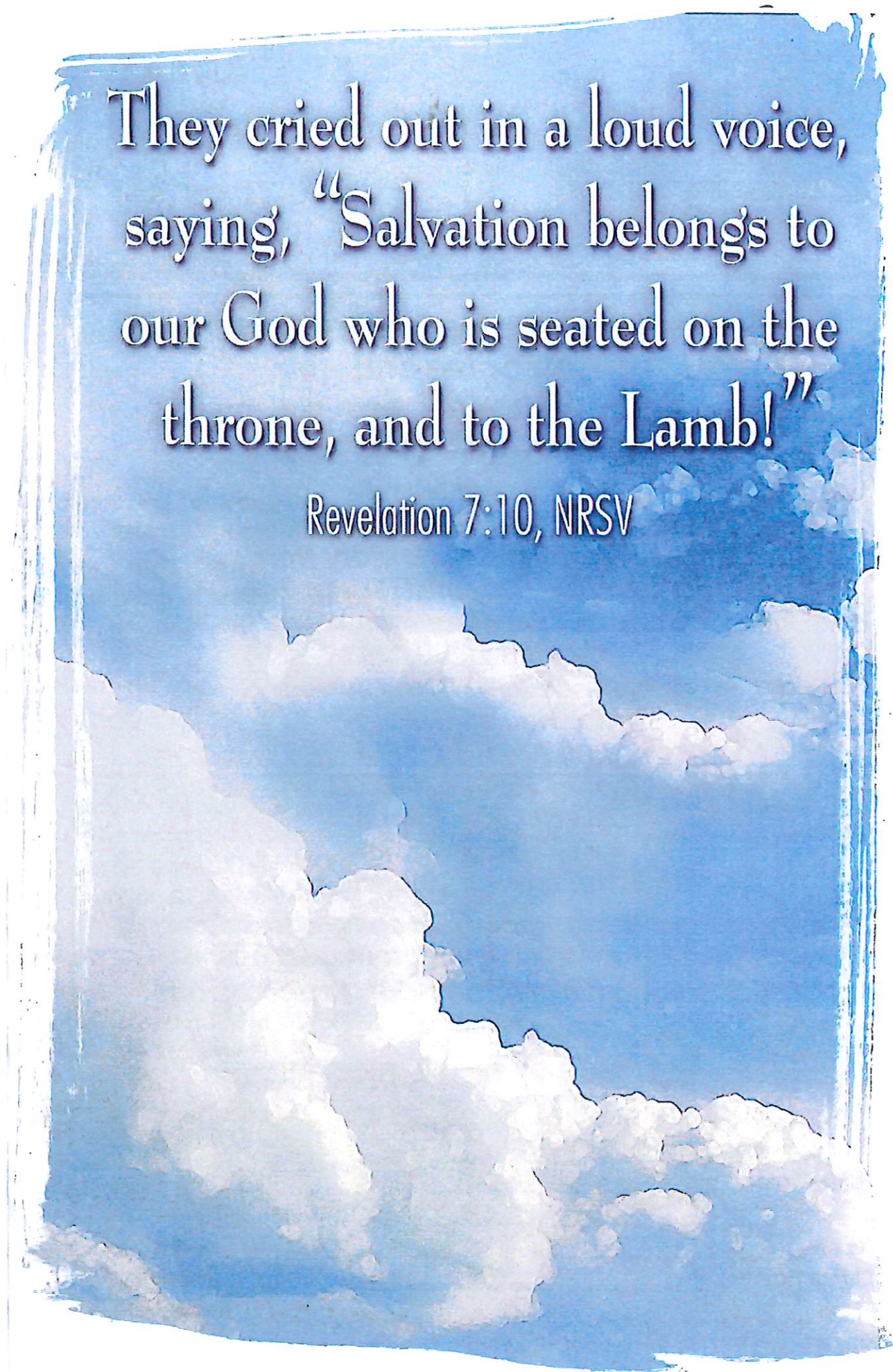


They cried out in a loud voice,
saying, "Salvation belongs to
our God who is seated on the
throne, and to the Lamb!"

Revelation 7:10, NRSV



UPCOMING *Events*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May

May 7—28 - Wednesday
Evening Bible Study @
6:30PM, Comm Ctr

May 10 - Roeding Satur-
day Sport @ 10AM—
12PM, Roeding Elemen-
tary

May 15 - Council Meeting
@ 6PM, Jacobson Hall

May 18 - Memorial Gar-
den Meeting after church,
Comm Ctr

May 18 - GSLC Book Club
@ 4PM, Comm Ctr

May 19 - OWLS @ 12PM,
Gloria Miller's

May 28 - Staff Meeting @
10AM, Pr. Ted's Office

May 27 - Roeding Book
Delivery @ 8AM, Roeding
Elementary

May 28 - KingsMen/
KingsKids' @ 6:30PM, Ja-
cobson Hall

WEEKLY *Sneak Peek*

SUNDAY, May 11

10am: Worship Service

11:15: Coffee Social

11:15am: Salt & Light,
Class Rm 2

MONDAY, May 12

TUESDAY, May 13

6pm - 10pm: Voices
United, Comm Ctr

6:30pm: Pentecostal
Tabernacle, Jacobson
Hall

WEDNESDAY, May 14

6:30pm: Wednesday
Evening Bible Study,
Comm Ctr

THURSDAY, May 15

FRIDAY, May 16

SATURDAY, May 17

SUNDAY, May 18

10am: Worship Service

11:15: Coffee Social

11:15am: Salt & Light,
Class Rm 2

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
Worship Service
May 11, 2025 - 10AM
Fourth Sunday of Easter

Prelude

"Air" By George Frederic Handel
Susan Berg, Organist

Announcements

Opening Songs

"Beautiful One"
"Friend of Sinners"
"All the Earth Will Sing Your Praises"
Praise Band and Congregation

Thanksgiving for Baptism

All may make the sign of the cross.

Alleluia! Christ is Risen.

Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

In the name of +the One who was, who is, and who is to come.

Amen.

Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and called to live the baptized life, let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Holy God,

we give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that make a people your own, that restore to wholeness, and empower us to be witnesses in your name.

Baptized into you, O living One,

make us one as you are one.

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that strengthen believers and give new life to beloved servants of your church; waters that extend your boundless love and cross barriers of our own making.

Baptized into you, O living One,

make us one as you are one.

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that open the hearts of believers and give a voice in the night to those in captivity; waters that set your people on a new path, rejoicing in the Spirit's power.

Baptized into you, O Living One,

Make us one as you are one.

Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One, that our every day is shaped by these waters that give us our very lives in you.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One

Amen.

Prayer of the Day

P: We pray together...

C: O God of peace, you brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep. By the blood of your eternal covenant, make us complete in everything good that we may do your will, and work among us all that is well-pleasing in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Lesson 1	Acts 9:36-43	Page 1001 in the cranberry Bible Page 133 in the red Bible
Lesson 2	Revelation 7:9-17	Page 1122 in the cranberry Bible Page 271 in the red Bible
Gospel	John 10:22-30	Page 978 in the cranberry Bible Page 107 in the red Bible

Kids' Talk

Pr. Ted Niemi

Children are now invited - but not required - to go with the adult leader to kids' church in classroom 2 during the sermon. They will return in time for communion with their families.

Sermon	"Imagine"	Pr. Ted Niemi
Sermon Hymn	"For the Beauty of the Earth" Song Leaders (Congregation Join)	Hymn 879 (vv. 1-2, 4-5)

Apostles' Creed

Prayers of the Church

Sharing the Peace

Special Music	"Shine On Us" By Michael W. Smith and Debbie Smith John Montgomery, Solo
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Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Holy Communion

Communion shall be served using the method known as "intinction": the wafer will be handed to you, and you will dip the wafer into either the gold chalice of wine, or the ceramic chalice of grape juice. For those who are not able to come up for communion, please just remain seated and our ushers will be happy to direct the communion servers to bring communion right to you. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Children are welcome to come up for communion to receive an animal cracker (unless otherwise advised by the parent or guardian). Please come, for all are welcome.

Communion Hymn "Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us" Hymn 789
Song Leaders (Congregation Please Join) (vv. 1-2, 4)

Blessing

Closing Song "Majestic"
Praise Band and Congregation

Sending

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

P: Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude "Postlude in G Major" By George Frederic Handel
Susan Berg, Organist

We rejoice in the Lord's answers to prayers
and thank God for His goodness.

**Members Needing
Prayer:**

Mona White
Julie Werfelmann
Dee Wright
Rev. Dr. Arlynn
Turnquist
Kay Schumacher
Betty Montgomery
Neil and Verna Wal-
den
Liz Smith
Bill Biggs
Mary Norris & Family
Connie Alvarado
Jocelyn Miller
Kirsten Linder
Jim Thompson

Family and Friends:

Steve Lower (Terstegen)
Jade Dixon (Julie)
Kathy (Secretary) and Family
Elaine (Werfelmann)
Linda Healy (White)
Ivonne Garcia (Zamora)
Barbara Shakespeare
Phoebe (Neer)
Phil (Anderson)
Gary Assmussen (Deuker)
Irene Goldman (Dueker)
Jennifer Wenzel (Wilk)
Betty (Anderson)
Tonya (White)
Shanese (White)
Zyg Zee (Norris)
Claire (Vonny)
Janet Sharp (Fake)
Anthony Collichio (Norris)
Mickey Cecil (Norris)
Dorothy Lee Bruce (Julie)
Melissa (Sandy T.)
Frank and Anita Porco (Vonny)
Pam (Smith)
Grace Johnson (Fake)
Hudson Otten (Anderson)
Karen Ohanesian (Hays)
Rosemary (Vonny)
Nathan & Sandy Robbins
(Robbins)

Prayers For

All Good Shepherd Families Who Have Lost Loved Ones, Members of
Our Military Service, First Responders, and Those Affected by Illness,
Natural Disasters and War.

For Prayer Requests: Complete the prayer request card on the back of
the pew or call/email the church office 225-2092/gslcfresno@att.net

Sunday, May 11, 2025

Scripture Reading: John 10:22-30

*There's no way to be a perfect mother,
and a million ways to be a good one. — Jill Churchill*



The Bible says in Isaiah 66:13, “As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you.” Today is Mother’s Day — a special time to celebrate the love, sacrifice and nurturing spirit that mothers embody. The Bible frequently uses the imagery of a mother’s care to reflect God’s love for us — a love that is tender, persistent and comforting. One of my favorite Mother’s Day stories beautifully illustrates the essence of this love.

In May 2008, a deadly earthquake in China flattened whole villages and towns in the mountains and surrounding areas. Nearly 90,000 people died or were missing and presumed dead, including more than 5,300 children, the bulk of them students attending classes. As rescue efforts unfolded, volunteers found a woman curled over her infant child under the rubble of a collapsed building. Though the mother had perished, the child was found alive under her protective embrace. In the woman’s hands was a cellphone with a message that read: “If you survive, remember that I love you.”

This is *maternal* love — enduring, sacrificial and selfless. It is also a snapshot of *divine* love, as the Isaiah verse reminds us. Just as a mother protects her child, God shields us through the trials of life. God’s love, like a mother’s, never abandons us, even in the hardest moments. On Mother’s Day, we honor the mothers who reflect God’s heart through their care, and we are reminded that, just as a mother comforts her child, so God comforts us.

Actress Goldie Hawn is reputed to have said, “The truth is that no matter how old we are, as long as our mothers are alive, we want our mother.”

So true! This Mother’s Day, may we be inspired by stories of sacrificial love and be reminded that God’s love for us is even greater than we can imagine.

—Timothy Merrill

Prayer: Loving God, we thank you for mothers and for the love that nurtures and sustains us. Thank you for those who reflect your heart through their daily sacrifices, care and compassion. We pray for strength and encouragement for mothers everywhere, that they may feel your love sustaining them. May we all remember to share love with the mothers and caregivers in our lives, today and every day. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

Week of May 11, 2025



Daily Bible Readings

Sunday: Luke 18-21

Monday: 1 Samuel 21-24

Tuesday: 1 Samuel 25-28

Wednesday: 1 Samuel 29-31

Thursday: 2 Samuel 1-4

Friday: 2 Samuel 5-8

Saturday: Psalms 46-48

Verse to Remember

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore, we will not fear.

—Psalm 46:1-2

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The Language of Love!

On Mother's Day we are given an opportunity to remember those we love and those who love us. Think of the words of the apostle Paul in 1 Corinthians 13.

Study each line carefully to see what letter is NOT in the row and write it in the blank provided. If all letters are present, consider that a space between words.

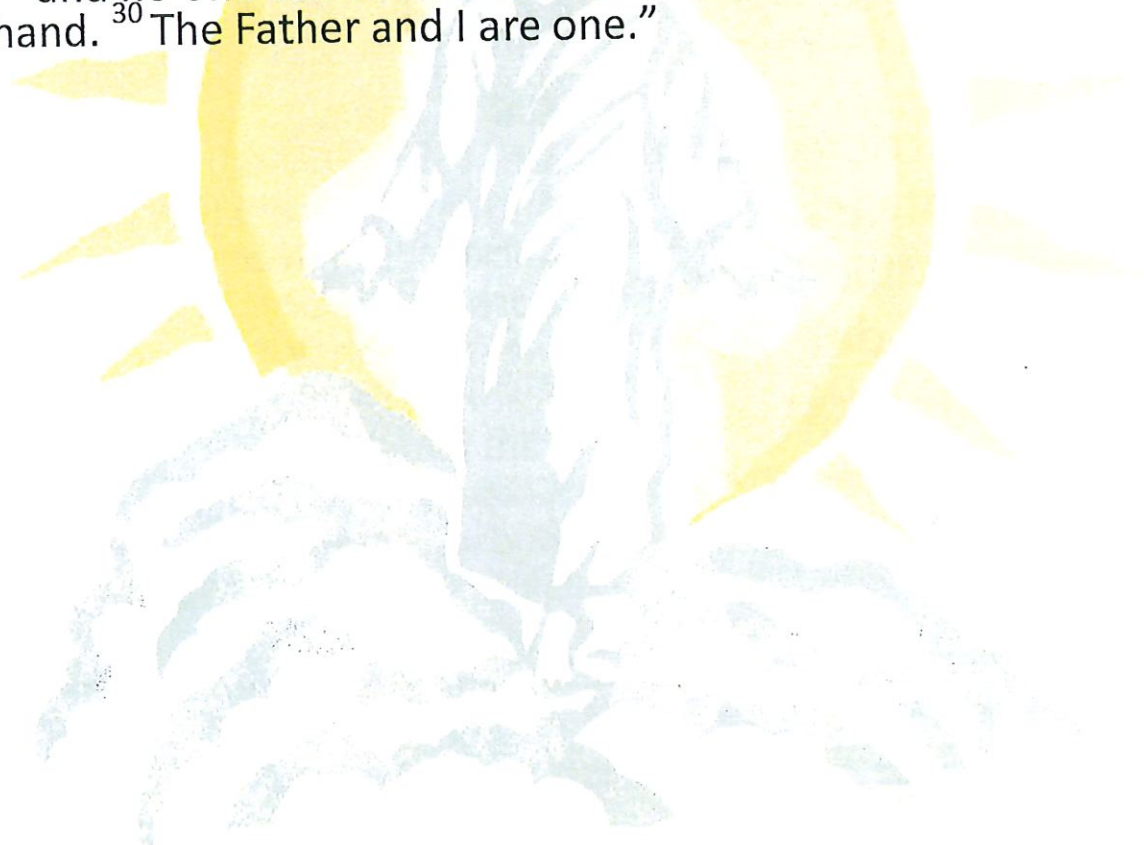
When you've completed the puzzle, write this statement about love in the space provided below.

GOSPEL

John 10:22-30

Jesus Is Rejected by the Jews

²² At that time the Festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³ and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. ²⁴ So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, ^[a] tell us plainly." ²⁵ Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me, ²⁶ but you do not believe because you do not belong to my sheep. ²⁷ My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹ My Father, in regard to what he has given me, is greater than all, ^[b] and no one can snatch them out of the Father's hand. ³⁰ The Father and I are one."



ANNOUNCEMENTS



Shoe Fund Raiser

This fundraiser is for 60 days starting from 5/11/25 thru 7/20/25. Start collecting your shoes starting now and the truck will come to pick them all up around August 18th or 19th.

Volunteer Needed—Instagram Posts



The church is needing someone to step up and begin doing the Instagram post for the upcoming events and activities.

OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE!

Financial Secretary & Counters Needed
Counter Job Description (2 counters each week):



- Collect tithes and offerings from collection plate
- Check the Financial Secretary mailbox for checks received from previous week
- Total all checks and cash, provide adding machine tape for Treasurer
- Make copies of all checks for data entry purposes (include on the copy the cash received; I just handwrite this)
- Prepare Bank of America deposit slip and place in B of A deposit bag.

Take to the bank (This May be done by Financial Secretary or Treasurer)

Financial Secretary Job Description

Weekly:

- From copy of checks enter in "ICON" our church financial software
- Email to Treasurer the weekly report of donations

Monthly:

Every month provide to Kathy the fund totals of donations for the newsletter, this report is run from ICON

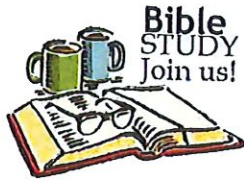
Quarterly:

Every quarter run statements for our donors and end of year the full year for our donors

We are also in need of a Property person.

Shalom. Peace. Paz. Julie Werfelmann

Wednesday Bible Study



We have begun *The Gospel on the Ground* which picks up as the gospel begins spreading with the new church. The book is available from your usual book seller. *The Gospel on the Ground* is also written by Kristi McLelland. Mark your calendars, get a copy of the study book, and plan to join us in the Community Center, Wednesday's at **6:30pm**.

Collecting Books for Summer Reading!

We will once again be providing books to the entire student population over at Roeding. We have a good start thanks to Thrivent's generosity, but we can always use more. Please bring in new or gently used books for preschool through 8th grade. Thanks for your support of our adopted school!



OWLS Gathering May 19th @ Noon



Hooties, let it all hang out at Gloria Miller's on May 19th, NOON. Diane will conduct the activities.
Bring: A LABELLED dish to share, Your ENTIRE table service, Energy to play UNO ???
See Sandy T for a map & to sign up.

To my Faith Family at Good Shepherd,

How can I thank you for the kind words and expressions of gratitude in the lovely cards you gave me on May 4th? I was overwhelmed by your sentiments. I praise God for all the blessings and evidence of His presence He has allowed us to share together.

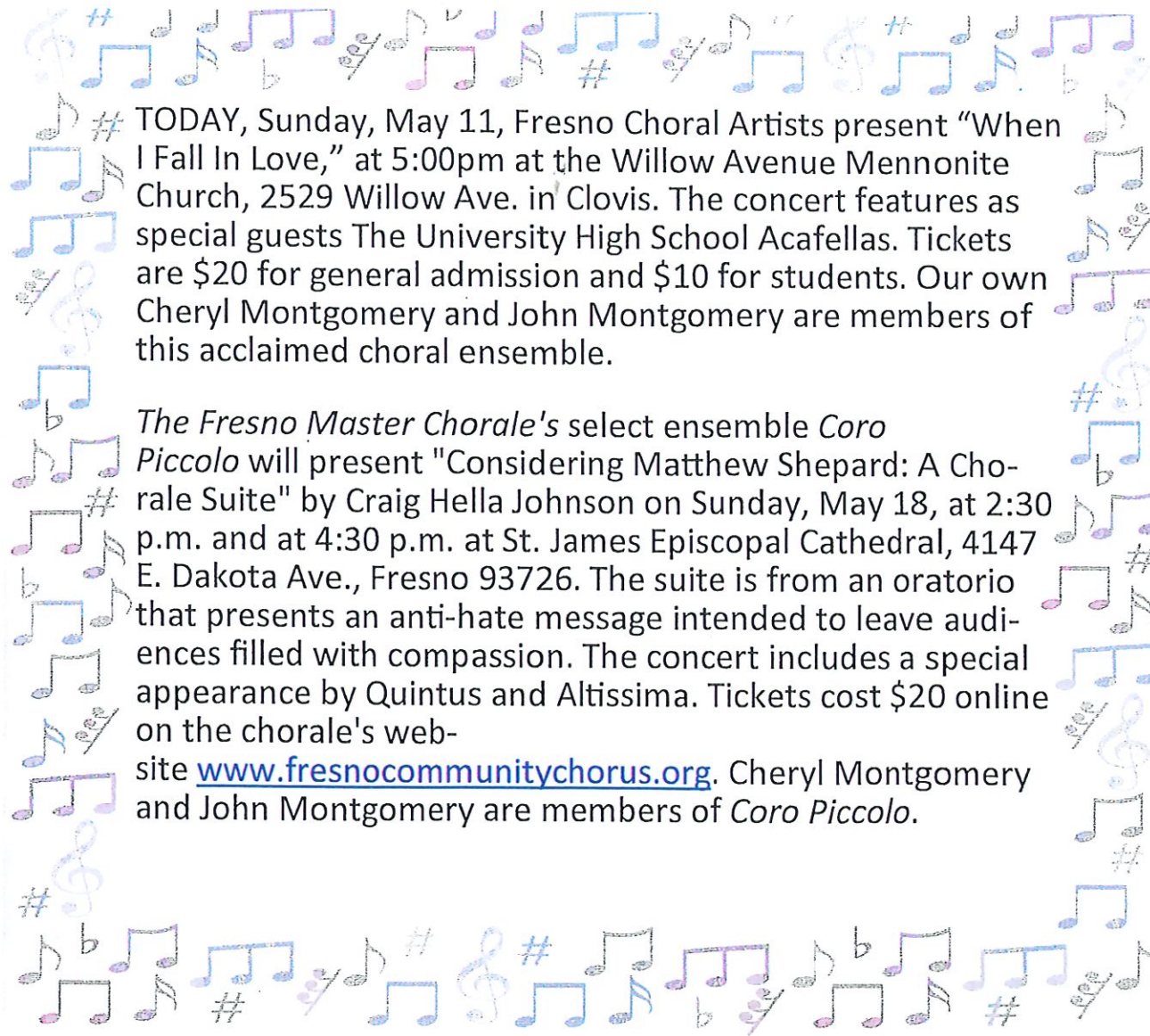
We are still One in the Spirit, even though distance separates us a bit. May each of us continue to grow in our faith and reliance on Jesus Christ as the way, the truth and the life. Our journeys will bring us into the Heavenly Kingdom together where we will spend eternity before the Throne of God forever. God bless you all.

To God Be the Glory!

With my deepest love and gratitude,

Carolyn (The best way to reach me is by email: mclinnusa@yahoo.com)





TODAY, Sunday, May 11, Fresno Choral Artists present "When I Fall In Love," at 5:00pm at the Willow Avenue Mennonite Church, 2529 Willow Ave. in Clovis. The concert features as special guests The University High School Acafellas. Tickets are \$20 for general admission and \$10 for students. Our own Cheryl Montgomery and John Montgomery are members of this acclaimed choral ensemble.

The Fresno Master Chorale's select ensemble *Coro Piccolo* will present "Considering Matthew Shepard: A Chorale Suite" by Craig Hella Johnson on Sunday, May 18, at 2:30 p.m. and at 4:30 p.m. at St. James Episcopal Cathedral, 4147 E. Dakota Ave., Fresno 93726. The suite is from an oratorio that presents an anti-hate message intended to leave audiences filled with compassion. The concert includes a special appearance by Quintus and Altissima. Tickets cost \$20 online on the chorale's website www.fresnocommunitychorus.org. Cheryl Montgomery and John Montgomery are members of *Coro Piccolo*.