



Shepherd of the Bay Lutheran Church

Growing Together in Faith

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Welcome!

September 7, 2025 – Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Thank you for joining us today for worship. In our service we gather before our almighty God to offer him our worship and praise. We also gather to strengthen ourselves through the study of God's holy and powerful word. We pray your time with us is edifying and enjoyable. May God bless our worship together this day!

For your assistance:

- **Restrooms** are located down the hallway opposite the entrance to classroom 1, on the right.
- **Ushers** are here to help. Please don't hesitate to ask them if you have any questions.
- We ask guests to sign the **worship register** on the pedestal by the front door so that we might have record of who joined us and invite you to upcoming events. Thank you!
- If you have a young one who gets restless during worship, a **Family Room** is available for parents in the church office. A live feed of the service is available in the room.

Pastor Wong is available and willing to meet with you anytime. Please give him a call at church, 410-231-2075 or on his cell phone, 507-995-5978. He can also be reached via email, lusbypastor@gmail.com. He would be happy to answer any questions or concerns you might have.

Sunday Hosts

Councilman:

Greeter:

Usher:

Acolyte:

Altar:

A/V:

Flowers:

Counters:

Snack:

Mowing:

Today

Grant Williams

Krausses

Travis Grah

Abel Kassulke

Elaine Hurley

Brian Hoerning

Maria, Sam

Church Picnic

Next Week

Dan Severson

Blevins

Bob Blevins

Haley Grah

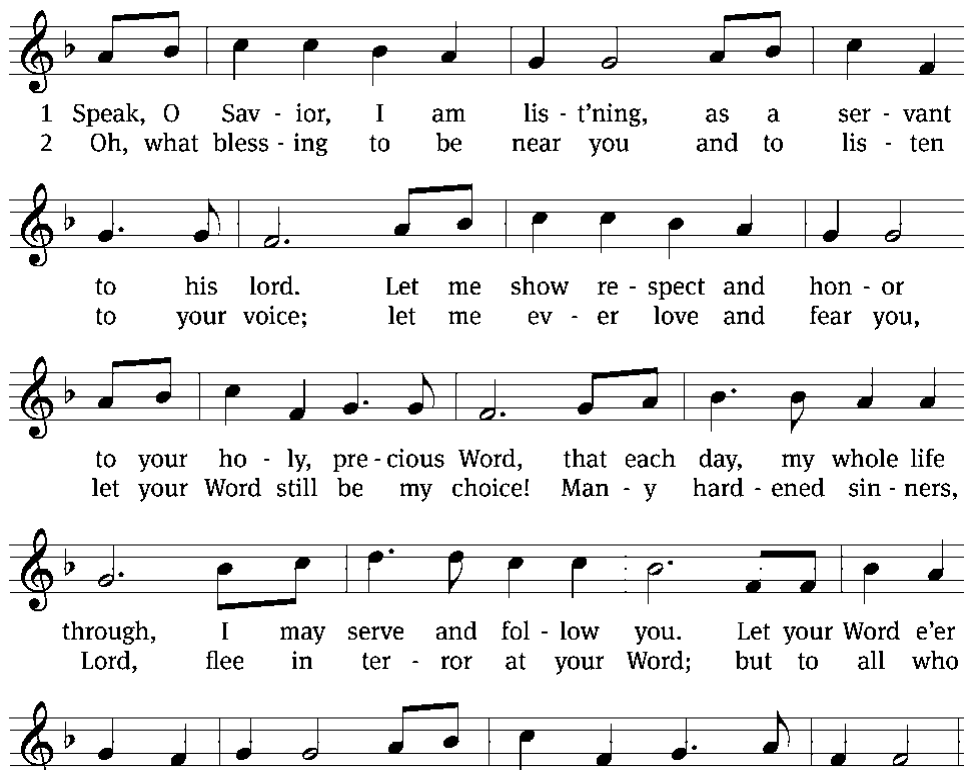
Elaine Hurley

Brian Hoerning

Travis, Jolene

Morning Hymn: 631 Speak, O Savior, I Am Listening

CW 631 sts. 1–2



1 Speak, O Sav - ior, I am lis - t'ning, as a ser - vant
2 Oh, what bless - ing to be near you and to lis - ten

to his lord. Let me show re - spect and hon - or
to your voice; let me ev - er love and fear you,

to your ho - ly, pre - cious Word, that each day, my whole life
let your Word still be my choice! Man - y hard - ened sin - ners,

through, I may serve and fol - low you. Let your Word e'er
Lord, flee in ter - ror at your Word; but to all who

be my plea - sure and my heart's most pre - cious trea - sure.
feel sin's bur - den you give peace and words of par - don.

Text: Anna Sophia von Hessen-Darmstadt, 1638–1683; (st. 1): tr. Christian Worship, 1993; (st. 2): tr. George A. T. Rygh, 1860–1942, alt.
Tune: Johann Schop, c. 1590–1667
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M: O Lord, open my lips.

C: And my mouth shall declare your praise.

M: Hasten to save me, O God.

C: O Lord, come quickly to help me.

M: The Spirit of the Lord fills the world: let us worship him.

Morning Hymn (Continued)

CW 631 sts. 3–4



3 Lord, your words are wa - ters liv - ing where I quench my
4 As I pray, dear Je - sus, hear me; let your words in



thirst - y needs. Lord, your words are bread life - giv - ing;
me take root. May your Spir - it e'er be near me



on your words my spir - it feeds. Lord, your words will be my
that I bear a - bun - dant fruit. May I dai - ly sing your



light thro' death's cold and drear - y night; yes, they are my
praise, from my heart glad an - thems raise, till my high - est



sword pre - vail - ing and my cup of joy un - fail - ing.
praise is giv - en in the end - less joy of heav - en.

Text: Anna Sophia von Hessen-Darmstadt, 1638–1683; (st. 3): tr. George A. T. Rygh, 1860–1942, alt.; (st. 4): tr. Christian Worship, 1993
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Psalms

Psalms 1A

Blessed is the one who does not walk
in step with the wicked
or stand in the way that sinners take
or sit in the company of mockers,
but whose delight is in the law of the LORD,
and who meditates on his law day and night.
That person is like a tree planted by streams of water,

which yields its fruit in season
and whose leaf does not wither—
whatever they do prospers.

Not so the wicked!

They are like chaff that the wind blows away.
Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.

For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked leads to destruction.

**C: Come, Holy Spirit! Fill the hearts of your faithful people, and kindle in us the fire of
your love. Alleluia!**

Gospel Reading

Luke 14:25–35

²⁵Large crowds were traveling with Jesus, and turning to them he said: ²⁶“If anyone comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even their own life—such a person cannot be my disciple. ²⁷And whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.

²⁸“Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won’t you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it? ²⁹For if you lay the foundation and are not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule you, ³⁰saying, ‘This person began to build and wasn’t able to finish.’

³¹“Or suppose a king is about to go to war against another king. Won’t he first sit down and consider whether he is able with ten thousand men to oppose the one coming against him with twenty thousand? ³²If he is not able, he will send a delegation while the other is still a long way off and will ask for terms of peace. ³³In the same way, those of you who do not give up everything you have cannot be my disciples.

³⁴“Salt is good, but if it loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? ³⁵It is fit neither for the soil nor for the manure pile; it is thrown out.

“Whoever has ears to hear, let them hear.”

Hymn: 694 Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken

CW 694



1 Je - sus, I my cross have tak - en, all to leave and
 2 Let the world de - spise and leave me; they have left my
 3 Go, then, earth - ly fame and trea - sure! Come, dis - as - ter,
 4 Haste, my soul, from grace to glo - ry, armed by faith and



fol - low you; des - ti - tute, de-spised, for - sak - en, you on
 Sav - ior, too. Hu - man hearts and looks de - ceive me; you are
 scorn, and pain! In your ser - vice pain is plea - sure, with your
 winged by prayer; all but heav'n is tran - si - to - ry, God's own



earth once suf - fered, too. Per - ish ev - 'ry fond am - bi - tion,
 not, like them, un - true. And, since you have smiled up - on me,
 fa - vor loss is gain. I have called you Ab - ba, Fa - ther;
 hand shall guide you there. Soon shall end this earth - ly sto - ry,



all I've ev - er hoped or known; yet how rich is
 God of wis - dom, love, and might, foes may hate and
 you my all in all shall be. Storms may howl, and
 swift shall pass the pil - grim days, hope soon change to



my con - di - tion, God and heav'n are still my own!
 friends may shun me; show your face, and all is bright.
 clouds may gath - er, all must work for good to me.
 heav'n - ly glo - ry, faith to sight and prayer to praise.

Text: Henry Francis Lyte, 1793–1847, abr., alt.

Tune: Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887

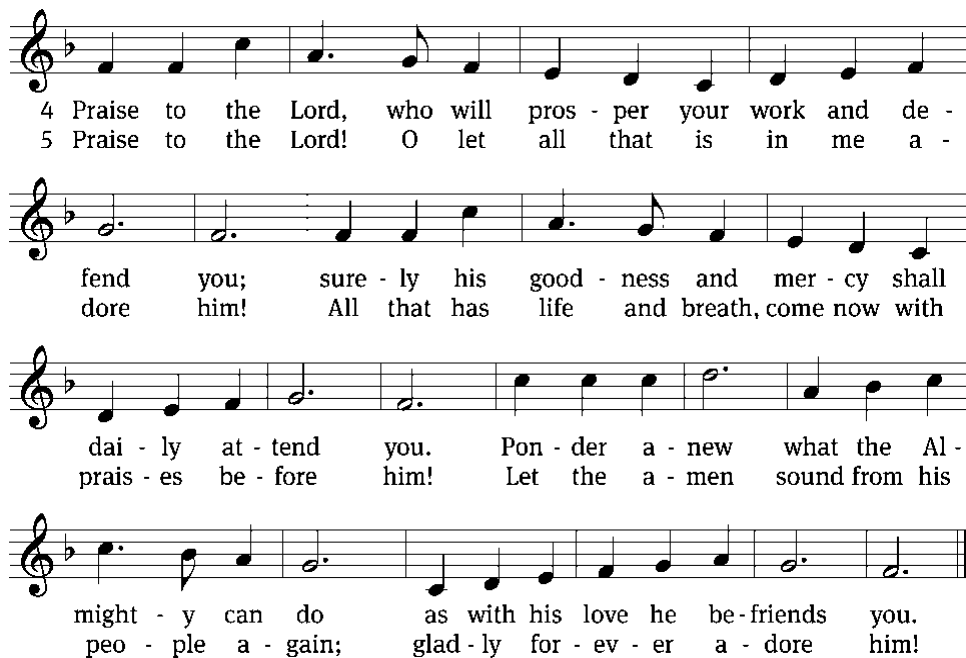
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SERMON:

Disciples of Jesus Count the Cost

Hymn: 624 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

CW 624 sts. 4–5



4 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de -
5 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

fend you; sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall
dore him! All that has life and breath, come now with

dai - ly at - tend you. Pon - der a - new what the Al -
prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his

might - y can do as with his love he be - friends you.
peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him!

Text: Joachim Neander, 1650–1680; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.

Tune: Ander Theil Des Erneueren Gesang-Buchs, Stralsund, 1665, alt

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Thank Offering

The members of Shepherd of the Bay Lutheran Church have joined together to do the Lord's work in this community and around the world. Visitors need not feel obligated to participate in this offering which supports our ministry. If you prefer to give electronically, open your camera app and use the QR code



Prayer of the Day

- M: O merciful Lord, you did not spare your only Son but delivered him up for us all. Grant us courage and strength to take up the cross and follow him, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C: **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.

Prayer for Grace

- M: O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to this new day. Defend us with your mighty power, and grant that this day we neither fall into sin nor run into any kind of danger; and in all we do, direct us to what is right in your sight, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord
- C: **Amen.**
- M: Let us praise the Lord.
- C: **Thanks be to God**

Blessing

M: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: Amen.

Hymn: 617 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

CW 617

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all

crea-tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host;

praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711

Tune: Trente quatre Pseaumes de David, Geneva, 1551, ed. Louis Bourgeois

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Upcoming Events

Annual Church Picnic *Today, September 7 after worship!*

Bible Information Class *Tuesday, September 9 at 6:00pm*

Ladies' Arts & Fellowship *Saturday, September 13 at 1:00pm*

Bible Study/Sunday School Kickoff *Sunday, September 14 at 9:30am*

Worship with Communion *Sunday, September 14 at 10:30am*

Church Council Meeting *Wednesday, September 17 at 6:00pm*

Mornings with Mommy *Thursday, September 18 at 9:30am*

News for You

CHURCH CLEAN-UP THIS SATURDAY

Many hands make light work! Help spruce up our church building this Saturday, September 13th at 9:00am. Among other fun jobs, anticipate some garden tilling/planting, mulching, tree trimming, weeding, and power washing.

SUNDAY SCHOOL RETURNS

Next Sunday is "Back to Sunday School" at SotB! Bring your children to classroom one at 9:30am to learn about Jesus! Bible Study will resume as normal next Sunday.

MORNINGS WITH MOMMY: SEPTEMBER 18TH

Know a family with young children (infant-PreK)? Invite them to register on our website for the September session of Mornings with Mommy! Speak with Theresa, Joan, or Kaitlyn for more information about this exciting community event.

LADIES ARTS & FELLOWSHIP

Join in on some crafting fun as the ladies knit Hats for the Homeless this Saturday at 1:00pm!