

Service of Holy Communion & Baptism

11th Sunday after Pentecost

All My Days Worship Series

August 9th, 2026



INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the last week in our series on prayer. Today we lean into the doxology that concludes the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples. Many in the Christian tradition have closed the Prayer of Jesus with the phrase “for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.” The power Jesus spoke of, and that the early Christians invoked, made the so-called powerful of the world nervous because it expressed a confidence that ultimately the world is in God’s hands, not the powers or the principalities. As we close this worship series on prayer, we draw on a persistent habit of prayer practices to take us throughout “all our days.”

GATHERING

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

The Congregation stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P. Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, whose compassion endures forever.
Amen.

The congregation is seated. Silence is kept for reflection.

P. Let us confess our sin to God. Compassionate God, **we confess to all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ’s name we pray, Amen.**

P. Jesus says, “Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.” In the name of God, Father ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God’s love. **Amen.**

CENTERING AND INVOCATION

P. We arrive fully into this moment, Holy One. We open to sense your presence among us. We hear you say,

I am holding this world.

We need you, Jesus, to help us. We come to you as your first disciples did.

We hear you say,

I am holding this world.

Spirit of Divine Love, Come to us with your healing waters. We hear you say,

I am holding this world.

Centering us in the present moment let us sing together:



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



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

Text: Ken Medema, b. 1943

Music: CHILDREN PRAYING, Ken Medema

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P. You're invited to simply hold your prayer beads in your hands. Feel your rhythms slow. Begin to sense God and God's kingdom, power, and glory are always as near to us as the beads in our hands. Breathe into a few moments of silence.

Silence

P. Take a deep breath. God's love and power are greater than any force in the universe. Glory. And God's love and power are as close to us as our breath. Glory. On this we can rely, for all our days, as tangible as the presence of these beads. Let us worship God, follow Christ, and revel in the Spirit of Presence in this place. **Amen.**

Congregation stands

GATHERING HYMN

This is the Day

(printed in the back of the bulletin)

THE 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

A. In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C. Lord, have mercy.

A. For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C. Lord, have mercy.

A. For the peace of the whole world, for the well being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C. Lord, have mercy.

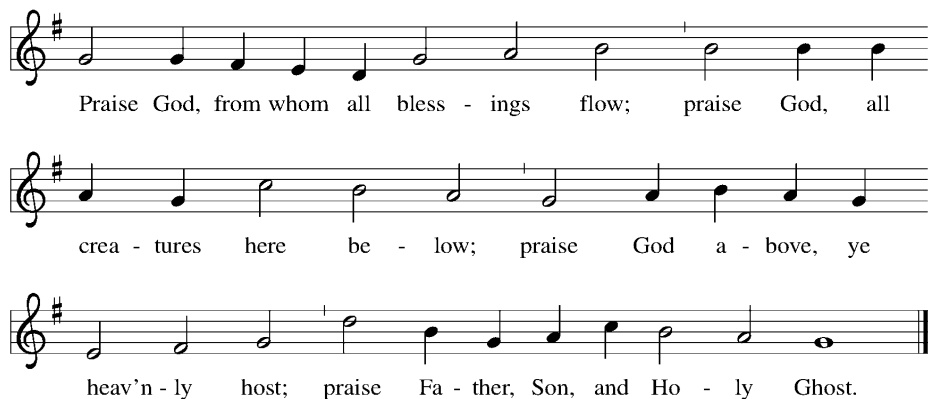
A. For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C. Lord, have mercy.

A. Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C. Amen

CANTICLE OF PRAISE



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise God, all
crea - tures here be - low; praise God a - bove, ye
heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711, alt.

Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510–1561

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P. O God our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver us from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Congregation is seated

WORD

FIRST READING: Ephesians 6:14-18

Stand, therefore, and belt your waist with truth and put on the breastplate of righteousness and lace up your sandals in preparation for the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints.

A. Word of God, word of life.

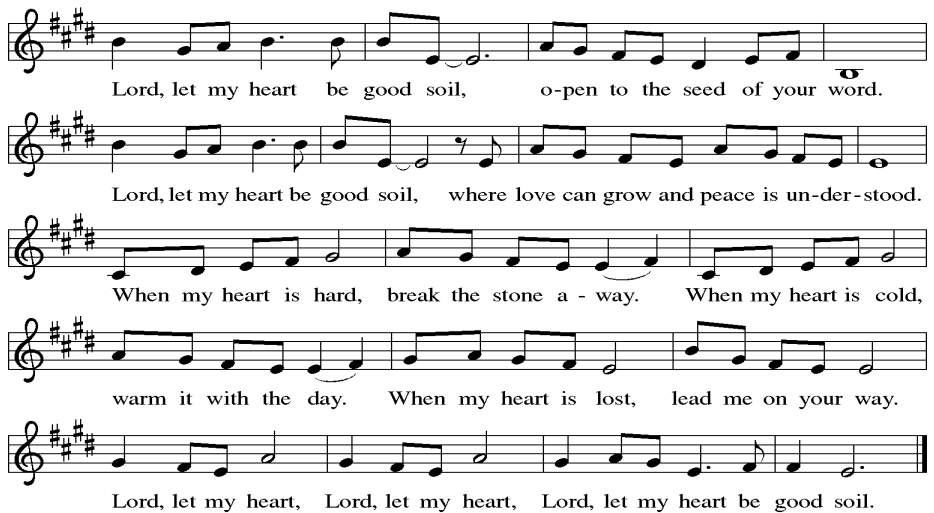
C. Thanks be to God.

A TIME FOR THE CHILD IN US ALL

Children & Youth are invited forward for a special sermon time with Pastor Peggy.

Congregation stands

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Lord, let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your word.

Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der-stood.

When my heart is hard, break the stone a - way. When my heart is cold,

warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.

Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

GOSPEL: Luke 22:66-71

P. The holy gospel according to Luke. C. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

When day came, the assembly of the elders of the people, both chief priests and scribes, gathered together, and they brought him to their council. They said, "If you are the Messiah, tell us." He replied, "If I tell you, you will not believe, and if I question you, you will not answer. But from now on the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God." All of them asked, "Are you, then, the Son of God?" He said to them, "You say that I am." Then

they said, "What further testimony do we need? We have heard it ourselves from his own lips!"

P. The gospel of the Lord. **C. Praise to you, O Christ.**

Congregation is seated

SERMON

Persistence

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

PRESENTATION

P. God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Sponsors: I present *Donovan Uriel McGovern* for baptism.

P. Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have *Donovan* baptized into Christ?

Parents' Response: I do.

P. As you bring *Donovan* to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures,
and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that *Donovan* may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made,
and work for justice and peace.

P. Do you promise to help *Donovan* grow in the Christian faith and life?

Parents' Response: I do.

P. Sponsors, do you promise to nurture *Donovan* in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Sponsors' Response: I do.

P. People of God, do you promise to support *Donovan* and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

C. We do.

Congregation stands

PROFESSION OF FAITH

P. I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

P. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

Parents & Sponsors' Response: I renounce them.

P. Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

Parents & Sponsors' Response: I renounce them.

P. Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Parents & Sponsors' Response: I renounce them.

P. Do you believe in God the Father?

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

P. Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C. 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.

P. Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C. 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

P. The Lord be with you.

C. And also with you.

P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P. We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

Congregation is seated

BAPTISM

P. *Donovan Uriel* I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

C. You belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized. Alleluia!

P. Let us pray...We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your son new birth and raise him to eternal life. Sustain *Donovan* with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. **Amen.**

P. *Donovan* child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. **Amen.**

WELCOME

A lighted candle is given to the newly baptized (to a sponsor of a young child) as a representative of the congregation says:

A. Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify God in heaven.

A. Let us welcome the newly baptized.

C. We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

Congregation stands

HYMN OF THE DAY

We Are Marching in the Light

ELW 866

(printed in the back of the bulletin)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

A. With bold trust in God's unfailing provision, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

A. We pray for the servants of your gospel in every place, that your word may be heard. Where your voice is scorned and your people persecuted, strengthen the church in its faithful witness. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

A. For this world you have created, that all life may flourish. Preserve biodiversity in all its variety and help ecosystems to survive the extremes of a changing climate. Move our hearts with compassion to join in this work. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

A. For leaders of towns, states, nations, and organizations, and all who are in positions of authority, that they lead with justice and integrity. Teach us to respond with Christlike mercy to all who are afraid or in danger. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

A. For all who struggle amid the storms of life, that they find peace and hope in your loving presence. Comfort any who are lonely and grieving and all who suffer. We pray especially for... those we name aloud... and those we hold in our hearts... Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

A. For this congregation and its ministries, that they reflect your love and life amid a turbulent world. Guide council members, elders, and other church leaders with your still, calm voice. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

A. We give thanks for the faithful who have gone before us. Guide us in our earthly journey, that we may one day join them in your eternal kingdom. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

P. Receive our prayers and answer, O God, as you have promised. All this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P. The Peace of Christ be with you always.

C. And also with you.

P. Let us share with each other a sign of Christ’s peace.

Congregation is seated

MEAL

OFFERTORY INVITATION

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Congregation stands

OFFERTORY SONG

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.

1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst,

Refrain

may we share the pres - ence of your love.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A. Let us pray... Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. **Amen.**

DIALOGUE & PREFACE OF THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you,

Our Father, who art in heaven.

Creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us through your prophets.

Hallowed be thy name!

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy (*Sing 2x—English 1st time; Spanish 2nd time*)



San - to, san - to, san - to, mi co - ra - zón te_a - do - ra.
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you.



Mi co - ra - zón te sa - be de-cir: San - to_e-res Se - ñor.
My heart is glad to say the words: You are ho - ly, God.

Text: Argentine traditional

Music: ARGENTINE SANTO, Argentine traditional

Congregation is seated

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P. Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. He came to teach us how close you are to us. He came to remind us that our work is this:

Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

And so, your Spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to announce that the time had come when you would save your people. He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners.

By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

When the Lord Jesus ascended, he promised to be with us always, in the power of your Word and Holy Spirit.

Jesus used the most common of items to remind us that all gifts come from God, including the gift of unending grace.

Give us this day our daily bread.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, 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.

Even as he said these things, he knew that he would be betrayed. And yet he forgave. We ask for God's help to accomplish this in our own lives:

Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And so, in remembrance of your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

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

The Holy Spirit gives us the courage to do the right thing even when it is difficult. We pray:

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

And so we ask you, God to pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, so that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever.

Through your Son Jesus Christ with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

version by J. Manny Santiago

From the Association of Welcoming and Affirming Baptists

Our Parent, who is among us, blessed be your Creation.

May your reign be a reality here on earth.

May we become more interested in building your kin-dom here and now than in waiting for it to come down from above.

Let us share our bread with those who hunger.

Let us learn to forgive as well as to receive forgiveness.

Help us through the time of temptation, delivering us from all evil.

For ours are the eternal blessings that you pour upon the earth. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

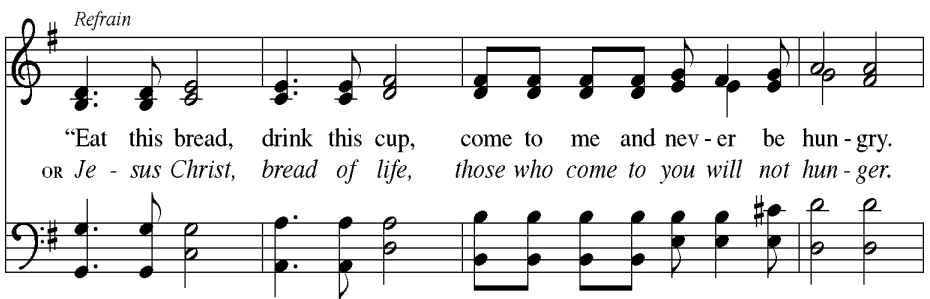
Believing in the real presence of Christ, we practice Eucharistic hospitality. All baptized persons are welcome to Communion this morning. Please come forward, guided by the Ushers, to receive the bread and wine. Children are invited to the table for a blessing.

Gluten free and traditional wafers are available, please note this to Pastor Peggy when you come up. The bread is dairy and egg free. Grape juice is available in the second communion plate. As you return to your seat via the side aisles you can place your empty cup in the baskets on either side.

P. The prayer that Jesus taught is also a template for how he lived, and how he invited us all to be part of his ministry of bringing a little “heaven on earth.” Remembering this prayer, we prepare ourselves to feast at the heavenly banquet on earth as it is in heaven. Let us come to the table.

COMMUNION SONG

Refrain



“Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev - er be hun - gry.
OR Je - sus Christ, bread of life, those who come to you will not hun - ger.



Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.”
Je - sus Christ, ris - en Lord, those who trust in you will not thirst.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

After all have received Communion the congregation stands.

TABLE BLESSING

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

SONG AFTER COMMUNION



Thank-ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.



Send us with your prom-is - es and lead your peo-ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks-giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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

BENEDICTION

P. God knows our words before they're said, knows our need and we are fed. God gives us life, knows our ways, our strength, our path, for all our days; our strength, our path, for all our days. Go into the world with the assurance that God goes with you, Jesus prays for you, and the Spirit breathes through you ✠ all your days. Let all God's people say, **Amen!**

SENDING HYMN

My Life Flows On in Endless Song

ELW 763

(printed in the back of the bulletin)

DISMISSAL

A. Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

C. Thanks be to God.

Announcements for August 9th, 2026

Welcome to Holy Counselor Lutheran Church. May you experience the joy of God’s presence in our worship!

*If today is your **first time** worshipping at Holy Counselor, please be sure to fill out the “Guest Book” on the table in the narthex and **take a welcome bag**. Please ask our ushers any questions you may have regarding worship this morning. **Large print bulletins are available.***

*The **Pray-ground** is a special place to help **support kids and families** in worshipping. We love the sound of kids in worship! God made kids wiggly and curious, and we celebrate that here. **Tips:** explain, participate, and move around together. Need to leave? No problem, but please come back!*

Worship is live streamed** to our church Facebook page, but the camera is pointed away during Communion and is not on the children when they come forward during A Time for the Child in Us All. **Anyone on the altar is on camera.

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*Today we welcome as a child of God, **Donovan Uriel McGovern**, son of **Jimena Otalora-McGovern** and **Sean McGovern**.*

***Monica McGovern** and **Apolonio Trinidad** will serve as his sponsors.*

*Please join us in welcoming **Donovan Uriel** as a newly baptized member of the church universal and Holy Counselor Lutheran Church’s family!*

*Altar flowers are in honor of **Kevin Brown’s** birthday from **Claire Speroni***

*Thank you, **Emilie Dupont** for this morning’s refreshments!*

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Volunteers for Today’s Worship

Lay Asst.	Debbie Lennon
Ushers	Janet Beach & Jeanne Von Oesen
Comm. Asst.	<i>Volunteer needed</i>
Tech	Fred Schoenagel
Tellers	<i>Volunteer needed</i>
Refreshments	Emilie Dupont

******* Join us for refreshments after worship*******

THIS WEEK AT HOLY COUNSELOR

Sunday, August 9: Outdoor Worship w/Communion & Baptism, 9:30am

Thursday, August 13: Lunch Bunch, Apulio Restaurant, Franklin, 12:30pm

Sunday, August 16: Outdoor Worship, Service of the Word, 9:30am

Lunch Bunch: The Lunch Bunch is gathering **THIS Thursday August 13th at 12:30pm at Apulio** Restaurant in Franklin. All women of the church, available during the day are invited to join for lunch once a month at various restaurants. Connect with Diane Rossi for more details.

Olive Tree Plant Sale: Jesus said, "I am the vine; you are the branches." What a better way to keep this verse in mind than with an olive tree of your very own! Claire Speroni has a limited number of olive trees available. **Suggested donation is \$40-\$60 with all donations going directly to our church missions and programs.** Olive trees retail at local nurseries for \$60+ **Contact Claire** directly to coordinate pick up/delivery to church or to see the selection.

Holy Humor Sunday: Holy Humor Sunday has become a fun tradition. We hope to see you at **worship on August 30th** for our 3rd Annual Holy Humor Sunday. Craig Peterson, the Associate Conference Minister from Pastor Peggy's UCC Conference (essentially the Assistant to the Bishop) will be joining us for worship that day as well.

Make A Will Month: August is Make a Will month! Did you know you can include the church in your will? If you have a will or need help making one just ask. **The ELCA has many resources on this topic**, and Pastor Peggy would be happy to help point you in the right direction. **Including HCLC in your will is as easy as adding 1 sentence:** "I give and bequeath to Holy Counselor Lutheran Church (HCLC) whose legal address is 68 Sand Hill Road, Sussex, NJ 07461, the sum of \$_____ (or _____% of my residuary estate) for such purposes as HCLC shall determine are in the best interests of HCLC." **We would love to know if you have HCLC in your will. Thank you** for supporting the future of HCLC with your heart of generosity!

Pastor's Community Office Hours: Pastor Peggy will be at Daily Bean **Tuesday, August 25th from 12:30-2:30pm** for Community Office Hours. All are welcome to visit as she is present in the community.

Blessing of the Backpacks and Technology: All students, teachers, and school staff are invited to bring their backpacks and/or technology to worship, for our last Sunday outside, on **September 6th for a special blessing during worship.** May you learn and grow in this new school year!

Church Picnic & Group Picture: Mark your calendars now for **Sunday, September 13th**. We will be having our annual **church picnic**, and we will also be taking a **church-wide picture**! Please plan to join us for this special day as we start the new program year and celebrate our church community! All are welcome!

Register for Sunday School: **Sunday School begins Sunday, September 20th!** Sunday School is from 8:45-9:15am Sunday mornings before worship for ages 3yrs old-6th grade. **Register** for the new program year [via this link](#). Kristina Garnett, is our new Sunday School Coordinator! Connect with her or Pastor Peggy for help or with any questions.

Mid-Year Giving Statements: Mid-year giving statements were **sent out** mid-July. **Please review** your statement for accuracy. Now is also a **good time to check** if you are on track to honor your intent for the year. If you have any questions regarding your statement or would like to request a printed copy, please speak with John Heeren. **Thank you** for your ongoing generosity!

Food Pantry: **Food items to help restock:** 4-pack toilet paper, canned tuna, canned chili, canned corn, canned soup, canned green beans, canned fruit, mac & cheese, boxed potatoes, tuna helper, peanut butter, jelly, children's juice boxes or pouches, kid's snacks, toothpaste, shampoo. You can always bring donations of canned goods, paper goods, and hygiene products. All donations can be **placed in the blue bin** by the sanctuary doors. Thank you!

GATHERING HYMN

Psalms

78

Psalm 118

This is the day

THIS IS THE DAY Irregular

Capo 1: E♭
D

E♭/B♭ D/A B♭ A

1. This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made, that the
 2. O - pen to us, o - pen to us the gates of God, the
 3. You are our God, you are our God; we will praise your name, we will

E♭/B♭ B♭ B♭ A 7 B♭ A 7

Lord has made, We will re - joice, we will re - joice and be
 gates of God; we will go in, we will go in and
 praise your name; we will give thanks, we will give thanks for your

E♭ 2-1 Dsus 2-1 E♭ 2-1 Dsus 2-1 A♭ G

glad in it, and be glad in it. This is the day that the
 praise the Lord, and praise the Lord. O - pen to us the
 faith - ful - ness, for your faith - ful - ness. You are our God; we will

E♭ A♭ E♭

D G D

Lord has made; we will re - joice and be glad in it.
 gates of God; we will go in and praise the Lord.
 praise your name; we will give thanks for your faith - ful - ness.

E♭/B♭ B♭ E
D/A A D

This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made.
 O - pen to us, o - pen to us the gates of God.
 You are our God, you are our God; we will praise your name.

Words: Psalm 118:19, 24, 28 Music: Fijian folk melody

Words: public domain Music: public domain

We Are Marching in the Light of God



Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos', si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha -
 We are march - ing in the light of God, we are march - ing in the



nyen' kwen - khos'. Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos',
 light of God. We are march - ing in the light of God,



si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
 we are march - ing in the light of God.



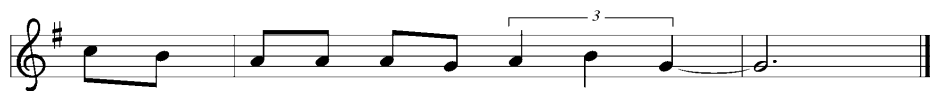
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Additional stanzas ad lib.:

We are dancing ...

We are praying ...

We are singing ...

Text: South African traditional; tr. Freedom Is Coming, 1984

Music: SIYAHAMBA, South African traditional

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My Life Flows On in Endless Song



1 My life flows on in end - less song; a - bove earth's lam-en - ta - tion,
 2 Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear that mu - sic ring - ing.
 3 What though my joys and com-forts die? The Lord my Sav-ior liv - eth.
 4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun - tain ev - er spring-ing!



I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.
 It finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing?
 What though the dark - ness gath-er round? Songs in the night he giv - eth.
 All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?

Refrain

No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.



Since Christ is Lord of heav-en and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826–1899

Music: HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING, Robert Lowry, alt.



Holy Counselor
LUTHERAN CHURCH

SUNDAY SCHOOL **2026-2027**

CLASSES BEGIN
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH
8:45-9:15 AM

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For God's Children of all ages!

Worship Notes

Sunday's Date: _____



My Favorite
Song:



This week, I'm praying for:



I'm curious or have a
question about:



Today's Focus Scripture: _____

I would draw it like:



Word Count

How many times did you hear each
of these words today? Make a tally.

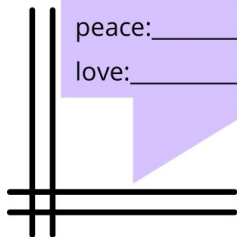
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OLIVE TREE FUNDRAISER

**100% of Proceeds Benefit:
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SUGGESTED DONATION:

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*Retail Value: Up to \$60+ at local nurseries!
Your donation directly funds our church's
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**To coordinate Pick Up, Selection,
see or call Claire Speroni at 973-590-7114**

Quick & Easy-Care Tips for Your New Olive Tree

- **Container Friendly:** These young starter trees are perfectly sized to thrive in pots on your patio, deck, or sunny windowsill.
- **Sunlight Lovers:** Provide full sun exposure—ideally 6 to 8 hours of direct daylight every day.
- **Watering:** Allow the top 2 inches of gritty, well-draining soil to dry out completely between waterings. Avoid soggy roots!
- **New Jersey Winters:** Bring your containerized olive tree indoors before the first autumn freeze. Place it near a bright, south-facing window to keep it safe until spring.





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