

Sunday, August 30, 2026 - Fourteenth 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 *Praeludium* Emil Sjogren
 Priere Otto Malling

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Flowers today are from Rev. Margaret & Tim Schoewe in celebration of their 56th Wedding Anniversary.

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

The assembly stands

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity,† one God, whose compassion endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God,

we confess to you 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.

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.

GATHERING HYMN

HYMN 879 For the Beauty of the Earth

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: O God,

we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world.

Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

The assembly is seated

CHOIR *Beautiful Savior* Munster Gesangbuch 1677, arr. F. Melius Christiansen
(1955 Augsburg Publishing)

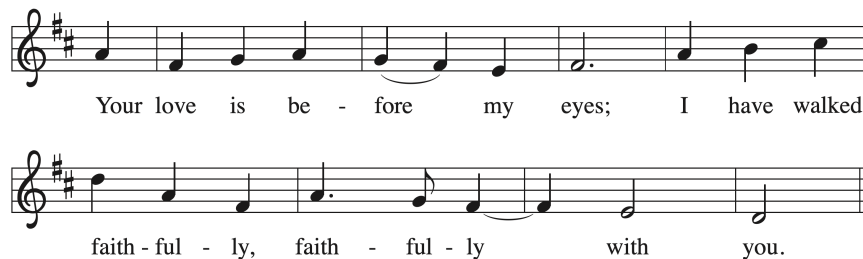
FIRST READING: Jeremiah 15:15-21

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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".



Psalms 26:3
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PSALM 26

1 Give judgment for me, O Lord, for I have lived | with integrity;

I have trusted in the Lord and | have not faltered.

2 Test me, O | Lord, and try me;

examine my heart | and my mind.

3 For your steadfast love is be- | fore my eyes;

I have walked faithful- | ly with you.

4 I have not sat | with the worthless,

nor do I consort with | the deceitful. R

5 I have hated the company of | evildoers;

I will not sit down | with the wicked.

6 I will wash my hands in inno- | cence, O Lord,

that I may go in procession | round your altar,

7 singing aloud a song | of thanksgiving

and recounting all your won- | derful deeds.

8 Lord, I love the house in | which you dwell

and the place where your glo- | ry abides. R

SECOND READING: Romans 12:9-21

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

The assembly stands.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Repeat alleluia

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

GOSPEL : Matthew 16:21-28

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 667 Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said

The assembly stands.

APOSTLES’ 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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Congregational response to

P. Merciful God,

C. receive our prayer.

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.

For the church in every land, that its mission and ministry is anchored in the love of Christ. When threats or challenges arise, teach us to take up our cross and follow you in faith. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

For the well-being of your creation, that all that lives and grows on the earth may thrive. Bring relief to areas ravaged by droughts, floods, fires, storms, and other disasters (especially). Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

For the nations and all in authority, that they seek to live in peace with one another. Bless the work of international and diplomatic organizations and all who work to bring peace to a world scarred by violence.

Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

For all those in need, that they be satisfied. Ensure all your children have safe access to food, water, shelter, and medical care. Bring healing to all who bear wounds in body, mind, and spirit We remember especially those whom we name aloud... **Linda** Anderson, **Carole** Bergner, **Hanna** Michalsen, **Aidan** Newsom, **Carenn**a Reisen, **Braden** Sitte, **Barbara** Zilavy, and all whom we remember in our hearts and lift before you... (*silence for reflection*) Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

For the congregation gathered here to serve you, that they remain strong in faith and united in purpose. Guide our committees, study groups, and other meetings toward honesty and humility, always seeking genuine love.

Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

For the faithful departed, that their witness continues to strengthen and guide the church. Renew our hope in your promises in this life and the life to come. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

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

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

The assembly is seated.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Invocation* Charles Gounod

The assembly stands.

OFFERING PRAYER

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.

COMMUNION DIALOG

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

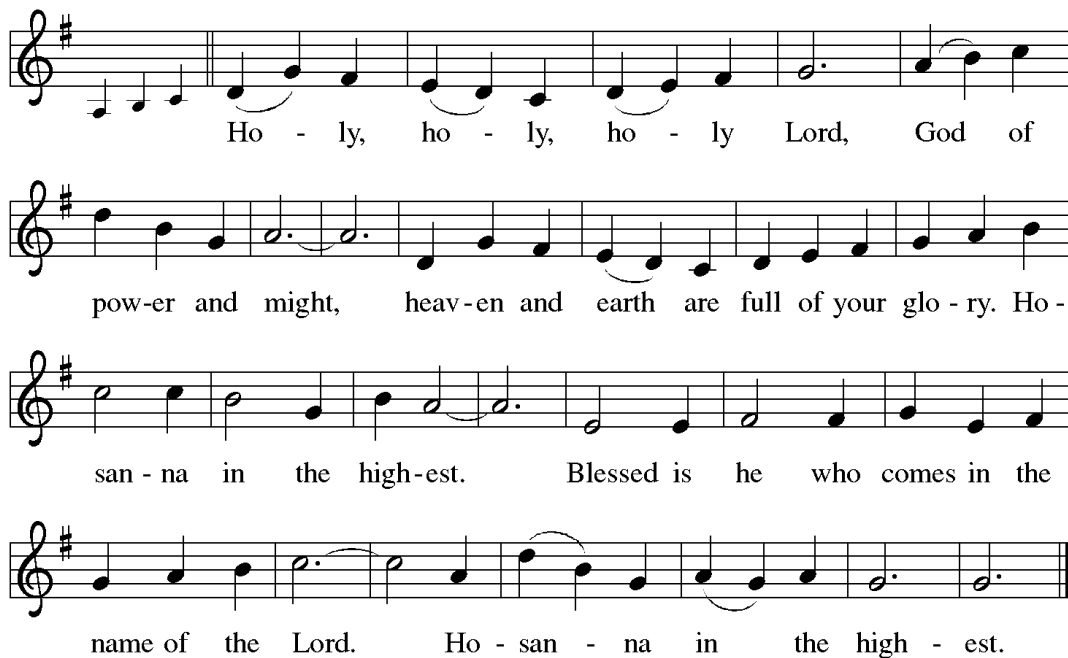
We lift them to the Lord.

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

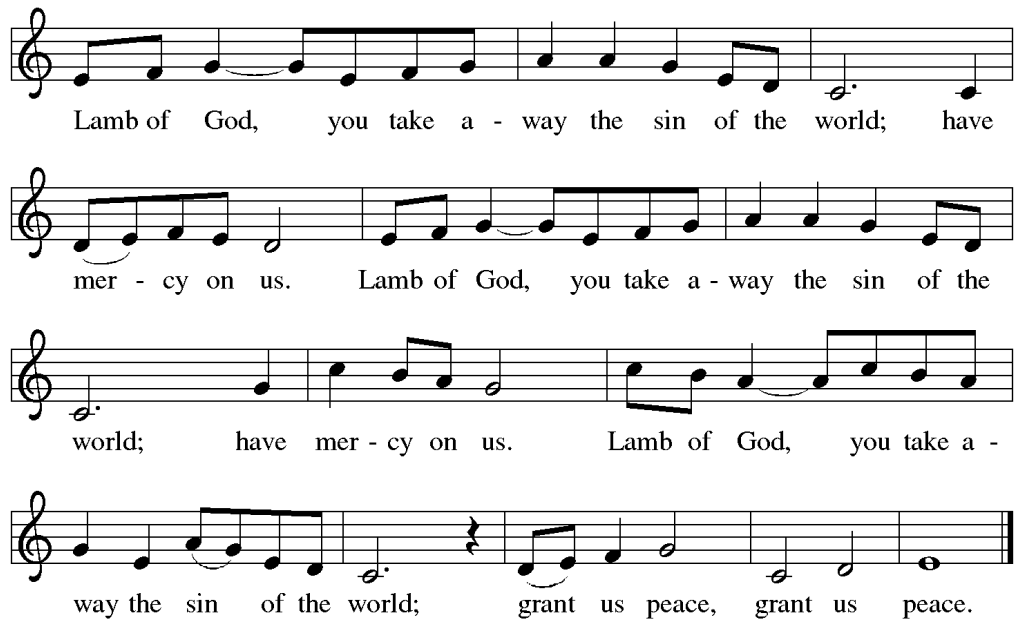
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Heaven has come near.
 Come, share in the feast!
 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



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, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN

Bind Us Together

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

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

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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.

BLESSING

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, + one God,
bless, heal, and hold you
today and always.

Amen.

SENDING SONG

HYMN 660 Lift High the Cross

DISMISSAL

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

Thanks be to God.

DEPART TO SERVE

POSTLUDE *If Thou but Suffer God to Guide Thee* Johann Sebastian Bach

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