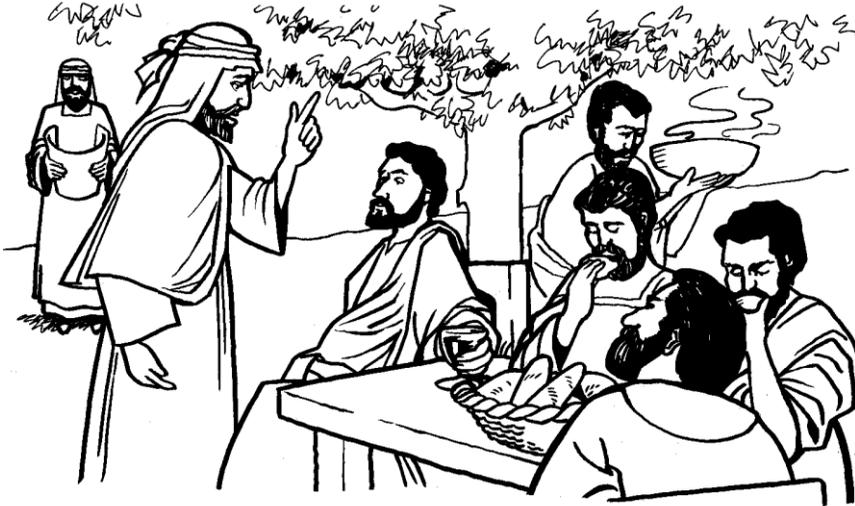


Welcome in the Name of Christ  
**Good Shepherd Lutheran Church**

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**"Why do your disciples not follow  
the tradition of the elders?"**

**MARK 7:5**

**The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
August 29, 2021**

**The Reverend Dennis W. Koch, Pastor**

Robert Bonomo and Rick Mainster, Deacons  
Renate Williams Slick, Director of Music, Organist & Pianist  
Roger Johnson, Choir Conductor

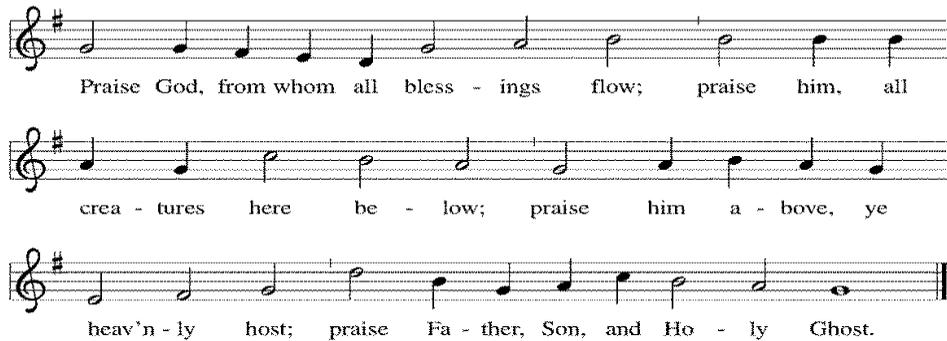
(Congregation responses are in bold print)

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## DOXOLOGY #884

### Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all  
crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye  
heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711  
Music: OLD HUNDREDETH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510–1561

## INVOCATION

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

## Confession and Absolution

*All may make the sign, of the cross, the sign, marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
the God of manna,  
the God of miracles,  
the God of mercy

**Amen.**

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance,  
let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God, our provider,  
**help us.**

**It is hard to believe there is enough to share.**

**We question your ways when they differ from the ways  
of the world in which we live.**

**We turn to our own understanding  
rather than trusting in you.**

**We take offense at your teachings and your ways.**

**Turn us again to you.**

**Where else can we turn?**

**Share with us the words of eternal life  
and feed us for life in the world.**

**Amen.**

Beloved people of God:

in Jesus, the manna from heaven,  
you are fed and nourished.

By Jesus, the worker of miracles,  
there is always more than enough.

Through Jesus, ✠ the bread of life,  
you are shown God's mercy:

you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

**Amen.**

# HYMN

## “Gather Us In”

# ELW #532



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness  
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who  
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the  
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings  
 yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,  
 bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh - ters,  
 light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.  
 called to be light to the whole hu - man race.  
 call us a - new to be salt for the earth.  
 now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath - er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath - er us in, the  
 Gath - er us in, the rich and the haugh - ty, gath - er us in, the  
 Give us to drink the wine of com - pas - sion, give us to eat the  
 Gath - er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath - er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,  
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,  
 bread that is you; nour - ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion  
 make us your own; gath - er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.  
 give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.  
 lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.  
 fire . . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

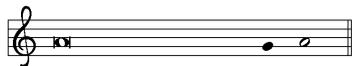
Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950  
 Music: GATHER US IN, Marty Haugen  
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## **APOSTOLIC GREETING**

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

**And also with you.**

# KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**



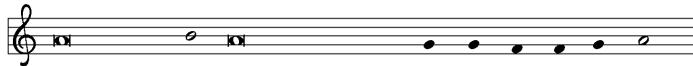
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. **A - men.**

# HYMN OF PRAISE

# THIS IS THE FEAST

*Refrain*  
Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and



strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



2 Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.

*Final refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray:

O God our strength, without you we are weak and wayward creatures.

Protect us from all dangers that attack us from the outside, and cleanse us from all evil that arises from within ourselves, that we may be preserved through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## **WORD**

### **FIRST READING: DEUTERONOMY 4:1-2, 6-9**

<sup>1</sup>So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the LORD, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. <sup>2</sup>You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the LORD your God with which I am charging you.

<sup>6</sup>You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, “Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!” <sup>7</sup>For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is whenever we call to him? <sup>8</sup>And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today?

<sup>9</sup>But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children’s children.

## **PSALM: PSALM 15**

<sup>1</sup>LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle?

Who may abide upon your holy hill?

<sup>2</sup>**Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right,  
who speak the truth from their heart;**

<sup>3</sup>they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their  
friends;

they do not cast discredit up- on a neighbor.

<sup>4</sup>**In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those  
who fear the LORD.**

**They have sworn upon their health and do not take back  
their word.**

<sup>5</sup>They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take  
bribes against the innocent.

Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.

## **SECOND READING: JAMES 1:17-27**

<sup>17</sup>Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. <sup>18</sup>In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

<sup>19</sup>You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; <sup>20</sup>for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. <sup>21</sup>Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

<sup>22</sup>But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive

themselves. <sup>23</sup>For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; <sup>24</sup>for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. <sup>25</sup>But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

<sup>26</sup>If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. <sup>27</sup>Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

*The assembly stands and sings to welcome the gospel.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

## HOLY GOSPEL:

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 7<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Glory to You, O Lord.**

## **GOSPEL: MARK 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23**

<sup>1</sup>Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around [Jesus], <sup>2</sup>they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. <sup>3</sup>(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; <sup>4</sup>and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) <sup>5</sup>So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” <sup>6</sup>He said to them, “Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

‘This people honors me with their lips,  
but their hearts are far from me;

<sup>7</sup>in vain do they worship me,  
teaching human precepts as doctrines.’

<sup>8</sup>You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.”

<sup>14</sup>Then he called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand: <sup>15</sup>there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.”

<sup>21</sup>For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, <sup>22</sup>adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. <sup>23</sup>All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

This is the gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you O Christ.**

## **SERMON**

# HYMN OF THE DAY “Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways”

## ELW #772



- 1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways to keep his stat - utes still!
- 2 Or - der my foot-steps by your word and make my heart sin - cere;
- 3 As - sist my soul, too apt to stray, a strict - er watch to keep;
- 4 Make me to walk in your com-mands, 'tis a de-light - ful road;



Oh, that my God would grant me grace to know and do his will!  
let sin have no do - min-ion, Lord, but keep my con-science clear.  
and should I e'er for - get your way, re - store your wan-d'ring sheep.  
nor let my head or heart or hands of - fend a - gainst my God.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.

Music: EVAN, William H. Havergal, 1793–1870

## **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**

*The prayers are led by the assisting minister. Each portion ends with these words:*

...God, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

*At the conclusion of the prayers,*

**Amen.**

## **MUSICAL OFFERING**

8:30 a.m. **"The King Is Coming"** – Vocal Solo, Roger Johnson

11:00 a.m. – **"I Am So Glad Medley"** – Chancel Choir

## MEAL

### DIALOG

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.

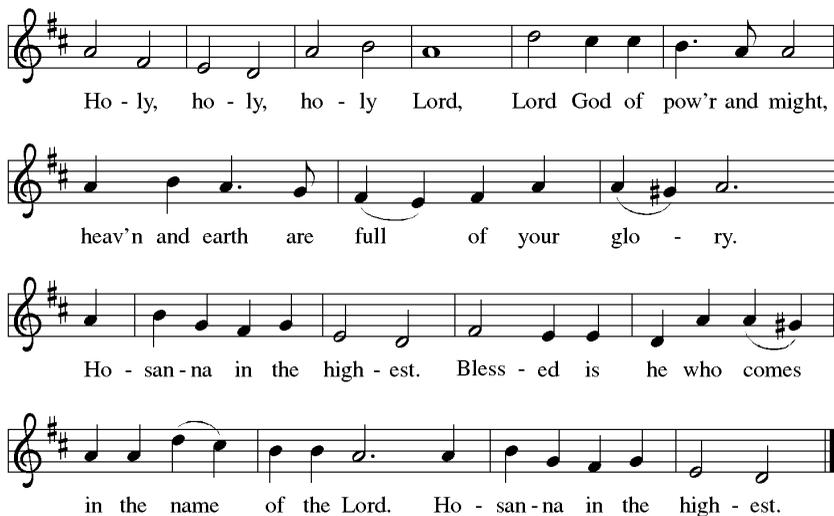
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you,  
almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ,  
who on this day overcame death and the grave  
and by his glorious resurrection  
opened to us the way of everlasting life.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

We give you thanks, Father...

... with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, both now and forever.

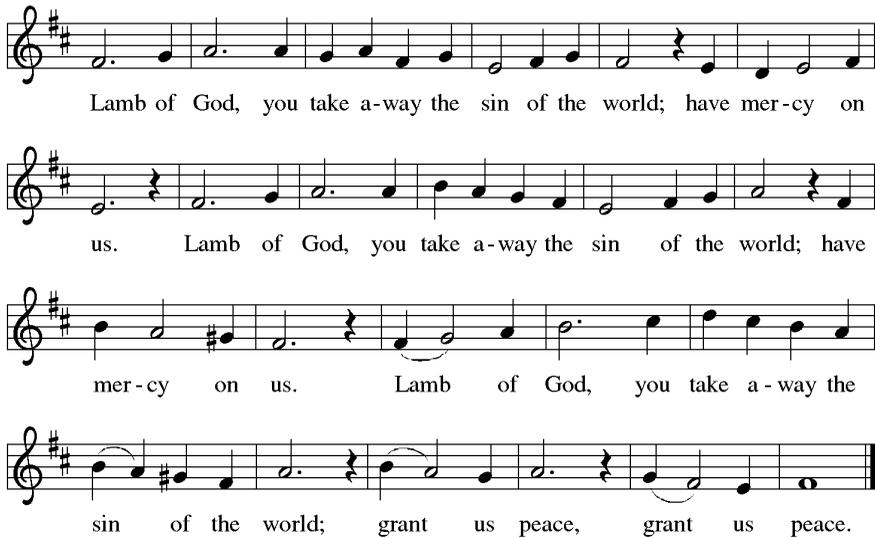
## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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 COMMUNION

Christ has set the table with more than enough for all.  
Come!

### LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on  
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

**COMMUNION HYMNS: 492, 638, 824, 759**

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

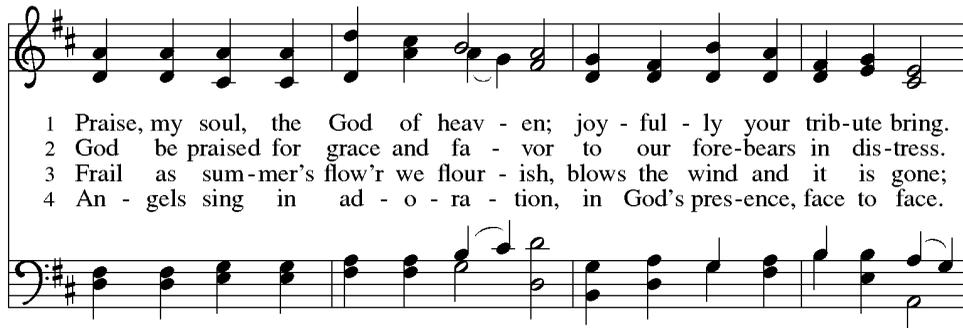
### SENDING

#### BLESSING

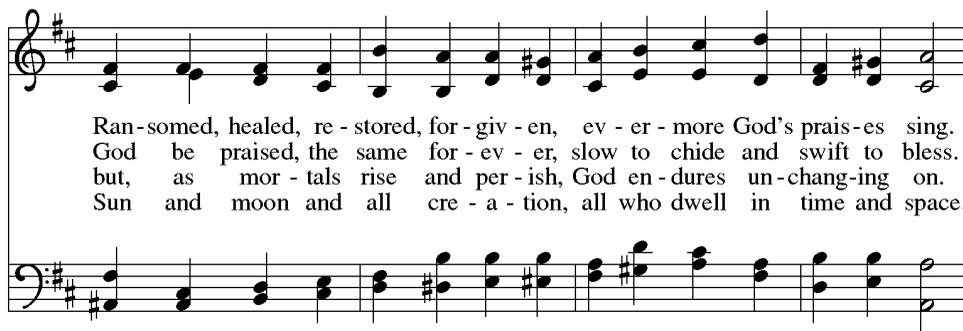
The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us and journeys with us, +be upon you now and forever.

**Amen.**

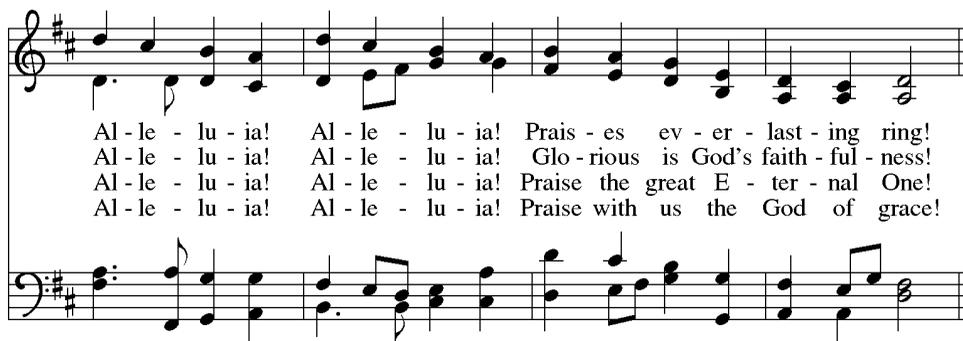
# HYMN “Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven” ELW 864



1 Praise, my soul, the God of heav - en; joy - ful - ly your trib-ute bring.  
 2 God be praised for grace and fa - vor to our fore-bears in dis-tress.  
 3 Frail as sum-mer's flow'r we flour - ish, blows the wind and it is gone;  
 4 An - gels sing in ad - o - ra - tion, in God's pres-ence, face to face.



Ran-somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, ev - er - more God's prais-es sing.  
 God be praised, the same for - ev - er, slow to chide and swift to bless.  
 but, as mor - tals rise and per - ish, God en-dures un-chang-ing on.  
 Sun and moon and all cre - a - tion, all who dwell in time and space.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Prais - es ev - er - last - ing ring!  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious is God's faith - ful - ness!  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the great E - ter - nal One!  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace!

Text: Henry F. Lyte, 1793–1847; alt. Walter R. Bouman, 1927–2005  
 Music: PRAISE, MY SOUL, John Goss, 1800–1880

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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Please visit us again.*

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### **TODAY’S WORSHIP LEADERS**

Deacon Bob Bonomo, Deacon Rick Mainster, Ann Neville and Lisbeth Goetter. Our sincere thanks to all!

**FLOWERS** in the sanctuary today are given by Nancy Gomes in memory of Alan Mendel, her brother and by Terry Lucente in honor of Allison Lucente Williams. ..

### **MUSICAL OFFERING TODAY**

**8:30 a.m.** “The King Is Coming” – Roger Johnson, Soloist **11:00 a.m.** – “I Am So Glad Medley” – Chancel Choir

### **KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS**

Frank Wheatley, Gerri Fallanca, Gene Yoho, Todd Gaertner, Dorothy Mensing, Jeremy Page-Wood, Pr. Dennis, Linda & Michael Koch, Pam Dionne, Pr. Bill Barrett, Ilse Miles, Sheila Mandell, Maria Thomas, Ray & Maxine Whitcomb, Dawn Clark, Isabelle Amundsen, Dave Boerger, Carolyn Creager, Barb Johnson, Margaret Hehn, Bill Graham, Mireya Vera, Luna Bradford, Tommy & Rita Sillen, Karl Hertel, Joseph Dorwart, Alejandra Vukelich, Harper Wood, Pastor Felice Johnson, Pastor Frederick Ohseik, Pr. Bill Barrett, Heidi Rothmeyer, Steve Serafin, Adisynn Vincent, Tom Rice, Donna and Brian Brockschmidt, Cynthia Maska, Jacqui Watkins, Nancy & Mike Kamm, Luna Jade Gonzalez, and Nikki Robenette

*Attendance last Sunday*

*Total: In-Person, Facebook Live & You Tube: 136*

*General Offering: \$1,667.00*

## **THIS WEEK AT GSLC SUNDAY**

**8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.** –  
Worship

**8:30 a.m.** – Vocal Solo  
**The King Is Coming** – Roger Johnson

**11:00 a.m.** Prelude – “You’ll  
**Never Walk Alone**” – played  
on piano by Kent Meltesen

**11:00 a.m.** – **I Am So Glad**  
Medley - Chancel Choir

## **MONDAY**

**1:00 p.m.** – W/ELCA Board  
Zoom meeting

## **TUESDAY**

**6:30 p.m.** – Cub Scouts

**6:30 p.m.** - Bells

## **WEDNESDAY**

**8:00 a.m.** – SOS

**6:30 p.m.** – Choir

## **THURSDAY**

**8:00 a.m.** – SOS

## **FRIDAY**

**8:00 a.m.** – Property Workday  
on grounds

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**REMINDER TO ALL** – As you enter the sanctuary, please lower your voices so as not to disturb those who are meditating and praying in preparation for worship.

**COVID CHURCH PLANS UPDATE-** Due to the current rise in the number of COVID related illnesses in Citrus County *it is highly suggested by our church council* that everyone please wear a mask while in the building, especially those that are not adequately vaccinated.

**TODAY’S MUSICAL OFFERING** is “**The King Is Coming**” sung by Roger Johnson at the early service and “**I Am So Glad Medley**” by the chancel choir at the late service.

**GOD’S WORK, OUR HANDS PROJECT** - From now until Sept. 11, please pick up any of the following items for donation to CUB (Citrus United Basket) Food Pantry: canned fruit and vegetables, 1 pound bag or box of rice, peanut butter and jelly, canned meats (tuna, beef stew, etc.) and other common canned or shelf-stable foods. Also, dog and cat food. **Deliver items to Social Hall back corner by Sept. 12.** Many thanks.

**REMINDER** - As announced last Sunday, the coffee hours have been suspended at this time due to the increase of COVID-19 cases.!

**W/ELCA BOARD** will meet via Zoom Monday, August 30 at 1:00 p.m. Please, contact Anne Storan at 740-507-7504 if you are unable to attend or for more information.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED-** The Property Team is looking for helpers. If you have skills as a carpenter, plumber, electrician or handyman, please give Harv Johnson a call at **352-270-0635**. Your help is needed even if you possess none of these skills but would be interested in helping out.