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# SHALOM LUTHERAN CHURCH



**Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Holy Communion**  
**July 27, 2025: 9:30 am**

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“We believe God is calling us to invite people into a deeper relationship with Christ, that all may discover true peace and be prepared to follow him in compassionate service”

# Gathering

## INVITATION TO WORSHIP

*The congregation may stand.*

## CONFESSION

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Merciful God,

**C: you free us to love others,  
but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.**

**You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,  
but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.**

**You surround us with patience, kindness,  
and generosity,**

**but we grow weary in doing what is right.**

**In your mercy, forgive us.**

**Do not give up on us.**

**Heal us, break our bonds,  
and show us the path of life.**

**Amen.**

You belong to Christ Jesus  
and you are God's children through faith.

In the cross of ✠ Christ,  
and through the power of the Holy Spirit,  
your sins are forgiven.

Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.

**C: Amen.**

## GATHERING SONG: "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" ELW 807

The musical score is written for a single melodic line on a treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody consists of a series of eighth and quarter notes, with some rests. Below the staff, there are three lines of lyrics corresponding to the notes. The first line is '1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;'. The second line is '2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer: "Hith-er by thy help I've come";'. The third line is '3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be;'. The score ends with a double bar line.

1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer: "Hith-er by thy help I've come";  
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be;

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streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.  
and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.  
let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan - d'ring heart to thee.

While the hope of end - less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,  
Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan - d'ring from the fold of God;  
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.

teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good - ness prove.  
he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.  
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Text: Robert Robinson, 1735–1790, alt.

Music: NETTLETON, J. Wyeth, *Repository of Sacred Music*, Part II, 1813

### **PASTORAL GREETING**

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

**C:** And also with you.

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P:** Gracious God, your Son called on you to forgive his enemies while he was suffering shame and death. Lead our enemies and us from prejudice to truth; deliver them and us from hatred, cruelty, and revenge; and in your good time enable us all to stand reconciled before you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C:** Amen.

*The congregation may be seated.*

**SCRIPTURE:** Jeremiah 36:1-8, 21-32

L: A reading from Jeremiah:

In the fourth year of King Jehoiakim son of Josiah of Judah, this word came to Jeremiah from the LORD: Take a scroll and write on it all the words that I have spoken to you against Israel and Judah and all the nations, from the day I spoke to you, from the days of Josiah until today. It may be that, when the house of Judah hears of all the disasters that I intend to do to them, all of them may turn from their evil ways, so that I may forgive their iniquity and their sin.

Then Jeremiah called Baruch son of Neriah, and Baruch wrote on a scroll at Jeremiah's dictation all the words that the LORD had spoken to him. And Jeremiah ordered Baruch, saying, "I am prevented from entering the house of the LORD, so you go, and on a fast day in the hearing of the people in the LORD's house you shall read the words of the LORD from the scroll that you have written at my dictation. You shall read them also in the hearing of all the people of Judah who come up from their towns. It may be that their plea will come before the LORD and that all of them will turn from their evil ways, for great is the anger and wrath that the LORD has pronounced against this people." And Baruch son of Neriah did all that the prophet Jeremiah ordered him about reading from the scroll the words of the LORD in the LORD's house....

Then the king sent Jehudi to get the scroll, and he took it from the chamber of Elishama the secretary, and Jehudi read it in the hearing of the king and all the officials who stood beside the king. Now the king was sitting in his winter apartment (it was the ninth month), and there was a fire burning in the brazier before him. As Jehudi read three or four columns, he would cut them off with a penknife and throw them into the fire in the brazier, until the entire scroll was consumed in the fire that was in the brazier. Yet neither the king nor any of his servants who heard all these words was alarmed, nor did they tear their garments. Even when Elnathan and Delaiah and Gemariah urged the king not to burn the scroll, he would not listen to them. And the king commanded Jerahmeel the king's son and Seraiah son of Azriel and Shelemiah son of Abdeel to arrest the secretary Baruch and the prophet Jeremiah. But the LORD hid them.

Now after the king had burned the scroll with the words that Baruch wrote at Jeremiah's dictation, the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah: Take another scroll and write on it all the former words that were in the first scroll, which King Jehoiakim of Judah has burned. And concerning King Jehoiakim of Judah you shall say: Thus says the LORD, You have burned this scroll, saying, "Why have you written in it that the king of Babylon will certainly come and destroy this land and will cut off from it human beings and animals?" Therefore thus says the LORD concerning King Jehoiakim of Judah: He shall have no one to sit upon the throne of David, and his dead body shall be cast out to the heat by day and the frost by night.

And I will punish him and his offspring and his servants for their iniquity; I will bring on them and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem and on the people of Judah all the disasters with which I have threatened them, but they would not listen.

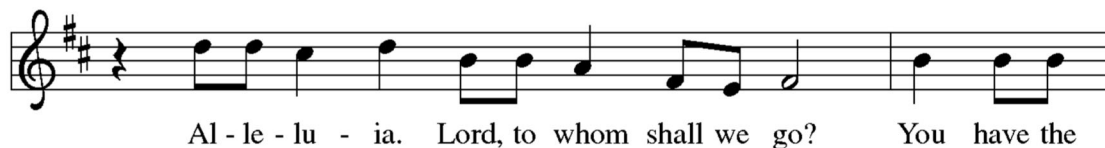
Then Jeremiah took another scroll and gave it to the secretary Baruch son of Neriah, who wrote on it at Jeremiah's dictation all the words of the scroll that King Jehoiakim of Judah had burned in the fire, and many similar words were added to them.

L: Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God**

*The congregation may stand.*

### **GOSPEL WELCOME**



### **GOSPEL: John 5:31-38**

P: The holy gospel according to St. John, the fifth chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

“If I testify about myself, my testimony is not true. There is another who testifies on my behalf, and I know that his testimony to me is true. You sent messengers to John, and he testified to the truth. Not that I accept such human testimony, but I say these things so that you may be saved. He was a burning and shining lamp, and you were willing to rejoice for a while in his light. But I have a testimony greater than John's. The works that the Father has given me to complete, the very works that I am doing, testify on my behalf that the Father has sent me. And the Father who sent me has himself testified on my behalf. You have never heard his voice or seen his form, and you do not have his word abiding in you, because you do not believe him whom he has sent.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

*The congregation may be seated.*

**CHILDREN'S SERMON** Sam Meehan

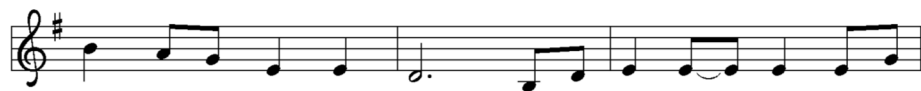
**NOISY OFFERING**

# SERMON "Tough Crowd" Pastor David Fleener

## SONG OF THE DAY: "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.

Text: Rory Cooney, b. 1952, based on the Magnificat  
Music: STAR OF COUNTY DOWN, Irish traditional  
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## **APOSTLES' CREED**

A: With the whole church, we confess our faith:

**C: 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 THE PEOPLE**

*After each petition:*

A: God of grace,

**C. hear our prayer.**

*The prayers conclude:*

P: Trusting in your lovingkindness, we place our prayer and hope in you, in the name of Jesus Christ.

**C: Amen.**

## **SHARING THE PEACE**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

*The congregation may be seated.*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **OFFERING**

*Offering baskets will be passed. If you prefer to give digitally, you can scan the QR code to give. White cards to place in the plate are available in the guest pad for those who give digitally.*



**MUSICAL OFFERING "Trusting is Believing" Flo Price  
Brian Casavan and Virginia Hegre**

*The congregation may stand.*

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: Creator God,  
in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good  
and the harvest is plentiful.  
Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth  
and our labor,  
that we may work for the good of all;  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior.  
**C: Amen.**

## MEAL

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

The musical notation for 'The Great Thanksgiving' consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp). The melody is simple and hymn-like, using mostly quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes.

### PREFACE

P: It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

### HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
san-na. 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.

The musical notation for 'Holy, Holy, Holy' consists of four staves of music in G major. The melody is more rhythmic and varied than the previous hymn, featuring eighth and sixteenth notes. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes.



## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P: 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



Gathered into one by the Ho-ly Spir - it, let us pray as Je-sus taught us.

Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your name,

your king-dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav - en.

Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we

for-give those who sin a-gainst us. Save us from the time of tri - al

and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow'r,

and the glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev - er. A - men.

## COMMUNION INVITATION

P: The kingdom of God is set before you.  
Eat and rejoice.

*The congregation may be seated.*

## LAMB OF GOD: "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.

## COMMUNION SONG: "Children of the Heavenly Father" ELW 781

*Tryg - ga - re kan ing - en va - ra än Guds lil - la bar - na - ska - ra,*  
 1 Chil - dren of the heav'n-ly Fa-ther safe - ly in his bo - som gath - er;  
 2 God his own doth tend and nour-ish, in his ho - ly courts they flour-ish.  
 3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er from the Lord his chil - dren sev - er;  
 4 Though he giv - eth or he tak-eth, God his chil-dren ne'er for - sak - eth;

*stjär-nan ej på him-la - fäs - tet, få-geln ej i kån-da näs - tet.*  
 nest-ling bird nor star in heav - en such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.  
 From all e - vil things he spares them, in his might - y arms he bears them.  
 un - to them his grace he show - eth, and their sor - rows all he know - eth.  
 his the lov - ing pur-pose sole - ly to pre-serve them pure and ho - ly.

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832–1903; tr. Ernst W. Olson, 1870–1958  
 Music: TRYGGARE KAN INGEN VARA, Swedish folk tune  
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*The congregation may stand.*

## **BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION**

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

**C: Amen.**

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

A: Mothering God,  
you gathered us to your table  
and we drank deeply of your grace.  
Send us out by your Spirit  
to love our neighbors as ourselves  
and proclaim your love in Jesus' name.

**C: Amen.**

**BENEDICTION/SENDING:** "Benediction" Matt Redman  
*Pastor will sing the first verse and congregation may join after.*

### **Verse 1** (*Pastor sings*)

May the Lord bless you and keep you  
May the Lord smile on you  
Shine His light upon you  
May the Lord lift you  
Turn His face towards you  
Give you His peace give you His peace

### **Verse 2** (*congregation joins*)

May the Lord bless us and keep us  
May the Lord smile on us  
Shine His light upon us  
May the Lord lift us  
Turn His face towards us  
Give us His peace give us His peace

### **Chorus**

Blessed we came to this place today  
And blessed now we will go  
In the name of the Father the Spirit and the Son  
(REPEAT)

### **Verse 2**

### **Ending**

Go now in peace  
Go now in peace

## **DISMISSAL**

A: Go in peace. Live in hope.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **SHALOM LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**The Week of July 27, 2025**

**Church Office Hours: M-F 8:00 am—12:00 pm**

Welcome to our Shalom gathering! All God's children are welcome here, especially our guests, whoever you are or wherever you come from. We invite you to sign the guest pad in your row and hope you'll join us for refreshments after worship in the Community Room. If you have any questions about Shalom or how we worship, please ask our greeters and ushers (wearing name tags). You may also ask Pastor David. If you can't catch him after worship, you may call the office at (320) 762-8461 or email him at [pastor@shalomlutheran.org](mailto:pastor@shalomlutheran.org).

**COMMUNION:** Lutherans believe that Christ is truly present in Holy Communion. We trust Jesus when he says that it is his body and blood, given and shed for us for the forgiveness of sins. All baptized Christians who trust these words of promise are welcome to receive today. Children under the guidance of their parents or caregivers may also receive. Those who do not receive may come forward with arms crossed over their chest for a blessing. To receive communion, come forward to receive the bread from the pastor. Gluten-free bread is also available in small plastic containers by the individual communion cups. You may take a cup from the tray by the pastor, then move to either the wine or grape juice chalice. The wine chalice is first, the grape juice chalice is second. Wine or grape juice will be poured into your cup. Place used cups in the baskets. Those who cannot come forward for communion are asked to inform the ushers so that communion may be brought to them.

**HOSPITALITY** servers for August 3 are: Dave & Barb Beyer, Bonnie Anderson, Sue Engstrom.

**THE JEREMIAH 29 PROJECT LISTENING SEASON** is underway! You may be contacted for a conversation with one of our team members to have a conversation about the needs you see in our community and what you care about. With these conversations, we will have a good idea about where we can focus our efforts for a project that seeks the shalom of our broader community (Jer. 29:7).

**BBQ COMMITTEE** recap meeting, Wednesday July 30th at 5:00 pm.

**OUR SUMMER SERMON SERIES** on the book of Jeremiah continues. Through August 24, we will follow Jeremiah as he challenges privilege and power. While his message of God's judgment may strike us as harsh, these hard words pave the way for a timeless vision of God's beloved community.

**GWOH** Once again, it's time to make book bags for LWR. Please pick up a bag, or two or, three or more. Fill with the required items and return them to church. If you wish to help with shipping costs, put your donation in the "List envelope" and return with bags. **Last year LWR sent 140,117 school kits to 16 countries around the world. Recently LWR has started sending material resources to those in need in the United States. So far, due to hurricanes, 9,494 school kits have been given to children in Florida, North Carolina and Tennessee.** Thanks for letting Our Hands be God's Work.

**Coordinator Needed** A member of Shalom has given a very generous gift to WELCA to fund the **NEWBoRN KITS** we give to Global Health Ministries. For the NB ministry to continue, we need someone to step up and coordinate this project. The coordinator would ensure that all needed items are acquired, purchased, or donated; assemble the kits and pack them for shipping. (Talked to Judy Hoffman for specifics)

**PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS**

\*Phyllis Strand, \*John & Carrie Carlberg, \*Dave & Mary Owen, \*Gerry Kingsberg, \*Sharon Ruud, Bill Malvin (father of Dave Malvin), \*Delores Martin, Roger Riley (Colleen Rooney's father), Kaye Crawford, \*Joyce Visser, \*Evie Raguse \*Charles & Jeanne Tanksley, \*Tom Hills. \*Greg Toivonen. *\*Shalom member*

**Jan/25—Jun/25 Activity**

<u>Revenues</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Surpl/(Deficit)</u>	
\$ 39,288	\$ 39,525	\$ (237)	Building Fund
\$ 127,513	\$ 143,336	\$ (15,823)	General Fund

The annual General/Bldg Funds budget was approved with a budget of Offerings equal to the congregation approved expenses. Current General/Bldg fund is \$123,415.

## Shared Ministry

### Shared Ministry

**07-27-25**

**08-03-25**

Acolyte	Aiden Bailey	Rhe'von Richmond
Assisting Minister	Susan Pletcher	Nola Smith
Cantor	Kim & Brian Casavan	SOS Band
Communion Assist	Cheryl Burbank	Grant Pexsa
Communion Assist	Carol Hedlund	Sue Engstrom
Greeters	Linda Fenelon	Lona Neubarth
Greeters	Pris Fieldhammer	Craig Neubarth
Lector	Diane Koranda	Tam Bukowski
Proclaim	CJ/Kim/Julie	CJ/Kim/Julie
Ushers	Arvin Pletcher	Renae Hills
Ushers	Dave Malvin	Fritz Burkowski
Counters	Vic Dale	Renae Hills
Counters	Charmaine Munt	Arvin Pletcher

## THIS WEEK AT SHALOM

<b>Sunday</b>	07-27	9:30 am 10:30 am	Worship in-person or online Hospitality
<b>Monday</b>	07-28	1:00 pm	Book Club
<b>Tuesday</b>	07-29	7:30 am 5:00 pm	Men's Bible Study at Common Ground The Gospel of Uke (Ukulele Choir)
<b>Thursday</b>	07-31	8:00-9:45 am 10:00-11:00	Shalom Piecemakers Bible Study
<b>Saturday</b>	08-02	9:00 am	SOS
<b>Sunday</b>	08-03	9:30 am 10:30 am	Worship in-person or online Hospitality GWOH