The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 27, 2025

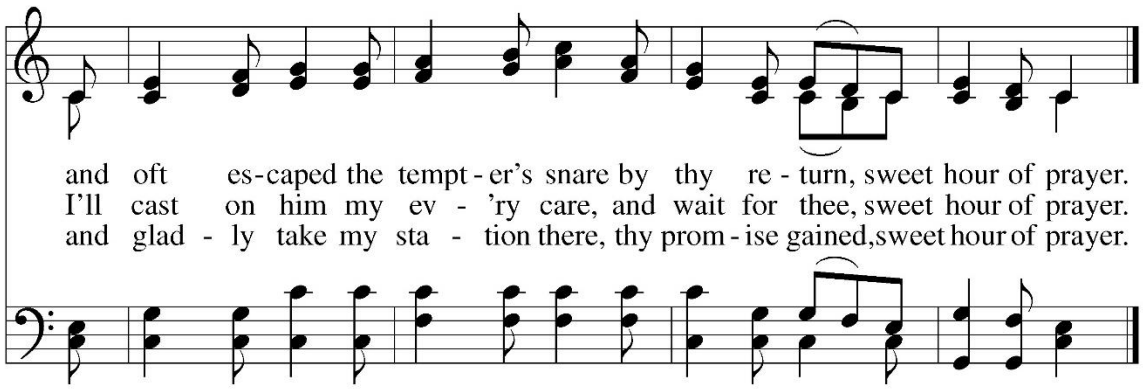
WE ACKNOWLEDGE AND PAY OUR RESPECT TO THE INDIGENOUS KEEPERS OF THE TRADITIONAL, ANCESTRAL AND UNCEDED LANDS OF THE KWIKWETLEM FIRST NATION, WHICH LIES WITHIN THE SHARED TERRITORIES OF THE TSLEIL-WAUTUTH, KATZIE, MUSQUEAM, SQUAMISH AND STÓL:LŌ NATIONS. WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT WE ARE PRIVILEGED TO WORSHIP, LIVE, PLAY AND SHARE THIS LAND. WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE CARED FOR THIS LAND, AND WATER, AND ALL THAT IS ABOVE AND BELOW, SINCE TIME IMMEMORIAL. THROUGH HONORING, LISTENING AND LEARNING, WE CONTINUE TO JOURNEY TOWARDS MEANINGFUL RECONCILIATION.

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

Welcome & Announcements & Land Acknowledgement

Gathering Hymn TFF # 242 – Sweet Hour of Prayer

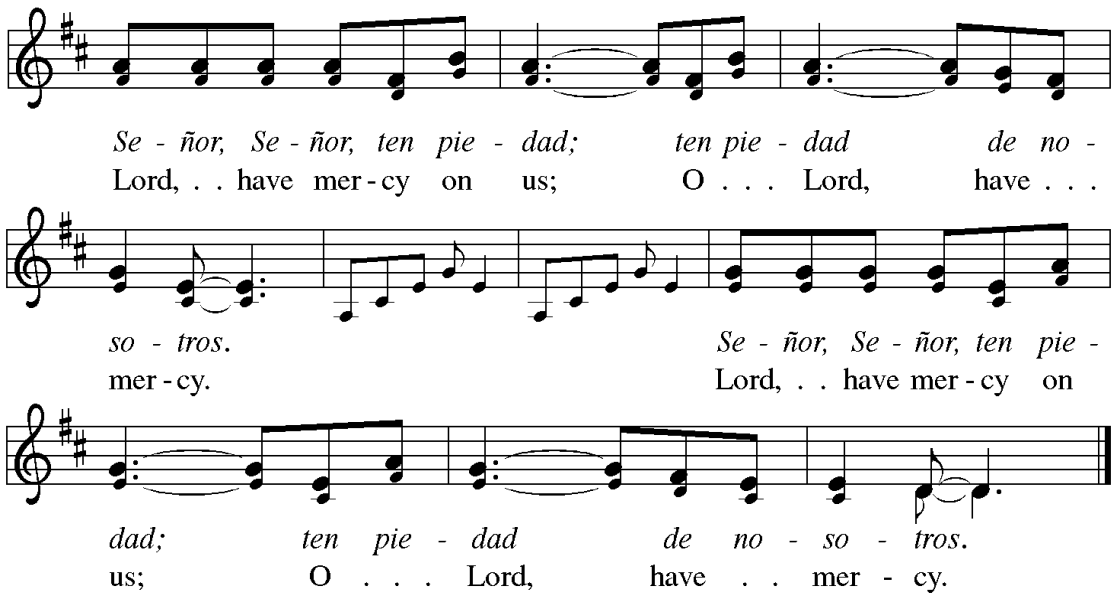


Greeting

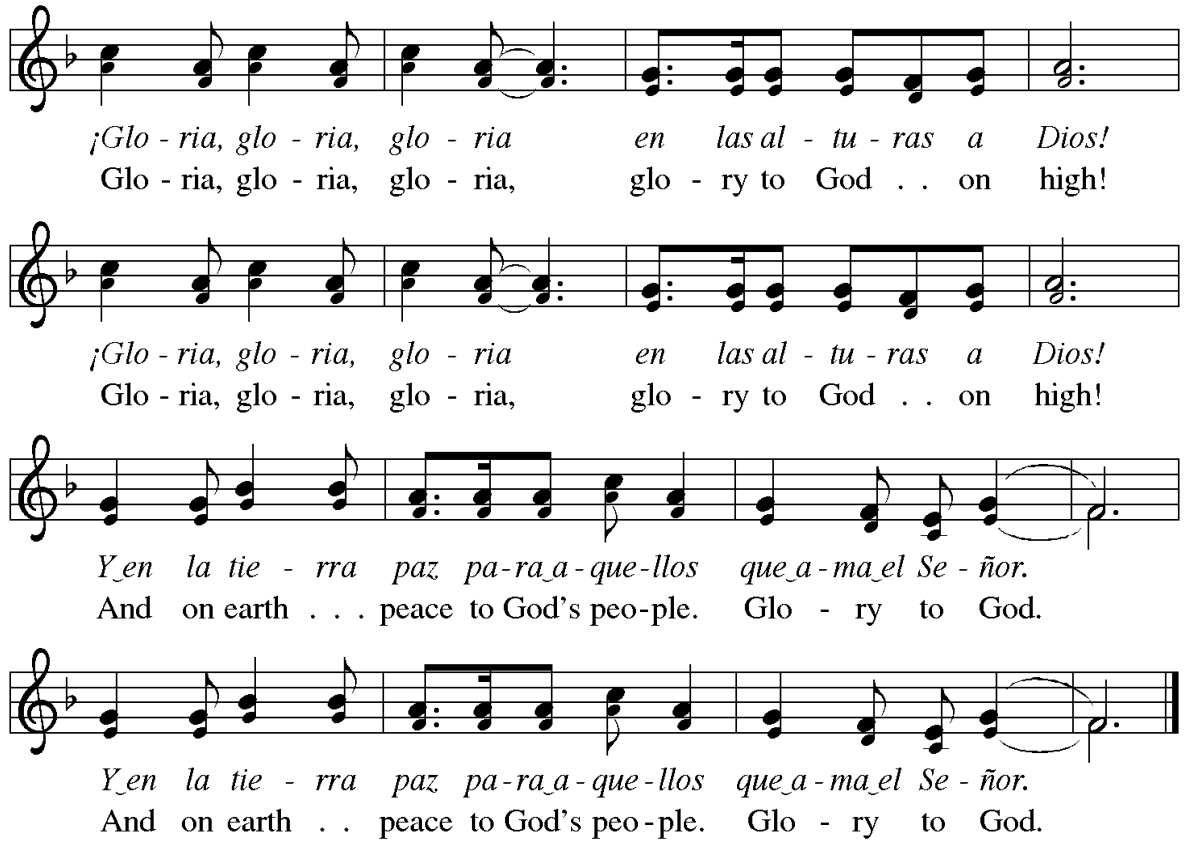
L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the refreshment of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Kyrie



Canticle of Praise – Gloria



Prayer of the Day

Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song

Children's Time

First Reading: Genesis 18:20-32

In today's reading, Abraham undertakes the role of a mediator between God and sinful humanity. Appealing to God's justice, Abraham boldly asks for mercy for the city of Sodom for the sake of the few righteous people there, including Abraham's nephew, Lot.

Then the Lord said, 'How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know.'

So the men turned from there, and went towards Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Then Abraham came near and said, 'Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?' And the Lord said, 'If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake.' Abraham answered, 'Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?' And he said, 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there.' Again he spoke to him, 'Suppose forty are found there.' He answered, 'For the sake of forty I will not do it.' Then he said, 'Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there.' He answered, 'I will not do it, if I find thirty there.' He said, 'Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there.' He answered, 'For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it.' Then he said, 'Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there.' He answered, 'For the sake of ten I will not destroy it.'

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 138

Refrain:

L: I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart;
before the gods I sing your praise;
I bow down towards your holy temple
and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness;
for you have exalted your name and your word
above everything.
On the day I called, you answered me,
you increased my strength of soul.

C: Refrain

L: All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord,
for they have heard the words of your mouth.
They shall sing of the ways of the Lord,
for great is the glory of the Lord.
For though the Lord is high, he regards the lowly;
but the haughty he perceives from far away.

C: Refrain

L: Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies;
you stretch out your hand,
and your right hand delivers me.
The Lord will fulfil his purpose for me;
your steadfast love, O Lord, endures for ever.
Do not forsake the work of your hands.

C: Refrain

Second Reading: Colossians 2:6-15

The writer of this letter warns the congregation in Colossae about "the empty lure" of philosophies and traditions that compromise faith. Through the gift of faith, the church is mystically connected with Christ in his death and resurrection which is enacted in baptism.

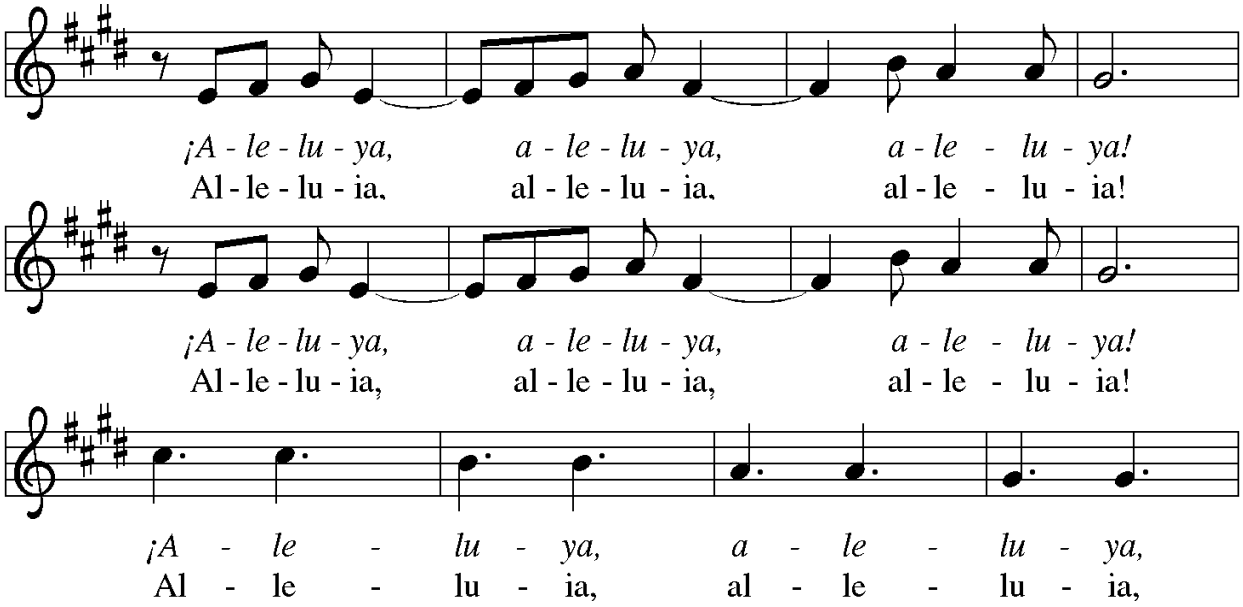
As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation



P: The holy Gospel according to Luke, the 11th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Luke 11:1-13

In teaching his disciples this prayer, Jesus also reminds them to focus on God's coming reign, God's mercy, and the strengthening of the community. Jesus encourages his disciples to childlike trust and persistence in prayer.

[Jesus] was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come.
Give us each day our daily bread.
And forgive us our sins,
for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.
And do not bring us to the time of trial.'

And he said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, "Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him." And he answers from within, "Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything." I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

'So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day – When You Are Praying (Tune: Crimond (The Lord's My Shepherd) UMH #136)

"When you are praying," Jesus said,
"Don't put on vain displays —
But close your door and speak your heart,
And humbly offer praise."

Our Father in the heavenly realm,
Our Abba, ever near —
Your name is holy, set apart;
O bring your kingdom here!

God, give us all we daily need
And we will be content;

Forgive our sins as we forgive
The wrongs that we resent.

God, give us grace to follow you;
Protect us on your Way.
When evil tempts us from your path,
Deliver us, we pray.

O Lord, we turn in trust to you;
You know the things we need —
And like a parent, you so love:
The ones who ask, receive.

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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.

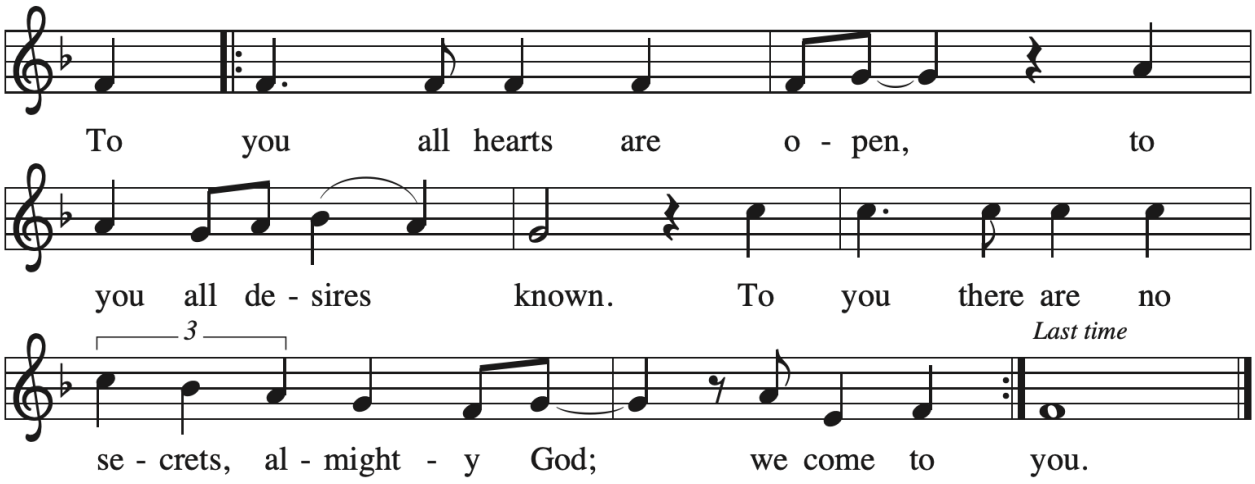
Prayers of Intercession

*After each petition, the Pastor will say "*God of grace*" and the congregation will respond,* "**hear our prayer**".

Confession and Forgiveness

P: In the name of the Father,
and of the ☩ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.

P: In the knowledge of our sin,
in remorse for all we have done and left undone,
longing for a clean heart and a renewed spirit,
let us confess our sin:



P: God who knows you
better than you know yourself
loves you with a love
stronger than your shame, fear, and regret.
In the cross of ☩ Christ,
and through the power of the Holy Spirit,
your sins are forgiven.
Baptized into Christ, you are a new creation.

C: Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

All are invited to share a sign of peace with those around them, as we recognize the image of God in each other.

Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

Offering Prayer

The Great Thanksgiving

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.

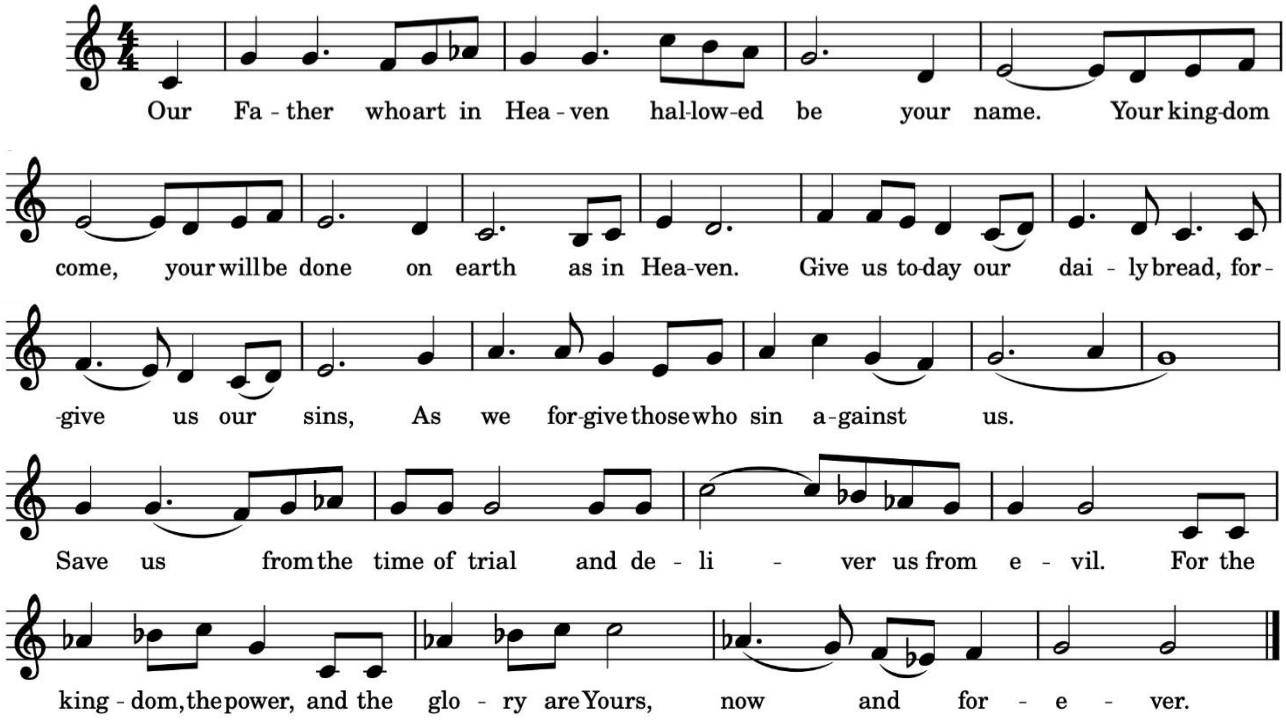
P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,

The pastor continues, concluding…

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Thanksgiving at the Table

The Lord's Prayer



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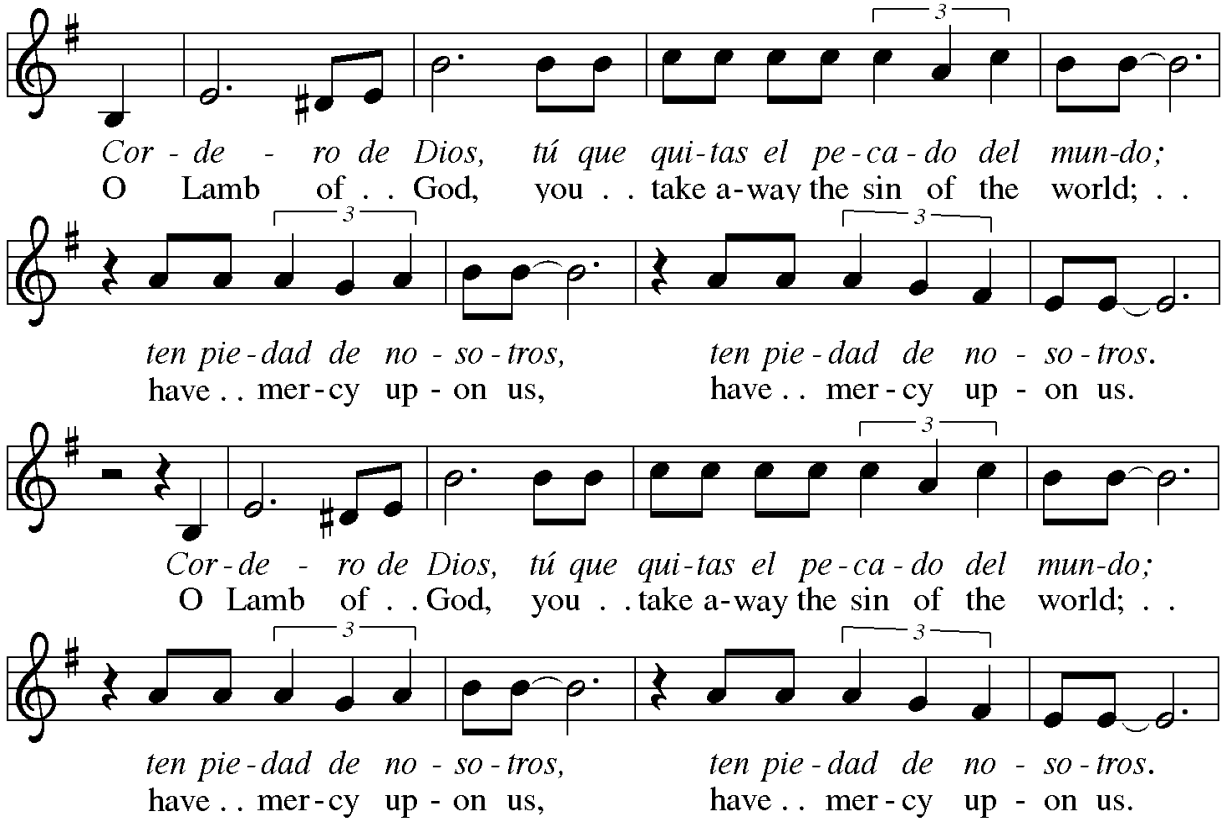
Lamb of God



Communion is distributed

Directions for Communion: All are invited to this meal of grace, including children. At the Usher's direction, you are invited to advance to the communion rail through the centre aisle, commune in groups, and exit back to your pews through the window aisles, depositing your used wine/juice vessel in the repository tray at the head of each window aisle. If you would prefer to receive communion in your pew once all have come forward, please raise your hand and the servers will come to you. Wine is located in the two outer rings of the tray and the grape juice in the centre.

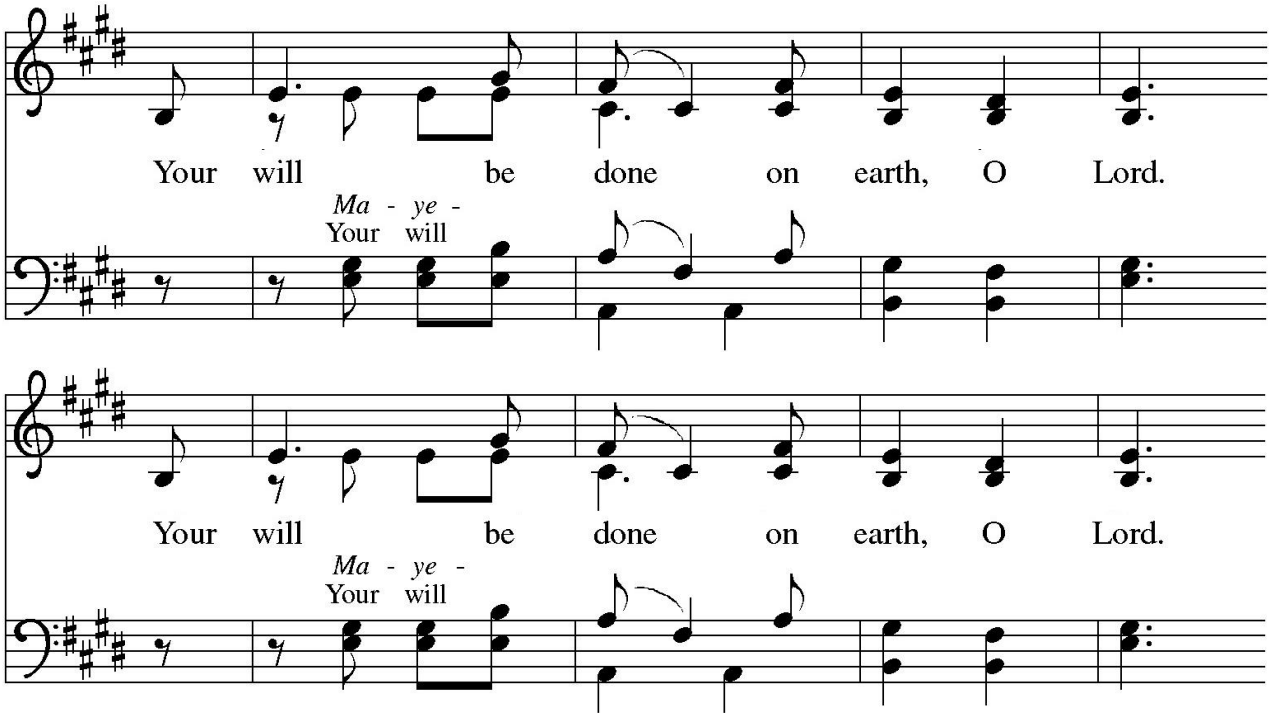
Hymns Sung during Communion

ELW # 742 - What a Friend We Have in Jesus

ACS # 966 - Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken

ELW # 863 - My God, How Wonderful Thou Art

ELW # 741 – Your Will Be Done (Chant)



Blessing and Prayer After Communion

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

Blessing

P: The love of God surround you;
the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts;
and the life of the Spirit
☩ bless you and give you peace.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn ELW # 543 – Go, My Children, with My Blessing

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

C: Thanks be to God.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS
July 27, 2025

(To open hyperlinks, try right-clicking your mouse while on the link and select Open Hyperlink or Control-Click)

Flowers have been placed on the altar in gratitude that we may bring everything to God in prayer – by which God hears and answers us and through which we are strengthened. The life of the baptized – being rooted and built up in Jesus – is nurtured with prayer.

Vera Beech's Celebration of Life Service: All are welcome to Vera's Celebration of Life service to be held here at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church on **Saturday, August 9th at 1 pm**. Save the date, as you are able.

Special Congregational Meeting: Church Council has called for a Special Congregational Meeting after the service on **Sunday, August 10th** to discuss the need to replace the flooring in parts of the church which have now come to the end of their serviceable life. Please save the date and plan on attending as you are able.

Sip with the Spirit: Our next *Sip with the Spirit* gathering is this **Wednesday, July 30 at 7 pm** at the home of Chris Mathiasen and Anita McDonnell (1820 Maryhill Road, Port Coquitlam).

Vacation Bible School: Together with our friends from St. Laurence Anglican Church, we will again be hosting a joint VBS program entitled ***"Road Trip – On the Go with God"*** from August 11th to 15th from 9 am to noon. To volunteer, please see the sign-up sheet on the Ushers Table, or **speak with Pastor Eric.** All are invited to an evening of painting and preparing VBS decorations this coming **Thursday, July 31 at 7 pm** at the church.

ELCJHL Appeal: The ELCIC is launching an appeal to support the ministries of the Evan Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land (ELCJHL). Our goal is to raise $50,000 . To read a letter about the appeal from National Bishop Susan Johnson, National Bishop-elect Larry Kochendorfer and Eastern Synod Bishop Carla Blakley, please click here.

ELCIC Convention Overview: The 2025 ELCIC National Convention took place at the University of Manitoba, in Winnipeg, MB, July 10-13. The following are a few of the highlights from the convention.

- For full election and motion results, photos, and news stories: click here
- To view the livestream of the convention, including worship services and a tribute to Bishop Susan, which has been archived click here for the ELCIC YouTube Channel. You can find the recordings under "Live" tab.

We extend our welcome and congratulations to Dr. Rev. Larry Kochendorfer who was elected this weekend as the new Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada. We surround Bishop Larry with our prayers for faithful and fruitful term ahead.

Prayers for ELCA Assembly: Please pray for our sister church, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America as it meets for its Church-wide Assembly from July 28 to August 2, 2025. You may want to use the following prayer:

God of hope and freedom, we pray for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, gathering for prayer, consultation, discernment and decision-making. May the light of Christ shine in their work, and may the Holy Spirit renew the church for witness, service, healing, and love. Amen.

"Let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds." - Hebrews 10:24

Emancipation Sunday Service: On **July 27**, the 'Black Anglicans of Canada' faith community is hosting its Emancipation Day Sunday Service online by way of Zoom. Five speakers - including Saskatchewan Synod Bishop Rev. Dr. Ali Tote - are presenting during the evening service. More information can be found on the poster on the following page.

Summer Hymn Sing!: All are welcome to enter the Sanctuary early and join us in our *Summer Hymn Sing* ten minutes before our worship service begins, to sing our favorite hymns by request. Come early and join in!

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Coffee Hour Change for month of August: The Coffee Team, who set up for the fellowship coffee time following the service, is taking a break for the month of August. This means there may or may not be coffee available on Sunday mornings. If you wish to ensure more consistent coffee service on Sundays please feel free to contact our fellowship team (Marilyn James, Gail Tremain, and Marjun Blishen) to offer your help.

Appeals for Peace in the Middle East: Lutheran World Federation / Ecumenical Letter to Prime Minister / (ELCIC) National Bishop to all members

Helping to support our youth travelling to CLAY is now as simple as returning your empty bottles with our ignYte Return it Express Account!

How Express works:

1. Put your empty beverage containers into clear or transparent plastic bags that are up to 90 liters in capacity, no sorting needed!
2. Visit return-it.ca/locations to find an Express location near you.
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4. Scan your bag labels with a scan gun located below the drop-off window. The screen on the kiosk will confirm if you successfully scanned your bag label.
5. Drop your bags off at the designated Express drop off area.
6. Proceeds are e-transferred, designated directly to ignYte Youth.

FROM THE OUTREACH TEAM:

- At this time we are **NO LONGER collecting clothing items**.

ELCIC NEWS:

- **New ELCIC Bishop Elected**: Click here.
- **New Bishop Elected in ELCJHL:** Click here.
- **New ACC Primate Elected**: Click here.
- **Facing Today – Dreaming for the Future**: See Three-Year Engagement Project feature below.

Three-Year Church Engagement Project to Kick off at National Convention

What does it mean to be a church for today, and for the future? It's a question at the heart of an exciting new initiative within the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada (ELCIC), one that's calling the church to imagine bold possibilities while facing present-day realities.

A newly-formed steering committee, aptly titled ***Facing Today—Dreaming for the Future***, will explore these questions and more as it embarks on a three-year project aimed at guiding positive transformation within the ELCIC's national and synodical structures. Read this news story here.

CLWR Job Posting for CEO: Canadian Lutheran World Relief is seeking a new Chief Executive Officer. Please view the full job profile here. **Deadline for submission is August 8th**

COMPASSIONATE JUSTICE & CREATION CARE:

- **WCC begins Decade of Climate Justice Action**: Click here.
- **New Resource on Theology and Mental Wellbeing**: Download a resource for group discussion and personal reflection please click here.
- **Monthly reflection on Climate Justice from ELCIC members:** Click here.

KAIROS & OTHER ECUMENICAL NETWORKS NEWS:

- **LWF appeals for de-escalation of conflict**: Click here.
- **Ecumenical Letter Asking for Full Support in Gaza**: Click here.
- **LWF Common Statement on the Holy Spirit, the Church, and the World**: Click here.

This Week At Church (Note 1)

This Sunday ……	*Summer Hymn Sing* at 10:20 am *Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time* Worship Service with Holy Communion at 10:30 am (view it here)
Wednesday	*Sip with the Spirit* at the home of Kris Mathiasen & Anita McDonnell at 7 pm
Thursday	VBS Decorating at 7 pm at the church
Next Sunday ……	*Summer Hymn Sing* at 10:20 am *Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time* Worship Service with Holy Communion at 10:30 am (view it here)

Note: Most events are in-person events except those noted "on Zoom" or "Online". The links to these online events are accessible through our website. Our Sunday morning worship service is offered in-person, live-streamed and via on-line recording posted to our website shortly after the service is over, unless otherwise noted.

Last Week at Church

Financial Information for:	**July 6th**	**July 13th**	**July 20th**
Total Offerings:	$ 5,395.00	$ 1,118.00	$ 2,180.70
General	$ 3,455.00	$ 943.00	$ 1,805.70
Designated Gifts:			
- Property Fund	$ 800.00	$ 25.00	$ 175.00
- Administration	$ 800.00		
- Jason Wood Fund	$ 200.00	$ 50.00	$ 50.00
- Snow Blower Fund	$ 100.00	$ 100.00	$ 100.00
- CLWR	$ 20.00		$ 25.00
- Special Initiatives Fund	$ 20.00		
- GS Women's Group			$ 25.00

A gentle reminder that in consideration of those who have severe sensitivities and allergies, the church has been designated a **fragrance-free zone**. Your understanding and cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Notice of Special Congregational Meeting regarding GSL Flooring

At Good Shepherd we have come to the point where some of our flooring has become not just embarrassingly unsightly, but also presents a tripping hazard. The Property Team has a proposal to put to the congregation that would see us replacing approximately half of the floors in the church. For this we'll require a Special Congregational Meeting to either approve or reject this proposal. This meeting is set for **August 10th in the Sanctuary**, immediately following the service.

Areas under consideration:

Fellowship Hall	The brown tiles have reached their maximum serviceable life, as many are damaged from years of use and misuse.
Outside kitchen	The white tiles have reached their maximum serviceable life, as they are curling up and breaking up.
Upstairs Washrooms	One of our upstairs restrooms has peel and stick tile that is beginning to separate, and the other restroom tiles have reached the end of their serviceable life.

For several years now we have leased out our basement area to Green Apple Daycare. The flooring area occupied by Green Apple Daycare presents a further complication for us, as the flooring has to abide by the requirements of a Provincial Daycare Inspector. This inspector has demanded that something be done about some of the daycare floors and our south stairwell.

Daycare Flooring	There are three different levels of flooring in one area of the basement which presents a tripping hazard to both staff and children. This hazard must be abated.
Daycare Carpeting	The carpeting is wearing out and coming apart in some areas, nearing its maximum serviceable life.
Stairwell area (Note 1)	Tiles are broken, disintegrating and must be removed, as they will not provide a suitable substrate to support any new flooring. There is asbestos involved in this operation and, therefore, we will be doing the abatement when the daycare shuts down for a week.

Note 1: Due to the asbestos abatement required in the stairwell area, it made the most sense to schedule and conduct this work into an existing week-long break in the Daycare's operating schedule. This project stands alone, and will be conducted using funds presently contained in the current Property Fund's budget.

Welcome to
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

We welcome you to worship today. It is our prayer that you sense the joy that is present in Jesus Christ. God loves and values each of you without conditions attached. We bring our joys and needs before God, trusting in God's presence.

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General Office Hours				
Monday	**Tuesday**	**Wednesday**	**Thursday**	**Friday**
10:00 – 2:00	10:00 – 2:00	10:00 – 2:00	10:00 – 2:00	10:00 – 2:00

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