

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
AUGUST 25, 2019 9:30 AM WORSHIP
ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Jesus declares that the church will be built on the rock of Peter's bold confession of faith. God's words of reconciliation and mercy are keys to the church's mission and our call to discipleship.

Our Rally Sunday worship in the Park helps us rejoice in God's beautiful creation and enjoy fellowship as the summer draws to a close.

Welcome to worship.

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion as we celebrate the presence of Jesus among us.
Congregation responses in **Bold**. *Those who are able, please stand.

WE GATHER IN CELEBRATION

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME/GREET ONE ANOTHER

*CALL TO WORSHIP

O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it, and the dry land, which his hands have formed.

O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

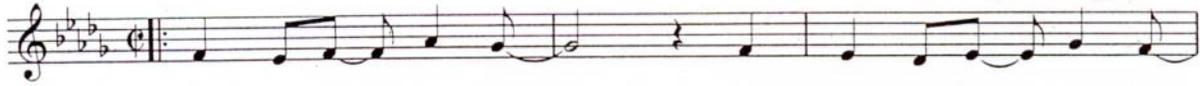
For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

O that today you would listen to his voice!

*GATHERING SONG

Shepherd Of My Soul

Words and Music by
Martin Nystrom



Shep - herd of ___ my soul, ___ I give You full ___ con - trol; ___



___ Wher - ev - er You ___ may lead ___ I will fol - low.



I have made ___ the choice ___ to lis - ten for ___ Your voice, ___ Wher -



ev - er You ___ may lead ___ I will go. go.



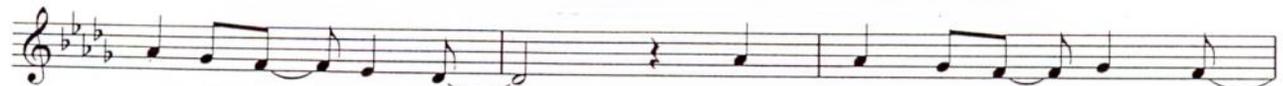
Be it in a qui - et pas - ture ___ or by a gen - tle stream, ___



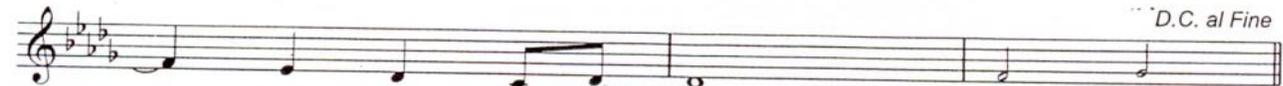
___ The Shep - herd of ___ my soul ___ is by ___ my side. ___



Should I face a might - y moun - tain ___ or a



val - ley dark ___ and deep, ___ The Shep - herd of ___ my soul ___



___ will be my guide. ___

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*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Hear us as we pray together:

O God, with all your faithful disciples of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WE HEAR WORDS OF NEW LIFE

MESSAGE FOR THE CHILD IN US ALL/BLESSING OF BACKPACKS

Dear God, at the outset of another school year, we ask your blessing on these backpacks,

and especially on the children who will wear them.

As they do the important work of being students bless them with:

Eagerness to learn, that their world may grow large;

Respect for teachers and students, that they may form healthy relationships;

Love for nature, that they may be caretakers of your creation;

Happiness when learning is easy, and stick-to-it-iveness when it is hard;

Faith in Jesus as their best teacher and closest friend.

Protect our children and keep them safe. In Jesus' name, **Amen.**

I Will Call Upon the Lord

I will call up - on the Lord who is wor - thy to be

praised. So shall I be saved from my en - e - mies.

I will call up - on the Lord. The

Lord liv - eth, and bless - ed be the Rock, and let the God of my sal -

va - tion be ex - alt - ed. The Lord liv - eth, and bless - ed be the Rock,

and let the God of my sal - va - tion be ex - alt - ed.

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Music: O' SHIELDS, Michael O' Shields
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*GOOD NEWS

Matthew 25:31-40

Good News from Matthew:

31'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. 32All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, 33and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. 34Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; 35for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, 36I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' 37Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? 38And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? 39And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' 40And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' (NRSV)

Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God**

MEDITATION

Pastor Dan Kahl

*SONG

We Are Called



1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the
2 Come! O - pen your heart! Show your . . mer - cy to all those in
3 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be



Lord! We are called to be light for the king - dom, to
fear! We are called to be hope for the hope - less so
one! God will reign, and we'll walk with each oth - er as



live in the free - dom of the cit - y of God.
ha - tred and blind - ness . . . will be . . . no more.
sis - ters and broth - ers . . . u - nit - ed in love.



Refrain
We are called to act with jus - tice, we are called to



love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -



oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.

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WE SHARE THE JOY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

*PRAYERS

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

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OFFERING

Not too far from Here

Ellyn Lemke

*OFFERING PRAYER

God of sun and rain, farm and flower,

we praise you for your wonderful creation and your all-sustaining care.

Receive these tokens of our gratitude, and may our lives reflect the goodness and love shown in your Son. Amen

We invite all baptized believers to share with us in Holy Communion.

This morning the method of distribution will be intinction.

Please come to the front by the outside aisles and return by the center aisle.

Gluten-free wafers are available.

*GREAT THANKSGIVING

God is with us.

We come together to the table of love.

Let us give thanks to God.

We unite our voices to sing God's praise.

*SONG

HOLY, HOLY Sara Thomsen

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ten - der, gen - tle

God. Heav - en and earth are full of you. Ho -

san - na, ho - san - na in the

high - est and in the low ones.

Bless - ed is the one who comes in Your name.

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*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*LORD'S PRAYER

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

*INVITATION

Come, eat and share in Jesus' love.
Thanks be to God.

MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky
Here I Am, Lord



1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo-ple cry.
2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo-ple's pain.
3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in deep - est sin my hand will save.
I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.



I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?"
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?"



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo-ple in my heart.

Text: Daniel Schutte
Music: HERE I AM, LORD, Daniel Schutte

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Shall We Gather at the River



- 1 Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have trod.
- 2 On the mar - gin of the riv - er, wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,
- 3 Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down;



with its crys - tal tide for - ev - er flow - ing by the throne of God?
we will walk and wor - ship ev - er, all the hap - py gold - en day.
grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, and pro - vide a robe and crown.

Refrain



Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, the beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;



gath - er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.

How Great Thou Art

**O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the works thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed;**

Refrain

**Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,
how great thou art! How great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,
how great thou art! How great thou art!**

**When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze;**

Refrain

**Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,
how great thou art! How great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,
how great thou art! How great thou art!**

*POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Generous God, we thank you that at Christ's holy table you have fed us again with the food of everlasting life. Send us, your servants, into all the land, that we may act wisely, seek the good of our neighbor, and call others to come to the feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

WE GO FORTH TO SHARE NEW LIFE

*BLESSING

Almighty and merciful God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you this day and forevermore. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*SENDING SONG

The Trees of the Field



You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace,
and the mountains and the hills will break forth before you.
There'll be shouts of joy and all the trees of the field
will clap, will clap their hands.
And all the trees of the field will clap their hands.
The trees of the field will clap their hands.
The trees of the field will clap their hands,
while you go out with joy.

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**Thanks to all who worked together to make
Worship in the Park a reality!**

TODAY'S GUEST

Dr. Terry Moehnke, is joining us today to share a little about the Backpack Buddies program. You will find a specially marked envelope included in the bulletin this morning. If you would like to make a donation to the Backpack Buddies program, please use the provided envelope and place it in the offering plate. We will continue accepting monetary donations this week in the office for Backpack Buddies. Please make checks payable to Grace Lutheran Church and we will send one check to the Backpack Buddies program.

ATTENTION WILLING WORKERS

Tomorrow, Monday, August 26, will be a TIE DAY. We have many quilts ready to be tied and could use your help. Whether you are seasoned at tying or a newbie, you are welcomed to join us. We appreciate the help. We begin at 8:30 am, break for coffee at 9:30 am, and then get back at it. Please join us when you can and stay as long as you are able.

Choir rehearsals begin Wednesday, August 28, in the Fireside Room. Rehearsal is from 7-8 pm. New members are always welcome. See Bruce Perry if you have any questions.

Bell Choir rehearsals begin Monday, September 9. Rehearsal is in the balcony from 5:30-6:30 pm. We welcome new members. See Bruce Perry if you have questions.

Dorcas Cluster Fall Retreat is Wednesday, September 11, at Twin Lakes Christian Retreat Center. The Theme is: *Tied together with the Spirit of Faith*. The Registration fee is \$25 per person and is due by August 26. Registration forms are posted on the bulletin board with mailing information. Checks should be made payable to Dorcas Cluster. The in-kind gifts this year are for GoServ Global and will be sent to Uganda. A list of requested items is posted on the bulletin board.

Looking ahead to September schedule

Sunday, September 8, our worship schedule changes. We will be back to two worship services again. Tradition worship will begin at 8:30 am and Contemporary worship will begin at 10:45 am, with Coffee/Fellowship time following each service. Sunday School will begin at 9:30 am. Bibles for 3 year old and 3rd grade children will be given out during both worship services that day.

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THIS WEEK AT GRACE

Sunday, August 25

NO WORSHIP SERVICE AT GRACE TODAY

Worship in the Park—Kennedy Park main shelter

9:00 am Backpack Buddies packing event at Kennedy Park

Worship will follow the packing event

Finger Food Brunch Potluck will follow the Worship Service

Monday, August 26

8:30 am Quilting Tie Day

9:30 am Women's coffee

7:30 pm Fort Dodge Choral Society

Tuesday, August 27

9:00 am Men's Coffee

1:00 pm Mission Haiti

4-6 Y.O.U.R. social event Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, August 28

6:45 am Men's Bible Study at ICCC

5:45 am ARiSE

7:00 pm Choir

Sunday, September 1

9:30 am Blended Worship

10:30 am Coffee/Fellowship

Mission Statement

In celebration of God's grace, given through Jesus Christ, we seek to grow through worship, teaching, fellowship and reaching out with our gifts to share the gospel and serve the needs of all people.