

Sunday, November 9, 2025 - Twenty Second 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 *If Thou but Suffer God to Guide Thee* Johann Sebastian Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

The assembly stands

GATHERING HYMN

HYMN 437 On Jordan's Stormy Bank I Stand

THE ORDER OF HOLY BAPTISM *(Please face the font)*

We present the candidate for baptism.

P: God desires life for us and all creation. In baptism, God washes us, sets us free from our old life, and makes us an entirely new person. In baptism, God gives us a new family, the church, and shows us the best way of living and being together in the world. Whenever we're unsure of what that looks like, God points us to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus - - our best model for living in the world and being in community. With the help of the Holy Spirit, we practice this new life and way of being together every day.

Who is being presented this morning for baptism?

Sponsor or parents present the candidate:

I/We present Reece Cameron Johnson for baptism.

P: Sid and Kelly, do you want to have Reece baptized?

Parents respond:

We do.

P: As you bring Reece to receive the gift of baptism, you get to be his first teacher as he learns what it means to practice a new way of life. You get to: Bring him with you to worship so he knows he belongs to this big family of God; hear the good news and share the meal with them, surrounded by sisters and brothers in faith; teach him the prayers and texts that Christians over time have shared and cherished; show him you love the stories of the Bible so he will also love these stories; pray with him, and make prayer part of the rhythm of your days.

While that may seem like a lot of responsibility, you are never alone in this. With the help of God and this community of faith, you get to do all these things not out of fear or obligation but out of freedom and love that Reece will come to deeply know God, live and love like Jesus, care not just about himself but about others and the earth all share, serve and respect all people, and show with his life that God desires peace, justice, and life for all.

Sid and Kelly, do you promise to mentor Reece in the faith and life we claim as Christians, as God gives you ability?

Parents respond:

Yes, and we ask God to help and guide us.

P: Chris, Macall, Spencer and Callie, do you promise to mentor Reece in the faith and life we claim as Christians, as God gives you ability?

Sponsors respond:

Yes, and I ask God to help and guide me.

P: People of God, do you promise to support Reece and pray for him as he practices a new way of life?

C: We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

We profess our faith.

P: Dear friends, as we get ready to baptize Reece, I invite you to show your support for Reece and Reece's parents, Sid and Kelly, by joining them in saying no to the things that hurt us and saying yes to God. By doing so, you all will help tell the story of God's unending love for us and for the whole world.

P: Do you say no to hate, no to violence, no to greed, and no to everything else that is the opposite of God's peace, mercy, justice, and love?

C: I say no to them.

P: Do you say no to rules, no to habits, no to traditions, no to prejudices that go against God's hopes and dreams for the world?

C: I say no to them.

P: Do you say no to the things that you do but shouldn't, no to the temptation to do nothing when action is needed, no to everything that pulls you away from God?

C: I say no to them.

P: People of God, I ask you to join your fellow sisters and brothers in saying yes to God with the words used by Christians at their baptisms since the earliest days of the church.

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.

P: Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of the universe. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living creatures.

Praise to you, O God, of your saving waters: Noah and the animals survive the flood, Hagar discovers your well. The Israelites escape through the sea, and they drink from your gushing rock. Naaman washes his leprosy away, and the Samaritan woman will never be thirsty again.

At this font, O God, we pray: Praise to you for the water of baptism and for your Word that saves us in this water. Breathe your Spirit into all who are gathered here and into all creation. Illumine our days. Enliven our bones. Dry our tears. Wash away the sin within us and drown the evil around us. Satisfy all our thirst with your living water, Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

We baptize the candidate.

P: Reece Cameron Johnson, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Alleluia!

C: You are God's beloved child. Praise God who gives us life, salvation, and mercy. Alleluia!

P: We give you thanks, O God, for nurturing your daughters and sons in your womb and for birthing them into your world. We give you thanks for drowning their sin and shame and rescuing them. We give our thanks for washing them in your healing and life-giving stream.

Continue to nurture Reece by the gift of your Holy Spirit, and raise him up with wisdom, vision, strength, patience, faith, mercy, joy, and every good gift your Spirit has to give.

C: Amen.

P: This oil is a symbol that you, Reece, are baptized into the redeeming life, death, and resurrection Jesus, our Lord. The sign of the cross made in oil on your forehead is a seal that can never be broken, keeping out whatever would try to steal the gifts and the calling of baptism from you.

Reece, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

C: Amen.

We welcome the newly baptized.

P: You are the light of the world. Let your light shine, that others may see your good works and give glory to God in heaven.

Let us welcome the newly baptized!

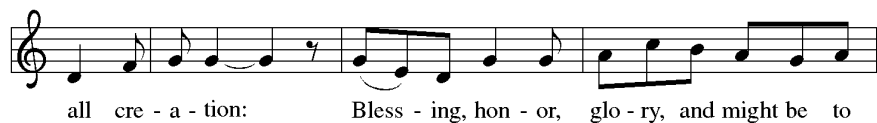
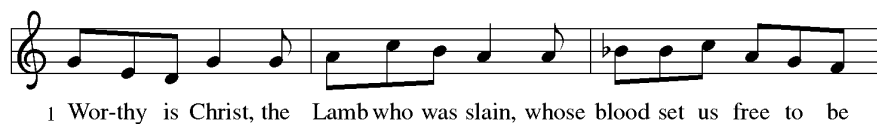
C: Welcome, child of water. Welcome, child of light. Welcome, child of justice. Welcome, child of God. We love you and are thankful for all your gifts. Together we will give thanks and praise to God, share the good news of God's love, and strive to do God's work, making the world a better place.

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.

THIS IS THE FEAST



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray: O God, our eternal redeemer,

by the presence of your Spirit you renew and direct our hearts.

Keep always in our mind the end of all things and the day of judgment.

Inspire us for a holy life here, and bring us to the joy of the resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

FIRST READING: Haggai 1:15b - - 2:9

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

The assembly is seated

CHOIR If You But Trust in God to Guide You Georg Neumark, arr. David Cherwien
(2005 Birnamwood Publications) Pat Skogsbakken, soprano Charlotte Bogda, violin
Randall Manges, organ

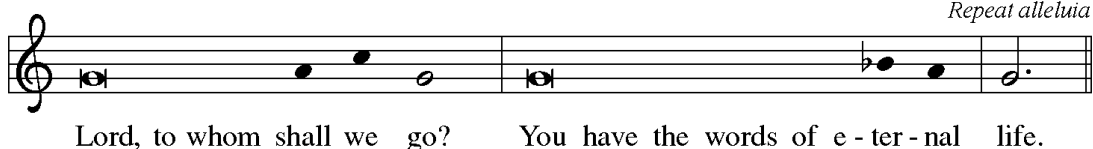
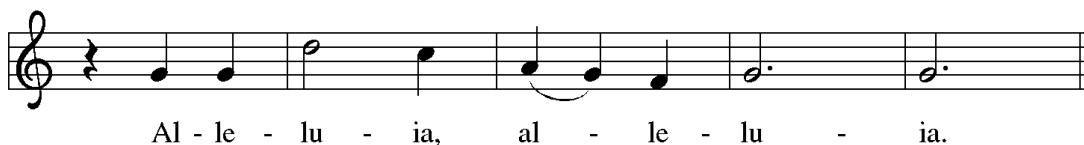
SECOND READING: 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

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

The assembly stands.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL : Luke 20:27-38

C: Glory to you, O Lord

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 771 God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Congregational response to

P. Hear us, O God.

C. Your mercy is great.

Gathered with one voice, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

God our Redeemer, bless your church universal and its leaders. Set all hearts on you from generation to generation in anticipation of Christ's return. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of life, we give thanks for the fruits and grains of harvest, for rivers and streams, for all that is made of rock and iron. Renew the earth's natural resources and the lands from which they come. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of justice, we give thanks for the service of our veterans and pray for those needing support for wounds of any kind. Strengthen those charged with the governance and protection of vulnerable populations. Bring an end to war throughout the world. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God who leads us to belief and truth, we give thanks that you are always and already here. Nurture and support those who are unsteady in mind, unsafe in spirit, or unwell in body. We remember especially those whom we name aloud... **Marie** Becker, **Carole** Bergner, **Dave** Boock, **Rita** Brandt, **Wally** Brandt, **Joan** Carlson, **Angela** Foster, **Chris** Hecht, **Hanna** Michalsen, **Carenn**a Reisen, **Braden** Sitte, **Mary Kay** Vartanian, **Barbara** Zilavy, and all whom we remember in our hearts and lift before you... (*silence for reflection*) ... Comfort those who suffer from trauma and exposure to traumatic events. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God who gathers us together, we give thanks for our pastors and deacons, teachers and musicians, administrators, and building caretakers. May they find joy in leadership as we grow in faith together. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

God of the saints, we give thanks for all who have died in faith (especially). Uplift us as we honor their memory and await your coming in glory. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We offer these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your grace and unyielding love; through 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 *If Thou but Suffer God to Guide Thee* Christian Reichardt

The assembly stands.

OFFERING PRAYER

God of healing and hope,

you bless those who are hungry, promising to fill them with good things.

Fulfill that promise through us and these your gifts.

Nourish us with the abundance of your feast and unite us into the blessed body of Jesus Christ our Savior,
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;

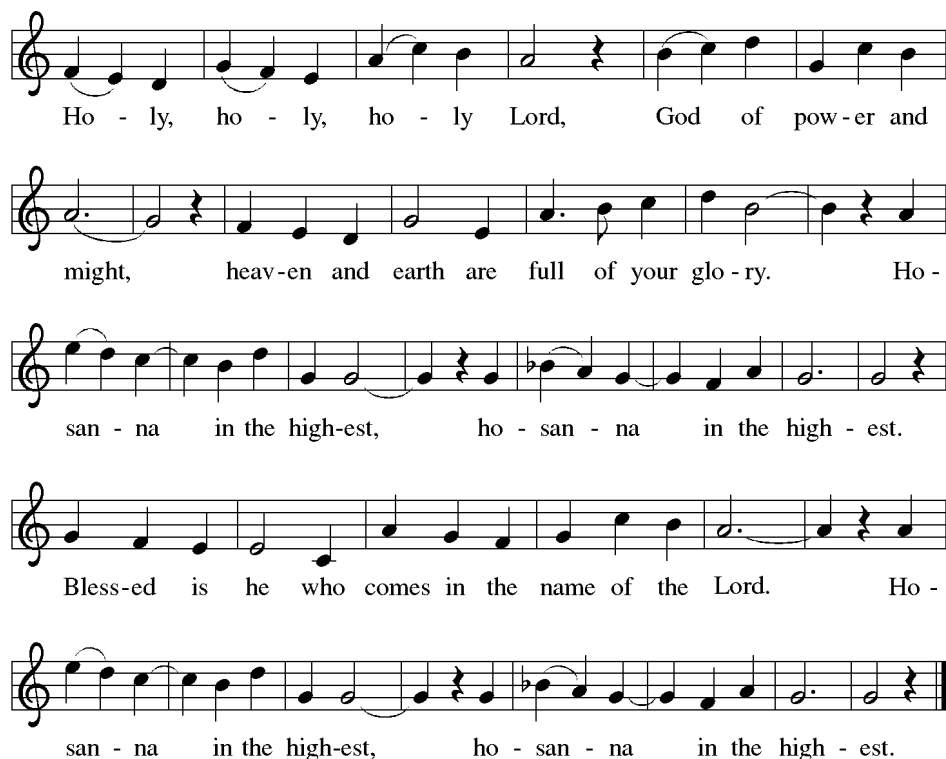
who on this day overcame death and the grave,

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

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

HYMN 422 For All the Saints (all 7 sts)

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

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

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of field and flower, wheat and grape,
you have nourished us with the bread of heaven that gives life to the world.
Strengthened by the body and blood of your Son,
send us out to gather your good gifts for all who hunger and thirst,
and embolden us to love and serve in Christ's name.

Amen.

SENDING OF LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

I would like to invite forward, those who will be sharing this meal with our homebound members.

Let us pray: Gracious God,

You took the form of a servant offering yourself as food, comfort, and strength to a sick and hurting world.
Anoint with a servant heart these, your people, who now take your word and sacrament to our sisters and brothers in their homes.

Grant grace, mercy, healing and hope to those who feast on your body and blood and receive your words of new life.

May we all recognize that we have a home and a place in the body of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

BLESSING

The love of God the Sovereign strengthen you,
God the Son save you,
and God the Holy Spirit anoint you for the work ahead.

The holy Trinity bless you ☩
and grant you a faithful and courageous heart
now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING SONG

HYMN 439 Soon and Very Soon

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the harvest.
Thanks be to God.

DEPART TO SERVE

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