

# ***WELCOME TO WORSHIP***

***Feast of Mary, Mother of Our Lord (transferred)  
August 16, 2026***



*Madonna and Child by Giovanni Bellini (1426?-1516)*

***Holy Spirit Lutheran Church***

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*To all who are tired and need rest; to all who mourn, and need comfort; to all who are friendless and need friendship; to all who are homeless, and need sheltering love; to all who pray, and to all who do not pray; to all who sin and need a Savior; to whomsoever will, this church opens wide its doors and in the name of Jesus Christ, says Welcome!*

Welcome to Holy Spirit! Thank you for joining us today to worship the Living God! Through prayer, music, the proclamation of God's word and the sharing of a meal together we offer praise to God! Please come again and invite others to come with you. You are always welcome here at Holy Spirit!

We welcome the participation of all in worship. This worship bulletin is inclusive and contains the order of worship and all music you will need to participate. We sit and stand where indicated (\*) in reverence to God; do what is comfortable for you. The people respond where indicated in **boldface** type.

A: Assisting Minister C: Congregation P: Presiding Minister

If you are having difficulty reading the bulletin, we have enlarged print bulletins available. Please ask the usher.

Visitors, please fill out a communion card and place in the offering plate.  
Members, please fill out a communion card at least once per month and place in the offering plate.

**OUR MISSION**  
**“KNOW CHRIST! GROW! SPREAD GOD’S LOVE!”**

## **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **+ GATHERING +**

*(Please stand as you are able)*

#### **\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

P: In the name of the ✝ Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier of life.  
**Amen.**

P: Let us recite together the Great Commandment.

Jesus said,

**C: “The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these.”**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Most merciful God,

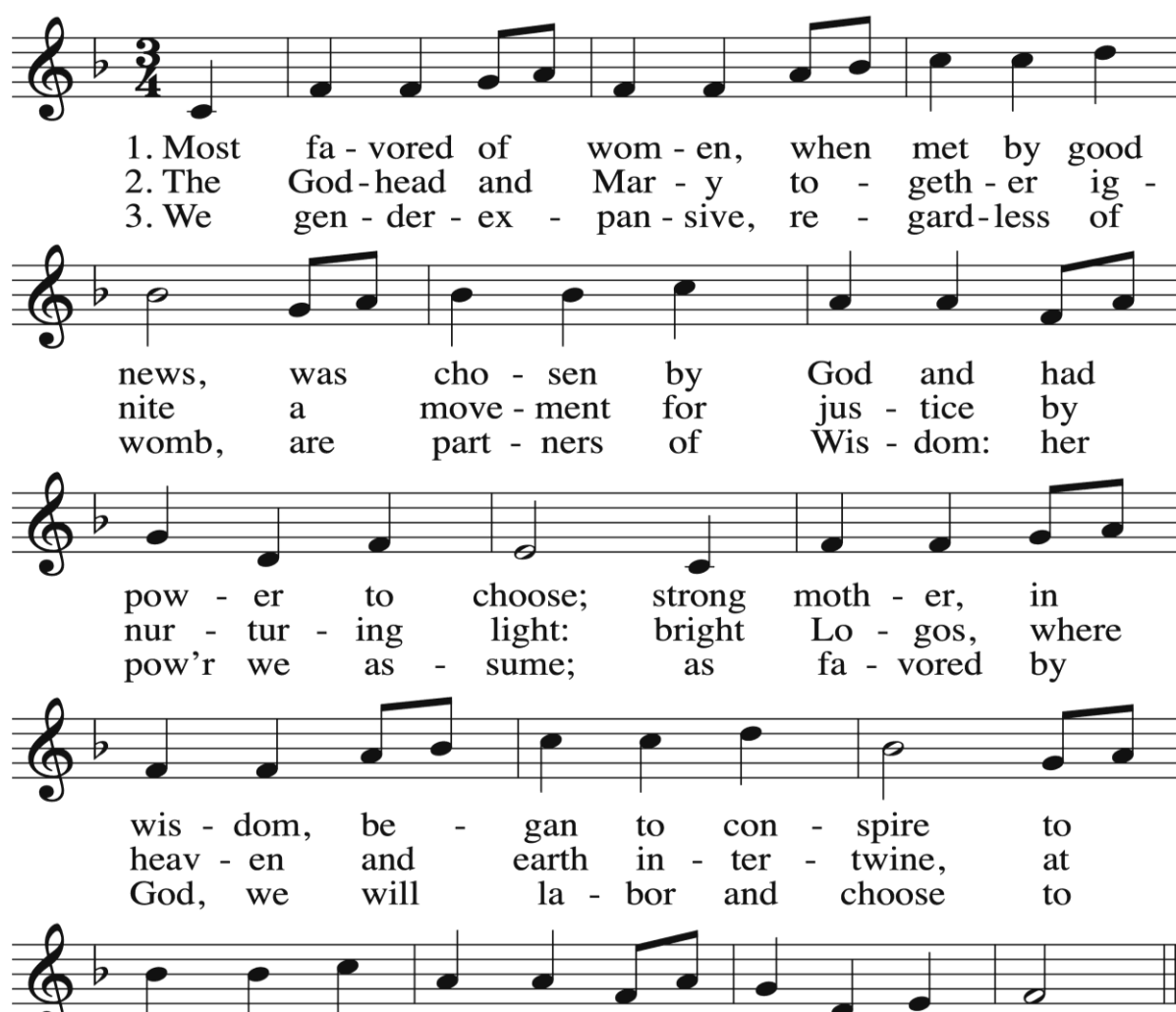
**C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us,**

renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

P: Almighty God, in mercy and love, has given God's Son to become one of us, to die and rise again in glory for us and, for Jesus' sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the ✝ name of the Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier of life.

C: Amen.

**\*GATHERING HYMN: Most Favored of Women**



1. Most fa - vored of wom - en, when met by good  
 2. The God - head and Mar - y to - geth - er ig -  
 3. We gen - der - ex - pan - sive, re - gard - less of

news, was cho - sen by God and had  
 nite a move - ment for jus - tice by  
 womb, are part - ners of Wis - dom: her

pow - er to choose; strong moth - er, in  
 nur - tur - ing light: bright Lo - gos, where  
 pow'r we as - sume; as fa - vored by

wis - dom, be - gan to con - spire to  
 heav - en and earth in - ter - twine, at  
 God, we will la - bor and choose to

kin - dle a world that was read - y for fire.  
 once whol - ly hu - man and whol - ly di - vine.  
 bold - ly give birth to God's rad - i - cal news.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. O God, you have taken to yourself the blessed Virgin Mary, mother of your son, Jesus:

**C: Grant that we, who have been redeemed by his blood, may share with her the glory of your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*(Please be seated)*

+ **WORD** +

### ***FIRST READING: Isaiah 61:10-11***

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord,  
my whole being shall exult in my God;  
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,  
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,  
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,  
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.  
For as the earth brings forth its shoots,  
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,  
so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise  
to spring up before all the nations.

Word of God. Word of Life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*Psalm: 34:1-9*

- <sup>1</sup> I will bless the LORD at all times;  
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.
- <sup>2</sup> **I will glory in the LORD;  
let the humble hear and rejoice.**
- <sup>3</sup> Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD;  
let us exalt his Name together.
- <sup>4</sup> **I sought the LORD, and he answered me  
and delivered me out of all my terror.**
- <sup>5</sup> Look upon him and be radiant,  
and let not your faces be ashamed.
- <sup>6</sup> **I called in my affliction and the LORD heard me  
and saved me from all my troubles.**
- <sup>7</sup> The angel of the LORD encompasses those who fear him,  
and he will deliver them.
- <sup>8</sup> **Taste and see that the LORD is good;  
happy are they who trust in him!**
- <sup>9</sup> Fear the LORD, you that are his saints,  
for those who fear him lack nothing.

***SECOND READING: Galatians 4:4-7***

When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Word of God. Word of Life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*(Please stand, as you are able)*

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

(ELW 174)

**\*GOSPEL:** *Luke 1:46-55***P:** The Good News of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

Mary said,

"My soul magnifies the Lord,  
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.

Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;  
for the Mighty One has done great things for me,  
and holy is his name.

His mercy is for those who fear him  
from generation to generation.

He has shown strength with his arm;  
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.

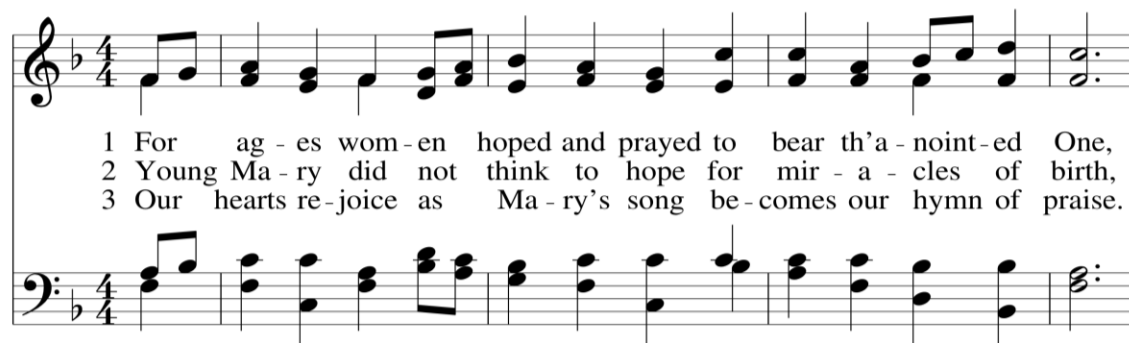
He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,  
and lifted up the lowly;

he has filled the hungry with good things,  
and sent the rich away empty.

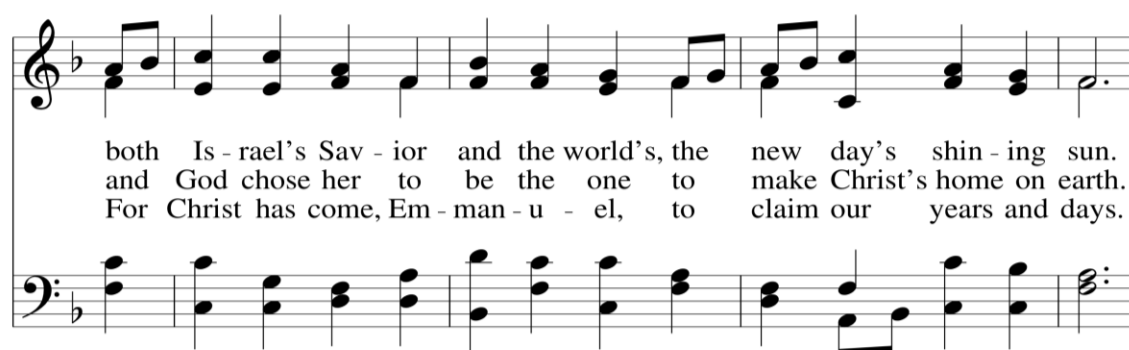
He has helped his servant Israel,  
in remembrance of his mercy,

according to the promise he made to our ancestors,  
to Abraham and to his descendants forever.

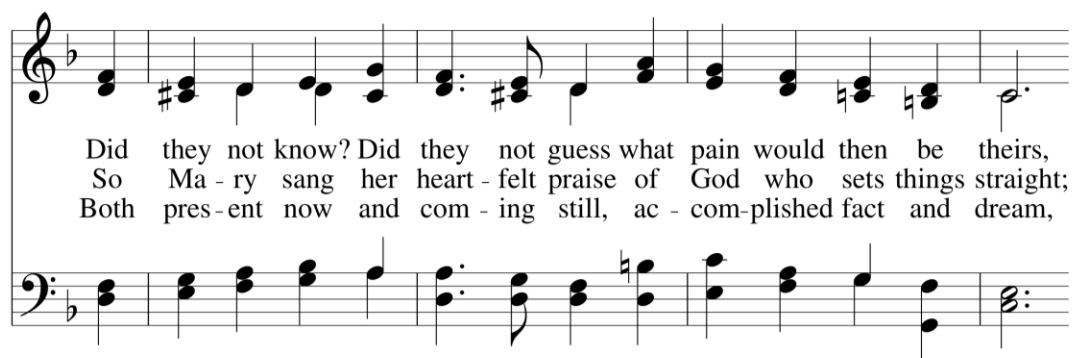
**P:** This is the Good News of the Lord.**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

*(Please be seated)***SERMON****Rev. Christopher Drummond***(Please stand as you are able)***\*HYMN OF THE DAY: For Ages Women Hoped and Prayed**


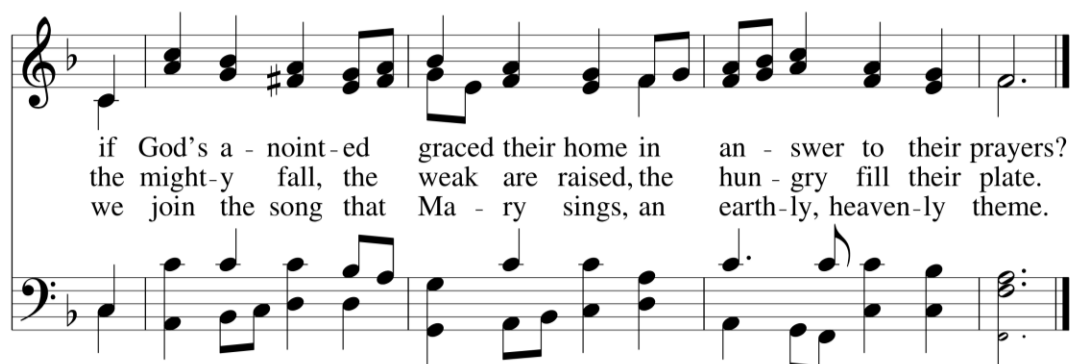
1 For ag - es wom - en hoped and prayed to bear th'a - noint - ed One,  
 2 Young Ma - ry did not think to hope for mir - a - cles of birth,  
 3 Our hearts re - joice as Ma - ry's song be - comes our hymn of praise.



both Is - rael's Sav - ior and the world's, the new day's shin - ing sun.  
 and God chose her to be the one to make Christ's home on earth.  
 For Christ has come, Em - man - u - el, to claim our years and days.



Did they not know? Did they not guess what pain would then be theirs,  
 So Ma - ry sang her heart - felt praise of God who sets things straight;  
 Both pres - ent now and com - ing still, ac - com - plished fact and dream,



if God's a - noint - ed graced their home in an - swer to their prayers?  
 the might - y fall, the weak are raised, the hun - gry fill their plate.  
 we join the song that Ma - ry sings, an earth - ly, heav - en - ly theme.

WORDS: Jane Parker Huber (1926- )  
 MUSIC: English melody; arr. Arthur S. Sullivan (1842-1900)

NOEL  
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**\*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.**

*(Please remain standing)*

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*(response after: Hear us, Oh God)*

**C: Your mercy is great.**

**PEACE**

**P: The peace of Christ be with you always.**

**C: And also with you.**

*We greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, 'Peace be with you'.*

## **“LET THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH”**

*Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.  
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.  
With God as our Parent, siblings all are we  
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.  
Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now  
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow,  
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.  
Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.*

*(Please be seated)*

### **OFFERING:**

**A:** We worship through our tithes and offering. Now let us joyfully respond to God's goodness, through our personal giving.

*It is only through your giving that the ministry and mission of Holy Spirit continues. Many people give electronically and we thank all growing disciples in advance for their generous giving. Offerings can also be dropped in the mailbox or mailed in.*

*As the Offering is presented at the Altar, we sing:*

### **\*DOXOLOGY**

**(ELW 885)**

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise God, all  
crea - tures here be - low; praise God a - bove, ye  
heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

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## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray:

A: Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread,

**C: So let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen.**

*(Please stand as you are able.)*

## \*GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: God is with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy [...] 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, as we sing:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,  
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.  
 Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

**P:** You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.  
 You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

**C:** You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,  
 so that everyone who believes in him may not perish  
 but have eternal life.

On the night before he died, 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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,  
 we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

P: We ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving  
and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants,  
and these your own gifts of bread and wine,  
so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ  
may be filled ✠ with your heavenly benediction,  
and, receiving the forgiveness of sin,  
may be formed to live as your holy people  
and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God—Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier of life,  
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**P:** And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

## BREAKING OF THE BREAD

P: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

**C: have mercy on us.**

P: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

**C: have mercy on us.**

P: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

**C: grant us peace.**

*(Please be seated)*

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*In Holy Communion, we encounter the Real Presence of Jesus Christ as we reverently receive the consecrated bread and wine. Everyone is invited to receive this Sacrament—without exception; however, if you would prefer a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest and the pastor will know to give you a blessing. Gluten free bread is available.*

## DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

*After all have communed and been seated, we sing the following song.*

**COMMUNION MEDITATION SONG: What Feast of Love (ELW 487)**



- 1 What feast of love is of - fered here, what ban-quet come from heav - en?
- 2 What light of truth is of - fered here, what cov - e - nant from heav - en?
- 3 What wine of love is of - fered here, what crim-son drink from heav - en?



What food of ev - er - last - ing life, what gra - cious gift is giv - en?  
 What hope of ev - er - last - ing life, what won - drous word is giv - en?  
 What stream of ev - er - last - ing life, what pre - cious blood is giv - en?

(Cont'd)



This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heav - en.  
 This, this is Christ the king, the sun come down from heav - en.  
 This, this is Christ the king, the sweet - est wine of heav - en.



Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the man - na giv - en!  
 Oh, see and hear and sing! The Word of God is giv - en!  
 Oh, taste and see and sing! The Son of God is giv - en!

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

Music: GREENSLEEVES, English ballad, 16th cent.

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*(Please stand as you are able.)*

### **\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**A:** Let us pray. Eternal God,

**C:** You have graciously accepted us as living members of our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Savior. Amen.

+ SENDING +

### **\*BLESSING**

**P:** Please bow your heads. [...] And the blessing of our most-loving God:

✠ Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier of life be with you this day and always.

**C:** Amen.

**\*SENDING HYMN: We Are Marching****(ELW 866)**

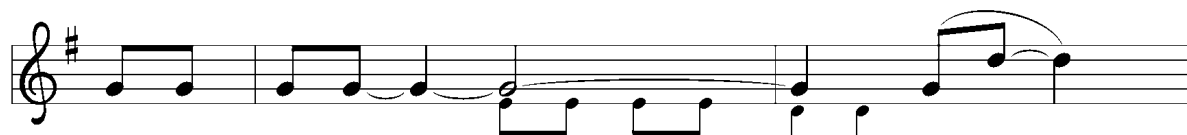
*Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos', si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha -*  
 We are march - ing in the light of God, we are march - ing in the



*nyen' kwen - khos'. Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos',*  
 light of God. We are march - ing in the light of God,



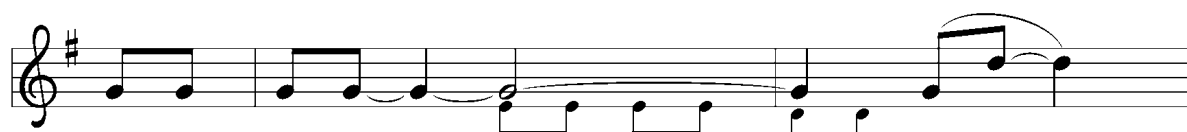
*si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.*  
 we are march - ing in the light of God.



*Si - ya - ham - ba (ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba) oo*  
 We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) oo



*si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.*  
 we are march - ing in the light of God.



*Si - ya - ham - ba (ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba) oo*  
 We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) oo



*si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.*  
 we are march - ing in the light of God.

*Additional stanzas ad lib.:*

We are dancing ...

We are praying ...

We are singing ...

**DISMISSAL**

A: God is love.

C: Jesus teaches us to love.

A: Jesus will never leave us nor forsake us

C: Nothing can separate us from the love of God.

A: Therefore, let us go forth rejoicing in the power of God's Spirit.

C: Thanks be to God.

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are dedicated to the Glory of God in memory of Mom and Dad's Anniversary by Nancy Hooper.

July's Income: \$ 8,295

July's Expense: \$ 10,649

Average Attendance: 17

**MINISTERS – ALL BAPTIZED PEOPLE OF GOD**

**Scheduled to serve 8/16**

*Donna G. – Assisting Minister*

*Colahans – Ushers*

*Colahans – Counters*

*Nancy H. – Altar*

**Scheduled to serve 8/23**

*Alan S. - Altar*

*Klines - Ushers*

*Downey/Deemer - Counters*

*Nancy H. - Altar*

**\*\*\*\*\*WEEKLY CALENDAR\*\*\*\*\***

**Wed, Aug 19**

**7:30pm - AA (Hall)**

**Thu, Aug 20**

**7:00pm – AA (Hall)**

**8:00pm – AA (Mtg Rm)**

**Sat, Aug 22**

**9:00am – AA (Hall) Breakfast**

**11:00am – DA (Mtg Rm)**

**Sun, Aug 23**

**10:15am – Worship**

**12:30pm – Song of Praise**

\*\*\*\*\*PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS\*\*\*\*\*

## Healing:

Annie Berner  
Eileen Maloney  
Lisa McDonough  
Hugh Mullarkey  
Lois Saunders  
Betty Lake  
Anne Rainsford  
Dolores Maurer  
Marie Schall  
Jack Bierling  
Joan & Harry Chaykun  
Nikki Miller  
Michelle Bracken  
Cookie Heaps  
RoseMarie D'Aprile  
Donna D'Agostino

Jackie Bernduer White  
Jackie Dewitt  
Maureen Colahan  
John Turner  
Lynn McGrane  
Sue Thomas  
Jean Cilurso  
Phyllis Horton  
Lou Vallies  
Linda Martin  
Bill McVian  
Suzie Thomas  
Scott Ferguson  
Johnathan Igoe  
Sonya Baxter  
Shirley May

*(If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, please call the office)*

**Also please remember in your prayers homebound members:** Ruth Dell'Orefice, Jane Croghan, Diane Kuhn, Hank Kuhn, Janet Kline, and Bob Kerns.

**Men & women in our armed forces, firefighters, police officers and emergency services personnel.**

## Announcements and Upcoming Events

**COFFEE HOUR** – Today, **Sunday, Aug 16<sup>th</sup>** after service sponsored by Gary and Nancy Hooper.

**BREAKFAST WORSHIP** – **Sunday, Aug 30<sup>th</sup>** in the Social Hall.

**BOTTLE CAPS** - Plastic caps of any sort are now being collected and shipped to a manufacturer to make Buddy Benches for schools so children can connect and share in friendship together. On behalf of those who will benefit from your donations, thank you.

**ALTAR** – We are in need of volunteers for Sep to set up and take down altar each week. Can you volunteer for a week? Please see sign up list on bulletin board in front of office.

**ALTAR FLOWERS** - THANK YOU everyone who signed up to sponsor altar flowers throughout the year. 2026 Flower Chart is now on the bulletin board. Please take a dedication form when you sign up and return to office. **Flowers are \$20 per vase.**

**BULLETIN COVERS** – There is a sponsor sign-up sheet to sponsor special bulletin covers for special occasions. The cost is \$15.00. Please see sign-up sheet outside the office.



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## ***OUR STAFF***

### ***Holy Spirit Lutheran Church***

*Pastor – The Rev. Christopher Drummond*

*Director of Music – Samuel Stevenson*

*Office Secretary – Jeanne Warner*

### ***Holy Spirit Nursery School***

*Pre-K Teacher – Nancy Harris*

*Teaching Assistant – Colleen Hall*

*Pre-School & MMO Teacher – Shelly Avila*

*Teaching Assistant – Michelle Brackin*

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