
SHALOM LUTHERAN CHURCH



Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Communion
August 10, 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.**

P: 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: "God of Grace and God of Glory" ELW 705

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple
2 Lo! The hosts of e - vil round us scorn the Christ, as -
3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour your pow'r; crown your an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;
 sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us
 your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
 we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion

bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
 free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
 rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 lest we miss your king - dom's goal, lest we miss your king - dom's goal.
 serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

Text: Harry E. Fosdick, 1878–1969
 Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873–1932

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: Eternal God, amid all the turmoil and changes of the world your love is steadfast and your strength never fails. In times of danger and trouble, be to us a sure guardian and rock of defense. Guide the leaders of our nation with your wisdom, comfort those in distress, and grant us courage and hope to face the future; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

The congregation may be seated.

SCRIPTURE: Jeremiah 32:1-15

L: A reading from Jeremiah:

The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD in the tenth year of King Zedekiah of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadrezzar. At that time the army of the king of Babylon was besieging Jerusalem, and the prophet Jeremiah was confined in the court of the guard that was in the palace of the king of Judah, where King Zedekiah of Judah had confined him. Zedekiah had said, "Why do you prophesy and say: Thus says the LORD: I am going to give this city into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall take it; King Zedekiah of Judah shall not escape out of the hands of the Chaldeans but shall surely be given into the hands of the king of Babylon and shall speak with him face to face and see him eye to eye, and he shall take Zedekiah to Babylon, and there he shall remain until I attend to him, says the LORD; though you fight against the Chaldeans, you shall not succeed?"

Jeremiah said, "The word of the LORD came to me: Hanamel son of your uncle Shallum is going to come to you and say, 'Buy my field that is at Anathoth, for the right of redemption by purchase is yours.' " Then my cousin Hanamel came to me in the court of the guard, in accordance with the word of the LORD, and said to me, "Buy my field that is at Anathoth in the land of Benjamin, for the right of possession and redemption is yours; buy it for yourself." Then I knew that this was the word of the LORD.

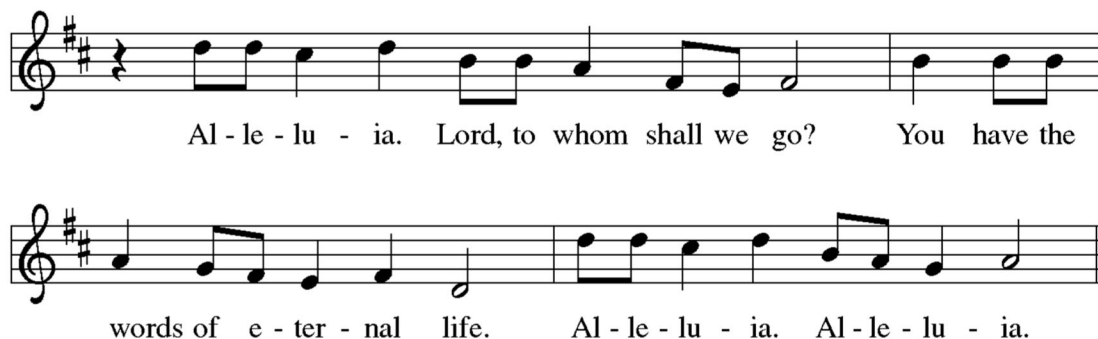
And I bought the field at Anathoth from my cousin Hanamel and weighed out the silver to him, seventeen shekels of silver. I signed the deed, sealed it, got witnesses, and weighed the silver on scales. Then I took the sealed deed of purchase containing the terms and conditions and the open copy, and I gave the deed of purchase to Baruch son of Neriah son of Mahseiah, in the presence of my cousin Hanamel, in the presence of the witnesses who signed the deed of purchase, and in the presence of all the Judeans who were sitting in the court of the guard. In their presence I charged Baruch, saying, "Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Take these deeds, both this sealed deed of purchase and this open deed, and put them in an earthenware jar, in order that they may last for a long time. For thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Houses and fields and vineyards shall again be bought in this land."

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

The congregation may stand.

GOSPEL WELCOME



GOSPEL: John 4:34-38

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

So the disciples said to one another, “Surely no one has brought him something to eat?” Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, ‘Four months more, then comes the harvest’? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’ I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

The congregation may be seated.

SERMON “Gospel Hope” Pastor David Fleener

The congregation may stand.

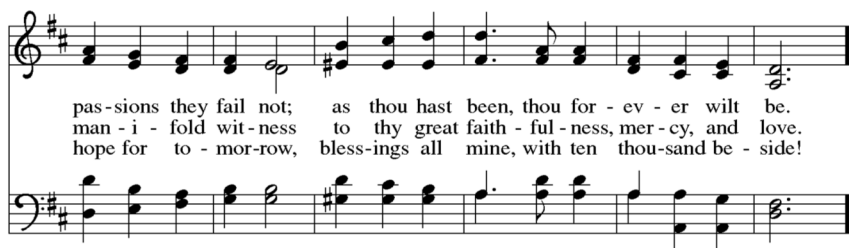
SONG OF THE DAY: "Great is Thy Faithfulness" ELW 733



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

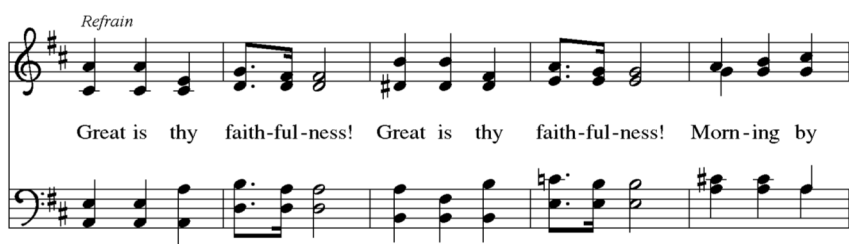


shad-ow of turn-ing with thee; thou chang-est not, thy com-
 stars in their cours-es a-bove join with all na-ture in
 pres-ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to-day and bright



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!

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.

Text: Thomas O. Chisholm, 1866-1960
 Music: FAITHFULNESS, William M. Runyan, 1870-1957
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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

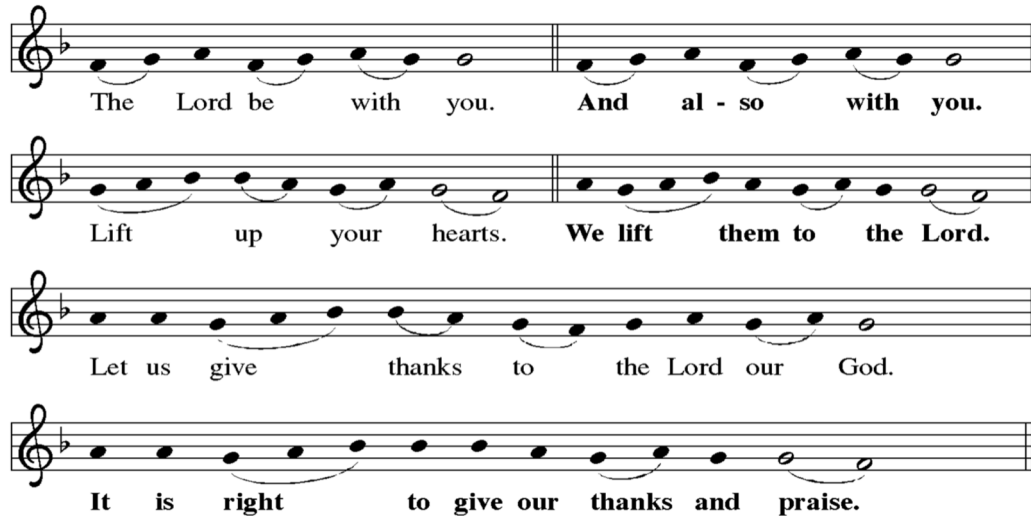
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OFFERTORY PRAYER

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.

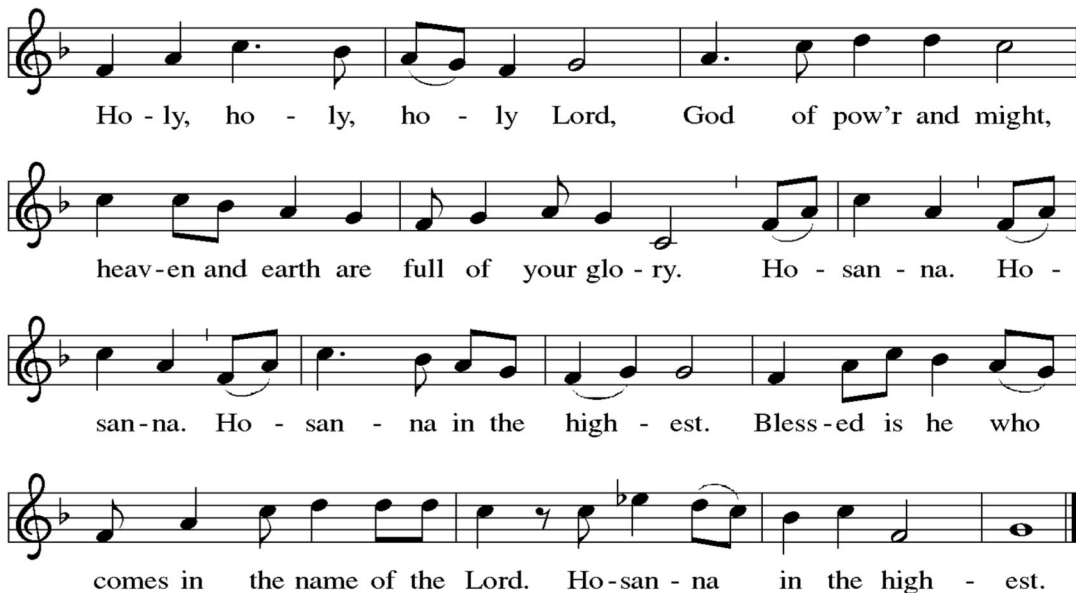
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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.

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,

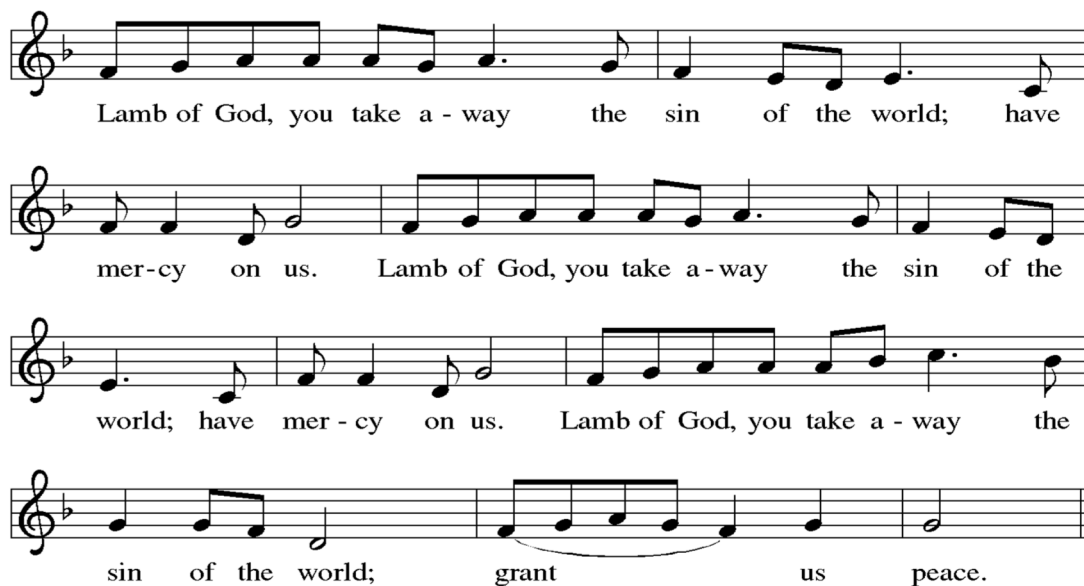
and the glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev - er. A - men.

COMMUNION INVITATION

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

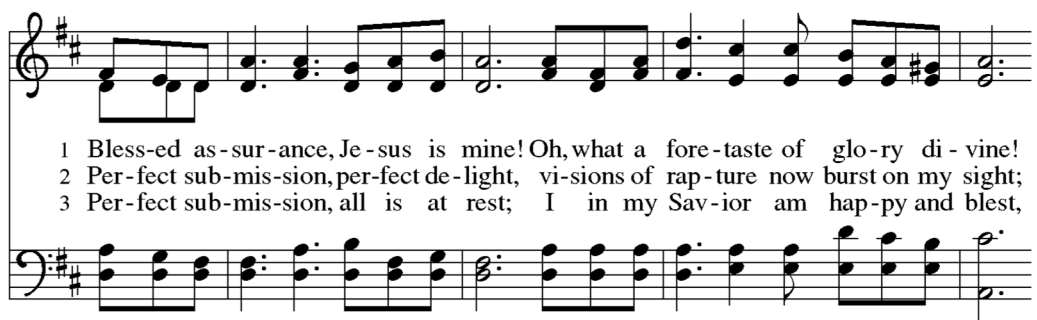
The congregation may be seated.

LAMB OF GOD: "Lamb of God

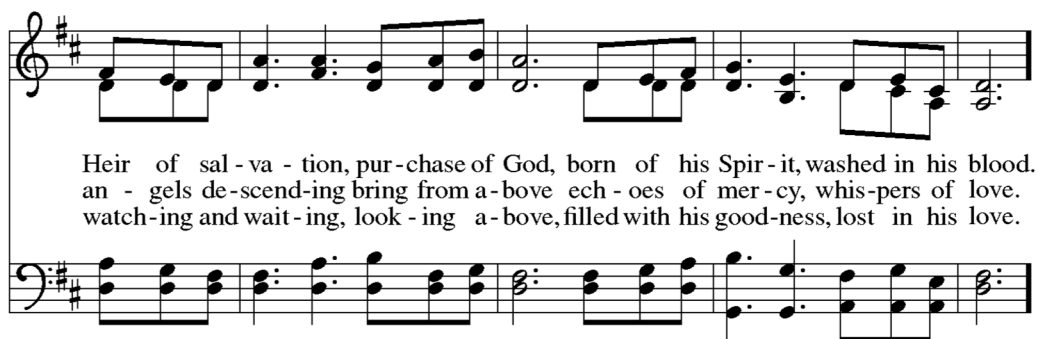


Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

COMMUNION SONG: "Blessed Assurance" ELW 638

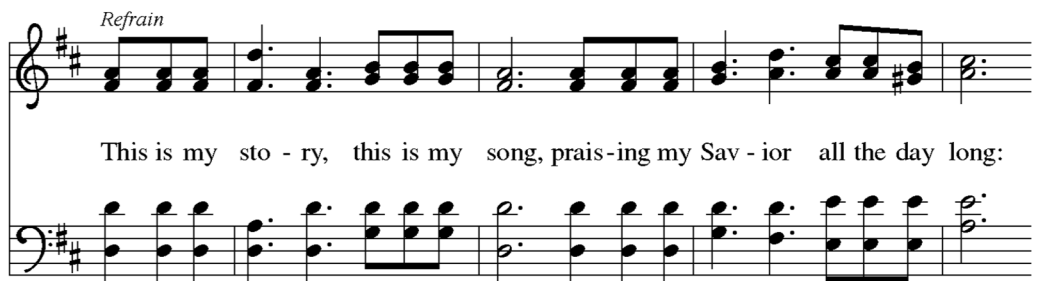


1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,



Heir of sal - va - tion, pur - chase of God, born of his Spir - it, washed in his blood.
an - gels de - scend - ing bring from a - bove ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love.
watch - ing and wait - ing, look - ing a - bove, filled with his good - ness, lost in his love.

Refrain



This is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long:



Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915
 Music: ASSURANCE, Phoebe P. Knapp, 1830–1908

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.

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The Week of Aug 10, 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.

COMMUNION: Lutherans believe Holy Communion is the true body and blood of Jesus Christ, given and shed for us for the forgiveness of our 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 17 are Joann Garland, Clem & Ginny Klimek, Roy & Deb Kramer.

JEREMIAH 29 PROJECT: Our team has been busy contacting members for conversation. If you haven't been contacted yet, that is not by design! If you'd prefer not to wait for a team member to get hold of you, please contact Pastor David (pastor@shalomlutheran.org) or Tam Bukowski (wyoboo@outlook.com). Tam will be in the office Mon., Aug. 11th, 9-11 a.m. and Thurs., Aug. 14th 1-3 p.m. Pastor David will also be in the office Monday 8:30-11 am and Wednesday 8:30-10 am.

YOUTH OUTDOOR ACTIVITY DAY is Sunday, August 24, 10-3:30 pm at Alex Shooting Park. It is a free family-friendly event intended to provide youth a fun environment in which to learn about outdoor recreation. There is a need for volunteers for the events, which involve simple tasks like helping a child cast a fishing line. To help out, go to <https://www.youthoutdooractivityday.org/volunteers/>.

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. (Talk to Judy Hoffman for specifics)

2025 FALL BAZAAR: The Fall Bazaar will be held this year on November 8th. There will be a short Fall Bazaar Planning meeting on Sunday, August 17th in the Community Room or Resource Room after church at 10:45am. Objective: decide advertising details for the Sept Sr Perspective deadline. Topics to cover: event time frame, raffle items, poster approval, menu, ala carte pricing. All are welcome! Other details will be decided in a future Sept/Oct meeting.

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, *Greg Toivonen, Teri Market. **Shalom member*

<p>Jan/25—Jun/25 Activity</p>

<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

<u>Shared Ministry</u>	<u>08-10-25</u>	<u>08-17-25</u>
Acolyte	Caedyn Whipkey	Joshua Flaten
Assisting Minister	Carol Hedlund	Deb Kramer
Cantor		SOS Band
Communion Assist	Dave Morgan	Angie Erickson
Communion Assist	Judy Hoffman	Judy Hoffman
Greeters	John Smith	Connie Facciotto
Greeters	Nola Smith	Amy Schlosser
Lector	Sarah Fleener	Diane Koranda
Proclaim	CJ/Kim/Julie	CJ/Kim/Julie
Ushers	Lona Neubarth	Darrell Neilsen
Ushers	Craig Neubarth	Todd Zarbok
Counters	Cheryl Burbank	Vic Dale
Counters	Dave Harris	Charmaine Munt

THIS WEEK AT SHALOM

Sunday	08-10	9:30 am 10:30 am	Worship in-person or online Hospitality Radio Ministry
Monday	8-11	5:00 pm	Katie Swing Band
Tuesday	08-12	7:30 am 11:00 am 12:00 pm 5:00 pm 5:30 pm	Men's Bible Study at Common Ground Outreach & Caring Shirley Engeldorf Funeral Y/ED Property
Thursday	08-14	8:00-9:45 am 10:00-11:00 am 5:00 pm	Shalom Piecemakers Bible Study Worship
Sunday	08-17	9:30 am 10:30 am	Worship in-person or online Hospitality

