

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
September 25, 2022

GATHERING

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

WELCOME

PRELUDE "What A Friend We Have in Jesus" arrng. by CE Walry

GATHERING SONG

"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.

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Music: GATHER US IN, Marty Haugen
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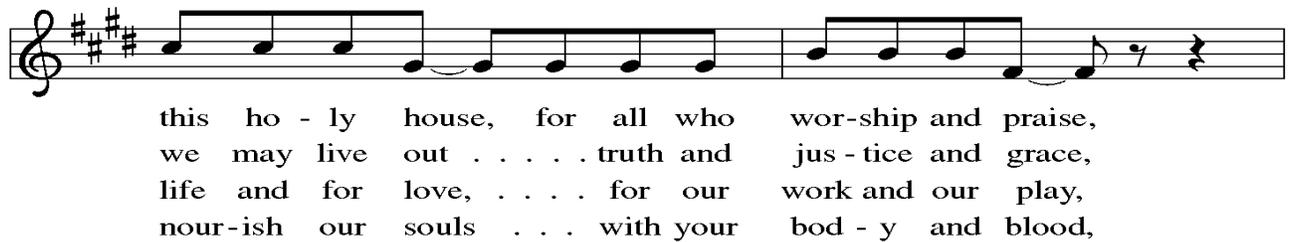
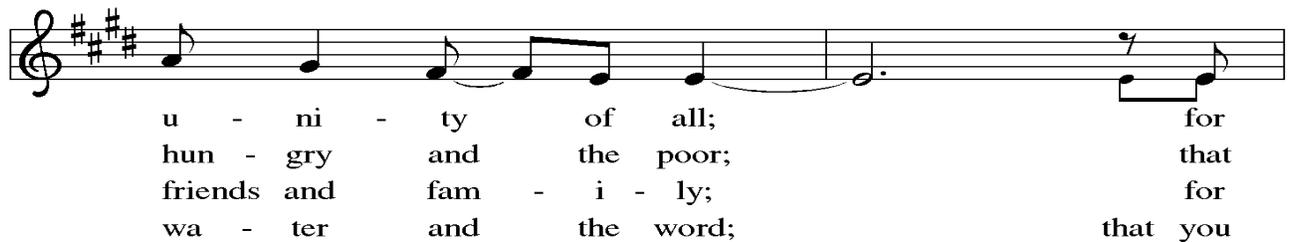
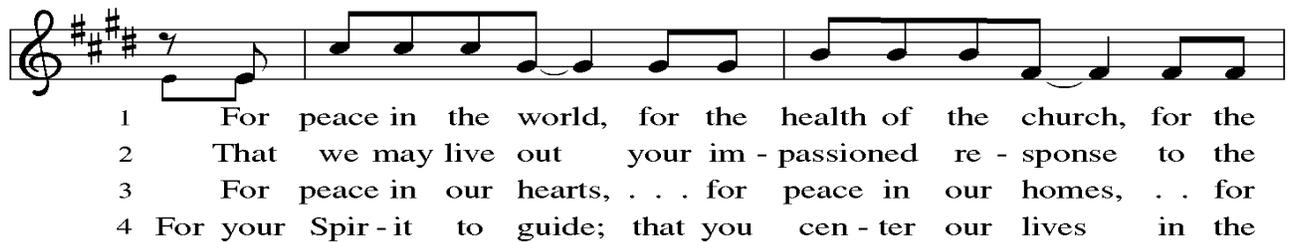
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GREETING

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.

KYRIE

ELW pg. 184



CANTICLE OF PRAISE

ELW pg. 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 - mighty 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

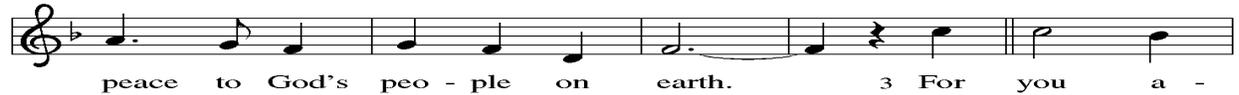


right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

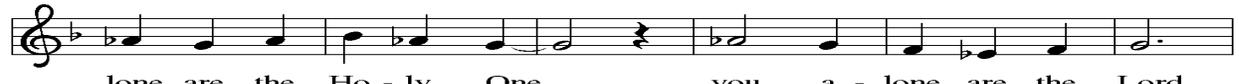
Refrain



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

Let us pray.

O God, rich in mercy, you look with compassion on this troubled world. Feed us with your grace, and grant us the treasure that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

SPECIAL MUSIC: “Together We Sing” by Francisco Herrera,
sung by Ron & Melanie Martin-Dent

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

FIRST READING: **Amos 6:1a, 4-7**

A reading from Amos.

- ^{1a}Alas for those who are at ease in Zion,
and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria,
⁴Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory, and lounge on their couches,
and eat lambs from the flock, and calves from the stall;
⁵who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp,
and like David improvise on instruments of music;
⁶who drink wine from bowls, and anoint themselves with the finest oils,
but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!
⁷Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile,
and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

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

PSALM: Psalm 146

- ¹Hallelujah! Praise the LORD, O my soul!
²**I will praise the LORD as long as I live;**
I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.
³Put not your trust in rulers, in mortals in whom there is no help.
⁴**When they breathe their last, they return to earth,**
and in that day their thoughts perish.
⁵Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help,
whose hope is in the LORD their God;
⁶**who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;**
who keeps promises forever;
⁷who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger.
The LORD sets the captive free.
⁸**The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those**
who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.
⁹The LORD cares for the stranger;
the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.
¹⁰**The LORD shall reign forever,**
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!

SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 6:6-19

A reading from 1 Timothy.

⁶Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; ⁷for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; ⁸but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. ⁹But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

¹¹But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. ¹²Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you ¹⁴to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. ¹⁶It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

¹⁷As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, ¹⁹thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW pg. 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: Luke 16:19-31

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

[Jesus said:] ¹⁹“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. ²²The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.’ ²⁵But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. ²⁶Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ ²⁷He said, ‘Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father’s house—²⁸for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ ²⁹Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ ³⁰He said, ‘No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ ³¹He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’”

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

SERMON

Pastor Melanie Martin-Dent

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Faith Begins By Letting Go”

ACS 1004

1 Faith be - gins by let - ting go, giv - ing up what had seemed sure,
2 Faith en - dures by hold - ing on, keep - ing mem - 'ry's roots a - live
3 Faith ma - tures by reach - ing out, stretch - ing minds, en - larg - ing hearts,
tak - ing risks and press - ing on, though the way feels less se - cure:
so that hope may bear its fruit; prom - ise - fed, our souls will thrive,
shar - ing strug - gles, liv - ing prayer, bind - ing up the bro - ken parts;
pil - grim - age both right and odd, trust - ing all our life to God,
not through mer - it we pos - sess but by God's great faith - ful - ness.
till we find the com - mon - place ripe with wit - ness to God's grace.

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944

Music: RATISHON, J. G. Werner, *Choralbuch*, 1815

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**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

Please join me in praying the full version of the Serenity Prayer, written by theologian Reinhold Neibuhr. The first part of this prayer is used by many 12 step groups in their meetings. I will conclude with an additional petition.

**God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change,
Courage to change the things I can;
And the wisdom to know the difference.**

**Living one day at a time; enjoying one moment at a time;
Accepting hardships as the pathway to peace;
Taking, as He did, this sinful world as it is, not as I would have it;
Trusting that He will make all things right if I surrender to His will;
So that I may be reasonably happy in this life
And supremely happy with Him forever and ever in the next.**

Gracious God, we give you thanks for the gift of recovery for ourselves, our families and our friends. Thank you for the promise that you will be with us always, and that no matter how bad things get we can get through with your help and with the help of one another. We pray for all those suffering from addiction and for their families, friends, neighbors and employers. Give them help and hope that they too, might experience this wonderful gift. Help us to be faithful witnesses to your power, your mercy and your strength. May we always be a community who welcomes those in need.

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

Please be with those who are in our hearts and minds at this time, those who are on our prayer lists, and those whose needs are known only to you.

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

Gathered together in the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit, gracious God, we offer these and all our prayers to you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER ELW pg 112

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.

PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS & OFFERING

OFFERING RESPONSE

“As Saints of Old”

ELW 695 v. 3

1 As saints of old their first-fruits brought of or - chard, flock, and field
2 A world in need now sum-mons us to la - bor, love, and give;
3 In grat - i - tude and hum-ble trust we bring our best to - day

to God, the giv - er of all good, the source of boun-teous yield,
to make our life an of - fer - ing to God, that all may live.
to serve your cause and share your love with all a - long life's way.

so we to - day first - fruits would bring, the wealth of this good land,
The church of Christ is call - ing us to make the dream come true:
O God, who gave your - self to us in Je - sus Christ your Son,

of farm and mar - ket, shop and home, of mind and heart and hand.
a world re-deemed by Christ-like love; all life in Christ made new.
teach us to give our - selves each day un - til life's work is done.

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Music: FOREST GREEN, English folk tune; arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958
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OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING:

The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

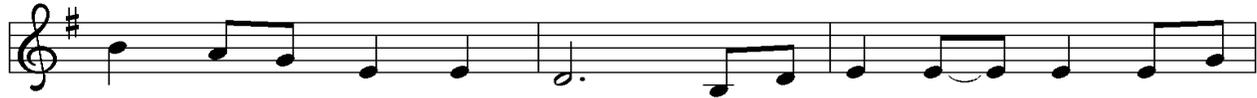
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✝ give you peace. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL Go in peace. Tell what God has done. **Thanks be to God.**

SENDING SONG *“Canticle of the Turning”* **ELW 723**



1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the
2 Though I am small, my . . . God, my all, you . . .
3 From the halls of pow'r to the for - tress tow'r, not a
4 Though the na - tions rage from . . age to age, we re -



God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the
work great . . things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the
stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your
mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant . . . from his throne.
liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my
Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to
The hun - gry poor shall . . weep no more, for the
This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my
those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the
food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry
prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be



name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?
strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.
mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.
crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.



Refrain
My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your jus - tice burn.



Wipe a - way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.

PEACE

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

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IN OUR PRAYERS

Loss & Grief:

This Week's Health:

Ongoing Health:

Haley Fyant, Patti Kinnamon, Dallas Peterson, Blanche Rohrenbach,
Lilly Slagle (*Marret Christiansen's daughter*), Marjorie Burkitt, Albert Knutson,
Dave Bjur, Daryle Peters (*Ron's cousin*), Pat Radtke (*Marion Woitke's sister*),
Bill Burnett (*Marsha's friend*), Patricia Smout (*Tony Peterson's mom*), Karen Vergeront,
Wayne West (*Barb Anderson's grandson*), Scott Trospen, Craig Erickson,
Linda Kirkelie (*Kari Mausshardt's mother*), Debbie Lindquist, Jeff Jacobson,
Anna Raymond (*Tony Peterson's friend*).



ANNOUNCEMENTS:

OCT 2nd 10:00am
SEP 26th, 2022—OCT 02nd, 2022
WORSHIP TIME

TUESDAY: Country Store

WEDNESDAY: Connections: 5:30pm meal—Spaghetti
FLBC staff leading worship
Adult Book Study

THURSDAY: Choir practice - 5:30pm

SUNDAY: 10:00AM WORSHIP

In Church Worship Service & Facebook
Addiction Ministry Team luncheon during fellowship

COUNCIL CORNER— Meet TODAY Sept. 25th at 10:30am

YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

CONNECTIONS WILL BE MEETING EVERY **WEDNESDAY** at 5:30pm.
FLBC will be here each week to lead worship.
Sept. 28th Salad & Spaghetti, FLBC Counselors & Adult Book Study.

ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION

WILL BE READING “Holy Envy” by Barbara Brown Taylor

Books are still available to purchase for \$12.00. The group will meet on Wed. nights as part of the Connections gatherings at 5:30pm.

“Have You Been Swallowed by a Whale?” Lunch & Inspirational Talk during Fellowship Hour on Sunday, **October 2nd at 10:15am.**

GSLC’s Addiction Ministry Team will provide Subway sandwiches through a Thrivent Action Team grant. Tim King’s keynote presentation from 2021 will be presented. This is a free event and all are welcome.

The Mission Valley Children’s Choir will begin its 7th year Tues., Oct. 11th at the Faith Lutheran Church, 406 5th Ave. SW in Ronan. Refreshments and ”together time” are at 3:40pm, rehearsals will be held from 4:00 - 5:00pm every Tuesday. The choir is open to children in grades 2nd - 6th.

The directors of the choir are Mrs. Cathy Gillhouse and Pastor Seth Nelson. Participation is free of charge. For more information call Pastor Seth Nelson at 406-546-7323 or Cathy Gillhouse at 406-207-3032.

The FLBC Golf Tournament to raise funds for camperships is coming up! Taking place on **Friday, October 7th** at Polson Bay Golf Course, it is sure to be a hole in one for players and campers alike. The deadline to register is Oct. 1st, but if you register by the end of **today (Sunday) Sept. 25th**, you will receive 10 free raffle tickets - raffle items include gift cards to Scheels and Big Dipper, Titleist Pro V1 golf balls, and much more. Players of all skills and abilities are invited to come and play - put together your own 4 player team, or sign up as an individual and FLBC will pair you with others to form a winning team (maybe). Find more information at flbc.net/golf

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## **GSCW 52nd ANNUAL - HARVEST DINNER**

### **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18th 4:00pm-6:00pm**

### **Take-out orders.**

Posters are available to place around town.

Call the Office to pre-order your dinners: **406-883-5864.**



Donations raised will be given to:

**Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry & the Red Cross MT disaster Relief**

**LOAVES & FISHES FOOD PANTRY UPDATE!**

Town Pump Matching Fund campaign started September 1st and goes through November. This year they will match our donations up to \$15,000.

We depend on this campaign, grants and other donations for all of our funding through the year. The Pantry is totally staffed by volunteers but we have the usual power and water bills, gas, insurance like everyone. You help us keep our doors open.

We can still use your egg cartons and grocery store sacks, both plastic and paper. Thank you so much for your wonderful support of the Pantry and our neighbors! Mary Martin

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Pastor Melanie will be out of the office Oct 4—8th to attend an Addiction & Faith conference. She will be returning late, so Diane Cummings will be preaching on October 9th.

Adult Sunday School will have a guest speaker Ashlynn Fish. Class will begin at 9:00am.

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**OUTREACH COMMITTEE**

**EARLY NOTICE: 6th ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3rd 9:00am—2:00pm**

Tables can be reserved by calling the Office and filling out the necessary form. More details will be available in the October Newsletter.

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