saying, "To you I will give the land of Canaan
as your portion for an inheritance."

**¹²When they were few in number,
of little account and strangers in it,**

¹³wandering from nation to nation,
from one kingdom to another people,

**¹⁴he allowed no one to oppress them;
he rebuked kings on their account,**

¹⁵saying, "Do not touch my anointed ones;
do my prophets no harm."

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

(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 8:24-27

The holy gospel according to Matthew Chapter 8.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁴ A windstorm suddenly arose on the sea, so great that the boat was being swamped by the waves, but he was asleep. ²⁵ And they went and woke him up, saying, "Lord, save us! We are perishing!" ²⁶ And he said to them, "Why are you afraid, you of little faith?" Then he got up and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a dead calm. ²⁷ They were amazed, saying, "What sort of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him?"

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

Sermon: Pastor Chuck Hubbard

Sermon Notes:

Sermon Hymn: "Creating God, Your Fingers Trace" Hymn 684



1 Cre - at - ing God, your fin - gers trace the bold de -
 3 Re - deem - ing God, your arms em - brace all now de -
 4 In - dwell - ing God, your gos - pel claims one fam - 'ly

signs of far - thest space; let sun and moon and stars and
 spised for creed or race; let peace, de - scend - ing like a
 with a bil - lion names; let ev - 'ry life be touched by

light and what lies hid - den praise your might.
 dove, make known on earth your heal - ing love.
 grace un - til we praise you face to face.

Text: Jeffery Rowthorn, b. 1934

Music: PROSPECT, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835; arr. hymnal version

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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

After each petition : "Hear us O God"
Congregation Response is **"your mercy is great."**

Sharing of the Peace

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

Choir Anthem: "Bless Now, O God, the Journey" *by Anne Krentz*

Receiving of Gifts

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

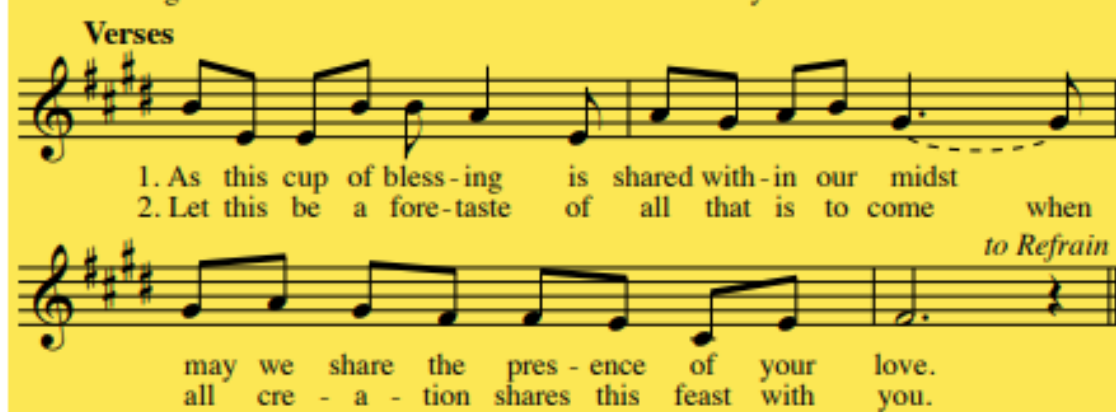
As the Grains of Wheat

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

God of creation,
you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always. Amen.

Great Thanksgiving *(Congregation sings highlighted text)*

The musical score for the Great Thanksgiving is written in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a 4/4 time signature. It consists of four staves. The first staff shows the Presider singing 'The Lord be with you.' followed by the Congregation singing 'And al-so with you.' The second staff shows the Presider singing 'Lift up your hearts.' followed by the Congregation singing 'We lift them to the Lord.' The third staff shows the Presider singing 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.' followed by the Congregation singing 'It is' on a single note. The fourth staff is a single line of music for the Congregation singing 'right to give God thanks and praise.' The lyrics 'And al-so with you.', 'We lift them to the Lord.', and 'It is' are highlighted in yellow in the original image.

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

The musical score for the Preface is written in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). It consists of three staves. The first staff shows the Presider singing 'It is our duty' followed by a rest, then 'and de - light that we should everywhere and always offer'. The second staff shows the Presider singing 'thanks and' followed by a rest, then 'praise to you, O God, through Je - sus Christ...'. The third staff shows the Presider singing 'who calls us to follow his way of humble service ...and so with the church on earth, all creation and the and love,'. The lyrics 'and de - light that we should everywhere and always offer', 'praise to you, O God, through Je - sus Christ...', and 'who calls us to follow his way of humble service ...and so with the church on earth, all creation and the and love,' are highlighted in yellow in the original image.

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

The musical notation is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff is for the Presider, and the second and third staves are for the Congregation. The lyrics are: "A - men. Come, Ho - ly Spir - it. A - men. Come, Ho - ly Spir - it. A - men. Come, Ho - ly Spir - it." The Congregation's part is highlighted in yellow.

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.

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

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.

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

Christ invites you to this table.
All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!

*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

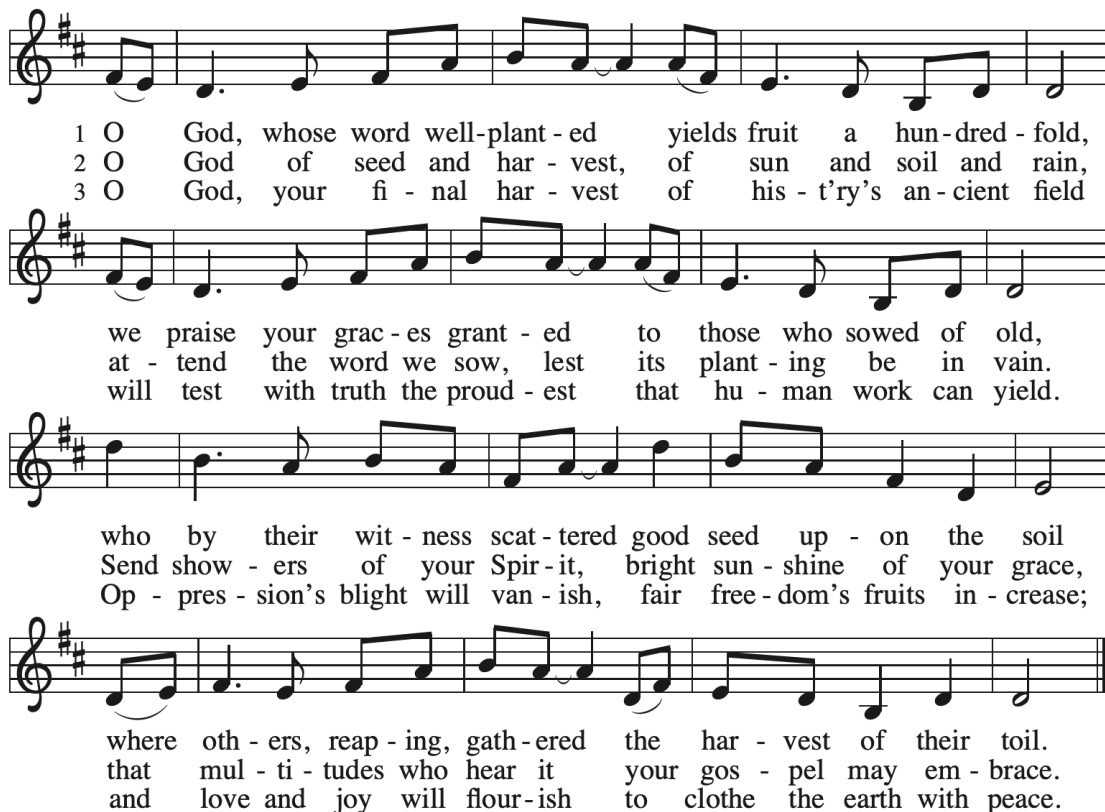
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you

Congregation:

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



Communion Hymn: "O God, Whose Word Well Planted" ACS Hymn 975



1 O God, whose word well-plant-ed yields fruit a hun-dred-fold,
2 O God of seed and har-vest, of sun and soil and rain,
3 O God, your fi-nal har-vest of his-t'ry's an-cient field

we praise your grac-es grant-ed to those who sowed of old,
at-tend the word we sow, lest its plant-ing be in vain.
will test with truth the proud-est that hu-man work can yield.

who by their wit-ness scat-tered good seed up-on the soil
Send show-ers of your Spir-it, bright sun-shine of your grace,
Op-pres-sion's blight will van-ish, fair free-dom's fruits in-crease;

where oth-ers, reap-ing, gath-ered the har-vest of their toil.
that mul-ti-tudes who hear it your gos-pel may em-brace.
and love and joy will flour-ish to clothe the earth with peace.

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

Music: ABIDING PRESENCE, Stephen P. Folkemer, b. 1952

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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 Calendar

September 13—Sunday

9:00 a.m.: Worship—***Pastor Chuck Hubbard—supply pastor***
3rd Quarter Offering for La Puente

September 14-15—Monday, Tuesday:

Mowing at the church

September 16—Wednesday:

8:00 a.m.: Sacred Space (Zoom)
4:00 p.m.: Choir Rehearsal

September 17—Thursday:

9:30 a.m.: Council Meeting
1:00 p.m.: Quilting

September 19—Saturday:

10:30 a.m.: Girls Time Out, meeting at church to go to Longmont
3:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.: Nelson Family Reunion, at church

September 20—Sunday

9:00 a.m.: Worship

September 23—Wednesday:

8:00 a.m.: Sacred Space (Zoom)

4:00 p.m.: Choir Rehearsal

September 24—Thursday:

1:00 p.m.: Quilting

September 25—Friday:

11:00 a.m.: Worship at Good Sam

September 27—Sunday

9:00 a.m.: Worship—Women's Thank Offering Service

September 28-October 1—Monday– Thursday:

Pastor attending Rocky Mountain Synod Theology Conference in Utah.

September 30—Wednesday:

8:00 a.m.: Sacred Space (Zoom)

4:00 p.m.: Choir Rehearsal

October 1—October 4—Thursday– Sunday:

La Puente Service Trip

October 1—Thursday:

1:00 p.m.: Quilting

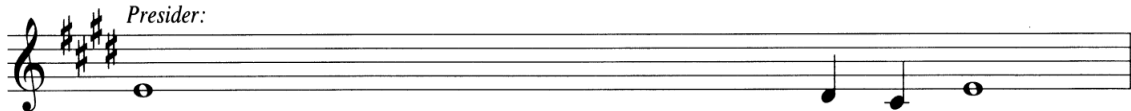
October 04—Sunday

9:00 a.m.: Worship—***Pastor Sheryl Kester Beyer—supply pastor***

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

Blessing

Presider:



May God bless us and keep us.

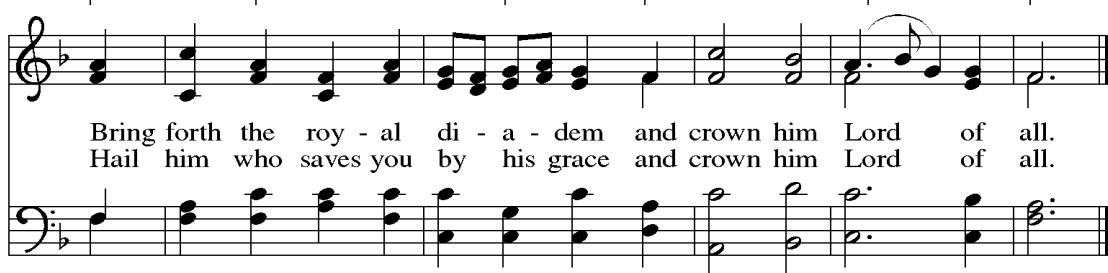
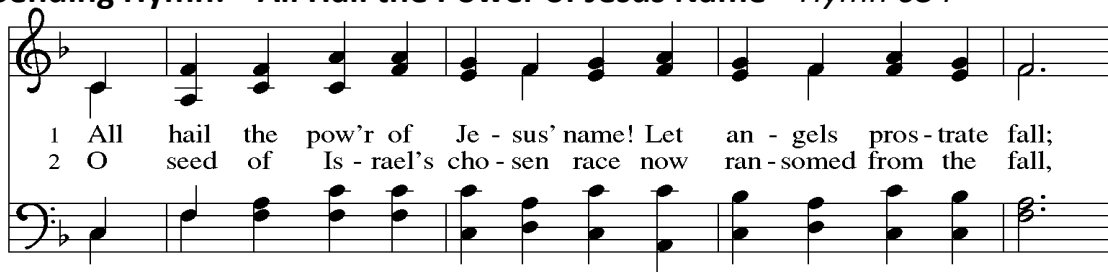
May God's face shine on us and be gracious to us.

May God look on us with favor and + give us peace.

Congregation:



Sending Hymn: "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name" Hymn 634



Text: Edward Perronet, 1726–1792, sts. 1–4; J. Rippon, *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787, sts. 5–6
Music: CORONATION. Oliver Holden, 1765–1844

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.

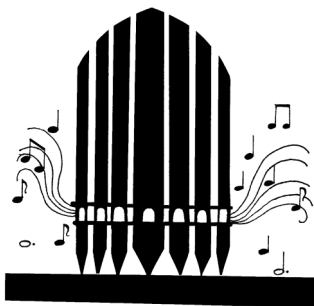
Amen.

(based on Colossians 3:12-14)

Go in peace. Tell what God has done.

Thanks be to God!

Postlude: "Trumpet Voluntary" *John Travers*



Thank you for serving!

	<i>September 13</i>	<i>September 20</i>
<i>Accompanist:</i>	Celice Clark	Julie Varilek
<i>Choir Director:</i>	Ann Knipping	Ann Knipping
<i>Lector:</i>	Ralie Deffenbaugh	Miriam Deffenbaugh
<i>Ushers:</i>	Jan Kilgore Larry Kilgore	Randy Huber Larry Kilgore
<i>Tellers:</i>	OPEN OPEN	OPEN OPEN
<i>Altar Care:</i>	Kris O'Neil	OPEN
<i>Communion Asst:</i>	OPEN OPEN OPEN	OPEN OPEN OPEN
<i>AV Engineer:</i>	Bruce Adams	Robbi Telfer
<i>Fellowship Host:</i>	Paula Stensvaag	OPEN
<i>Flower Sponsor:</i>	Steve & Letha Thorn 62nd Anniversary	Dan & Carolyn Mangler <i>In memory of Jennifer</i>
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*As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another,
as good stewards of God's varied grace*

1 Peter 4:10