

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 2, 2026

WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT WE LIVE AND WORSHIP ON THE UNCEDED TRADITIONAL TERRITORY OF THE KWIKWETLEM FIRST NATION, WHICH LIES WITHIN THE SHARED TERRITORIES OF THE TSLEIL-WAUTUTH, KATZIE, MUSQUEAM, SQUAMISH AND STÓ:LŌ NATIONS. WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE CARED FOR THIS LAND SINCE TIME IMMEMORIAL AS WE SEEK TO JOURNEY TOWARDS A MEANINGFUL RECONCILIATION.

Liturgy: ELW Setting 10

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

Welcome & Announcements & Land Acknowledgement

Call to Worship

P: My people are hungry. Give them something to eat.

C: **There are too many to feed.**

P: My people are hungry. Give them something to eat.

C: **We have only five loaves and two fish.**

P: My people are hungry. Give them something to eat.

C: **it would take a miracle.**

P: With God, all things are possible.

C: **in Christ, new hope has dawned.**

P: Praise God, who fills us with glory

C: **Praise God, who joins us in covenant.**

P: Praise God, who adopts us as Christ's family.

C: **Praise God, who writes us into the book of life!**

P: God's love and grace are here!

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Gathering Song ELW # 461 – All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

Greeting

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

C: **And also with you.**

Canticle of Praise – Glory to God in Heaven



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.

2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.

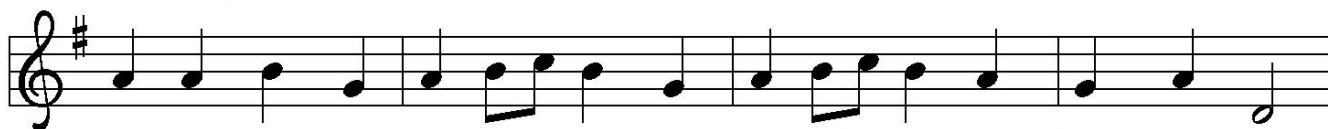
3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:

Son of God and gra-cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;

Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.

on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.

Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.

Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.

For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

Prayer of the Day

Word

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

Children's Time

First Reading: Isaiah 55:1-5

God invites Israel to a great feast at which both food and drink are free. God also promises to make an everlasting covenant with all peoples, with promises that previously had been limited to Israel. As David was a witness to the nations, these nations shall now acknowledge the ways in which God has glorified Israel.

Ho, everyone who thirsts,

come to the waters;

and you that have no money,

come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk

without money and without price.

Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,

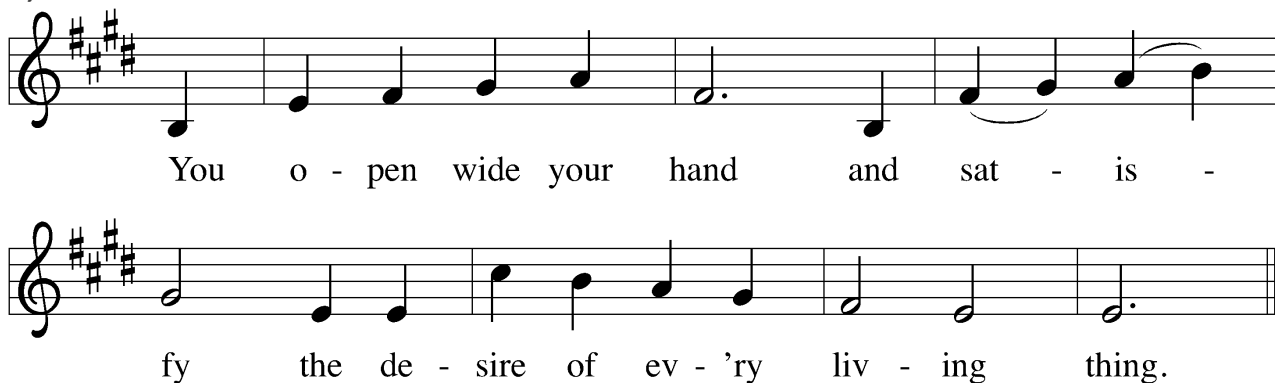
and your labour for that which does not satisfy?
 Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
 and delight yourselves in rich food.
 Incline your ear, and come to me;
 listen, so that you may live.
 I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
 my steadfast, sure love for David.
 See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
 a leader and commander for the peoples.
 See, you shall call nations that you do not know,
 and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
 because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel,
 for he has glorified you.

P: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21

Refrain:



L: The Lord is gracious and merciful,
 slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
 The Lord is good to all,
 and his compassion is over all that he has made.

C: **Refrain**

L: The Lord upholds all who are falling,
 and raises up all who are bowed down.
 The eyes of all look to you,
 and you give them their food in due season.
 You open your hand,
 satisfying the desire of every living thing.

C: **Refrain**

L: The Lord is just in all his ways,
 and kind in all his doings.
 The Lord is near to all who call on him,
 to all who call on him in truth.
 He fulfils the desire of all who fear him;
 he also hears their cry, and saves them.

C: **Refrain**

L: The Lord watches over all who love him,

but all the wicked he will destroy.
My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord,
and all flesh will bless his holy name for ever and ever.

C: Refrain

Second Reading: Romans 9:1-5

This begins a new section in Paul's letter in which he will deal with the place of Israel in God's saving plan. He opens by highlighting how Israel's heritage and legacy include being God's children, having God's covenants, being given God's law, participating in worship of God, and receiving divine promises.

I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit— I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed for ever. Amen.

P: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Verse



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav-ing word.

Let it burn like fire with-in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.

Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

P: The holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 14th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel Text: Matthew 14:13-21

After John the Baptist is murdered, Jesus desires a time of solitude. Still, his compassion for others will not allow him to dismiss those who need him, and he is moved to perform one of his greatest miracles.

Now when Jesus heard [about the beheading of John the Baptist], he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, 'This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.' Jesus said to them, 'They need not go away; you give them something to eat.' They replied, 'We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.' And he said, 'Bring them here to me.' Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the

disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon by Rev. Amy Starr Redwine, Pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Richmond, Virginia.

Hymn of the Day ELW # 515 – Break Now the Bread of Life

Response to the Word

We respond to God's grace with expressions of generosity and thanksgiving

L: In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

C: **We believe in him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.** *(Ephesians 1:13-14)*

L: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

C: **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**

L: Build yourselves up on your most holy faith;

C: **pray in the Holy Spirit.** *(Jude 20)*

L: Keep yourselves in the love of God;

C: **look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.** *(Jude 21)*

L: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

C: **Everything old has passed away; behold, everything has become new!** *(2 Corinthians 5:17)*

L: God has given us the ministry of reconciliation.

Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

L: Gracious God,

C: **have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown, things done and left undone.**

**Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

L: The almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all our sins.

C: **Amen**

Sharing of the Peace

L: Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another,
agree with one another, live in peace.

(2 Corinthians 13:11)

L: The peace of the Lord 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.

Offering Prayer

L: Let us pray.

Gracious God,

C: **in the abundance of your steadfast love, you call us from death to life, from silence to speech, from
idleness to action. With these gifts we offer ourselves to you, and with the church through all the ages
we give thanks for your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

Prayers of the People

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

Lord's Prayer

L: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

C: **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.**

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

Sending Blessing

P: Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer,
✠ one God,
bless, heal, and hold you today and always.

C: **Amen**

Sending Hymn ELW # 674 – Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

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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