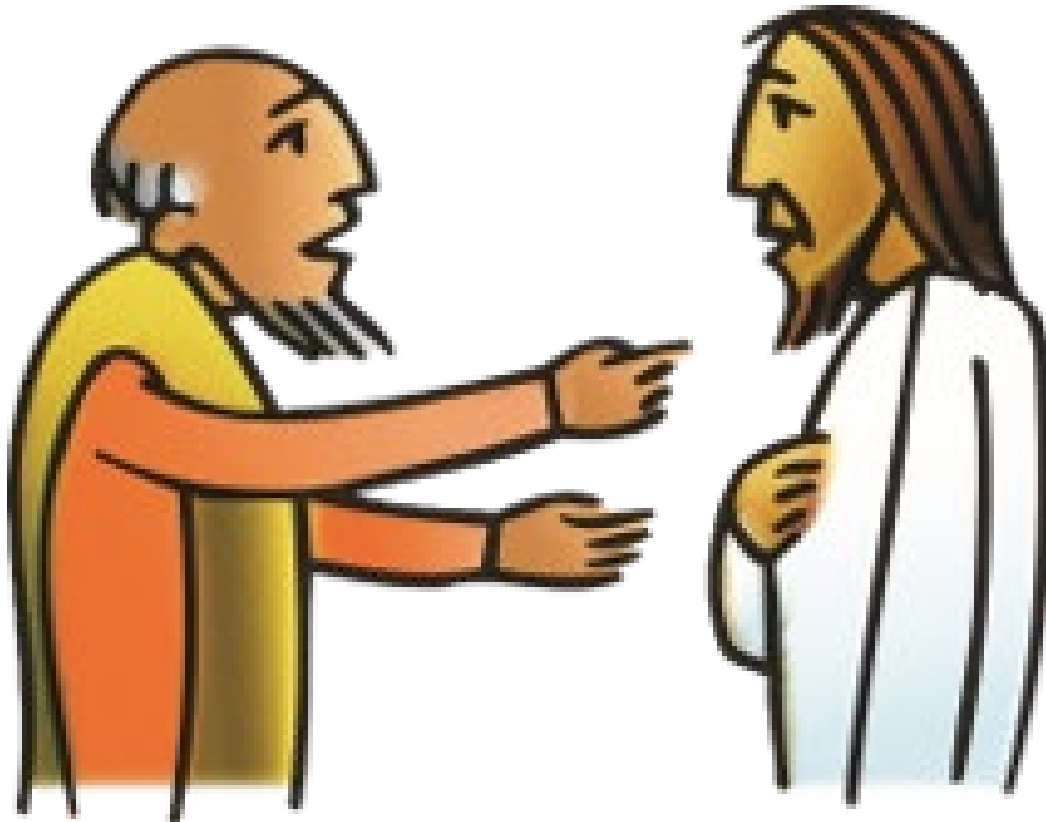




13th Sunday after Pentecost

August 23, 2026

9:30am

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Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church

Mission Statement: “Leading by Christ’s teaching and example of loving, caring, sharing, and joyfully connecting to all others as God loved us.”

Vision: “We rejoice in making Christ known through reaching out by faith and proclaiming the good news of God.”

WELCOME! WE ARE BLESSED TO HAVE YOU WORSHIP WITH US TODAY!

Welcome to Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church. We pray that you will find our worshipping community to be welcoming and a place where you will hear and feel God’s grace. If you are new to our church, please stop by the Welcome Table in the entry area where you can get additional information. We trust God’s Spirit has led you here and that God will speak to you today.

NEW MEMBERS

If you would like to inquire about membership here at SOTH, please notify the church office for more information.

Hearing Amplification Devices Available

Please see an usher if you would like to use a device to assist in hearing.

In Need of a Bible? A member of our church has graciously donated a supply of Bibles to be given to anyone in need of one. Pick one up from the Welcome Center Table in back of the church.

An asterisk (*) throughout the bulletin indicates that members of the congregation stand if you are able.

*Restrooms are located in both the Education and Administrative wings.
A Baby Changing Station is located in the Restroom in the Education wing.*

Holy Communion

All baptized Christians are welcome at our Lord’s Table. Please come forward and extend an open hand, palm up, if you wish to receive the bread and wine.

If you are not baptized or are waiting for your first communion, please come forward for a blessing. You may cross your arms across your chest or fold your hands together to indicate you wish to receive a blessing.

If you are unable to come forward for communion, please let an usher know and the pastor will come to you at your seat. Grape juice (instead of wine) and gluten free wafers (non-wheat) are available by request when you come forward to receive communion.

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In Isaiah the people are advised to look to their spiritual ancestors as the rock from which they were hewn. Jesus declares that the church will be built on the rock of Peter's bold confession of faith. God's word of reconciliation and God's mercy are keys to the church's mission. Paul urges us to not be conformed to this world but to offer our bodies as a living sacrifice, using our individual gifts to build up the body of Christ. From the table we go forth to offer our spiritual worship through word and deed.



All commemorations are taken from the Lutheran Calendar of Saints. The ELCA makes this information available to us through *Sundays and Seasons*, our worship planner.

Upcoming Commemorations

Bartholomew, Apostle

Monday, August 24, 2026

Mentioned as one of Jesus' disciples in Matthew, Mark, and Luke, Bartholomew's name is replaced in John's gospel by Nathanael, leading many to believe that the two are different names for the same person. Little is known about his work, though some traditions place him later in India or Armenia.

Augustine, Bishop of Hippo, died 430

Friday, August 28, 2026

Augustine was one of the greatest theologians of the Western church. A native of North Africa, he recovered from a debauched young adulthood through the influence of his mother, Monica, and Bishop Ambrose of Milan. Besides writing influential theological books, he served as bishop of Hippo, in present-day Algeria.

WELCOME

GATHERING

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Pause for silent reflection

Gracious God, **have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and through him, God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

*GATHERING HYMN

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

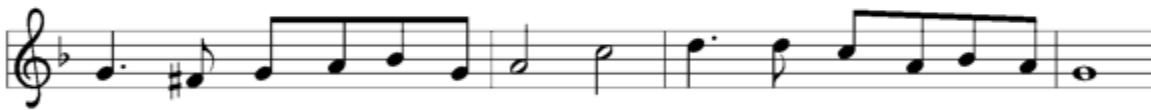
ELW 742



1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
3 Are we weak and heav - y - lad - en, cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged—take it to the Lord in prayer.
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge—take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; oh, what need - less pain we bear—
Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - row share?
Do your friends de - spise, for - sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness—take it to the Lord in prayer.
In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a so - lace there.

*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.

"KYRIE" (*Words on the screen*)

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray,

C: O God, with all your faithful followers 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.

WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 51:1-6

L: A reading from Isaiah.

Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness, you who seek the Lord.
Look to the rock from which you were hewn and to the quarry from
which you were dug.

Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah, who bore you, for he was but
one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many.

For the Lord will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places and
will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the
Lord; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice
of song.

Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation, for a teaching
will go out from me and my justice for a light to the peoples. I will bring
near my deliverance swiftly; my salvation has gone out, and my arms
will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they
hope.

Lift up your eyes to the heavens and look at the earth beneath,
for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a
garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats, but my salvation
will be forever, and my deliverance will never be ended. The word of the
Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 138 *(read responsively by verses)*

I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I
will sing your praise.

**I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name,
because of your steadfast love and faithfulness; for you have
glorified your name and your word above all things.**

When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me.

All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O Lord, when they have heard the words of your mouth.

They will sing of the ways of the Lord, that great is the glory of the Lord.

The Lord is high, yet cares for the lowly, perceiving the haughty from afar.

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.

You will make good your purpose for me; O Lord, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works of your hands.

SECOND READING: Romans 12:1-8

L: A reading from Romans.

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, on the basis of God's mercy, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable act of worship. Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the encourager, in encouragement; the giver, in sincerity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness. The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

***THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** (*Words on screen*)

***GOSPEL READING: Matthew 16:13-20**

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

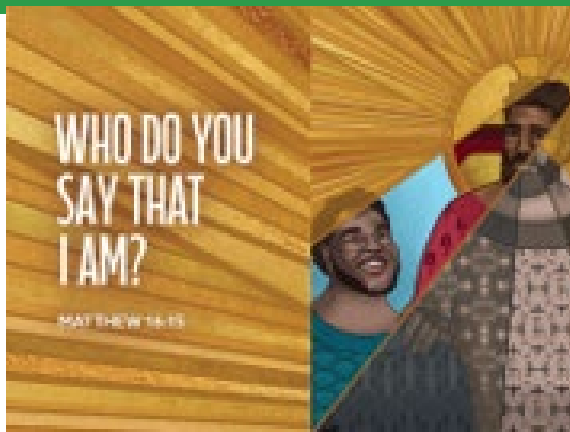
C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist but others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah. The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE:

Rev. Dr. Joann Heaney-Hunter



*HYMN OF THE DAY

"The Church's One Foundation"

ELW 654



1 The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op - pressed,
4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult of her war,
5 Yet she on earth has u - nion with God, the Three in One,



she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.
her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth:
by schisms . . rent a - sund - er, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,
she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;
and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.



From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"
till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,
Oh, bless - ed heav'n-ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by your grace,



with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
and to one hope she press - es with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.
that we, like saints be - fore us, may see you face to face.

*THE APOSTLE'S CREED

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.

***THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**



"Surely the Presence Of The Lord"

**Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place,
I can feel His mighty power and His grace.**

I can hear the brush of angel's wings

I see glory on each face;

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

(Response after each petition:)

P: Merciful God,

C: Receive our prayer.

***SHARING OF THE PEACE**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us share Christ's peace with each other.

MEAL

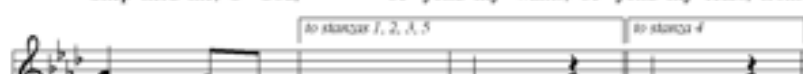
OFFERING/OFFERTORY "Shepherd Me, O God"

ELW 780

Refrain
All



Shep-herd me, O God, be-yond my wants, be-yond my fears, from



death in - to life. life.

to stanza 1, 2, 3, 5 *to stanza 4*

Leader or All



1 God is my shep-herd, so noth-ing shall I want, I
2 Gent - ly you raise me and heal my wea - ry soul, you
3 Though I should wan - der the val - ley of death, I



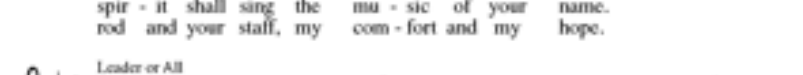
rest in the mead-ows of faith - ful - ness and love, I
lead me by path-ways of righ - teous-ness and truth, my
fear no e - vil, for you are at my side, your

Refrain

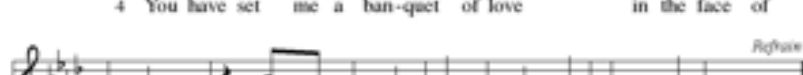


walk by the qui - et wa - ters of peace.
spir - it shall sing the mu - sic of your name.
rod and your staff, my com - fort and my hope.

Leader or All



4 You have set me a ban-quet of love in the face of

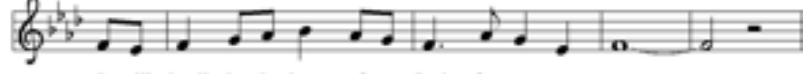


ha-tred, crown-ing me with love be-yond my pow'r to hold.

Leader or All



5 Sure-ly your kind-ness and mer-cy fol-low me all the days of my life;



I will dwell in the house of my God for-ev - er - more.

Final refrain
All



Shep-herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be -



yond my fears, from death in - to life.

***OFFERING PRAYER**

A: Let us pray: Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

***GREAT THANKSGIVING**

***DIALOGUE**

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

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

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

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy . . .

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (*Words on screen*)

***THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.

...we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

...in your holy church, now and forever. **Amen.**

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

C: Our Father, who art in heaven...

***INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P: Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

"Lamb of God" (*Words on screen*)

THE DISTRIBUTION

All Baptized Christians are welcome at our Lord's Table. Please come forward and extend an open hand, palm up, if you wish to receive the body and blood of Christ. Grape juice and gluten free bread is offered on the Pastor's left.

If you are not baptized or are waiting for your first communion, please come forward for a blessing. You may cross your arms across your chest or fold your hands together to indicate you wish to receive a blessing.

COMMUNION HYMNS

"Welcome Table"	ACS 969
"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"	ELW 597
"Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"	ELW 623
"Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup"	ELW 492

*POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

"Awesome God"

**Our God is an awesome God,
He reigns from heaven above
with wisdom, pow'r, and love—
our God is an awesome God! (repeat)**

**Our God is an awesome God!
Our God is an awesome God!**

*POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A: Let us pray: Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING

WELCOME OF VISITORS

COMMUNITY SHARING

*BLESSING

The God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus.

Amen.

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The God of all grace ☩ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

*SENDING HYMN

"Making Their Way"

ACS 979



1 Mak-ing their way down through the a - ges, sin - ners and saints have
2 Mak-ing their way all the world o - ver, Chris - tians as - sem - ble
3 Mak-ing our way sea - son by sea-son, pil - grims, we jour - ney



heard God's call: wealth - y and poor, pow - er - ful, low - ly,
on this day, hear - ing the Word, shar - ing the Ban - quet,
till life's end, trav - el - ing light, shar - ing the rich - es,



Je - sus' dis - ci - ples, one and all. Gath - ered for wor - ship, of - fer - ing thanks,
learn - ing to walk in Je - sus' way. Mem - bers of Christ, u - nit - ed in love,
car - ing for strang - er as for friend, till in the joy of long - ing ful - filled,



the great - est with the least have come to share this feast.
they seek our God to know, and so to - geth - er grow.
to - geth - er we will come to our e - ter - nal home.

DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C: Thanks be to God.

*Communion Hymns

"Welcome Table"

ACS 969



1 I'm a-goin'-a eat at the wel - come ta - ble,
2 I'm a-goin'-a feast on milk . . . and hon - ey,
3 I'm a-goin'-a wade 'cross Jor - dan's riv - er,



I'm a-goin'-a eat at the wel - come ta - ble, some of these days.
I'm a-goin'-a feast on milk . . . and hon - ey, some of these days.
I'm a-goin'-a wade 'cross Jor - dan's riv - er, some of these days.



I'm a-goin'-a eat at the wel - come ta - ble,
I'm a-goin'-a feast on milk . . . and hon - ey,
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I'm goin' - a eat at the wel - come ta - ble, some of these days.
I'm goin' - a feast on milk . . . and hon - ey, some of these days.
I'm goin' - a wade 'cross Jor - dan's riv - er, some of these days.

"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

ELW 597



1 My hope is built on noth - ing less than
2 When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I
3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sus -
4 When he shall come with trum - pet sound, oh,



Je - sus' blood and righ - teous - ness; no mer - it of my
rest on his un - chang - ing grace; in ev - 'ry high and
tain me in the rag - ing flood; when all sup - ports are
may I then in him be found, clothed in his righ - teous -



own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
storm - y gale my an - chor holds with - in the veil.
washed a - way, he then is all my hope and stay.
ness a - lone, re - deemed to stand be - fore the throne!

Refrain



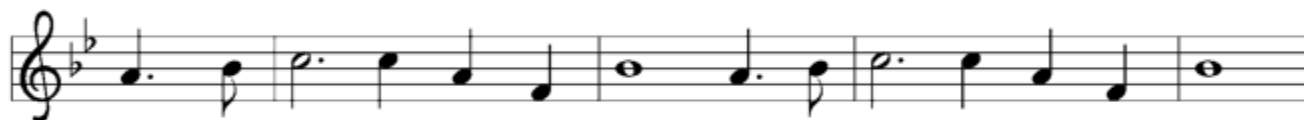
On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

"Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"

ELW 623



- 1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee;
- 2 Not the la - bors of my hands can ful - fill thy law's de - mands;
- 3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring; sim - ply to thy cross I cling.
- 4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when mine eye - lids close in death,



let the wa - ter and the blood, from thy riv - en side which flowed,
could my zeal no res - pite know, could my tears for - ev - er flow,
Na - ked, come to thee for dress; help - less, look to thee for grace;
when I soar to worlds un - known, see thee on thy judg - ment throne,



be of sin the dou - ble cure; cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.
all for sin could not a - tone; thou must save, and thou a - lone.
foul, I to the foun - tain fly; wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.
Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.

"Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup"

ELW 492



Eat this bread, drink this cup. Taste and see the good-ness of God.



Bread of life, cup of love, we re-joice in your pres-ence.



- 1 I will bless the Lord at all times, praise with heart and voice;
- 2 Look up - on the Lord, be ra - dant, nev - er turn a - way.
- 3 An - gels fold their wings a - round us, guard through good and ill.
- 4 Saints of God, bow down and wor - ship, bless the ho - ly name.



in my God I glo - ry for - ev - er: lis - ten and re - joice!
God will save in ev - 'ry af - flic - tion, hear us when we pray.
Those who seek the Lord will lack noth-ing; taste, and have your fill.
Rise to tell God's great-ness for - ev - er, won-drous deeds pro - claim!



Announcements

- **Altar Flowers:** Given to the Glory of God by generous donation from Thrivent Financial.
- **Birthdays August 23-29:** 25th Alice High, 26th Pam Brosonski, 28th Dorothy Derrick.
- **Save the Date:** November 14th, SOTH 75th Anniversary Dinner.
- **Game Time:** Thursdays 1:00-4:00.
- **Bible Study:** Mondays at 7:00pm via zoom.
- **Bereavement Meeting:** Thursdays at 6:00pm.
- **Lifeline Screening:** August 27th, 8:30-5:00.
- **Church Brunch:** August 30th following service.
- **Sunday School Resumes:** September 20th.
- **Change for Change:** August and September distributed to Building Blocks.
- **Announcements:** Copies of announcements from Power Point are available in the back.
- **Church Directory:** Pickup yellow form available in back.
- **January 2027 Cruise:** Sept 1st deadline for rooms held and pricing.
- **May 2027 Cruise:** Contact Sue Meier or Peg Massaro.



This Week at Our Church

Sunday	8/23/2026	9:30am	Sunday Worship
Monday	8/24/2026	7:00pm	Bible Study (via zoom)
Tuesday	8/25/2026	8:00am 10:00am	Pastor's Breakfast (at <u>iHOP</u>) Women's Circle
Thursday	8/27/2026	1:00-4:00 6:00pm 8:30-5:00	Game Time Bereavement Meeting Lifeline Screening



Attendance August 16, 2026

9:30 am	86
Online	38

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER LIST

But my God shall supply
all your need according
to his riches in glory
by Christ Jesus.
Philippians 4:19

Roy Allen, *friend of Joe Foryan*

Benjamin Andreachi, *grandson of Darlene Andreachi*

Darlene Andreachi

John Andreachi, *son of Darlene Andreachi*

Darrell Aulds, *father of Pastor Karin Albaugh*

Carol Barbaccia

William Blaisdell, *brother of Tina Blaisdell*

Gloria Bork, *sister of Linda Cummings*

Kelly Carpenter

Robin Carroll, *daughter of Darlene Andreachi*

Esther Catino, *friend of Wayne Oberg*

Carol Cenyar, *sister-in-law to Bob McKee*

Kelli Colarusso, *friend of Diane Bursey*

David Cordell, *nephew of Bob & Kay Holzer*

Sandy Criner

John Cullen, *Pam Brosonski's son's father-in-law*

Gwen Doyle, *daughter of Dorothy Derrick*

Ethelmae Eck, *friend of Marion Dielman*

Kimberly and Jayson Eddins, *daughter & son-in-law of Linda Cummings*

Joe Foryan

Virginia Hart, *friend of Diane Bursey*

Charlotte High

Chetinna Hodges

Kevin Jacobs

Ken Koenig

Marilyn Koenig

Yvette Lewis, *sister-in-law of Lafayette Hendricks*

Arlene McKee, *wife of Bob McKee*

Sue Meier and family, *passing of Mike*

Caity Mitchell, *cousin of Joe Foryan*

Agnes Mulick, *mother of Paula Boeger*

Tucker & Trenton O'Neill

Anita Olson

Calvin Prentice, *Lafayette Hendricks*

Dietmar & Sigrid Resch, *Marion Dielman's cousin and his wife*

Cynthia Schindele, *daughter of Marion Dielman*

Karen Schumacher

Paige Severson, *niece of Dennis and Renae Wick*

Jennifer Shelton, *daughter of Darlene Andreachi*

Jay Shipbaugh, *grandson of Marge Zuehlke*

Bob Smith, *son of Carol Barbaccia*

John Smith, *son of Carol Barbaccia*

Bill Tucker, *son-in-law of Bob & Kay Holzer*

Harlan Wick, *brother of Dennis Wick*

Frank Wrobel, *cousin of Marion Dielman*

Elizabeth, *sister of Chris Russell*



THOSE SERVING IN OUR MILITARY

Michael Reid, US Marines, *Darlene Andreachi's nephew's son*

Capt. USAF Griffith Hiss, *Thomas and Cheryl Stutesman's son-in-law*

Capt. USAF Kat Hiss, *Thomas and Cheryl Stutesman's daughter*

Capt. Neils Seim USAF, *grandson of Rocky & Maria Lafaro*

Lt. Justin Seim US Army, *grandson of Rocky & Maria Lafaro*

SGT USAF Andrew Stutesman, *Thomas and Cheryl Stutesman's son*

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