Sherwood Episcopal Church

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July 19, 2026 The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE Jupiter (*The Planets*, theme) Gustav Holst

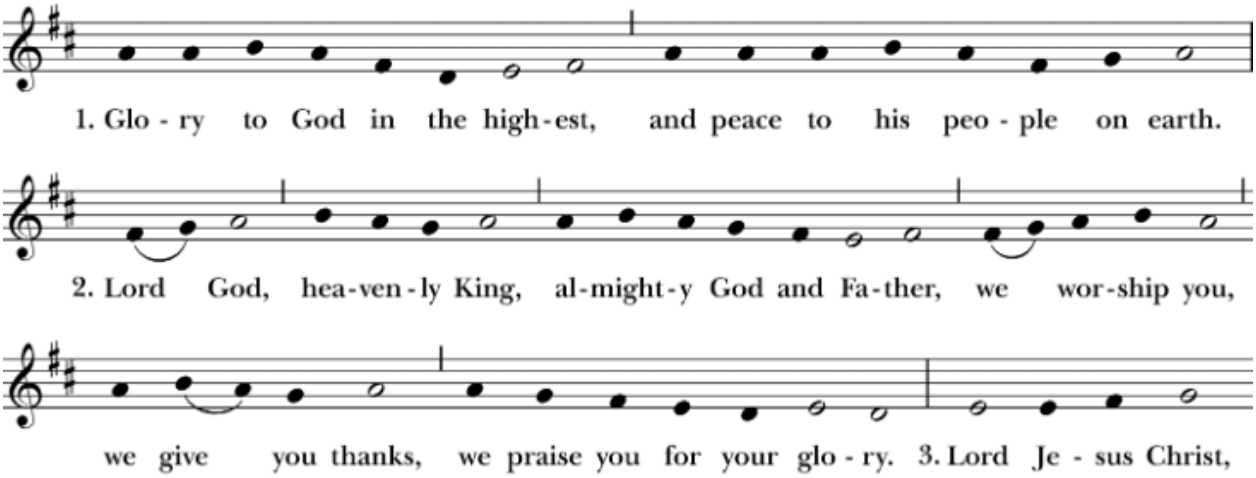
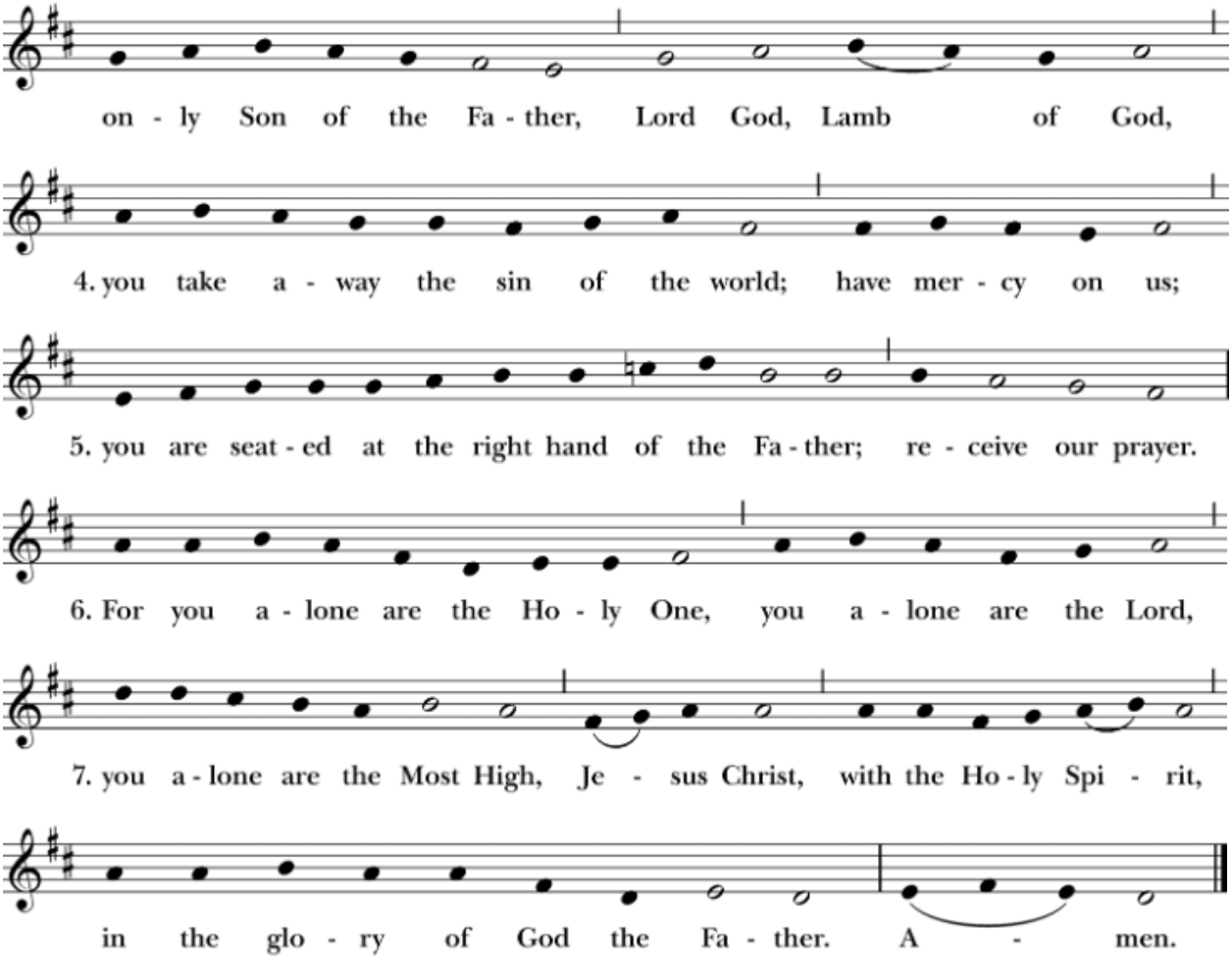
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS The Rev. Nancy H. Hennessey, Rector

THE WORD OF GOD

PROCESSIONAL HYMN Immortal, invisible, God only wise H423

THE OPENING SENTENCES BCP pg. 355
Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY
Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

Gloria Glory to God in the highest S277



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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray.

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***
Please be seated.

THE FIRST READING **Isaiah 44:6-8**

Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel,
and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts:
I am the first and I am the last;
besides me there is no god.
Who is like me? Let them proclaim it,
let them declare and set it forth before me.
Who has announced from of old the things to come?
Let them tell us what is yet to be.
Do not fear, or be afraid;
have I not told you from of old and declared it?
You are my witnesses!
Is there any god besides me?
There is no other rock; I know not one.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 86:11-17 ***Said responsively by whole verse***

11 Teach me your way, O LORD,
and I will walk in your truth; *
knit my heart to you that I may fear your Name.
12 I will thank you, O LORD my God, with all my heart, *
and glorify your Name for evermore.
13 For great is your love toward me; *
you have delivered me from the nethermost Pit.
14 The arrogant rise up against me, O God,
and a band of violent men seeks my life; *
they have not set you before their eyes.
15 But you, O LORD, are gracious and full of compassion, *
slow to anger, and full of kindness and truth.
16 Turn to me and have mercy upon me; *
give your strength to your servant;
and save the child of your handmaid.

17 Show me a sign of your favor,
so that those who hate me may see it and be ashamed; *
because you, O LORD, have helped me and comforted me.

THE SECOND READING **Romans 8:12-25**

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh-- for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ-- if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

Sequence Hymn
King of glory, King of peace (GENERAL SEMINARY) H382

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

THE HOLY GOSPEL **Matthew 13:24-30,36-43**

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The people are seated at the invitation of the preacher.

THE SERMON The Rev. Nancy H. Hennessey

Following the sermon, let us pause for a period of silent reflection on God's holy word.

THE NICENE CREED BCP pg. 358

Said by all, standing as you are able.

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE BCP p. 388 Form IV

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.
Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.
Silence.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.
Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.
Silence.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.
Silence.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. We remember those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week, especially the birthday of Janet Barr and Joyce Mann.
Silence.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

We especially remember those on our prayer list especially Kevin M., the Leezer family, Steve K., Chloe R., Anne, Michael L., Stephanie, Conner, Janice R., Rich K., Byron, Lisa, Susan F., Mike D, Nancy C., Dolly G., Tilda, Orion K., Liam O'D., Lois H., Patrick B., Ann, and the Hiser family.

Lord, in your mercy.
Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

We especially remember the life of Raymond J. Hiser, Jr., "Duke", son of Eleanor Hiser and brother of Gail, David, and Barbara. May his soul and the souls of all the departed rest in peace.

Lord, in your mercy.
Hear our prayer.

The People may add their own petitions.
The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask: Help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN BCP pg. 360

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Most merciful God,
we confess that 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.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.
The people will greet one another with a sign of God's peace. Don't forget to show the sign of peace to our friends who are worshiping with us virtually.

Please be seated.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

What follows is the Holy Communion, the sacred meal of the Christian faith. The Episcopal Church, as do all other denominations rooted in the historic Christian faith, affirms that the sacrament of Baptism is the ancient and normative entry point for receiving the sacrament of Eucharist, yet no one who comes forward to receive the bread and wine at communion is ever turned away from God's table. Wherever you are in your spiritual journey, the Episcopal Church welcomes you, and we invite you to explore with us what baptism may mean for you. Want to know more? Please see Mother Nancy following the service.

To receive either bread or wine is considered full communion. You may receive the bread or a gluten-free wafer; please indicate to the minister your need. To receive the wine, please assist the Chalicist by holding the base of the chalice (cup) and guiding it to your lips.

If you are not baptized or would prefer not to receive communion for any personal or religious reason, you are still invited to come forward at the time of communion to receive a blessing from the priest. (Please place your arms across your chest to indicate your desire to receive a blessing.) Above all, remember that all are welcome here at Sherwood!

THE OFFERTORY

The people are seated while an offering is collected to support God's mission here at Sherwood Church and in the world. Your contributions of any size make a difference. Give online *(sherwoodcockeysville.org/give) or if you would prefer, mail your contribution to 5 Sherwood Road, Cockeysville, 21030. Thank you!*

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM
Please remain seated

Offertory Anthem

How beautiful are the feet of them (*Messiah*) G.F. Handel

How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace and bring glad tidings of good things.

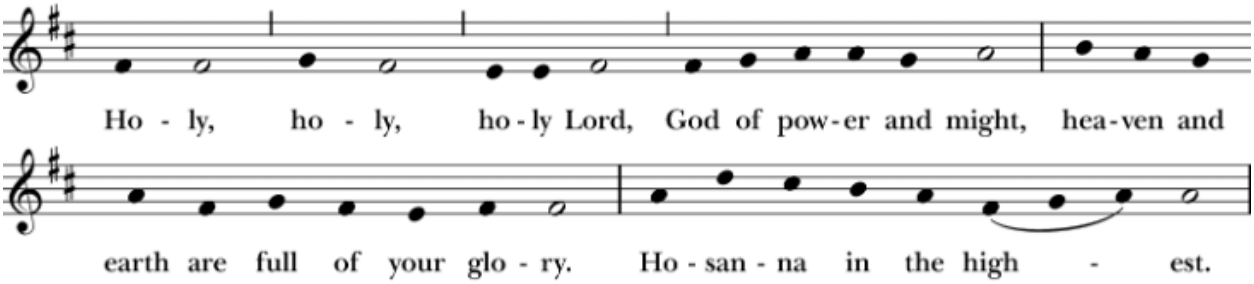
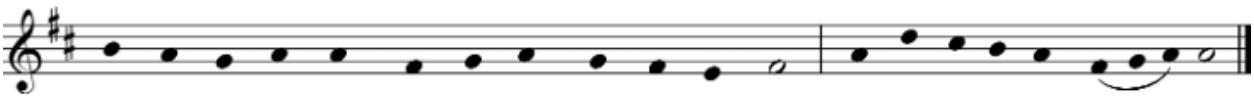
Celebrant: All things come of thee, O Lord.
People: **And of thine own we have given thee.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Eucharistic Prayer B – BCP pg. 367

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 him thanks and praise.
Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth …

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS Holy, holy, holy S124

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The Celebrant gives thanks to God for the reconciling work of Christ's passion and resurrection and prayers over the bread and wine.

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People
We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

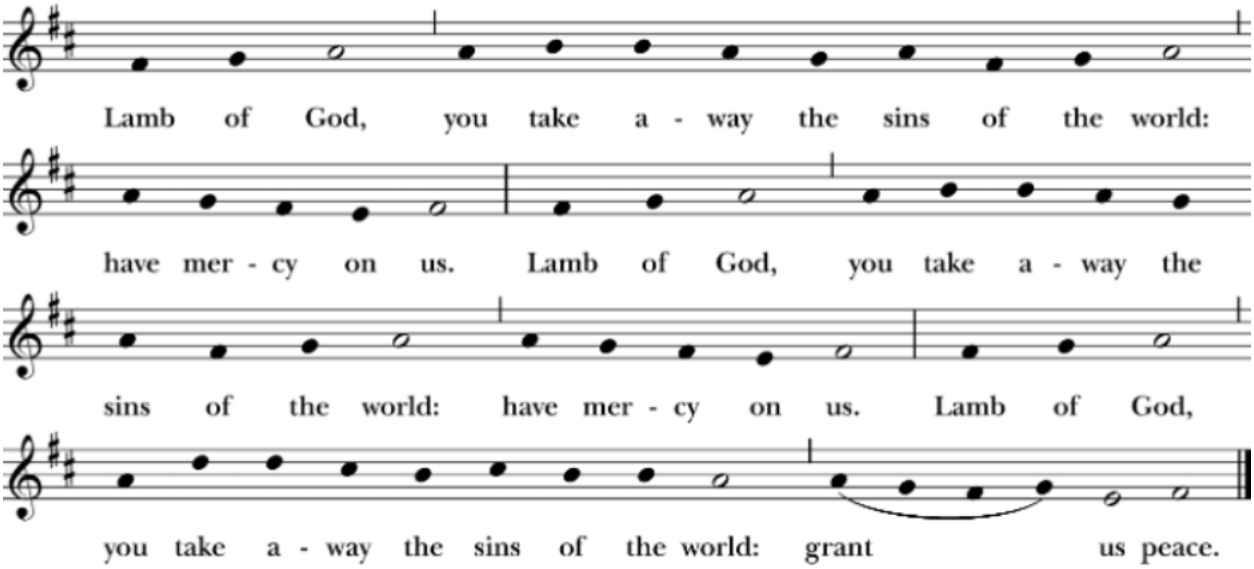
THE LORD'S PRAYER BCP pg. 364
The Celebrant says
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant
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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD
The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

AGNUS DEI Lamb of God S161



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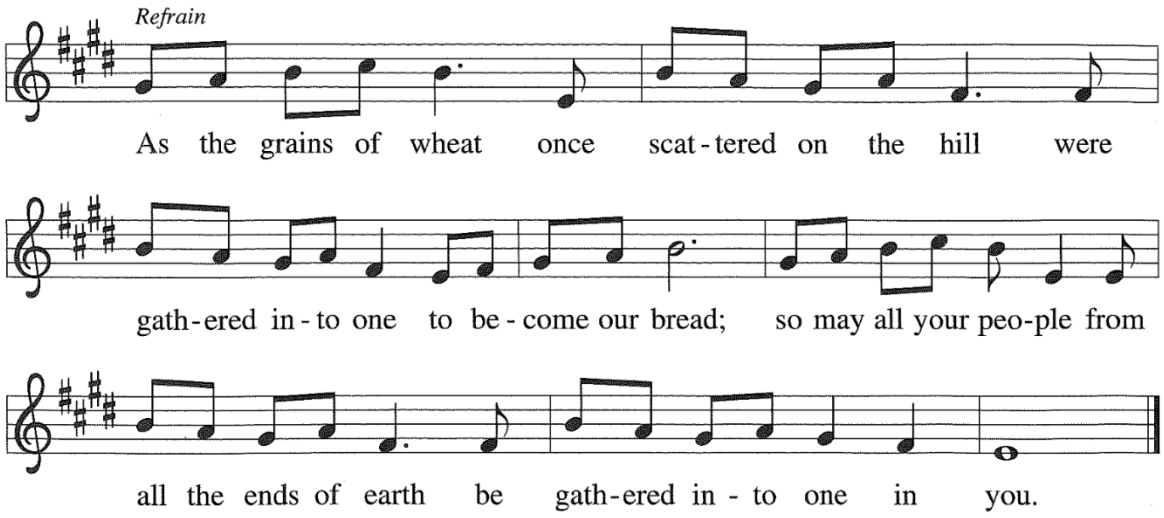
Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

For those who are not able to be present for communion, please pray the Spiritual Communion Prayer while communion is distributed.

A PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Episcopal Prayer Book for the Armed Forces (1988)
In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, we desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. We remember your death, Lord Christ; we proclaim your resurrection; we await your coming in glory. And since we cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, we beseech you to come spiritually into our hearts. Cleanse and strengthen us with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN As the grains of wheat



Congregation: Refrain
Cantor: Verse 1. As this cup of blessing is shared within our midst, may we share the presence of your love.
Congregation: Refrain
Cantor: Verse 2. Let this be a foretaste of all that is to come, when all creation shares this feast with you.
Congregation: Refrain

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POST COMMUNION PRAYER BCP pg. 365

Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Celebrant pronounces a blessing over the people, and the people respond, **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Glorious things of thee are spoken (AUSTRIA) H522

THE DISMISSAL

As we go forth into the world, refreshed and renewed, we reaffirm our commitment to our mission as a congregation:

God commands us to enthusiastically cast open our doors to embrace all, impacting lives through bold service, no exceptions.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

POSTLUDE

The Altar flowers are given by Anne Wismer in thanksgiving for Mother Nancy and her ministry with Sherwood over the past 10 years.

The hymns and service music may be found in the 1982 Hymnal. Those worshiping online will find them at https://tinyurl.com/4uxwssu7

Worship Participants
Celebrant: The Rev. Nancy H. Hennessey
Deacon: The Rev. Rebecca C. Warlow
Music Director and Organist: Greg Sesek
Cantor: Cassidy Dixon
Lectors – Sheila F., Mary D.
Crucifer/Acolyte: Greg S.
Ushers – Kathleen S., Sandy T.
A/V – Robin R.
Hospitality: join us for refreshment
Altar Guild: Mary D., Bronwyn S., Sandy T.

Lay Participants for July 26th, Sunday After Pentecost
Lectors: Laura A., Rob C.
Crucifer/Acolyte: Charlie L., Greg S.
Ushers: Fran G., Kathleen S.
AV: Mary D.
Hospitality: join us for refreshment
Altar Guild: Connie B., Sandy T.

A very special welcome to visitors and newcomers! Thank you for joining us for worship. If you are seeking a church home and are interested in learning more about Sherwood Church, or if you would like to receive weekly emails and announcements from our parish, please contact us at sherwoodparish@gmail.com. Please be sure to check out our Facebook page for updates and remember to subscribe to our YouTube channel.

Please remember those with ongoing needs: *Shannon T., Joyce, Christine, Kendall, Sarah, Gail, Steve W., Michelle, Danny, Debbie R., Marian, John M., Paige, Marissa, Frances T., David D., Hannah, Jessica, Don M., Andrea, Angelina, Bob O., Rosalie J., Don S., Butch H. and the people of Ukraine, Israel, Gaza and all impacted by the war with Iran.*

This Week @ Sherwood

Sunday
Sunday Worship, Holy Eucharist Rite II, 10 am
Casa de Oración Hossana, 4-6 pm

Monday
Office Closed

Tuesday-Thursday
Amber Poole, Parish Administrator's,
Office Hours, 10 am - 3 pm at Faith Lutheran

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Join us in the Garden of Weeding!
Thank you to everyone who came out this past Saturday to help with the weeding of our stormwater project. There is one more chance to help on **Saturday, August 1 from 9:00 am - 11:00 am**. Contact the Amber at sherwoodparish@gmail.com so we can have an idea of the number of volunteers. Bring a friend and sturdy garden gloves. Refreshments will be available to keep us all hydrated and energized. See you there!

Mother Nancy on Vacation:
Mother Nancy will be away next Sunday, July 26 and we are lucky to have Fr. Bill be our preacher and celebrant. While Mother Nancy is away, Deacon Rebecca will handle any pastoral care issues. For emergencies she can be reached at 410-963-5003. Thank you Fr. Bill and Deacon Rebecca.

Thank You to My Sherwood Family:

A thank you note from Dylan Barrett is posted on the bulletin board in our church wing. Check it out, it is meant for all of us at Sherwood.

St. Francis Vestry Retreat in Church Wing:

Please note that the Rev. Amy Slaughter and vestry of St. Francis will be having their vestry retreat in our church wing on Saturday, July 25 from 8:30 am – 12:30 pm.

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