



PRELUDE

hymn sing

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,
you free us to love others,
but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.
You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,
but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.
You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity,
but we grow weary in doing what is right.
In your mercy, forgive us.
Do not give up on us.
Heal us, break our bonds,
and show us the path of life.
Amen.

You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith.
In the cross of ✝ Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit,
your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.
Amen.

HYMN

- 1 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home:
- 2 Under the shadow of your throne
your saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is your arm alone,
and our defense is sure.
- 3 Before the hills in order stood
or earth received its frame,
from everlasting you are God,
to endless years the same.

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

- 4 A thousand ages in your sight
are like an evening gone,
short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun.
- 5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all our years away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the op'ning day.
- 6 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
still be our guard while troubles last
and our eternal home.

GREETING

PRAYER OF THE DAY

SCRIPTURE

Hebrews 11:1-3, 13-16

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Congregation:

Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia!

Optional Repeat

GOSPEL

The holy gospel according to St. Luke, the 12th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Luke 12: 32-40

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

“Fear & Good Courage”, Pastor Karen Natterstad

SERMON SONG

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| 1 Have no fear, little flock;
have no fear, little flock,
for the Father has chosen
to give you the kingdom;
have no fear, little flock! | 3 Praise the Lord high above;
praise the Lord high above,
for he stoops down to heal you,
uplift and restore you;
praise the Lord high above! |
| 2 Have good cheer, little flock;
have good cheer, little flock,
for the Father will keep you
in his love forever;
have good cheer, little flock! | 4 Thankful hearts raise to God;
thankful hearts raise to God,
for he stays close beside you,
in all things works with you;
thankful hearts raise to God! |

“Have No Fear, Little Flock”

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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

God of grace.
hear our prayer.

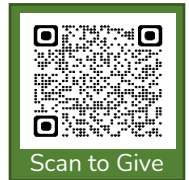
SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING “Children of the Heavenly Father” arr. by Erinn Jarrell Schwarz, piano

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- Mailing to St. John’s Lutheran, 20275 Davidson Road, Brookfield, WI 53045



OFFERTORY

“As the Grains of Wheat”

Refrain
Congregation:

As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread;
so may all your peo-ple from all the ends of earth be
gath-ered in - to one in you.

Verses

1. As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst
2. Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when
may we share the pres-ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

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OFFERING PRAYER

HOLY COMMUNION

Great Thanksgiving

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 God thanks and praise.

It is our duty and our delight ... we praise your name and join in their unending hymn:

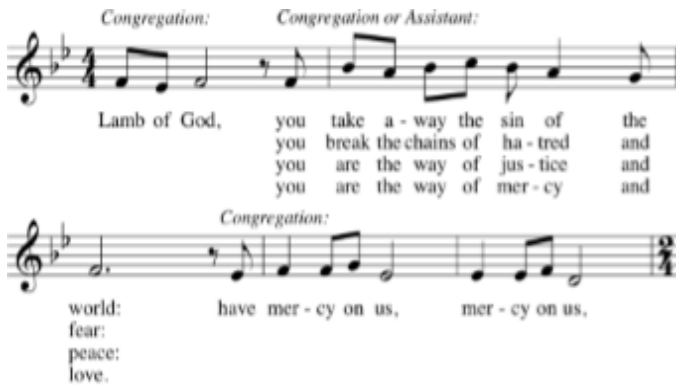


Words of Institution

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.

Lamb of God



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Distribution

Please self-serve your communion.

Whatever you have to represent the bread and wine is acceptable.

COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS (See last page)

BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG

- 1 Guide me ever, great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but you are mighty;
hold me with your pow'rful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore,
feed me now and evermore.
- 2 Open now the crystal fountain
where the healing waters flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.

“Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer”

- Strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer,
shield me with your mighty arm,
shield me with your mighty arm.
- 3 When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs and praises, songs and praises,
I will raise forevermore,
I will raise forevermore.

DISMISSAL.

Go in peace. Following Jesus, making disciples, serving the world.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“Toccata on St. Anne” arr. by Frederick Swann, organ

WORSHIP TEAM

Pastor: Karen Natterstad
Organist/Music Director: Becky Whelpley
Lector: Kathy Davis
Ushers: Roy and Mari Osmon
Communion Set Up: Keith and Sandy Paukner
Greeter: Carol Wasemiller
AV: Pam Klink, Penny Holt

Announcements

Altar Flowers

Today's altar flowers are provided by Laura Watters in honor of Reini and Carol Wasemiller's anniversary.

Please use the signups on the website to sponsor altar flowers to honor a loved one or to celebrate an event.

On the Calendar

Aug 17	Hymn Sing
Aug 24	Hymn Sing and Backpack Blessing
Aug 28	Quilting event
Aug 31	one worship (9:00a - inside)
Sept 7	Rally Day/Ministry Fair

Backpack Blessing on August 24



Group Quilting Event on August 28

All quilters are invited to the next group quilting event. Please sign up to reserve a spot and indicate you need to use a machine.



Worship on August 31



New ELCA Bishop Elected

The Rev. Yehiel Curry was elected July 30 to serve a six-year term as presiding bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). The election took place during the 2025 ELCA Churchwide Assembly being held July 28-Aug. 2 at the Phoenix (Ariz.) Convention Center. Curry is the first Black presiding bishop of the ELCA.

Speaking to the assembly after his election, Curry reflected on his membership at Shekinah Chapel in Riverdale, Ill., where he eventually became a lay mission developer while he participated in the Theological Education for Emerging Ministries program, which prepares individuals for ordained ministry in the ELCA, with a focus on emerging ministry contexts like ethnic-specific, multicultural, rural and inner-city settings. He spoke to the assembly about his initial hesitation in accepting that first ministry role.

"Perhaps I'm out there in one of you," Curry said. "I never saw myself as good enough, so for two years, I said no. I finally said yes. When I said yes, your support, this church's support, of that ministry meant everything. So if you want to know what your benevolence dollars look like, it looks like me, and I want to say thank you. Thank you for your investment."

Get Ready to Rally



Mission Exploration Team

Connect with Pastor Karen this week to nominate someone (including yourself) for the MET.

