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Church Services are held on Sundays at 9:00 a.m. and Wednesday evenings at 6 pm.

WELCOME GUESTS

We invite you to sign our guest book and/or complete a visitor card to help us remember you. Please let us know if we can serve you in any way. Everyone is welcome to Holy Communion at Shepherd of the Lakes. Come forward as ushers direct, receive the wafer in your hand and move to the wine which is served in the chalice or individual portions as you prefer. We offer grape juice as an alternative to wine. Gluten-free wafers are also available at your request from communion servers when you partake.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Empowered by the power of the Holy Spirit and rooted in the Good News of Jesus Christ, we are a loving community that follows Jesus & seeks to hear the Word of God and practice it in our daily lives.

For those of you worshipping with us at home – You can mail your donations to:

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Or on the church website – <u>www.shepherdofthelakeschurch.org</u> You can donate through our PayPal account. "Thank you for your continued support of our ministry together."

Recorded Services:

All Sunday services at Shepherd of the Lakes are recorded and put on You Tube.

Go to the Church website at www.shepherdofthelakeschurch.org

and look for the Symbol.

Click on this symbol to take you to the Church's YouTube site.

Readings for August 27, 2023:

First Reading Jeremiah 15:15-21

Psalm 26: 1 - 8

Second Reading Romans 12: 9 - 21 **Holy Gospel** Matthew 16: 21 - 28

There Must Be Another Way

Peter may be the "rock" on which Christ will build the church (Matt. 16:18), but when Jesus reveals the suffering that will come first, Peter becomes a tempter and "stumbling block." Assuming God must have a different way to save the world, Peter protests Jesus' suffering and death. Jesus explains to Peter and all his disciples that, in fact, this is the way to life—losing one's life in order to find it.

By tempting Jesus to an easier way than his journey through suffering to resurrection, Peter personifies a temptation common to all generations of Jesus' disciples: seeking a way to avoid "losing oneself," instead of surrendering all to and with the one we follow. Rather than losing our lives—our selves, possessions, and time—we hold on more tightly, afraid of what will happen to our comfort, success, and identity if we let go. Those things we hold onto then become, like Peter, stumbling blocks along the way of self-giving love.

But while "saving one's life" sounds sensible, those things also stand in the way of the new life into which Jesus beckons us to follow him. Perhaps Peter's problem is that he sees only the suffering and death, without grasping the new life that comes through it. In times when we too are tempted by worldly ways of comfort and success, convinced that *surely* God must have an easier way than the way of self-giving love, this gospel reminds us that resurrection and life await on the other side of suffering and death.

This is the way of our God who becomes human in Jesus: emptying himself of power and dignity, losing his very own life for the sake of the world's life. Seen through the lens of resurrection just ahead on the journey, what other way could there be?

FINANCIAL NOTES:

Cumulative Total from				
August 1 - 20, 2023 Attendance on 8/20: 58				
General Funds	\$ 11,767.00			
Caritas	\$ 75.00			
Food Pantry	\$ 35.00			
Vilas Co. Humane Society	\$ 50.00			
Weekend Backpack Program	\$ 100.00			
ELCA Disaster Relief	\$ 100.00			
World Hunger	\$ 35.00			
Frederick House	\$ 50.00			
Total	\$ 12,212.00			
Restricted Funds – Building Fund	\$ 65.00			
(not included in Total)				

ALTAR FLOWERS:

August 27th: Flowers given by Sharon Brooker in Memory of Dick & Florence Brooker

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING:

Today, August 27th, at 10:30 a.m.

FELLOWSHIP BRUNCH:

Please join us for coffee and fellowship each Sunday after worship. The second Sunday of each month will be our regular fellowship brunch. Bring a dish to pass as you wish.

CHURCH SERVICES:

Regular Sunday morning services at 9:00 am. and regular Wednesday evening services at 6 pm. Both services offer Holy Communion at every service. All are welcome. The Sunday service will be live-streamed and recorded and available for viewing on YouTube later on Sundays.

CARITAS URGENT DONATION PLEA:

Caritas-Minocqua, serves Vilas and Oneida counties by distributing funds to those in urgent and immediate need of assistance. They are currently experiencing a very high level of need and are in urgent need of donations to continue their work in assisting our community members that are desperate for help. They have two anonymous donors that have offered to match donations, each matching up to \$5,000. Donate now and have your gift matched dollar for dollar! There are pink envelopes available in the Narthex for your donations.

FOOD PANTRY:

There are a lot of people in our area who depend on the food pantry. Please pick up an extra can or two as you shop and place in the brown basket in the coat room. Thank you!

SOTL BLOOD DRIVE:

Friday, September 22nd from Noon to 4 pm. For more information, call (715) 542-4049 (The date was incorrect in prior notice - Sorry)

CHURCH SCHOOL:

Church School will begin on September 13 at 3:45 pm for ages 4 – Grade 7. For more information, please call (715) 542-4049.

PASTOR GRANT ON CALL:

Bill will be out of town August 31st (Thursday) through September 2nd (Saturday).

Pastor Grant will be on call for emergencies:

Cell: 715-614-4396

FLU SHOTS

Vilas County Health Department will be here on Thursday, October 12, to administer Flu Shots from 9 am to 10 am in the Meeting Room on the North end of the church.

MEETING FOR FIRST VOTE ON WHETHER OR NOT TO LEAVE THE ELCA:

Please encourage others who are members of this Congregation to attend this meeting!

The SOTL Council called Special Meeting will be held at the SOTL Church on Sunday, September 10th, following the service and the brunch. It will begin at 10:45 a.m. with the speaking portion of the meeting beginning at 11:00 a.m.

Bishop Katherine and/or other synod representatives plan to attend this meeting and will be limited to **SIX MINUTES** to speak prior to registered voting members. This was to accommodate Bishop Katherine's schedule in which she needs to depart prior to 11:30 a.m.

The speaking portion of the meeting will end at 12:00 p.m. or until **all registered voting members** have spoken. If this speaking portion of the meeting extends beyond 12:00 p.m., the voting process will begin immediately following the last **registered voting member** speech time period.

If **all registered voting members** have spoken before 12:00 p.m., the Council *may* open the floor for **unregistered voting members** or **associate members** to speak. but will end promptly at 12:00 p.m..

All speakers will be limited to **THREE MINUTES** per person and will be monitored by the SOTL Council during the meeting.

If you are a **voting member** who wishes to speak, please **register no later than September 3rd** with the Church Secretary (<u>secretary@sotlchurch.com</u>) or sign up on the sheet in the narthex so the SOTL council can estimate the amount of time needed.

In accordance with the SOTL 1996 Constitution, *only* voting members can cast a vote.

The entire meeting including the voting process will be recorded and not broadcast on any streaming service.

Please sign up on the sheet in the entry by Sunday, September 3rd or email <u>secretary@sotlchurch.com</u> to register to speak at the meeting!

ONLY VOTING MEMBERS OF THE CONGREGATION WILL BE ALLOWED TO VOTE!



PRAYER REQUESTS

(Please note: "Current Issue" listings remain in the bulletin for three weeks and then are removed unless instructions are received to move that listing to the "ongoing health issues" list)

Pray for those dealing with current issues:

Graham, Phyllis, Bob, Beth, Craig, David and Marcia.

Pray for those with ongoing health issues:

Gus, Larry, Mary Lou, Brian, Melody.

Pray for those serving in the Armed Forces:

Brian, Adam & Brittany, Brooks, Will, Sgt. Keara, Alex, Jared, Noah, and Zachary.

Pray for those in nursing homes or homebound:

Elisabeth.

Pray for the families of those who have passed:

Please email Bill Wendorf at pastor@SOTLsayner.com or text to 715-617-6477 or email Jean Maines at <u>secretary@SOTLsayner.com</u> if you would like to be included on the prayer chain list. Prayer requests are sent out via email.

Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church 13th Sunday After Pentecost

August 27th, 2023

Greeting & Announcements

Invocation

(Please remain seated.)

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

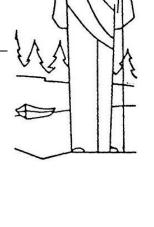
Most merciful God.

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

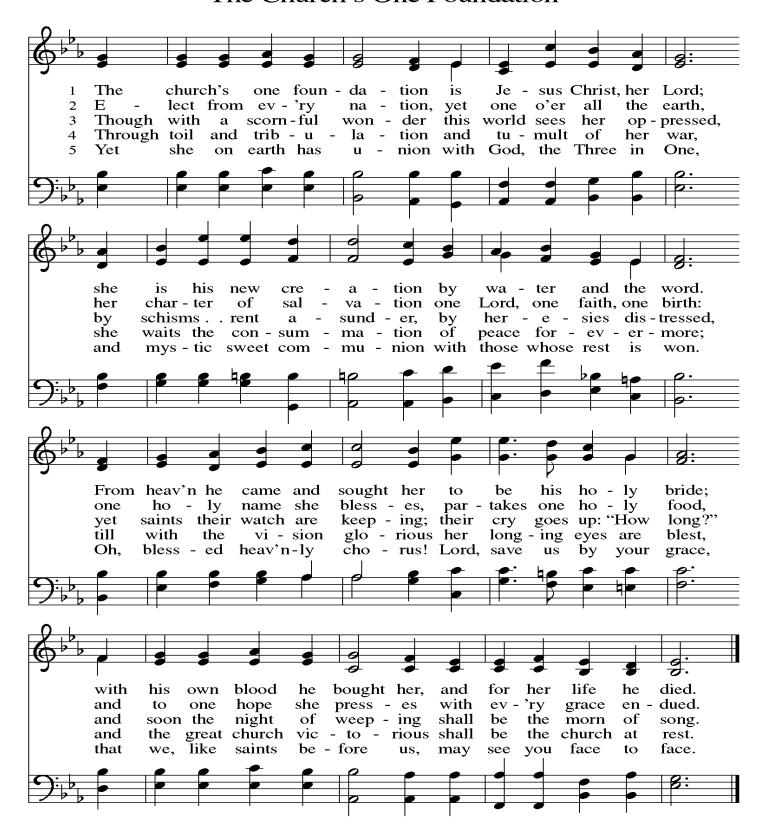
Amen.



Gathering Song "The Church's One Foundation" ELW 654 vs. 1,4,5.

(Please stand as you are comfortable)

The Church's One Foundation



Text: Samuel J. Stone, 1839–1900

Music: AURELIA, Samuel S. Wesley, 1810-1876

Opening Dialogue

When the world divides us,

Come, Holy Spirit, make us one.

When the world calls us orphaned,

Come, Holy Spirit, make us family.

When the world leads us astray,

Come, Holy Spirit, call us home.

Come, Holy Spirit, come.

Come and fill this place.

Greeting

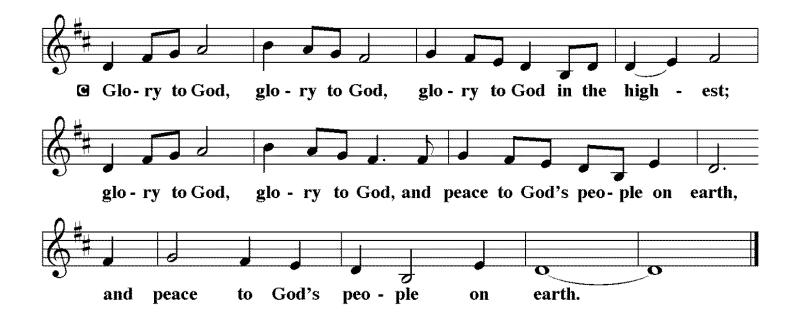
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Hymn of Praise







Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us Pray.....

God of all creation,

you reach out to call people of all nations to your Kingdom. As you gather disciples from near and far, count us also among those who boldly confess your son Jesus Christ as Lord.

Amen.

(Please be seated)

First Reading Isaiah 51:1-6

The LORD's Comfort for Zion

1 "Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness, you who seek the LORD:
look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug.
² Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you;
for he was but one when I called him, that I might bless him and multiply him.
³ For the LORD comforts Zion; he comforts all her waste places and makes her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song.

⁴ "Give attention to me, my people, and give ear to me, my nation; for a law will go out from me, and I will set my justice for a light to the peoples. ⁵ My righteousness draws near, my salvation has gone out, and my arms will judge the peoples; the coastlands hope for me, and for my arm they wait. ⁶Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and they who dwell in it will die in like manner; but my salvation will be forever, and my righteousness will never be dismayed.

The Word of the Lord....

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 138

Give Thanks to the LORD

- 1 I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise;
- ²I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness, for you have exalted above all things your name and your word.
- ³ On the day I called, you answered me; my strength of soul you increased.
- ⁴ All the kings of the earth shall give you thanks, O LORD, for they have heard the words of your mouth,
- ⁵ and they shall sing of the ways of the LORD, for great is the glory of the LORD.
- ⁶ For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly, but the haughty he knows from afar.
- Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
 you preserve my life;
 you stretch out your hand against the wrath of my enemies,
 and your right hand delivers me.
- 8 The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.

Second Reading Romans 12:1-8

A Living Sacrifice

¹ I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ² Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Gifts of Grace

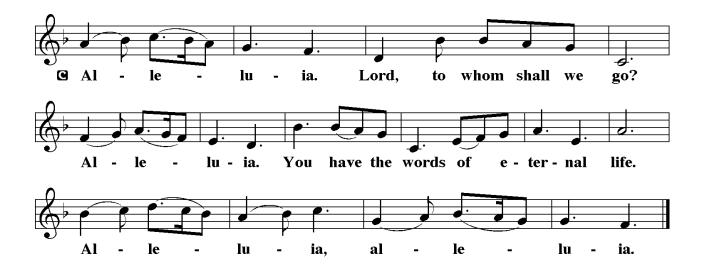
³ For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴ For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, ⁵ so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. ⁶ Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; ⁷ if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; ⁸ the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

The Word of the Lord....

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

(Please stand as you are comfortable)



Holy Gospel

The Holy Gospel According to....

Glory to you, O Lord.

Matthew 16:13-20

Peter Confesses Jesus as the Christ

¹³ Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" ¹⁴ And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." ¹⁵ He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" ¹⁶ Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." ¹⁷ And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." ²⁰ Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

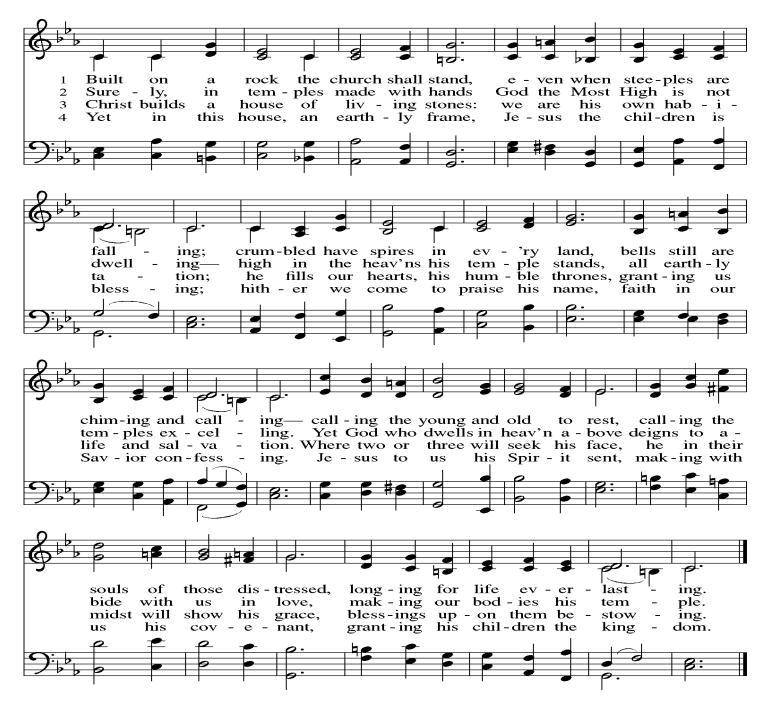
Sermon

(Please be seated)

Hymn of the Day "Built On A Rock" ELW 652 vs. 1,3,4.

(Please stand as you are comfortable)

Built on a Rock



Through all the passing years, O Lord, grant that, when church bells are ringing, many may come to hear your Word, who here this promise is bringing:
"I know my own, my own know me; you, not the world, my face shall see; my peace I leave with you. Amen."

Text: Nikolai F. S. Grundtvig, 1783–1872; tr. Carl Doving, 1867–1937, adapt. Music: KIRKEN DEN ER ET GAMMELT HUS, Ludvig M. Lindeman, 1812–1887 Text © 1958 *Service Book and Hymnal*, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

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Apostles 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.

Prayers of the Church

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

(I invite you to share the peace as you, and your neighbor, are comfortable.)

Offering

(We will receive our offering today in the traditional manner)

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"Thank you for your continued support of our ministry together."

As our offering is received and the Lord's table is prepared,
Please join in singing "Let Us Break Bread Together" ELW 471

Let Us Break Bread Together



Text: African American spiritual Music: BREAK BREAD TOGETHER, African American spiritual

Presentation of Gifts

Offertory Hynm (please stand as you are comfortable) 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 fed with the that bread of life. sown, we may be Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace ta - ble with your pres - ence, our

Offertory Prayer

Lord,

and

give

us

Merciful God,

you open wide your hand and satisfy the need of every living thing. You have set this feast before us. Open our hands to receive it. Open our hearts to embrace it. Open our lives to live it. We pray this through Christ our Lord......

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come.

Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

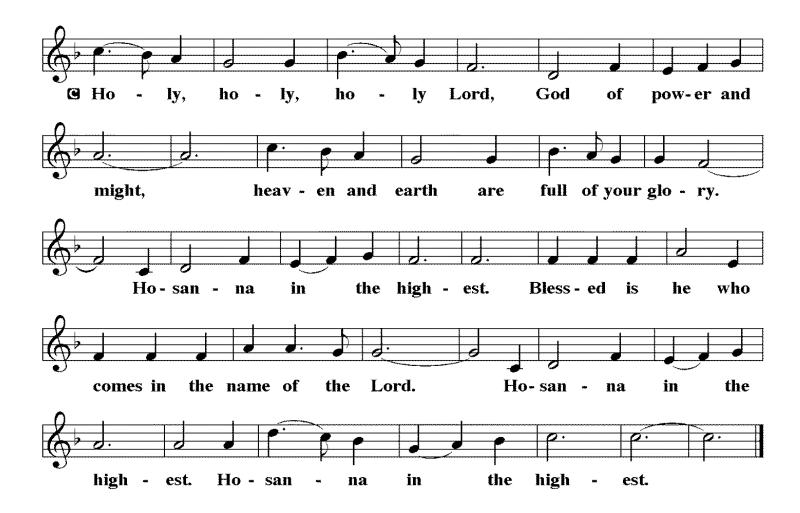
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy...... and join their unending hymn:



Words of Institution

Lords 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 the Table

(All are welcome to the Lord's table)

Distribution

(Please come forward as the ushers direct.)

(Children and others not wishing to commune are invited to come forward and receive a blessing.)

Lamb of God (please be seated) 2 Lamb of God, you take the sin of the world; have mer-cy on a - way Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have us. mer-cy on Lamb of God, you take the us. sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion Hymns "Jesus, Keep Me Near The Cross" ELW 335 vs. 1,2,4.

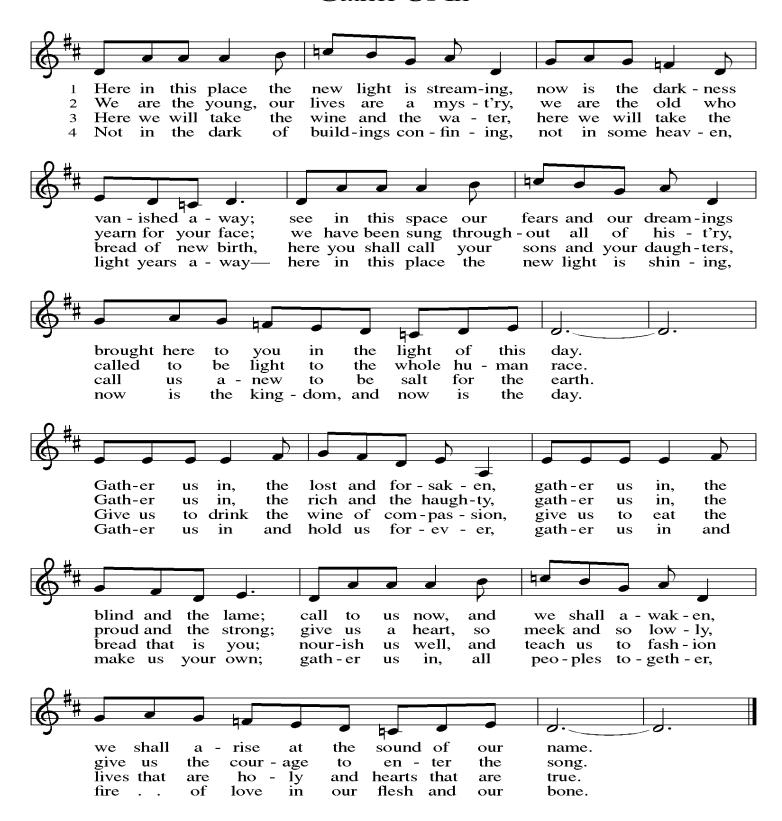
Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross



Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915 Music: NEAR THE CROSS, William H. Doane, 1832–1915

"Gather Us In" ELW 532 vs. 1,3,4.

Gather Us In



Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950 Music: GATHER US IN, Marty Haugen Text and music © 1982 GIA Publications Inc., 7404 S. Mason Ave., Chicago, IL 60638. www.giamusic.com. 800.442.3358. All rights reserved. Used by permission.

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"Amazing Grace, How Sweet The Sound" ELW 779 vs. 1,4,5.

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound



Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt., sts. 1–4; anonymous, st. 5 Music: NEW BRITAIN, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835; arr. Edwin O. Excell, 1851–1921, alt.

Communion Blessing

(Please stand as you are comfortable)

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which you have now received, strengthen and keep you in his grace.

Amen

Prayer

We give you thanks,

generous God, for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth where hunger and thirst are no more. Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name.

Amen.

Blessing

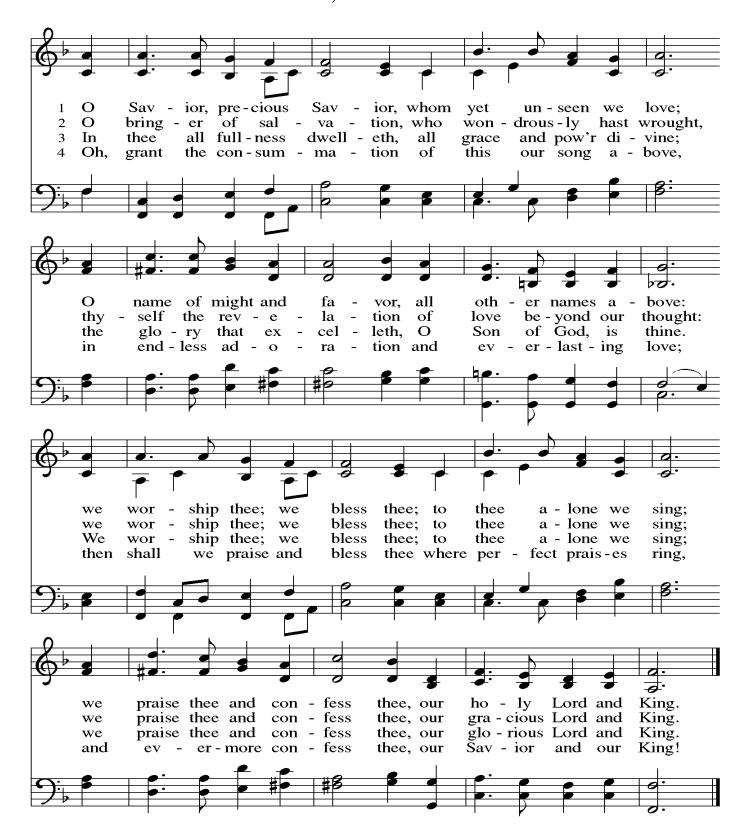
The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

Amen.

O Savior, Precious Savior



Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879 Music: ANGEL'S STORY, Arthur H. Mann, 1850–1929

Dismissal

Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please join us for coffee and fellowship after the service. Second Sunday of each month join us for brunch after the service.

Calendar for Week of August 27 – September 3, 2023

Wednesday	August 30, 2023	Worship Service	6:00 p.m.
Thursday	August 31, 2023	Text Study	9:00 a.m.
Sunday	September 3, 2023	Worship Service	9:00 a.m.

Next Council Meeting:

Today, August 27th, at 10:30 a.m.

Upcoming Events:

First Meeting to Vote on Whether to Leave the ELCA, Sunday, Sept. 10, 11 a.m. Church School begins Wednesday, September 13th Blood Drive – Friday, September 22nd Noon to 4 PM

Check our calendar of events on the church website for times and dates of events and worship services.

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