Sunday, October 18, 2026 - Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome to worship at Shepherd of the Bay. If you are visiting today, Hello! We are so glad you are here. Whether you are here for a week, a month, or the whole summer season, we hope you will find this community a warm and welcoming spiritual home while you're in Door County. If you have questions, please ask. If you are interested in a formal affiliation with Shepherd of the Bay, contact Pastor Honig.

Enter to worship. As the prelude begins, worshippers are encouraged to conclude conversation and quietly prepare to enter into the experience of worship.

PRELUDE

I Bind unto Myself Today Robert J. Powell (Augsburg Fortress Press, 1993)
Morning Has Broken Johannes Matthias Michel (Concordia Publishing House, 2004)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Flowers today are from Marc & Carol Champeau in celebration of their Wedding Anniversary.

(Congregation recites **bold** print responses.)

The assembly stands

GATHERING HYMN

HYMN 845 Voices Raised to You We Offer

GREETING

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray: Sovereign God,
raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

The assembly is seated

CHOIR *My Offering* Tina English, arr. John Purifoy (1993 Purifoy Publishing)

FIRST READING: Isaiah 45:1-7

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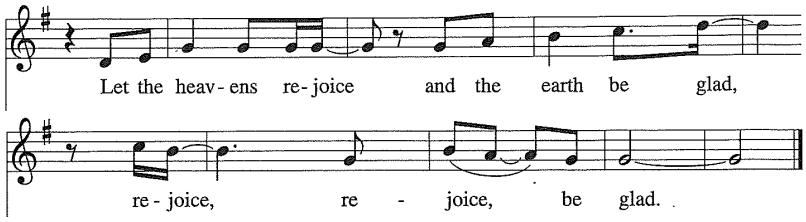
P: The Word of the Lord **C: Thanks be to God**

PSALM REFRAIN

*The piano will play the refrain once, then the choir will sing the refrain then the assembly will sing the refrain once and where indicated by the "**R**".*



PSALM 96

1 Sing to the Lord | a new song;
sing to the Lord, all | the whole earth.

2 Sing to the Lord and | bless his name;
proclaim the good news of his salvation from | day to day.

3 Declare his glory a -| mong the nations
And his wonders a | mong all peoples.

4 For great is the Lord and greatly | to be praised;
he is more to be feared | than all gods. R

5 As for all the gods of the nations, they | are but idols;
but it is the Lord who | made the heavens.

6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence | of his presence!
Oh, the power and the splendor of his | sanctuary!

7 Ascribe to the Lord, you families | of the peoples;
ascribe to the Lord hon-| or and power.

8 Ascribe to the Lord the honor | due his name;
bring offerings and come in- | to his courts.

9 Worship the Lord in the beau-| ty of holiness;
let the whole earth trem- | ble before him. R.

10 Tell it out among the nations: "The | Lord is king!
He has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;
he will judge the peo- | ples with equity."

11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea thunder and all | that is in it;
let the field be joyful and all that | is therein.

12 Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy before the Lord | when he comes,
when he comes to | judge the earth.

13 He will judge the | world with righteousness
and the peoples | with his truth. **R**

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

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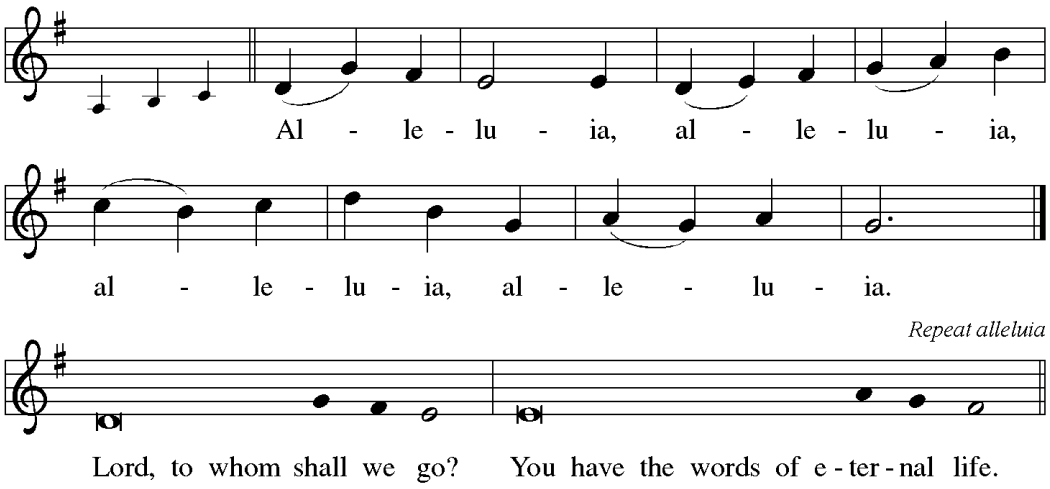
P: The Word of the Lord **C: Thanks be to God**

The assembly stands.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL : Matthew 22:15-22

C: Glory to you, O Lord

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P: The Gospel of the Lord **C: Praise to you, O Christ**

The assembly is seated.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

The assembly stands.

HYMN OF THE DAY

HYMN 679 For the Fruit of All Creation

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION
Congregational response to
P. Hear us, O God.
C. Your mercy is great.

Seeking the Spirit of God who makes all things new, we pray for the church and the world.

A brief silence.

Living and true God, you inspire us to share the message of the gospel. Give your spirit of love to seminarians and those beginning their lives in ordained ministry (local seminarians or newly called ministers may be named). Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

We give you thanks for the majesty of our oceans. Protect the abundant life within them and sustain all those who work to preserve them. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

We seek your wisdom in all things. Direct all who hold positions of authority around the world, that they act with compassion, seeking the good of all. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

We pray for all people who work in dangerous or degrading environments. Grant them safety and courage, and heal all those who are injured, sick, or suffering. We remember especially those whom we name aloud... **Linda** Anderson, **Aidan** Newsom, **Carenna** Reisen**, Braden** Sitte, **Barbara** Zilavy, and all whom we remember in our hearts and lift before you... (*silence for reflection*) ... Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

We ask your blessing on those who do the quiet, unseen work of the church (congregational ministries may be named). Encourage them in their work of faith and labor of love. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We thank you for our ancestors who have been called home to you (especially). Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

Trusting in your boundless grace, O God, we lift up these spoken prayers and those in our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

PROCESSION OF THE INTENTION CARDS
HYMN 692 We Are An Offering

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

The assembly is seated.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *We All Believe in One God* (BWV 1098) - Johann Sebastian Bach

The assembly stands.

OFFERING PRAYER

God of creation,
you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly.
All blessings are from you;
make us generous with what we have.
Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts
in service to you and in love to our neighbors,
today and always.

Amen.

COMMUNION DIALOG

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

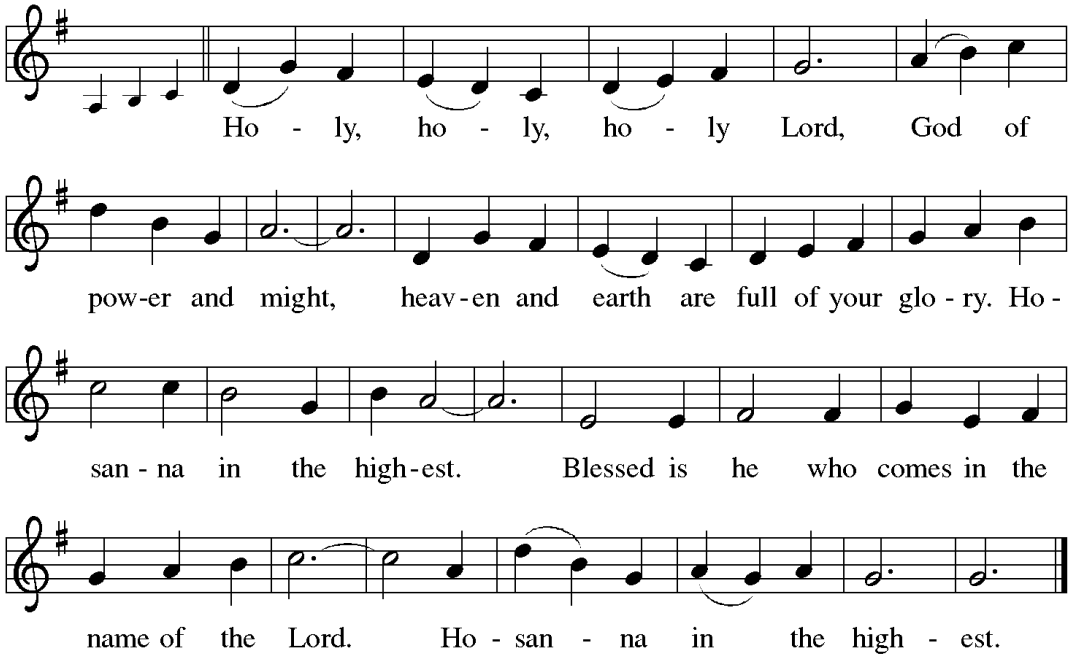
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

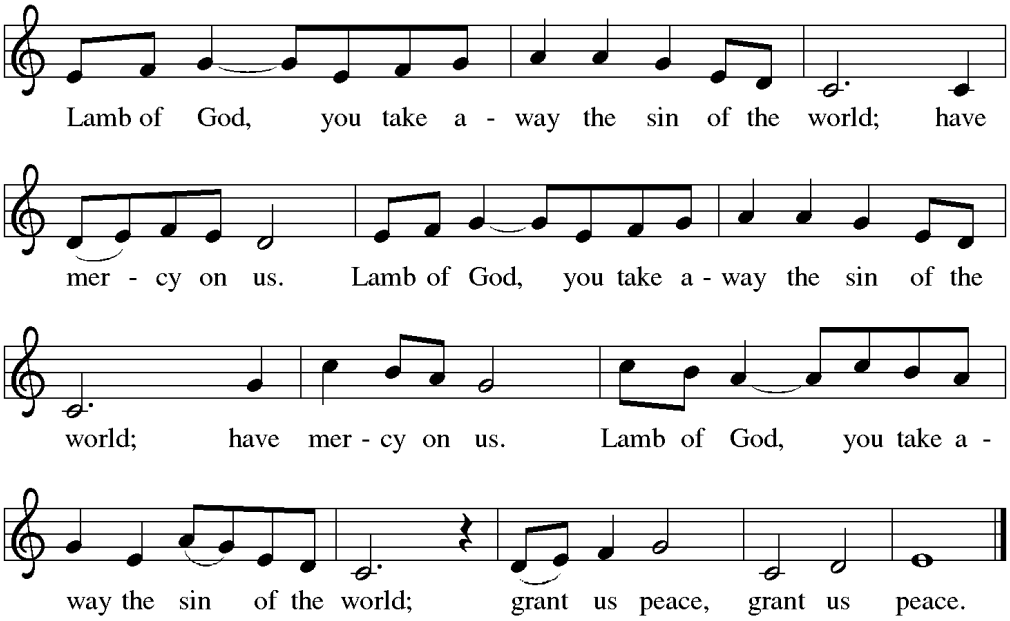
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Christ invites you to this table.
All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!
And everybody, everybody, everybody is welcome here.

About Communion: *This is Christ's table and meal of grace! All are welcome! Ushers will guide you forward. Receive the bread (gluten free available); wine or white grape juice is received from a cup from the gold tray..If you have difficulty coming forward for the distribution, please let one of the ushers know and they will ask the pastor to bring you communion in the pew. Children may come forward for a blessing*

The assembly is seated.

LAMB OF GOD



COMMUNION HYMN

HYMN 689 Praise and Thanksgiving

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

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

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Sustaining God,
with this bread and cup,
you nourish us with mercy and abundant life.
By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world.
Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love,
following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray.

Amen.

BLESSING

My friends, like our ancestors in faith,
we have gathered for teaching and fellowship,
the breaking of bread and the prayers;
seeking beauty and wonder, holding all things in common,
all sharing with all, as any have need.
Go now in this same Spirit
into God's world, renewed and inspired.
Our service is ended; let our Service begin.
In Jesus' name, Amen.

SENDING SONG
HYMN 705 God of Grace and God of Glory

DISMISSAL

Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.
Thanks be to God.

DEPART TO SERVE

POSTLUDE *God of Grace and God of Glory* Paul Manz (Morning Star Music, 1989)

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