

# FAVORITE HYMN SUNDAY

8/25/24

**One Service at 9:30**

Special Sunday Brunch  
after the service



# Welcome to Worship

We are happy to welcome our guests and members to worship. Lutherans understand that God has not given explicit directions about the form the church's worship should take. The Bible teaches that the forms of public worship remain in the realm of the church's Christian liberty. When Jewish converts tried to insist that Old Testament worship laws should be retained by the Galatian congregations, St Paul was inspired to write, "It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not allow anyone to put the yoke of slavery on you again" (Galatians 5:1). Lutherans historically have maintained that the forms and rites of our public worship are *adiaphora*, that is, things God has neither commanded nor forbidden in his Word.

Yes, we are Lutheran. Luther was interested in the worship life of God's people and produced two main services—*Formula Missae* (Latin) and *Deutsche Messe* (German); along with orders for Holy Baptism, private confession, marriage and ordination. Luther was a gifted musician who put music to good use, writing a number of hymns and rewrote or edited many more. Luther was always careful, however, to insist that forms of worship in the church were not more important than the gospel. If forms did not serve the gospel, they were eliminated.

While Luther stood strong on God's Word and Christian liberty, we should not get the idea from Luther that any form of worship is acceptable among Christians. As he studied Scriptures and the early church, Luther committed himself to a worship style we have defined as liturgical. He chose this style of worship for doctrinal reasons on the principles drawn from God's Word.

## Four Principles of Lutheran Worship

### 1. The Predominance of the Gospel

Luther wrote, "When God's Word is not preached, one had better neither sing nor read, or even come together."<sup>1</sup> He arranged the services in such a way that the proclamation of the gospel was clearly their primary function of worship. The primary purpose of worship is for God to serve his grace to people, not a person's meritorious service to God. The big arrow is from God to us in Christ.

### 2. The Participation of the Congregation

In Luther's day the response of faith was placed on choral groups, often made up of clergy, that replaced the congregation's participation in the service. This fit perfectly since the church taught that the people gained merit by simply attending the Mass, with little need for their participation. Sadly, the church also taught the people that they needed the intercessory actions of the priest if they were going to approach God as all. Lutheran

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<sup>1</sup> Luther's Works, Vol 53, p.11

worship recalls God’s Word that teaches all believers in Christ have full access to God in worship—“But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, the people who are God’s own possession, so that you may proclaim the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light” (1 Peter 2:9). Therefore, Luther arranged the services to include the people’s full participation.

### 3. Honoring the Historic Voice of the Church

Luther did not want his followers to call the church “Lutheran” but rather believers who were following what the Bible has always taught. He had no desire to separate himself from the purity of the church’s past, understanding that the Roman service had its roots in the early church. It was due to the polluted teachings of the medieval times that Luther insisted, “I am not about to abandon the pure for the sake of the impure.” Luther honored the traditions of the Christian church by maintaining the parts of the service that proclaimed the gospel as “one holy Christian and apostolic Church.” We are united by a common invisible faith that should be united visibly by a common form of public worship.

### 4. Honoring God’s Gift of Music and the Arts

Music is a gift from God. Luther valued music so highly he wrote: “I most heartily desire that music be praised and extolled before all people...Experience proves that, next to the Word of God, only music deserves being extolled as the mistress and governess of the feelings of the human heart.”<sup>2</sup> Music has power over emotions and God is the creator of music. Luther was convinced that God used music to carry his message to the human heart.<sup>3</sup> Luther valued both the legacy he had received from the western civilization and the music of his native land.

Based on these principles we will celebrate the Gospel of Jesus Christ in our worship today that is brought to our hearts on the wings of hymns chosen by the congregation. May the Lord strengthen your faith as we share God’s Word together at Divine Peace.

## SERVING IN WORSHIP AS ONE CHURCH IN MULTIPLE LOCATIONS

Presiding in Garland

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Organ / Keyboard

Soloists/Praise Ensemble:

Matt & Elena Mahn, Caleb Solofra, Fabio Bonilla, Keyboard-Rachel Althoff, Drums-Justin

Romeyn, Trumpet/Guitar-Jenna Doggett, Piano Jamie Romeyn

Pastor John Hering

Pastor Gunnar Ledermann

Rachel Kohls

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<sup>2</sup> Luther’s Works, Vol 14, p. 428

<sup>3</sup> Ibid, Vol 53, p.316

## Gathering Song: Jesus Loves Me

*Based on Clair De Lune, William Bradbury, Claude Debussy*

*Pianist: Rachel Kohls*

### 584 Jesus Loves Me



1 Je - sus loves me! This I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so.  
2 Je - sus loves me! He who died heav-en's gates to o - pen wide.



Lit - tle ones to him be - long; they are weak, but he is strong.  
He will wash a - way my sin, let his lit - tle child come in.

#### *Refrain*



Yes, Je - sus loves me! Yes, Je - sus loves me!



Yes, Je - sus loves me! The Bi - ble tells me so.

## Introduction by Pastor Hering

### 483 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

*Organist: Rachel Kohls*

*Trumpet: Jenna Doggett*



1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord — God Al - might - y!  
2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,  
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark-ness hide thee,  
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord — God Al - might - y!



Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.  
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;  
 though the eye of sin - ful man thy glo - ry may not see,  
 All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!  
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,  
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,  
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!



God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!  
 which wert and art and ev - er - more shalt be.  
 per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pu - ri - ty.  
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

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 Tune: John B. Dykes, 1823–1876  
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*Stand*

## Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## Confession of Sins

## Reading

*John 8:1–11*

<sup>1</sup>But Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. <sup>2</sup>Early in the morning, he came back into the temple courts. And all the people kept coming to him. He sat down and taught them.

<sup>3</sup>Then the experts in the law and Pharisees brought a woman caught in adultery and had her stand in the center. <sup>4</sup>"Teacher," they said to him, "this woman was caught in the act of committing adultery. <sup>5</sup>In the Law, Moses commanded us to stone such women. So

what do you say?" <sup>6</sup>They asked this to test him, so that they might have evidence to accuse him.

Jesus bent down and started writing on the ground with his finger. <sup>7</sup>But when they kept on asking him for an answer, he stood up and said to them, "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." <sup>8</sup>Then he stooped down again and wrote on the ground.

<sup>9</sup>When they heard this, they went away one by one, beginning with the older men. Jesus was left alone with the woman in the center. <sup>10</sup>Jesus stood up and said to her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?"

<sup>11</sup>"No one, Lord," she answered.

Then Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin anymore."

## 510 In Christ Alone

*Organist: Rachel Kohls*



1 In Christ a - lone my hope is found; he is my  
2 In Christ a - lone, who took on flesh, full - ness of  
3 There in the ground his bod - y lay, light of the  
4 No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the



light, my strength, my song; this cor - ner - stone, this sol - id  
God in help - less babe; this gift of love and right - eous -  
world by dark - ness slain; then burst - ing forth in glo - rious  
pow'r of Christ in me; from life's first cry to fi - nal



ground, firm through the fierc - est drought and storm.  
ness, scorned by the ones he came to save.  
day, up from the grave he rose a - gain!  
breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - ti - ny.



What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are  
Till on that cross as Je - sus died, the wrath of  
And as he stands in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has  
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man can ev - er



stilled, when striv-ings cease! My com - fort - er, my all in  
God was sat - is - fied; for ev - 'ry sin on him was  
lost its grip on me; for I am his and he is  
pluck me from his hand; till he re - turns or calls me



all; here in the love of Christ I stand.  
laid; here in the death of Christ I live.  
mine, bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.  
home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

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## Absolution

The LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. When you were dead in your sins and in your sinful nature, God made you alive with Christ. The Lord has taken away your sin.

**He forgave us all our sins. Blessed are those whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.**

## 519 There Is A Redeemer

Pianist: Jamie Romeyn



1 There is a Re - deem - er, Je - sus, God's own Son,  
2 Je - sus, my Re - deem - er, name a - bove all names,  
3 When I stand in glo - ry, I will see his face;



pre-cious Lamb of God, Mes-si - ah, Ho - ly One.  
pre-cious Lamb of God, Mes-si - ah, hope\_ for sin - ners slain.  
there I'll serve my King for-ev - er in \_\_\_ that ho - ly place.

### Refrain



Thank you, O my Fa - ther, for giv-ing us your Son



and leav - ing your Spir - it till the work on earth is done.

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## Reading

Jeremiah 31:31–34

<sup>31</sup>Yes, the days are coming, declares the LORD,  
when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel  
and with the house of Judah.

<sup>32</sup>It will not be like the covenant I made with their fathers,  
when I took them by the hand  
and led them out of the land of Egypt.  
They broke that covenant of mine,  
although I was a husband to them, declares the LORD.

<sup>33</sup>But this is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel after those days,  
declares the LORD.

I will put my law in their minds,  
and I will write it on their hearts.



I will be their God,  
and they will be my people.

<sup>34</sup>No longer will each one teach his neighbor,  
or each one teach his brother, saying, "Know the LORD,"  
because they will all know me,  
from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD,  
for I will forgive their guilt,  
and I will remember their sins no more.

## 570 God Loved the World So That He Gave

*Pianist: Jenna Doggett*



1 God loved the world so that he gave his on - ly  
3 God would not have the sin - ner die; his Son with  
5 If you are sick, if death is near, this truth your



Son the lost to save that all who would in  
sav - ing grace is nigh. His Spir - it in the  
trou - bled heart can cheer: Christ Je - sus saves my



him be - lieve should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.  
Word de - clares that we in Christ are heav - en's heirs.  
soul from death; this is the an - chor of my faith!

Text: tr. August Crull, 1845–1923, alt.; Heiliges Lippen- und Hertzens- Opffer, Stettin, c. 1778

Tune: George J. Elvey, 1816–1893

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## Reading

*Romans 1:16–17*

<sup>16</sup>For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes—to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. <sup>17</sup>For in the gospel a righteousness from God is revealed by faith, for faith, just as it is written, "The righteous will live by faith."

# 579 His Mercy Is More

Divine Peace Praise Ensemble

Pianist: Jamie Romeyn



1 What love could re - mem - ber no wrongs we have done?  
2 What pa - tience would wait as we con - stant - ly roam,  
3 What rich - es of kind - ness he lav - ished on us;



Om - ni - scient, all - know - ing, he counts not their sum;  
what Fa - ther so ten - der is call - ing us home!  
his blood was the pay - ment, his life was the cost.



thrown in - to a sea with - out bot - tom or shore,  
He wel - comes the weak - est, the vil - est, the poor;  
We stood 'neath a debt we could nev - er af - ford;



our sins they are man - y, his mer - cy is more.  
our sins they are man - y, his mer - cy is more.  
our sins they are man - y, his mer - cy is more.



*Refrain*  
Praise the Lord! His mer - cy is more!



Strong - er than dark - ness, new ev - 'ry morn; our



sins they are man - y, his mer - cy is more!

*The refrain for stanza 3 is sung three times (twice, with no break between, then a final time).*

## Reading

Acts 2:42-47

<sup>42</sup>They continued to hold firmly to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of the bread, and to the prayers. <sup>43</sup>Awe came over every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. <sup>44</sup>All the believers were together and had everything in common. <sup>45</sup>They were selling their possessions and property and were distributing the proceeds according to what anyone needed.

<sup>46</sup>Day after day, with one mind, they were devoted to meeting in the temple area, as they continued to break bread in their homes. They shared their food with glad and sincere hearts, <sup>47</sup>as they continued praising God and being viewed favorably by all the people. Day after day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

## 731 Oh, How Good It Is

*Divine Peace Praise Ensemble*

*Pianist: Jamie Romeyn*



1 Oh, how good it is when the fam - 'ly of God dwells to -  
2 Oh, how good it is on this jour - ney we share to re -



geth - er in spir - it, in faith and u - ni - ty. Where the  
joyce with the hap - py and weep with those who mourn. For the



bonds of peace, of ac - cept - ance and love are the  
weak find strength, the af - flict - ed find grace when we



fruits of his pres - ence here a - mong us.  
of - fer the bless - ing of be - long - ing.

*Refrain*

So with one voice we'll sing to the Lord,  
 and with one heart we'll live out his word,  
 till the whole earth sees the Re - deem - er has come,  
 for he dwells in the pres - ence of his peo - ple.

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## Reading

*Ephesians 2:8–10*

<sup>8</sup>Indeed, it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—<sup>9</sup>not by works, so that no one can boast.

<sup>10</sup>For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared in advance so that we would walk in them.

## 576 Amazing Grace

*Pianist: Pastor John Hering*

*Trumpet Introduction: Jenna Doggett*

1 A - maz - ing grace— how sweet the sound— that  
 2 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, his  
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I  
 4 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but  
 Word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and  
 have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me  
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to



now am found, was blind but now I see.  
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.  
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

Text (sts. 1–3): John Newton, 1725–1807, alt.; (st. 4): A Collection of Sacred Ballads, Richmond, 1790  
 Tune: Columbian Harmony, Cincinnati, 1829, ed. Benjamin Shaw; ed. Charles H. Spilman  
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## Reading

*Ephesians 2:19–21*

<sup>19</sup>So then, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of God's household. <sup>20</sup>You have been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the Cornerstone. <sup>21</sup>In him the whole building is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord.

## 821 On Eagles' Wings

*Organist/Pianist: Rachel Kohls*



1 You who dwell in the shel - ter of the Lord, who a -



bide in his shad - ow for life, say to the Lord: "My



ref - uge, my rock in whom I trust!"

*Refrain*

And he will raise you up on ea - gle's wings,

bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the

*Verses*

sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.

*Verse*

2 The snare of the fowl-er will nev-er cap-ture you, and

fam - ine will bring you no fear; un - der his wings your

*Refrain*

ref - uge, his faith - ful - ness your shield.

*Verse*

3 For to his an-gels he's giv-en a com-mand to

guard you in all of your ways; up - on their hands they will

*Final Refrain*

bear you up, lest you dash your foot a-against a stone.

*Final Refrain*

And he will raise you up on ea - gle's wings, bear you on the  
 breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and  
 hold you in the palm of his hand. And hold you,  
 hold you in the palm of his hand.

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## Reading

*Ephesians 4:2–6*

<sup>2</sup>Live with all humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another in love.

<sup>3</sup>Make every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. <sup>4</sup>There is one body and one Spirit, just as also you were called in the one hope of your calling.

<sup>5</sup>There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, <sup>6</sup>one God and Father of all, who is over all, and through all, and in us all.

# 868 By Faith

Divine Peace Praise Ensemble

Pianist: Rachel Kohls



1 By faith we see the hand of God  
5 By faith this moun - tain shall be moved



in the light of cre - a - tion's grand de - sign,  
and the pow'r of the gos - pel shall pre - vail,



in the lives of those who prove his faith - ful - ness,  
for we know in Christ all things are pos - si - ble



who walk by faith and not by sight. v. 2  
for all who call up - on his name. Refrain



We will stand as chil-dren of the prom-ise; we will fix our



eyes on him, our soul's re - ward. Till the race is fin-ished and the



work is done, we'll walk by faith and not by sight.

Text: Stuart Townend, b. 1963; Kristyn Getty, b. 1980; Keith Getty, b. 1974

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## Reading

*Ephesians 4:17, 29–32*

<sup>17</sup>So I tell you this and testify to it in the Lord: Do not walk any longer as the Gentiles walk, in their futile way of thinking.

<sup>29</sup>Do not let any unwholesome talk come from your mouths. Say only what is beneficial when there is a need to build up others, so that it will be a blessing to those who hear.

<sup>30</sup>Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. <sup>31</sup>Get rid of every kind of bitterness, rage, anger, quarreling, and slander, along with every kind of malice. <sup>32</sup>Instead, be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving one another, just as God in Christ has forgiven us.

## 555 The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want

*Organist: Rachel Kohls*



1 The Lord's my shep - herd, I'll not want; he  
2 My soul he doth re - store a - gain and  
3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet  
4 My ta - ble thou hast fur - nish - ed in  
5 Good - ness and mer - cy all my life shall



makes me down to lie in pas - tures green; he  
me to walk doth make with - in the paths of  
will I fear no ill; for thou art with me,  
pres - ence of my foes; my head thou dost with  
sure - ly fol - low me, and in God's house for -



lead - eth me the qui - et wa - ters by.  
right - eous - ness, e'en for his own name's sake.  
and thy rod and staff me com - fort still.  
oil a - noint, and my cup o - ver - flows.  
ev - er - more my dwell - ing - place shall be.

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## Offertory: Moonlight Sonata

Ludwig van Beethoven  
Pianist: Karl Heidenhofer, our AC repairman

## 612 How Great Thou Art

Organist: Rachel Kohls



1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won - der  
2 When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der  
3 And when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing,  
4 When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion



con - sid - er all the works thy hand hath made,  
and hear the birds sing sweet - ly in the trees;  
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,  
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!



I see the stars, I hear the might - y thun - der,  
when I look down from loft - y moun - tain gran - deur  
that on the cross my bur - den glad - ly bear - ing  
Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o - ra - tion



thy pow'r through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played;  
and hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze;  
he bled and died to take a - way my sin;  
and there pro - claim: "My God, how great thou art!"



Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior - God, to thee, How great thou



art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my



Sav - ior - God to thee, How great thou art! How great thou art!

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## Prayer of the Church

Triune God, you are the one eternal God, whose name we praise forever. We would not have known you if you had not revealed yourself to us as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, three persons, yet one God. Remove from us all doubt and grant us humble faith as we contemplate this high and holy mystery.

**Enlighten and empower us to worship you as the triune God, the holy Trinity.**

God our Father, whatever good is in us, whatever good things we have, and whatever good we do comes from you alone. In you we live and move and have our being.

**Open our eyes to see the gifts you provide every day purely out of your own love and care.**

Lord Jesus our Savior, you came into our world to make the Father known to us. You joined yourself to us by taking on our humanity and brought us back to God by

shedding your blood. In love you walked the way of suffering and carried the wrath of God that we deserved because of our sins. Help us believe that all you did and all you endured you did to rescue us and set us free.

**In the bright new hope of your resurrection teach us to offer our lives in praise to God and love to our neighbor.**

Creator Spirit, you breathed into us new life by the power of the gospel, opened our eyes to see the light of your grace, and filled our minds with the clear sound of your voice. Through Word and sacrament lead us to understand more completely how broad and deep and high is the love of God in Christ Jesus. Firm up our resolve to do battle with Satan and sin.

**In every weakness be our strength, that we may show ourselves to be God's children: faithful in prayer, constant in hope, and fervent in love.**

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

*Silent prayer*

Holy Trinity, you are the God of glory, the God of grace, and the God of all comfort. **We rejoice to call you Father, Son, and Holy Spirit and praise your holy name forever as we join together to pray as Jesus taught us:**

**Lord's Prayer**

**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.**

## Cornerstone

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Divine Peace Praise Ensemble, Pianist: Jamie Romeyn*

My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus blood and righteousness  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame  
But wholly trust in Jesus name

Christ alone, Cornerstone  
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love  
Through the storm, He is Lord  
Lord of all

When darkness seems to hide His face  
I rest on His unchanging grace  
In every high and stormy gale  
My anchor holds within the veil  
My anchor holds within the veil

Christ alone, Cornerstone  
Weak made strong in the Savior's love  
Through the storm, He is Lord  
Lord of all  
He is Lord, Lord of all

When He shall come with trumpet sound  
Oh may I then in Him be found  
Dressed in His righteousness alone  
Faultless, stand before the throne

Christ alone, Cornerstone  
Weak made strong in the Savior's love  
Through the storm, He is Lord  
Lord of all (x2)

## Reading

*Ephesians 6:10–18*

<sup>10</sup>Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. <sup>11</sup>Put on the full armor of God, so that you can stand against the schemes of the Devil. <sup>12</sup>For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the world rulers of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. <sup>13</sup>For this reason, take up the full armor of God, so that you will be able to take a stand on the evil day and, after you have done everything, to stand. <sup>14</sup>Stand, then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness fastened in place, <sup>15</sup>and with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace tied to your feet like sandals. <sup>16</sup>At all times hold up the shield of faith, with which you will be able to extinguish all the flaming arrows of the Evil One. <sup>17</sup>Also take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

<sup>18</sup>At every opportunity, pray in the Spirit with every kind of prayer and petition. Stay alert for the same reason, always persevering in your intercession for all the saints.

## 863 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

*Organist: Rachel Kohls  
Trumpet: Jenna Doggett*



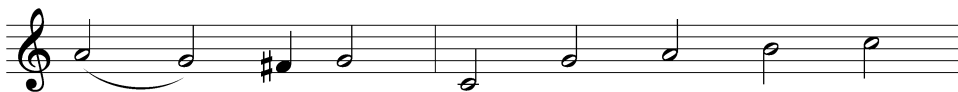
1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a trust - y shield  
2 With might of ours can naught be done, soon were our loss  
3 Though dev - ils all the world should fill, all ea - ger to  
4 The Word they still shall let re - main nor an - y thanks



and weap - on; he helps us free from ev - 'ry need  
ef - fect - ed; but for us fights the val - iant one  
de - vour us, we trem - ble not, we fear no ill;  
have for it; he's by our side up - on the plain



that has us now o'er - tak - en. The old  
whom God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask,  
they shall not o - ver - pow'r us. This world's  
with his good gifts and Spir - it. And take



e - vil foe now means dead - ly woe;  
"Who is this?" Je - sus Christ it is,  
prince may still scowl fierce as he will,  
they our life, goods, fame, child, and wife,



deep guile and great might are his dread arms in fight;  
the al - might - y Lord, and there's no oth - er God;  
he can harm us none. He's judged; the deed is done;  
though all may be gone, our vic - to - ry is won;



on earth is not his e - qual.  
he holds the field for - ev - er.  
one lit - tle word can fell him.  
the king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

Text: tr. composite; Martin Luther, 1483–1546

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## Reading

*John 14:1–3*

<sup>1</sup>"Do not let your heart be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. <sup>2</sup>In my Father's house are many mansions. If it were not so, I would have told you. I am going to prepare a place for you. <sup>3</sup>And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and take you to be with me, so that you may also be where I am.

## 853 I'm but a stranger Here

Organist: Rachel Kohls



1 I'm but a stran - ger here, heav'n is my home;  
2 What though the tem - pest rage, heav'n is my home;  
3 There - fore I mur - mur not, heav'n is my home;



earth is a des - ert drear, heav'n is my home;  
short is my pil - grim - age, heav'n is my home;  
what - e'er my earth - ly lot, heav'n is my home;



dan - ger and sor - row stand round me on ev - 'ry hand;  
and time's wild, win - try blast soon shall be o - ver - past;  
and I shall sure - ly stand there at my Lord's right hand;



heav'n is my fa - ther - land, heav'n is my home.  
I shall reach home at last, heav'n is my home.  
heav'n is my fa - ther - land, heav'n is my home.

Text: Thomas R. Taylor, 1807–1835, abr.

Tune: Arthur S. Sullivan, 1842–1900

Text and tune: Public domain

## Reading

*Job 19:23–27*

<sup>23</sup>Oh how I wish that my words were written down.

Oh how I wish that they were inscribed in bronze,

<sup>24</sup>that they would be engraved in rock forever  
with an iron tool and letters filled with lead.

<sup>25</sup>As for me, I know that my Redeemer lives,  
and that at the end of time he will stand over the dust.

<sup>26</sup>Then, even after my skin has been destroyed,  
nevertheless, in my own flesh I will see God.



<sup>27</sup>I myself will see him.

My own eyes will see him, and not as a stranger.

My emotions are in turmoil within me.

## Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

**Amen.**

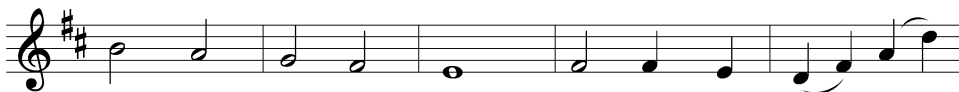
## 441 I Know That My Redeemer Lives

*Organist: Rachel Kohls*

*Trumpet: Jenna Doggett*



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives! What com - fort  
2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; he lives e -  
3 He lives to bless me with his love; he lives to  
4 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; he lives to



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, he lives, who  
ter - nal - ly to save; he lives all - glo - rious  
plead for me a - bove; he lives my hun - gry  
guide me with his eye; he lives to com - fort



once was dead; he lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head!  
in the sky; he lives ex - alt - ed there on high.  
soul to feed; he lives to help in time of need.  
me when faint; he lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.

5 He lives to silence all my fears;  
he lives to wipe away my tears;  
he lives to calm my troubled heart;  
he lives all blessings to impart.

6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;  
he lives and loves me to the end;  
he lives, and while he lives, I'll sing;  
he lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.

7 He lives and grants me daily breath;  
he lives, and I shall conquer death;  
he lives my mansion to prepare;  
he lives to bring me safely there.

8 He lives, all glory to his name!  
He lives, my Jesus, still the same.  
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:  
I know that my Redeemer lives!

Text: Samuel Medley, 1739–1799, abr.

Tune: attr. John C. Hatton, 1710–1793

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# WELCOME

## TO DIVINE PEACE CHURCH ROCKWALL / GARLAND

We welcome our members, guests and visitors this morning. Thank you for joining us. It is a pleasure to share God's Word and the Good News of our Savior Jesus with you. If you have any questions or comments about Divine Peace or if you desire more information about our congregation, Pastor Hering and Pastor Ledermann are always ready to meet with you.

Follow us at [divinepeace.com](http://divinepeace.com), Facebook: Divine Peace Lutheran Church

Our church is a member of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod, a caring Lutheran Synod begun in Milwaukee, Wisconsin in 1850. Today we are represented in all 50 states and in many other parts of the world.

If you are interested in Christian Day School Education for your children, please visit the display of Calvary Lutheran School or call the principal, Mr. Henrickson at (214) 343-7457.

If you live in the neighborhood, we invite you to worship with us. If you are without a church home, we ask you to consider membership with us at Divine Peace. We worship the triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We accept the entire Bible as the errorless, inspired Word of God. We are dedicated to preaching the truth, that God has prepared a way to save sinners from eternal damnation by sending His Son, Jesus Christ. By His holy life and innocent death on the cross, our sins have been paid for in full. Whoever believes in Jesus as his Savior will inherit everlasting life.

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**CALENDAR** (GC = Garland Campus, RC = Rockwall Campus)

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>GC</b>	<b>Favorite Hymn Sunday</b> <b>Sunday Brunch Provided after the service</b>
	10:30 am	RC	Worship
Monday	10:00 am		Bible Information Class (BIC)
Tuesday	10:00 am		Home Visit
	1:00 pm		Bible Information Class (BIC)
Wednesday	9:00 am	GC	Music Practice
	10:00 am	GC	Isaiah Bible Study
	1:00 pm		BIC
	5:00 pm	GC	PMM Meeting
	6:00 pm	RC	Zoom Bible Study
Thursday	9:30 am		BIC
Friday			
Saturday			
<b>Sunday</b>	7:45 am	GC	Worship with Holy Communion
	9:00 am	GC & RC	Kingdom Kids and Bible Class
	10:30 am	GC & RC	Worship with Holy Communion

**OUR PARTNERSHIP IN GOSPEL MINISTRY:**

Last Week	Wednesday Bible Class	Kingdom Kids	Sunday Bible Class	Worship 7:45	Worship 10:30	Online
Garland	11	6	23	11	45	23
Rockwall	6	9	19	N/A	73	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>129</b>		<b>26</b>

**Gifts for Divine Peace Ministry End of Fiscal Year 2023-2024**

July Average Weekly Operating Expenses: \$10,968.39

July Average Weekly Operating Offerings: \$9,969.45

Current Operating Fund Surplus: \$2,569.13

**Mortgage Balances as of 7/31/2024:**

Garland Facility: \$0.00

Rockwall Facility: \$557,128

Last Sunday's Gifts	Received Last Sunday	Received to Date	Total
Total Gifts Last Sunday	3,910		
Garland Building Fund			32,131
Rockwall Building Fund	25		76,266
Growing Gifts (Mortgage Reduction Gifts)	28		187,287
Kingdom Kids (Amazing Grace, Amarillo Mission)	57		346
Mornings with Mommy	5		
Wish List New Sign	5	1,233	34,000
WELS Scholarship	25		
Books	52		

Date	Ushers 7:45 / 10:30	Garland Church Cleaning	Mowing/Trimming
Next Weekend	Tom / Fred & Jack	M/E Mahn / Harrison	Doggett / Ritter
Two weeks	Fabio / Lorin	Walter / Ashburn	Tremback / J Romeyn

### DIVINE PEACE WISH LIST

ITEM	RECEIVED	SO FAR	Goal
Advent Refillable Weath	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 1,000
Audio/Visual Upgrade	\$ 0	\$4,555	\$10,000
Yard Banners	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 500
New Church Sign	\$ 5	\$1,233	\$34,000

### Help Us Go Digital!

We are wanting to get a new digital marquee sign for our Garland campus. If you would like to help contribute to this **wishlist item**, please designate any special offerings as "Garland Sign" and we will start saving up! Estimated cost: \$33,860.



### BIBLE CLASSES FOR YOU

- 1) Sunday Morning at 9:15 – Engaging the Psalms. Did you know that Martin Luther read through the Psalms about once a month later on in life. Here’s what he said about Psalm 49 “The 49th psalm is a psalm of instruction against the great god of the world, mammon by name. This psalm rebukes as great fools those who trust in the worldly god’s rule and do not see that he cannot deliver them—or him—from death. Therefore, it is truly better to rely on God, who delivers from death and gives eternal life, while they perish like the beast and leave all their goods behind, not knowing who will obtain it all.” Please join us an enjoy, “Engaging the Psalms.”
- 2) Wednesday Morning at 10:00 – Isaiah—A Testimony of God’s Salvation. While reading Isaiah you might think, “This prophet could be writing for us today!” This week in chapter 9 we will hear God’s glorious promises even under the cloud of fearful threats. There is lots of interaction and discussion during this Bible Class.
- 3) Membership Classes – New Life In Christ. This class is an overview of what the Bible teaches and what we believe. If you are thinking about wanting to have your soul fed at Divine Peace, both members and guests are invited to set up a time with Pastor Hering to enjoy this class.
- 4) Your Choice – If you would like to set up a time and place to study a topic or Book of the Bible, reach out to Pastor Hering today and let’s make it happen!

# **Save the Date!** **S.H.A.P.E.D. Workshop**

Coming Saturday, **September 21, 2024**, for all members, Garland and Rockwall. SHAPED to SERVE Workshop is time spent in God's Word to learn how God has shaped you to serve him and souls for his kingdom now and for eternity.

This workshop is 1:00-5:00pm, at the Divine Peace Rockwall campus. Food and fellowship to follow. Sign up using this QR Code!



### My Worship Notes

Especially for children during the service....

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

What is the name of the church season or special day today? \_\_\_\_\_

What is the color of the church year today? Circle one: Blue White Green Red Purple

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The First Lesson was about: \_\_\_\_\_

The Second Lesson was about: \_\_\_\_\_

The Gospel Lesson was about: \_\_\_\_\_

The sermon was based on this Bible Passage: \_\_\_\_\_

This is in the:  Old Testament  New Testament

What was the sermon about?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

I learned that the Holy Spirit wants me to (believe / do something) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

My favorite song was: \_\_\_\_\_

Did we have a Sacrament today?

Baptism?



Yes

No

Communion?



Yes

No

Did we confess our faith today?

Apostles Creed?

Nicene Creed?



Draw a picture of something you heard or saw today:

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\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

# DIVINE PEACE

## — CHURCH —

### **OUR PASSION:**

**Bringing peace today because of the certainty of eternal life tomorrow.**

### **OUR CORE VALUES:**

1. Clearly communicating God's word
2. Family of believers/relationships
3. Accessible, quality worship
4. Mission driven
5. Serving with compassion/meaningful service

### **OUR NICHE:**

Genuine answers, genuine relationships, genuine peace.

### **VISION STATEMENT:**

Our vision is for our members to find fulfillment in inviting their friends to worship Jesus. We will do all these things to the best of our abilities, holding one another accountable and encouraging one another to use our gifts with faithfulness to God's glory. We pray that the Lord would bless our ministry so that we might continue to develop as one church in multiple locations. When the Lord blesses us with a membership of 300 souls, we will seek to establish a new location for the next pastor/missionary/church.