

SHEPHERD OF THE GLADES LUTHERAN CHURCH

A Lutheran Community of Christian Believers - ELCIA

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9:30 a.m. WORSHIP

Whoever wants to be

FIRST



must be

LAST



MARK 9:35, NRSV

of all and servant of all.

September 23, 2018

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY

AFTER PENTECOST

All Are Welcome

All who have come to worship are heartily welcomed. Let us joyfully open our hearts to God and to one another.

You are encouraged to participate in all that Shepherd of the Glades has to offer and to make Shepherd of the Glades your spiritual home.

All are invited and welcome to partake of the sacrament of Holy Communion by kneeling at the altar rail. Children are encouraged to come to receive the Lord's Blessing. The Eucharist is celebrated by intinction. Our Altar Guild at all communion services offers grape juice (the smaller chalice), as well as wine, for intinction, the dipping of wafer into the wine or juice. The Assistant will hold both the wine and the juice and move from the center to the outside of the communion rail. Communion is continuous with kneeling. Note: Gluten free wafers are now offered as well.

If Shepherd of the Glades can be of service to you or if you would like Pastor Bob to contact you, please so indicate on the pew welcome sheet. Pastor Bob is appointed as "part-time" interim. You can expect to see him in Naples on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and, of course, Sundays. He is available by phone at 717-228-9985.

Ministries for Today

Lector: Connee Zeman

Assistant: Jeanne Jones

Altar Guild: Bonny Dery

Ushers: Chuck Keller, Nadine Kelly, Keith Scamehorn,
and Charlotte Wahlig

September 16, 2018 Attendance: 84

SHEPHERD OF THE GLADES CHURCH
A Lutheran Community of Christian Believers
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost – September 23, 2018
9:30 A.M. Worship - Setting 3

+ *Indicates Please Stand*

Bold Indicates Congregation Joins In

PRELUDE

Megan Cianflone, Director of Music

INTRODUCTIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

+ **ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

All may make the sign of the cross in remembrance of baptism as the presiding minister begins:

P Blessed be the + holy Trinity, the one who fashions us, the one who heals us, the one who reforms us again and again.

C **Amen**

P Let us confess our sin, calling for God's transforming power.

Silence is kept for reflection and self examination.

P Source of all life,

C **We confess that we have not allowed your grace to set us free. We fear that we are not good enough. We hear your word of love freely given to us, yet we expect others to earn it. We turn the church inward, rather than moving it outward. Forgive us. Stir us. Reform us to be a church powered by love, willing to speak for what is right, act for what is just, and seek the healing of your whole creation. Amen**

P God hears our cry and sends the Spirit to change us and to empower our lives in the world. Our sins are forgiven, + God's love is unconditional, and we are raised up as God's people who will always be made new, in the name of Jesus Christ.

C **Amen**

+ **GATHERING HYMN** *“Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing”* **ELW 389**

+ **GREETING**

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

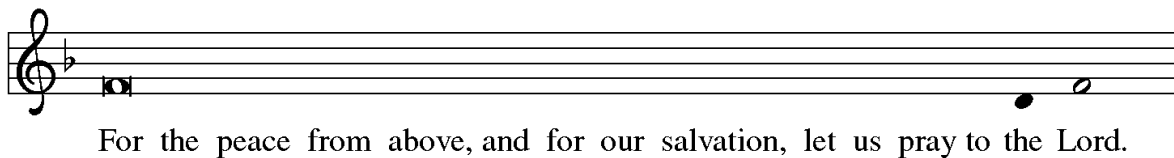
C **And also with you.**

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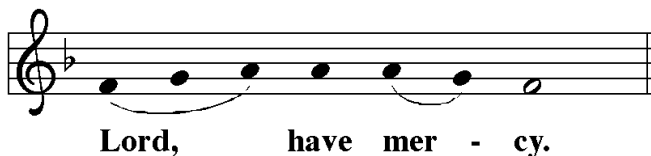
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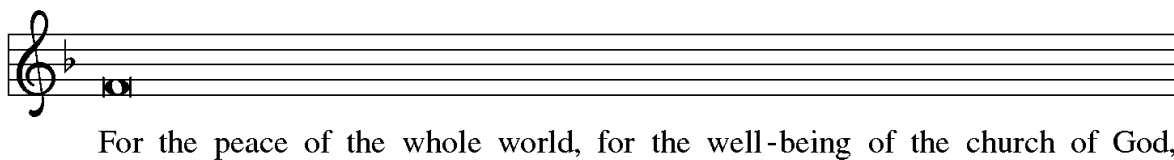
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



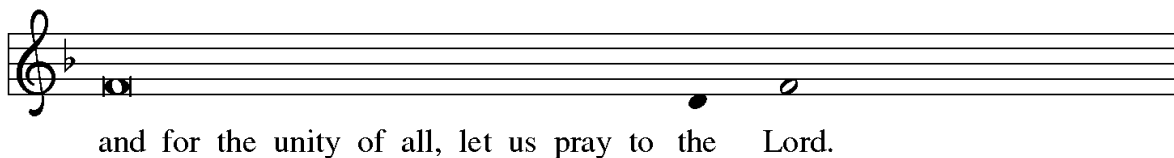
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



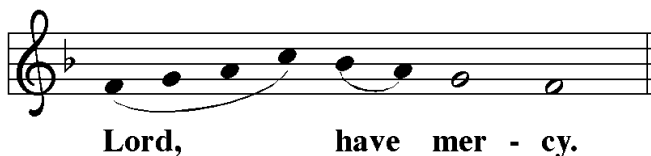
Lord, have mer - cy.



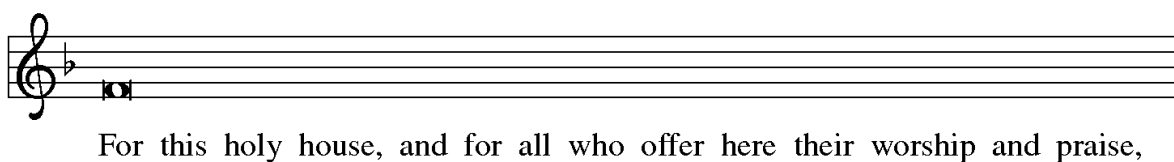
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



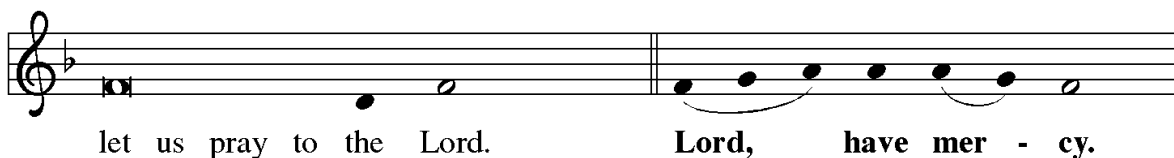
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



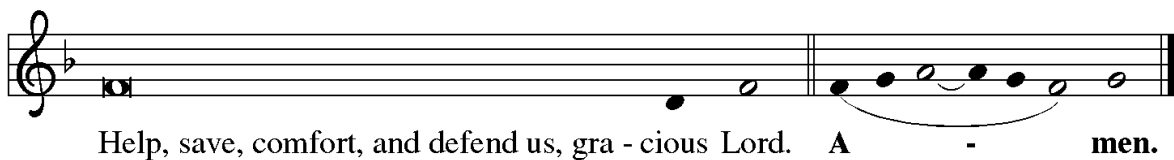
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

+ CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Glory to God

Assisting minister

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

All

Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,

we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;

you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,

in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

+ **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P Let us pray.

C **O God, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 11:18-20

¹⁸It was the LORD who made it known to me, and I knew; then you showed me their evil deeds. ¹⁹But I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter. And I did not know it was against me that they devised schemes, saying,

"Let us destroy the tree with its fruit,
let us cut him off from the land of the living,
so that his name will no longer be remembered!"

²⁰But you, O LORD of hosts, who judge righteously, who try the heart and the mind, let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause.

A The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 54 *(Read responsively)*

¹Save me, O God, by your name;
in your might, defend my cause.

²**Hear my prayer, O God;
give ear to the words of my mouth.**

³For strangers have risen up against me,
and the ruthless have sought my life,
those who have no regard for God.

⁴**Behold, God is my helper;
it is the Lord who sustains my life.**

⁵Render evil to those who spy on me;
in your faithfulness, destroy them.

⁶**I will offer you a freewill sacrifice
and praise your name, O LORD, for it is good.**

⁷For you have rescued me from every trouble,
and my eye looks down on my enemies.

SECOND READING: James 3:13 - 4:3; 7 - 8a

¹³Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. ¹⁵Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. ¹⁶For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. ¹⁷But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. ¹⁸And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

^{4:1}Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? ²You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. ⁷Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ⁸Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Bob Hoffman

+ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

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+ **The Holy Gospel according to: Mark 9:30-37**

C Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁰Jesus and the disciples went on and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; ³¹for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." ³²But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

³³Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" ³⁴But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. ³⁵He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." ³⁶Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷"Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON *"I Am the Greatest" (Muhammed Ali) vs. "(The) First Must Be Last" (Jesus)*
Text: Mark 9:34-35 Pastor Bob Hoffman

HYMN OF THE DAY *"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"* **ELW 815**

A Let us proclaim our trust in the presence and power of God in our lives with the words of the Apostles' Creed.

+ **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**

+ **THE PRAYERS**

P Freed by God in Christ to live and love and serve, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's beloved creation.

A brief silence.

Gracious God, you gather congregations together by the power of your word. Bless leaders with the gifts of wisdom and discernment as they seek to make your church the community for which you long. Lord, in your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

P Creative God, blue whales and honeybees sing the goodness of the earth. Glaciers and deserts declare your greatness. Make us good stewards of our home for the generations to come. Lord, in your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

P Sovereign God, you raise up governments to protect the widow and orphan. Bless citizens with wisdom and discernment as they choose leaders. Inspire leaders to always seek the common good. Lord, in your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

P Loving God, you desire health and wholeness. Reconcile the conflicts and disputes among us. Teach us to heal the trauma of racism and poverty. Break our hearts open to all those who suffer and mourn. Lord, in your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

P Welcoming God, you place children among us. Teach us to honor the children in our midst and to pay attention to what they can teach us about who you are. Lord, in your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P You surround us with a cloud of witnesses who announce the good news of abundant life to a sad and needy world. Make us a pilgrim people, always telling the story of your lovingkindness. Lord, in your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

P Into your wide embrace, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your boundless mercy through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer.

C **Amen**

+ **SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

P The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

(Please greet one another as we share Christ's presence in our midst.)

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS & TITHES

OFFERING HYMN

“Thy Holy Wings”

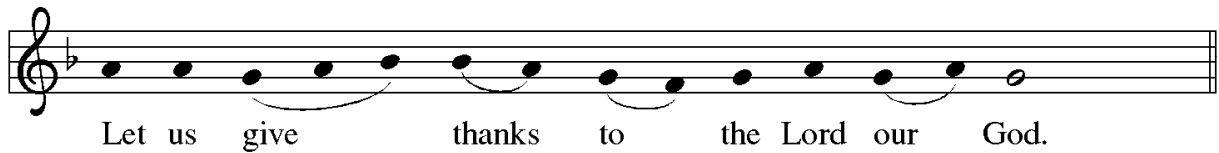
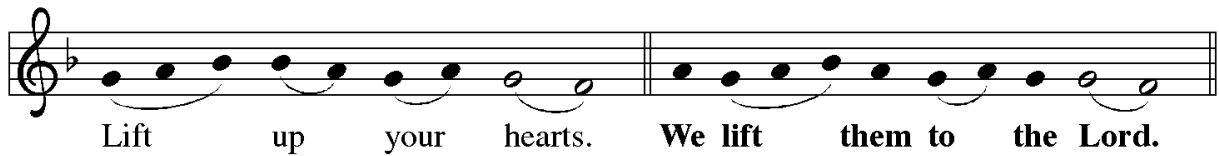
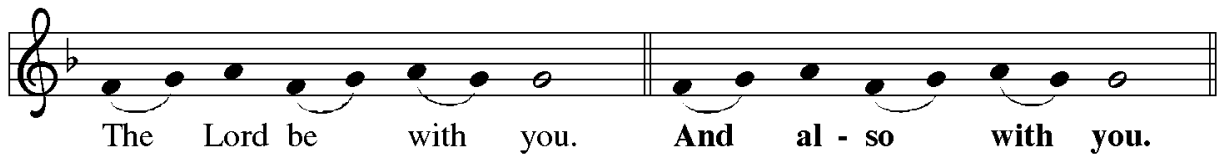
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+ OFFERING PRAYER

A Let us pray.

C **God of life, you give us these gifts of the earth, these resources of our life and our labor. Take them, offered in great thanksgiving, and use them to set a table that will heal the whole creation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Light. Amen**

+ THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



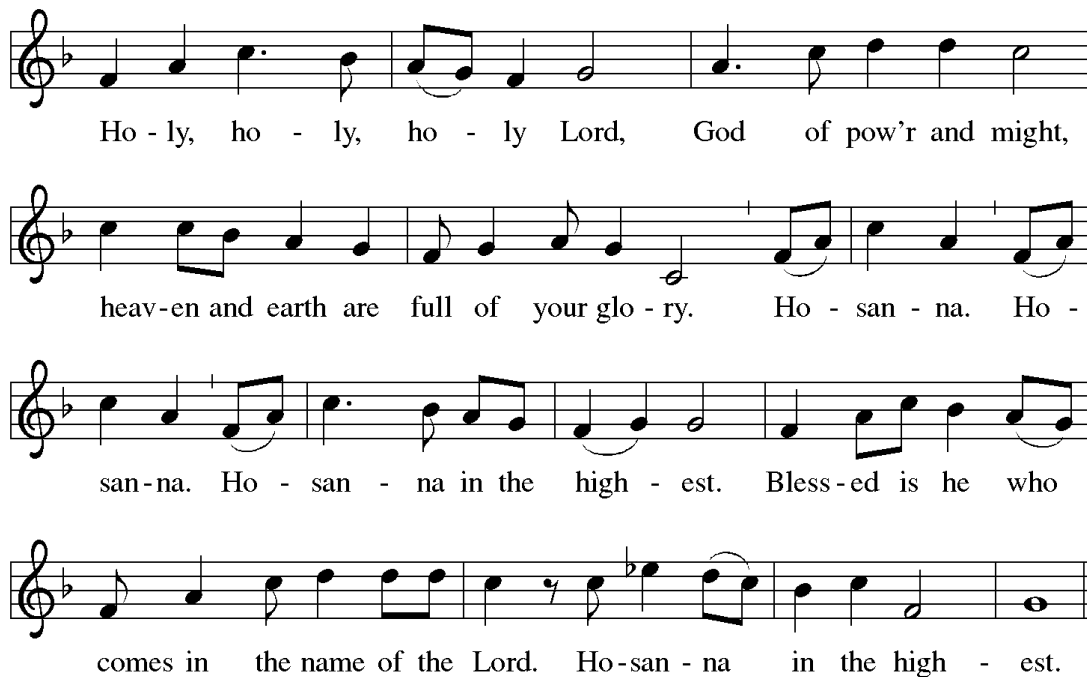
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+ PROPER PREFACE

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise . . . We praise your name and join their unending hymn:

+

Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
 san-na. 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.

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+ THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God. The universe declares your praise: beyond the stars; beneath the sea; within each cell; with every breath.

C **We praise you, O God.**

P Generations bless your faithfulness: through the water; by night and day; across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future.

C **We bless you, O God.**

P We give you thanks for your dear Son: at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer; beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now.

C **We thank you, O God.**

P In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, 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 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."

P Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

P We pray for the gift of your Spirit: in our gathering; within this meal; among your people; throughout the world.

C **Blessing praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, without end. Amen**

+ **THE LORD'S PRAYER** *(Spoken)*

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

C **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**

THE COMMUNION

P Speak to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread, and make us one with you.

(Eucharist is celebrated by intinction, the dipping of bread into the wine or juice. All are welcome to partake of the sacrament.)

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.

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COMMUNION HYMN

“Children of the Heavenly Father”

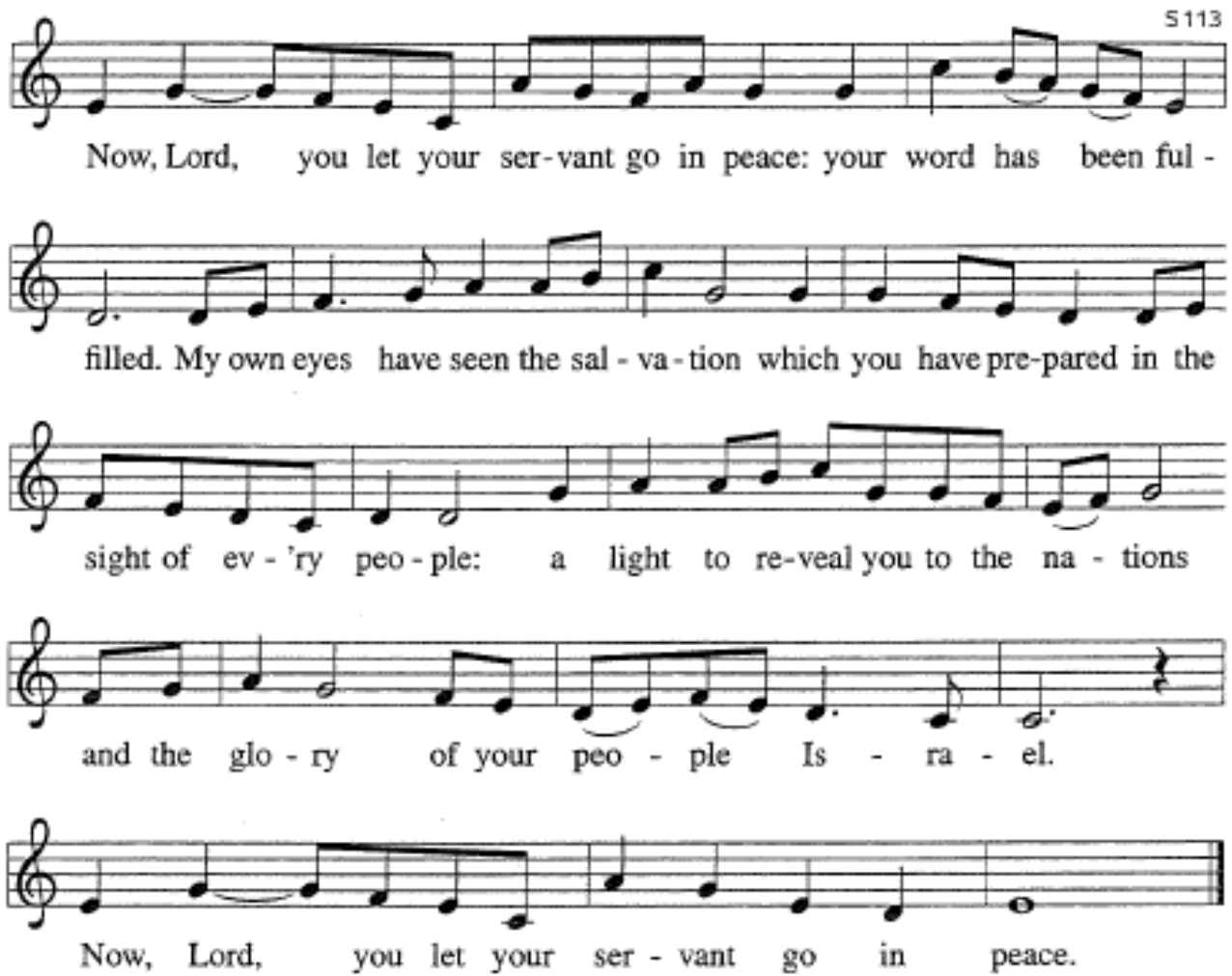
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+ **COMMUNION ACCLAMATION**

C **The body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen us and keep us in his grace.**

+ **POST COMMUNION CANTICLE**

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Now, Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace: your word has been ful -
filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre-pared in the
sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: a light to re-veal you to the na - tions
and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.
Now, Lord, you let your ser - vant go in peace.

A Let us pray.

C **Holy and compassionate God, in bread and wine you give us gifts that form us to be humble and courageous. May your words come to life in our serving and in our witness, that we might speak a living voice of healing and justice to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our rock and our redeemer. Amen**

+ **THE BLESSING**

P God, creator of all things, speaking reformation into being; Jesus Christ, savior of the world, raising the dead; Holy Spirit, living voice, calling and enlightening the church: Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C Amen

+ **SENDING HYMN**

"Jesus Loves Me!"

ELW 595

+ **PRAYER FOR SENDING**

C **O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us such trust in your presence and power in our lives to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but knowing only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us.**

- + **DISMISSAL**
A Go in peace. Sound the good news.
C Thanks be to God!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A CALL FOR ACTION

Every week, Shepherd of the Glades will be collecting and donating canned and boxed food to help persons in need at St. Matthew's House, Grace Place, and Immokalee Friendship House. Suggested items are canned food of all kinds, powdered milk, peanut butter, jellies/jams, cereals, soups, rice, pasta, etc. Items need to be within code date and unopened. Just bring your donations to the Church and give to the ushers. All items are being delivered locally. The last delivery was to Immokalee Friendship House.



WELCOME BREAKFAST FOR PASTOR BOB & COLLEEN TODAY!

The Fellowship Committee is hosting a "Welcome Breakfast" for Pastor Bob and Colleen TODAY after worship. This day also celebrates Pastor Bob's 8th anniversary of ordination, September 25, 2010! It will be a continental breakfast in Hanson Hall. Please come!

BIBLE STUDY WITH PASTOR BOB

God's Church does not have a "mission." God's Mission has a Church. The Office of our Bishop, Pedro Suarez, expects that early in the transition time the interim pastor will lead the congregation in a retreat. This retreat is scheduled for October 28, 2018, Reformation Sunday. It will begin right after worship and will include a lunch for the participants. In preparation for the retreat, Pastor Bob will lead a study of the book of the Acts of the Apostles early in the interim period. Pastor Bob has two more studies scheduled:

- Acts 10 on September 27; and
- Acts 16 on October 4.

Each day we will have two sessions, one at 2:00 p.m. and one at 7:00 p.m. in Hanson Hall. These study sessions will assist us in claiming a clear identity as a congregation in God's mission and in our call as a local expression of God's church.

SEW-SEWS TO BEGIN

The Sew-Sews will begin meeting for the Fall on Tuesday, October 2, at 8:30 a.m. in Hanson Hall. If you like to quilt or sew or would like to learn, please come! Bring a snack for coffee time at about 10 a.m.

THIS WEEK AT SHEPHERD OF THE GLADES:

Office hours this week are: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Friday. Lynn Dickerman starts her vacation on Thursday. In her place will be Joanne Hogan in the office.

Today, Sunday, September 23, 2018, 9:30 a.m. Worship with Pastor Bob; Sunday School is during the 9:30 a.m. service

Thursday, September 27, 2018, 2:00 and 7:00 p.m. Bible Study in Acts of the Apostles with Pastor Bob

Sunday, September 30, 2018, 9:30 a.m. Worship with Pastor Bob; Sunday School during the 9:30 a.m. service

MAGAZINES ONLY

There is a basket next to the desk in the office for the collection of magazines. They are taken to area nursing homes. However, they do not accept donation of paperback or hardback books. Thanks!

Ways to Be Faithful with the Lord

- † Put God first
- † Seek and do God's will
- † Pray daily
- † Worship weekly
- † Study & know God's word
- † Love & serve others
- † Tithe thankfully
- † Share the Gospel
- † Participate at church
- † Repent unfaithfulness

**Return to the Lord
Follow Jesus**



SOTG STAINED GLASS WINDOW

The Trinity

The Father: To the left of the cross is the open hand of God, giving all life and creation, the sun, the moon, and the stars, all creatures great and small, and things needed to sustain us on His earth.

The Son: The cross, gold for the glory of the resurrection, dominates the art. Around the center of this is red for the blood of Christ's sacrifice.

The Holy Spirit: In the upper right hand corner is the dove, symbol of the Holy Spirit

The Sacraments

Holy Communion: Below the dove, the communion chalice is shown, with the wheat and grapes, the bread and wine of communion, the body and blood of Christ.

Baptism: To the left of the cross is the shell, ancient symbol of baptism. Through water as a never ending river of blessing, it flows through our lives.

Our Faith

The swirling lines of movement throughout remind us that our faith is never still.

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