



Good Shepherd Lutheran Church  
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
August 22, 2021

## GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

All praise, honor, and trust is due to God,  
The source and ground of our being,  
The + pioneer of our salvation,  
The sustainer of all that is and will be. **Amen.**

God is present in contrite hearts. Longing for forgiveness is a sign of the Spirit's work.

*Silence for reflection.*

God, our God, your mercy and love are beyond our understanding.

**Like a prairie thirsting for rain,**

**We are open to you, O Lord.**

**Nothing is hidden from you.**

**Revealed by your Love, we acknowledge**

**Our mistakes and our omissions,**

**Pain we have caused and callings we have failed to heed.**

**We confess all of this to you**

**And we admit that it is already known to you,**

**Along with those things we have forgotten.**

**Renew us by your grace**

**That we may live in harmony among ourselves**

**And with your whole creation.**

Beloved of God, it is the will of the Divine

That all may know the nearness of love and abundant forgiveness.

Like the rain and the snow, God's word of grace pours forth

And does not return without accomplishing its task of healing and restoration.

You, beloved, are forgiven all your sins.

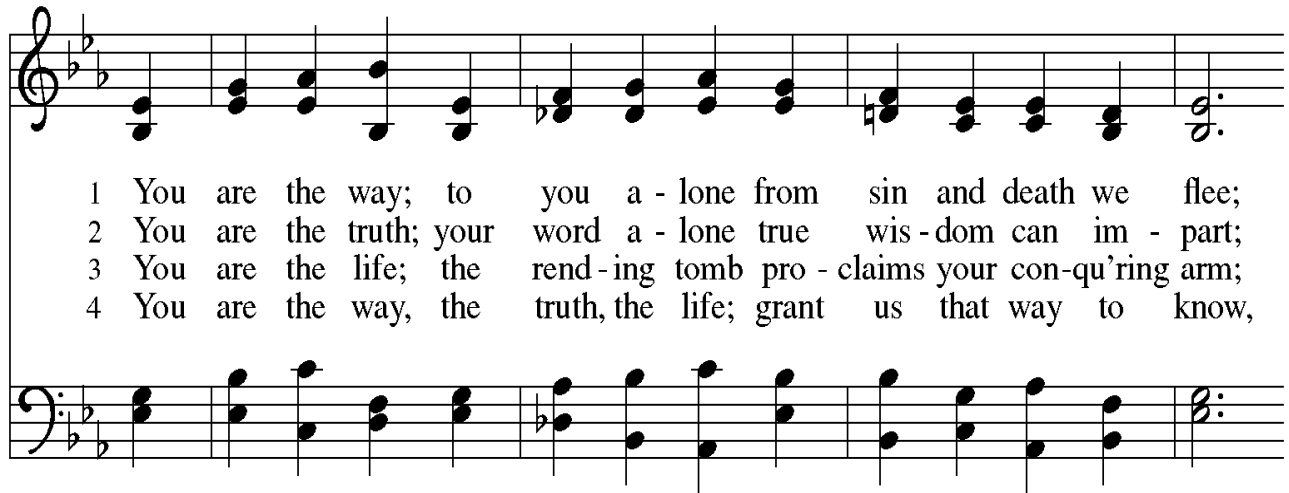
Go in the world, led by the Spirit, to be met by Christ in all you do.

**Amen.**

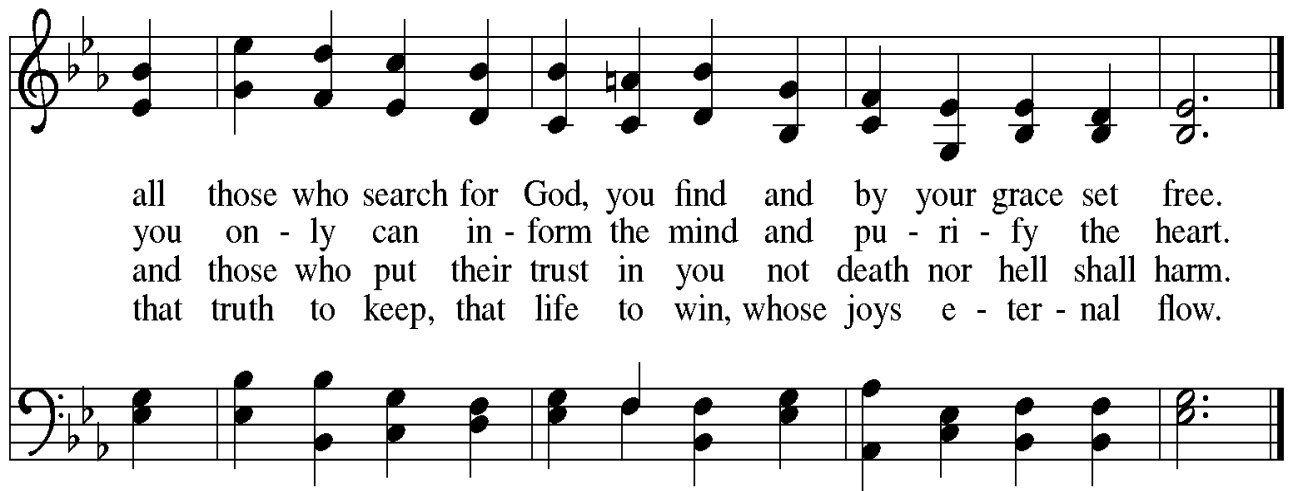
**PRELUDE** "Eternal Father, Strong to Save" by John B. Dykes

GATHERING SONG *Your Are the Way* (ELW 758)

## You Are the Way



1 You are the way; to you a - lone from sin and death we flee;  
2 You are the truth; your word a - lone true wis - dom can im - part;  
3 You are the life; the rend - ing tomb pro - claims your con - qu'ring arm;  
4 You are the way, the truth, the life; grant us that way to know,



all those who search for God, you find and by your grace set free.  
you on - ly can in - form the mind and pu - ri - fy the heart.  
and those who put their trust in you not death nor hell shall harm.  
that truth to keep, that life to win, whose joys e - ter - nal flow.


Text: George W. Doane, 1799–1859, alt.  
Music: DUNDEE, *Psalter*, Edinburgh, 1615

### GREETING (ELW p. 184)

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.**

# KYRIE (ELW p. 184)


*Refrain*




Ky-ri-e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.




Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.



1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the  
2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the  
3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . . for  
4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the



u - ni - ty of all; for  
hun - gry and the poor; that  
friends and fam - i - ly; for  
wa - ter and the word; that you



this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,  
we may live out . . . . . truth and jus - tice and grace,  
life and for love, . . . . . for our work and our play,  
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,

*Refrain*



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

## CANTICLE OF PRAISE (ELW p. 185)

*Refrain*  
Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and  
peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

1 Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,  
we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you  
*Refrain*  
for your glo - ry. Glo - ry to God in the high -  
est, the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,  
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the  
right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

*Refrain*  
Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and  
peace to God's peo - ple on earth. 3 For you a -  
lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,  
you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the  
Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.  
A - men. A - men. A - men.

*Final refrain*  
Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and peace to God's  
peo - ple on earth. Glo - ry to God in the high -  
est, the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY (ELW p. 188)

Let us pray.

God of all creation, through Jesus, you taught us to pray. As we ask for your will to be done on earth as in heaven, strengthen our courage, desire, and openness to be part of how that will is accomplished in our own homes, communities, and across the earth. Our highest allegiance is to your Divine will, poured out in love through creation, incarnation, and resurrection for all. **Amen.**

**SPECIAL MUSIC:** "I Believe" sung by Bill Fox

## WORD

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

### Genesis 1:26-30

*In the first creation account, people are made in the divine image. This is not about how people look, but about the skills and desires they have been given. People are made with the skills and desires to create and to help creation flourish, just as God had done in the previous five days. The blessing to care for the earth and all therein is anchored in our creation in the image of God.*

A reading from Genesis:

Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth." So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth."

God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so.

Word of God, word of life.           **Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM: Psalm 8

<sup>1</sup>O Lord our Lord, how exalted is your name in all the world!

**<sup>2</sup>Out of the mouths of infants and children  
your majesty is praised above the heavens.**

<sup>3</sup>You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries,  
to quell the enemy and the avenger.

**<sup>4</sup>When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,**

<sup>5</sup>what is man that you should be mindful of him,  
the son of man that you should seek him out?

**<sup>6</sup>You have made him but little lower than the angels;  
you adorn him with glory and honor;**

<sup>7</sup>you give him mastery over the works of your hands; you put all things under his feet:

**<sup>8</sup>all sheep and oxen even the wild beasts of the field,**

<sup>9</sup>the birds of the air, the fish of the sea,  
and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.

**<sup>10</sup>O Lord our Lord, how exalted is your name in all the world!**

## SECOND READING Acts 17:22-28

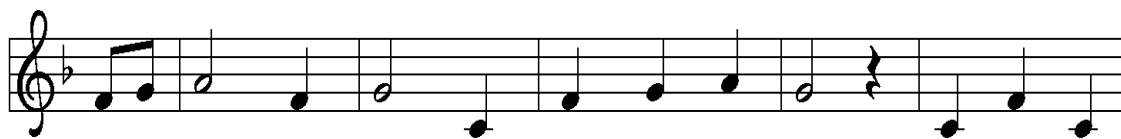
*The Athenians want to be sure they've covered all potential deity bases, so they even have an idol "to an unknown God". Paul explains to them that the true God needs no idol because this God's monuments are all around them. This God is the source of their life and all their good works. The same is true for us.*

A reading from the book of Acts:

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we too are his offspring.'

Word of God, word of life.      **Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 188)



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



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



Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.



Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Gospel: Matthew 6:7-15

The holy gospel according to Mark. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

“When you are praying, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do; for they think that they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

“Pray then in this way: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come. Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And do not bring us to the time of trial, but rescue us from the evil one.

For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you; but if you do not forgive others, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON (ELW p. 189)

## HYMN OF THE DAY *The Lord Now Sends Us Fort* (ELW 538)

### The Lord Now Sends Us Forth *Enviado soy de Dios*

En - via - do soy de Dios, mi ma - no lis - ta es - tá  
The Lord now sends us forth with hands to serve and give,  
pa - ra cons - truir con él un mun - do fra - ter - nal.  
to make of all the earth a bet - ter place to live.  
Los án - ge - les no son en - via - dos a cam - biar  
The an - gels are not sent in - to our world of pain  
un mun - do de do - lor por un mun - do me - jor;  
to do what we were meant to do in Je - sus' name;  
me ha to - ca - do a mí ha - cer - lo rea - li - dad.  
that falls to you and me and all who are made free.  
A - yú - da - me, Se - ñor, a ha - cer tu vo - lun - tad.  
Help us, O Lord, we pray, to do your will to - day.

Text: Anonymous, Central America; tr. Gerhard M. Cartford, b. 1923  
Music: ENVIADO, anonymous, Central America  
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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

Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

God of courage, bless all leaders of your church. Make them ready to proclaim the gospel of peace and strengthen them to preach your loving word.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of creation, bless fields and orchards. Protect the land from drought and bring life-giving rain to support growth. We pray for all whose homes and livelihoods are threatened by wildfire, all who are fighting fire and all who love and care for these.

We pray for the people of Haiti as they respond to yet another devastating earthquake.

Instruct your people in wise treatment of the world you have provided for all your creatures. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of community, bless all who seek justice between nations and peoples. Give guidance to bridge-builders, heal divisions, and inspire cooperation in times of crisis, disaster, and war. Guide the leaders of our nation and of the world as they deal with the situation in Afghanistan, and give help to those directly affected by this crisis.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of compassion, bless all who are in any need. Accompany all who are lonely and feeling abandoned and remind them of your abiding presence. Accompany all who are persecuted and exploited and open us to their cries. Bring healing to .....

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of change, bless our transitions. Guide all who are embarking on new stages in life such as a new job, new school, or new community. Sustain enduring friendships and kindle new relationships and interests.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**



God of comfort, bless all who mourn the deaths of their beloved ones. We give you thanks for the saints who have gone before us. Renew our confidence in your promise of resurrection and life in the world to come. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

#### OFFERING *We Are an Offering* (ELW 692)

### We Are an Offering

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The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff in 7/8 time. It consists of six lines of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering. Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our lives, they are yours: we are an offering. All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you. We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering, we are an offering." There are three triplet markings (indicated by a '3' over a group of notes) in the first, third, and sixth lines of music.

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Music: Dwight Liles  
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#### OFFERING PRAYER (ELW p. 190)

Let us pray.

All that we have, O God, comes from you. Our time, our possessions, our skills, and our knowledge are gifts from your generous spirit. We offer to you what is your own that it may be used to your glory and for the good of your creation in this community and throughout the world. **Amen.**

### SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

## Blessing

From the breath of the plains,  
To the heights of the mountains,  
There is nothing that can separate you from the love of God,  
In whom you live, move, and have your being.

God- Creator, + Redeemer, and Sustainer of all creation- bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

## Dismissal

Go in peace to care for God's creation. **Thanks be to God.**

## SENDING SONG *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee* (ELW 836)

### Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!  
2 All thy works with joy sur - round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,  
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,

Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.  
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.  
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!

Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.  
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,  
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;

Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.  
chant - ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.  
teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

## PEACE

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

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## IN OUR PRAYERS

**Loss & Grief:** Family & friends of  
Marge Hanson

### **This Week's Health:**

**Ongoing Health:** Joan Platco  
(*Ramona Mahoney's friend*), Carol Blakely,  
Jennifer Ellington (*Mary Jamison's friend*),  
Mike Knutson, Anna Raymond (*Tony Peterson's friend*),  
Debbie Lindquist, Jan Wicklund, Jeannae Bowen  
(*Norma Knutson's niece*), Rissa Kroll,  
Katie Windebank (*Lois & Dave Abell's Granddaughter*),  
David Swayne, Dewey Peters (*Ron Martin-Dent's Cousin*),  
Ben Moody (*Barb Grinde's brother*), Ken & Jill Heaton  
(*Joyce Erickson's friends*), Jody Nielson (*Tony Peterson's friend*),  
Marjorie Burkitt, Karen Vergeront, David Ramey  
(*Barb & Jim Anderson's friend*), Scott Jamison,  
Tiffany Scaramuzzino (*Candy Baszler-Gohl*),  
Kari Jo Comstock (*Rick & Mary Jo Johnson's daughter*),  
Bill Knutson, Jerome Hanson, Dale and Patty Sonsteli  
(*Arlene Erickson's cousins*), Patricia Smout  
(*Tony Peterson's mom*) Hal Butts (*Mary Jo & Rick Johnson's friend*),  
Charles Clausen (*Barb & Tim's friend*), Scott Trosper,  
Craig Erickson, Rob Knutson (*Al & Norma's nephew*),  
Jeff & Shirley Jacobson, Al & Norma Knutson.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

### **THIS SUNDAY, AUG 22nd!**

The Congregational Care Committee invites you to a pancake breakfast following the worship service.



**The AV Media group is looking for additional people to help video the live stream feed on Sunday mornings. Training will be provided. Please contact Ron at 529-5404 or the office.**

**Thank you!**

### **Next Sunday:**

Pastor Al Jensen from Immanuel Lutheran Home will be giving the sermon.  
Thank you to Diane Cummings for leading the worship.

### **COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS:**

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church would be non-existent if it weren't for all of the members, who continually give of their resources, time and talents. You are a blessing and are greatly appreciated. God's Work...Your Hands!!  
Thank You!

**AUGUST 23rd, 2021—AUGUST 29th, 2021**

**TUESDAY: Country Store - OPEN**

**THURSDAY: Pastor starts vacation.**

**SUNDAY: In Church Worship Service: 9:00 a.m.**

**Fellowship Hour: 10:00 a.m.**

**Council Meeting: 10:15 a.m.**

**GSCW HARVEST DINNER**  
**There will be a Harvest Dinner!!**  
**TUESDAY, Oct 26<sup>th</sup>**  
**More information will be in the**  
**Sept. newsletter & future bulletins.**