

# *Sixth Sunday after Pentecost*

*Sunday, June 30, 2024*

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church**

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**Orwigsburg, PA**

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## **GATHERING**

### **PRELUDE**

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

We gather in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit,  
**Amen.**

If we say we have no sins, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us - from all unrighteousness.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

### **GATHERING HYMN**

**“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”**

[See back of bulletin]

## **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.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Almighty and merciful God, listen to the prayers of your people. Be our strong defense against all harm and danger, that we may live and grow in faith, hope, and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## **WORD**

### **A READING FROM LAMENTATIONS**

<sup>22</sup>The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases,  
his mercies never come to an end;

<sup>23</sup>they are new every morning;  
great is your faithfulness.

<sup>24</sup>“The LORD is my portion,” says my soul,  
“therefore I will hope in him.”

<sup>25</sup>The LORD is good to those who wait for him,  
to the soul that seeks him.

<sup>26</sup>It is good that one should wait quietly  
for the salvation of the LORD.

<sup>27</sup>It is good for one to bear  
the yoke in youth,

<sup>28</sup>to sit alone in silence  
when the Lord has imposed it,

<sup>29</sup>to put one’s mouth to the dust  
(there may yet be hope),

<sup>30</sup>to give one’s cheek to the smiter,  
and be filled with insults.

<sup>31</sup>For the Lord will not  
reject forever.

<sup>32</sup>Although he causes grief, he will have compassion  
according to the abundance of his steadfast love;

<sup>33</sup>for he does not willingly afflict  
or grieve anyone. (Lamentations 3:22-33)

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM 130 (Read responsively)**

I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lifted me up  
and have not let my enemies triumph over me.

**O LORD my God, I cried out to you,  
and you restored me to health.**

You brought me up, O LORD, from the dead;  
you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.

**Sing to the LORD, you servants of his;  
give thanks for the remembrance of his holiness.**

For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye,  
his favor for a lifetime.

**Weeping may spend the night,  
but joy comes in the morning.**

While I felt secure, I said, “I shall never be disturbed.

You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains.”

**Then you hid your face,  
and I was filled with fear.**

I cried to you, O LORD;

I pleaded with the Lord, saying,

**“What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the pit?  
Will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?**

Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me;

O LORD, be my helper.”

**You have turned my wailing into dancing;  
you have put off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy.**

Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing;

O LORD my God, I will give you thanks forever.

## **A READING FROM 2 CORINTHIANS**

<sup>7</sup>Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you—so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking.

<sup>8</sup>I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. <sup>9</sup>For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. <sup>10</sup>And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something—<sup>11</sup>now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means.

<sup>12</sup>For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has—not according to what one does not have. <sup>13</sup>I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between <sup>14</sup>your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance. <sup>15</sup>As it is written,

“The one who had much did not have too much,  
and the one who had little did not have too little.” (2 Corinthians 8:7-15)

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Congregation:*

Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we  
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal  
life. Al - le - lu - ia!

*Optional Repeat*

## GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>21</sup>When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. <sup>22</sup>Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet <sup>23</sup>and begged him repeatedly, “My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live.” <sup>24</sup>So he went with him.

And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. <sup>25</sup>Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. <sup>26</sup>She had endured much under many physicians and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. <sup>27</sup>She had heard about Jesus and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, <sup>28</sup>for she said, “If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well.” <sup>29</sup>Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. <sup>30</sup>Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, “Who touched my clothes?” <sup>31</sup>And his disciples said to him, “You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, ‘Who touched me?’” <sup>32</sup>He looked all around to see who had done it. <sup>33</sup>But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth.

<sup>34</sup>He said to her, “Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace and be healed of your disease.” <sup>35</sup>While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader’s house to say, “Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?”

<sup>36</sup>But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, “Do not fear, only believe.” <sup>37</sup>He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. <sup>38</sup>When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. <sup>39</sup>When he had entered, he said to them, “Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping.” <sup>40</sup>And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child’s father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. <sup>41</sup>He took her by the hand and said to her, “Talitha cum,” which means, “Little girl, get up!” <sup>42</sup>And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. <sup>43</sup>He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

(Mark 5:21-43)

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **SERMON**

### **HYMN OF THE DAY**

“Amazing Grace”  
[See back of bulletin]

### **THE APOSTLES’ CREED (Read in Unison)**

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again;

He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again 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**

One in the communion of saints and in the power of the Holy Spirit, we join our voices in prayer.

*A brief silence.*

You give us great and wondrous gifts. Encourage those who feel they are not seen or valued. Help us to see how you have connected each of us to one another through your gift of faith. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You create all that is good and useful. Enliven us to enjoy all that you have made good. Multiply the fruits of the earth and rescue it from our foolishness, greed, and wastefulness. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You reign eternally in steadfast love. Bring peace between nations ravaged by war. Enlighten the minds of world leaders that they might act with wisdom and pursue just and lasting peace. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You bring healing and wholeness. Hear our prayers for doctors, nurses, and health care workers who provide care. We pray for everyone on our prayer list and for those whose needs are known only to you. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You gather us together at your table of plenty. Where there is hunger among us, open our hands. Where we are indifferent to the needs of others, open our hearts. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Your faithfulness endures from generation to generation. We give you thanks for all the saints who have left this earthly life. Strengthen us in faith, so that one day we may join them in your realm of glory. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*(The Pastor concludes):* Holy God, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in the one who is the way, the truth, and the life, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## **PEACE**

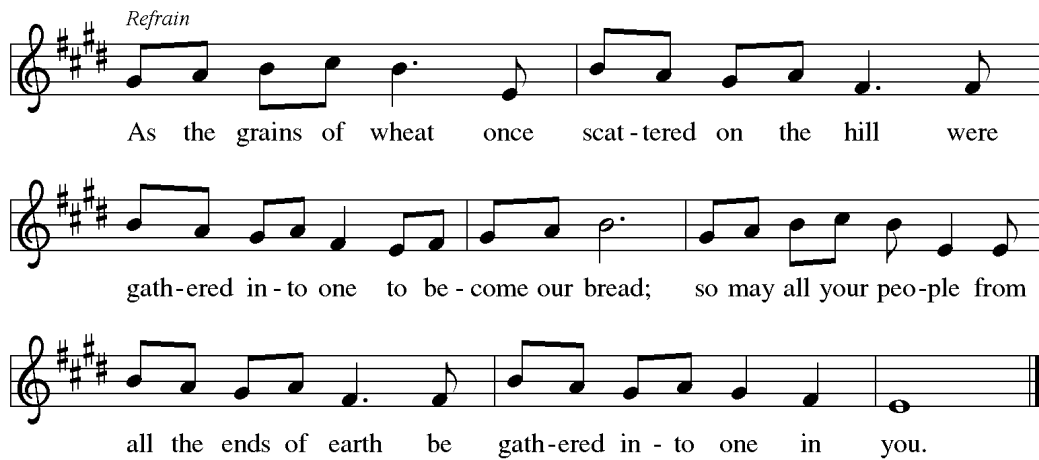
The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

# OFFERING

## OFFERTORY

### OFFERTORY HYMN “As the Grains of Wheat”

*Refrain*



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were  
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from  
all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

The image shows three staves of musical notation in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The first staff is labeled 'Refrain' and contains the lyrics 'As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were'. The second staff continues with 'gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from'. The third staff concludes with 'all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.' The music consists of eighth and quarter notes, with some rests and a final whole note on the third staff.

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

Lord Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table and invited us to this bountiful feast. As we share this meal, strengthen us in faith and transform us, so that we can be your living body for the sake of the world. **Amen.**

## MEAL

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

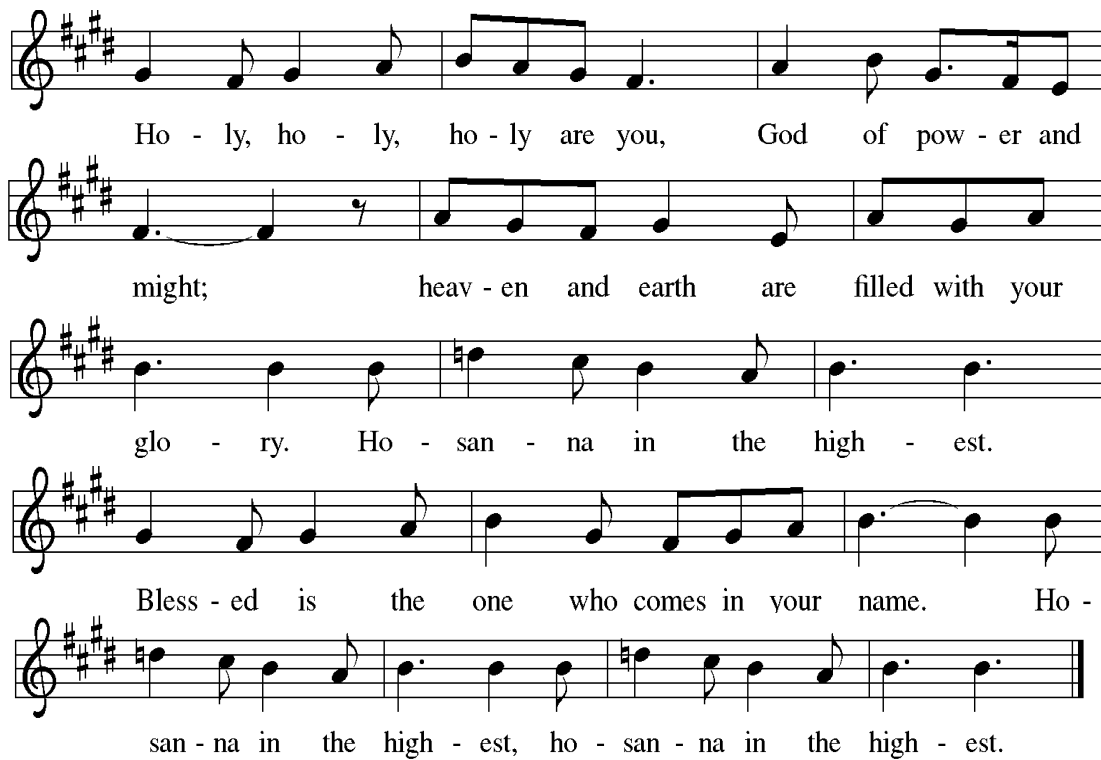
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord, who rose beyond the bounds of death and, as he had promised, poured out your Spirit of life and power upon the chosen disciples. At this the whole world exults in boundless joy. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and  
might; heav - en and earth are filled with your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER (In Unison)

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.



## **INSTRUCTIONS**

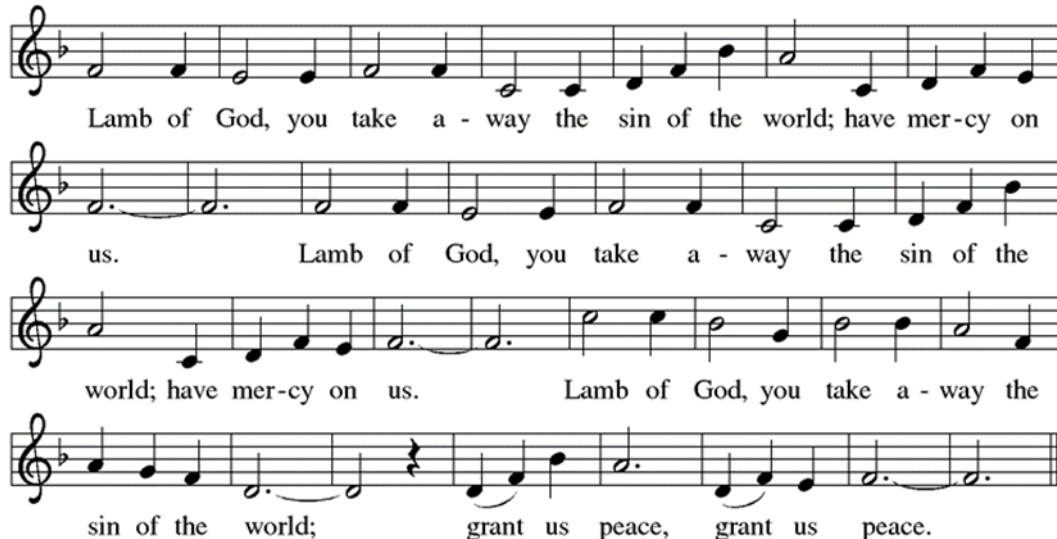
All who are baptized and seek forgiveness of their sins and the promise of eternal life in Jesus Christ are welcome to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion by *intinction*. Communicants may dip a wafer of bread (the Body of Christ) into a chalice of wine (the Blood of Christ) before consuming it. After you have received the Sacrament, you may choose to briefly stand at the chancel rail before returning to your seat.

If you or your child would like to receive a blessing rather than the Sacrament, please come forward and say, "A blessing," or cross your arms over your chest.

Those who are unable to come forward should indicate that they wish to receive the Sacrament and they will receive it as they sit in their pew.

Communion is shared with those seated on the pulpit side and then with those seated on the lectern side.

## **AGNUS DEI**



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 HYMN** "Healer of Our Every Ill" [See back of bulletin]

## **TABLE BLESSING**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen**

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **SENDING**

## **BLESSING**

Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN**

“O Beautiful for Spacious Skies”

[See back of bulletin]

**THE DISMISSAL**

Go now in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

"Allegro Maestoso"

G. F. Handel

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**Introduction to the day:** In Jesus’ time the hemorrhaging woman was considered ritually unclean, polluting others by her touch, and anyone who touched a corpse also became unclean. In Mark’s gospel Jesus breaks down barriers, from his first meal at a tax collector’s house to his last breath on the cross as the temple curtain is torn in two.

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**THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL’S**

Sunday, June 30	9:30 AM	Worship with Holy Communion Snacks and games following our worship
Thursday, July 4		INDEPENDENCE DAY HOLIDAY! The church office will be closed.
Friday, July 5	10:00 AM	STiC SRT walk at Auburn
Saturday, July 6	5:30 PM	Worship with Holy Communion
Sunday, July 7	9:30 AM	Worship with Holy Communion

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**SNACKS AND GAMES TODAY!**

Our first summer activity will take place TODAY, Sunday, June 30, following our worship service. Children and adults are invited to play board games while they snack! Sunday School will be provided during the church service for any children that attend. Please join us for food and fun!

**WHERE ARE OUR OFFERING PLATES?**

Our offering plate is in the back of the church near the center aisle. If you would like to give an offering and have not already done so, please place your offering in the plate before worship begins or as you leave the church.

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**SERVING TODAY (6/30/24)**

**9:30 AM**

GREETER: Deb Bolinsky; USHER: Cindy Ritschel  
LECTOR: Bill Smoot; COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Cindy Ritschel  
ALTAR GUILD: Sue Schenck and Barb Sterner  
COUNTERS: Gwen Wehr and Glenda Bright

**SERVING NEXT SUNDAY (7/07/24)**

**9:30 AM**

GREETER: Cindy Ritschel; USHER: Barb Sterner  
LECTOR: Kristen Durkee; COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Pat Kunkle  
ALTAR GUILD: Sue Schenck and Barb Sterner  
COUNTERS: Rosalie Wingle and Diane Brobst

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**LOOKING FOR A CHURCH HOME?**

Please worship with us again. Take a copy of our newsletter. Check out our webpage. Visit us on Facebook. Watch our weekly video on YouTube and get to know us better! We have a rich Lutheran tradition, but we are not old-fashioned. Everyone is invited to worship with us and work together to the glory of God!

**GWOH 2024**

This year we will again collect items requested by Servants to All - My Father's House, as our congregation's "God's Work. Our Hands." project. A box for donations will be placed in the narthex by July 1.

Items requested by "Servants to All" include:

Hygiene Products - tampons/feminine pads, toothbrushes and toothpastes, deodorant, soap, wet wipes, disposable razors, lotions, bath towels, and washcloths (new or almost new).

Bedding - Bed linens (twin or full-sized sheet sets), blankets, pillows, and pillowcases (new or almost new).

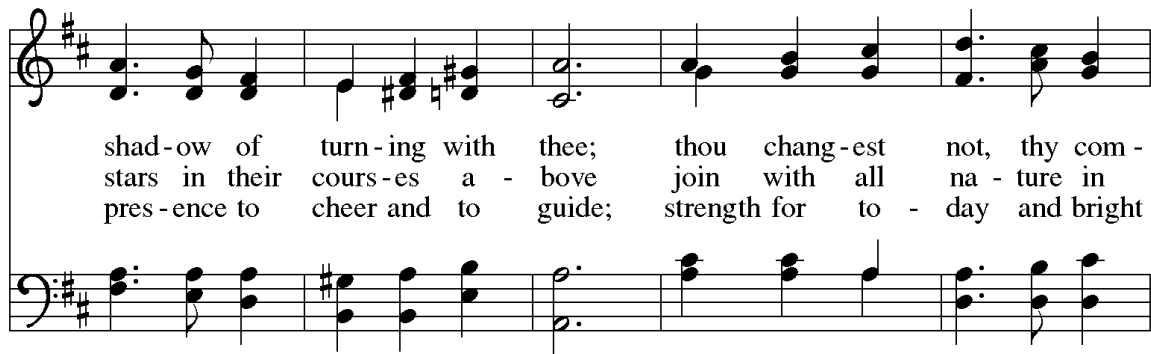
Cleaning Products - All-purpose cleaners, laundry detergents, disinfectants, hand sanitizers, mops, brooms, and buckets.

We will collect items through August 31. "God's Work. Our Hands." Sunday is set for September 8, 2024.

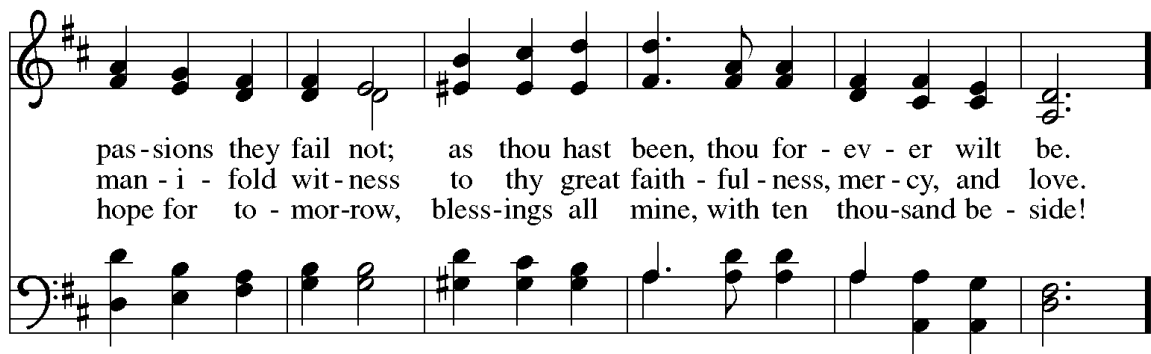
# GATHERING HYMN "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"



1 Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther; there is no  
2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest, sun, moon, and  
3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, thine own dear



shad - ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang - est not, thy com -  
stars in their cours - es a - bove join with all na - ture in  
pres - ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to - day and bright



pas - sions they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for - ev - er wilt be.  
man - i - fold wit - ness to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.  
hope for to - mor - row, bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

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*Refrain*

Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by  
 morn-ing new mer-cies I see; all I have need-ed thy  
 hand hath pro-vid-ed; great is thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un-to me.

### **SUMMER FELLOWSHIP TABLE**

Good fellowship with tasty food is a terrific way to top off our Sunday worship. Any church committee, family, group, member, or members may host a Fellowship Table through Sunday, August 18. A sign-up sheet is in the gathering room for your convenience. Our Fellowship Table follows our 9:30 a.m. Sunday service.

### **SERVICE MINISTRY “BOOK DRIVE”**

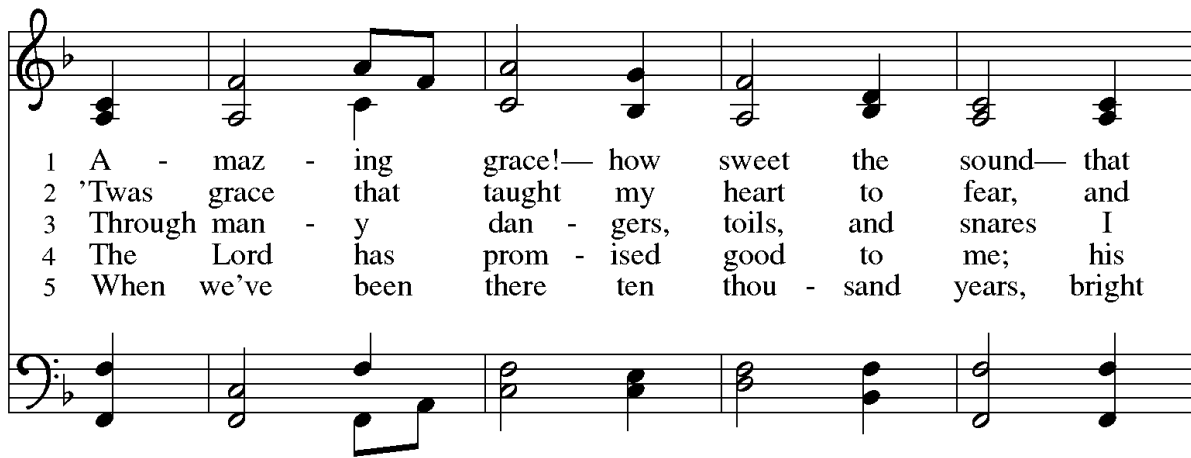
Our Service Ministry committee would like to thank everyone for their great generosity. More than 400 new or gently used children’s books have been donated to benefit families with children who are served by our area Food Pantry. Because of your kindness, our book drive will conclude on June 30. Thank you so much!

### **SIGN-UP SHEET FOR “JUMP FOR JOY” CONCERT**

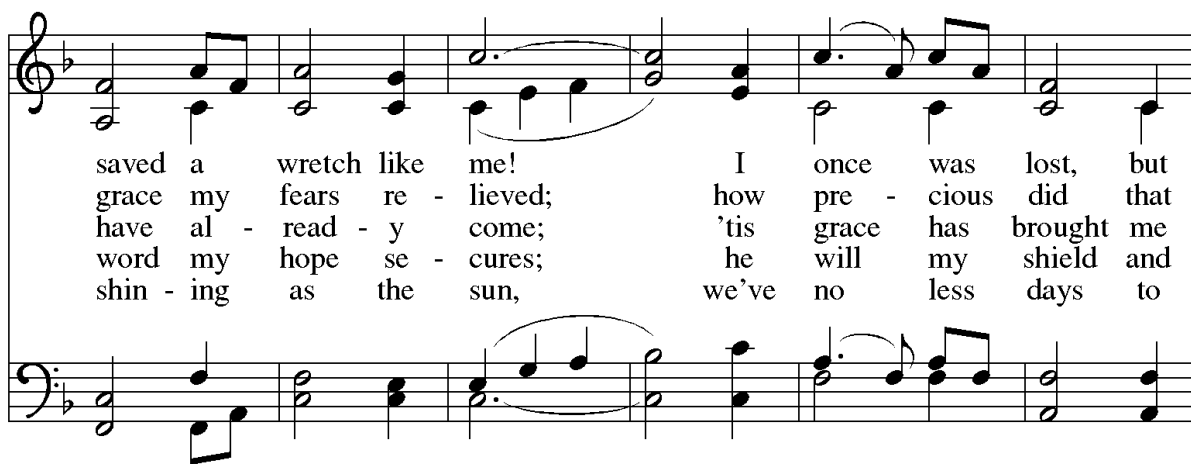
Our Women of the ELCA will provide light refreshment for the “Jump for Joy” Concert on Sunday, August 6 at 7 p.m. Proceeds from this concert will benefit the Red Creek Wildlife Center. A sign-up sheet is located in our gathering room.

# HYMN OF THE DAY

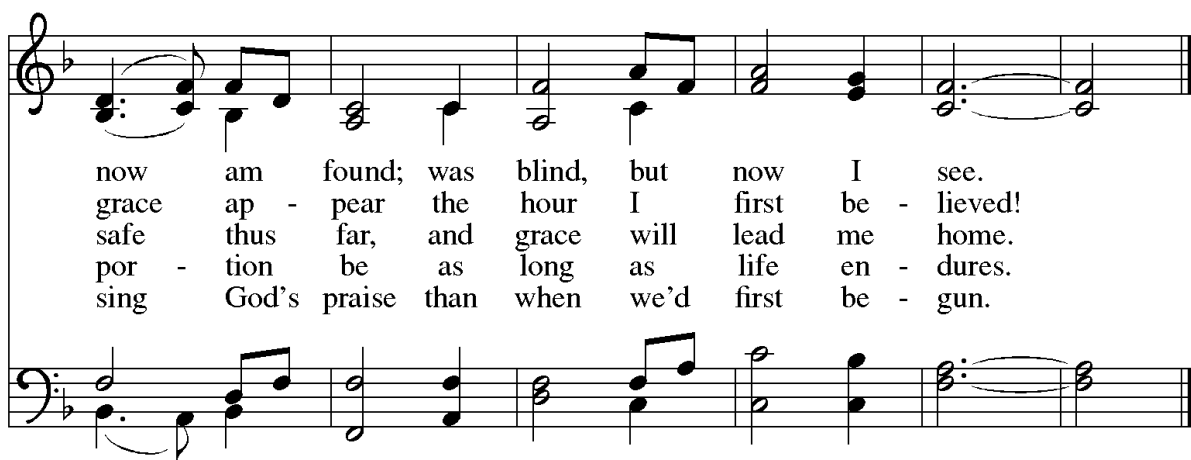
## “Amazing Grace”



1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that  
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and  
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I  
4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his  
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but  
grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that  
have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me  
word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and  
shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to



now am found; was blind, but now I see.  
grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!  
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
por - tion be as long as life en - dures.  
sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

### NEW BOOKS TO READ!

Our church mice have informed us that our Library Ladies have filled a new bookcase with brand new books. Copies of their list of new additions are in our narthex next to our bulletins. Please pick up a list and consider how reading a new book might make this summer -- even more enjoyable!

# COMMUNION HYMN

## “Healer of Our Every Ill”

*Refrain*

Heal - er of our ev - 'ry ill, light of each to - mor - row,

give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.

1 You who know our fears and sad - ness, grace us with your

2 In the pain and joy be - hold - ing how your grace is

3 Give us strength to love each oth - er, ev - 'ry sis - ter,

4 You who know each thought and feel - ing, teach us all your

peace and glad - ness; Spir - it of all com - fort, fill our hearts.

still un - fold - ing, give us all your vi - sion, God of love.

ev - 'ry broth - er; Spir - it of all kind - ness, be our guide.

way of heal - ing; Spir - it of com - pas - sion, fill each heart.

*Refrain*

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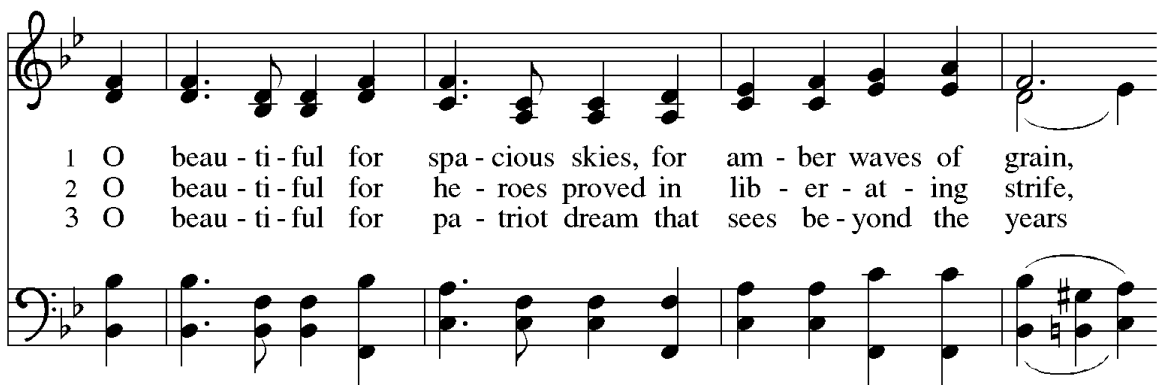
### LET'S KEEP IT UP!

Please take a moment to sign a card for a member (or members) who cannot worship with us in person (e.g., those who have long-term health problems, military personnel, and college students far from home.) Cards are located in the back of our sanctuary on the small table next to our prayer list. While a single card may seem a small thing, it is a “sign” of our love, encouragement, and support for those who cannot join us for worship.

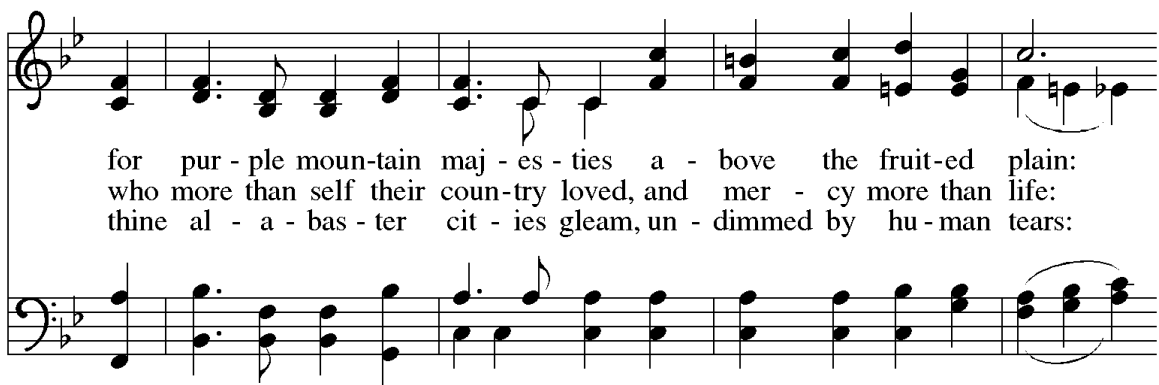
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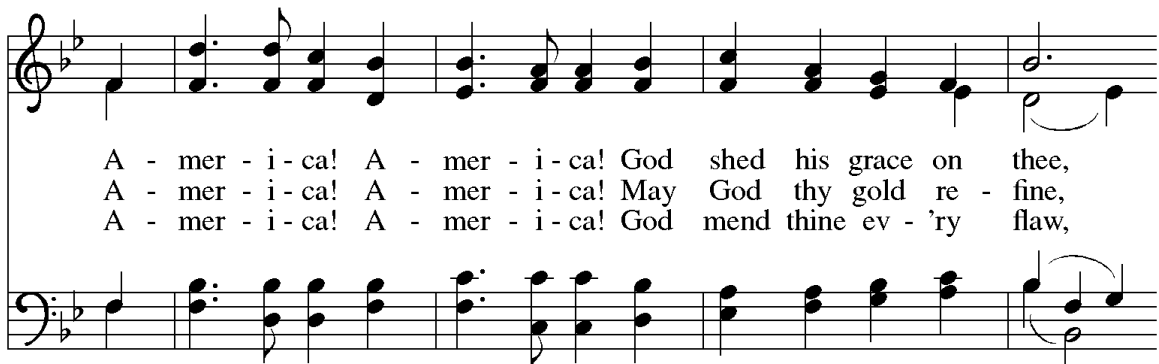
# SENDING HYMN "O Beautiful for Spacious Skies"



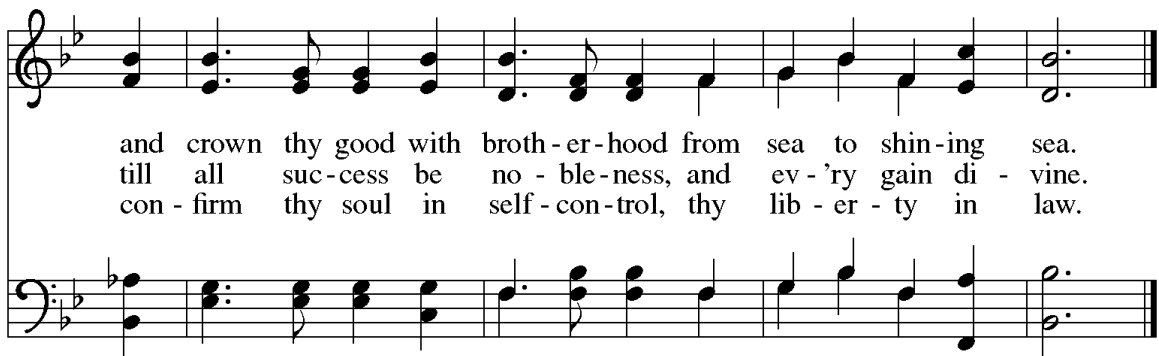
1 O beau - ti - ful for spa - ci - ous skies, for am - ber waves of grain,  
2 O beau - ti - ful for he - roes proved in lib - er - at - ing strife,  
3 O beau - ti - ful for pa - triot dream that sees be - yond the years



for pur - ple moun - tain maj - es - ties a - bove the fruit - ed plain:  
who more than self their coun - try loved, and mer - cy more than life:  
thine al - a - bas - ter cit - ies gleam, un - dimmed by hu - man tears:



A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,  
A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! May God thy gold re - fine,  
A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God mend thine ev - 'ry flaw,



and crown thy good with broth - er - hood from sea to shin - ing sea.  
till all suc - cess be no - ble - ness, and ev - 'ry gain di - vine.  
con - firm thy soul in self - con - trol, thy lib - er - ty in law.