

WELCOME TO GRACE PLACE!

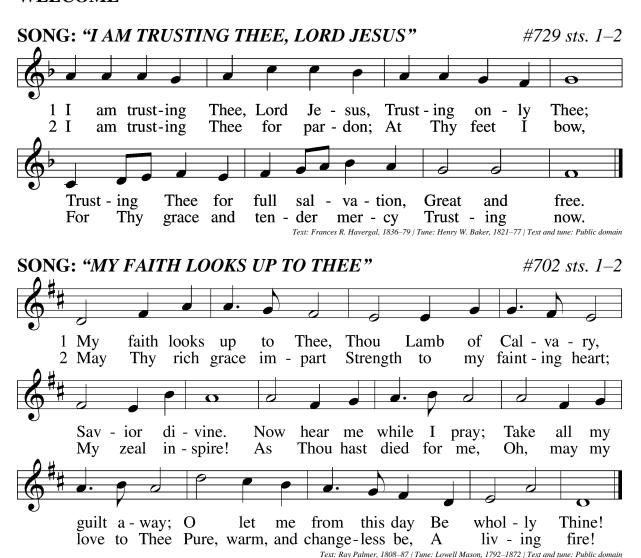
A Ministry of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Today is April 27, 2024 ~ Pledge Day!

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Today's Musicians: Sharon Sperley, piano

WELCOME



THE READINGS

PSALM 66:1–5 (NIV)

Shout with joy to God, all the earth! Sing the glory of his name; make his praise glorious! Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! So great is your power that your enemies cringe before you. All the earth bows down to you; they sing praise to you, they sing praise to your name." Selah Come and see what God has done, how awesome his works in man's behalf!

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

PSALM 47:1–2 (NIV)

Clap your hands, all you nations; shout to God with cries of joy. How awesome is the Lord Most High, the great King over all the earth!

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

THE GOOD NEWS: LUKE 5:17-26 (NIV)

- **P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fifth chapter.
- **G**lory to You, O Lord.

One day as he was teaching, Pharisees and teachers of the law, who had come from every village of Galilee and from Judea and Jerusalem, were sitting there. And the power of the Lord was present for him to heal the sick. Some men came carrying a paralytic on a mat and tried to take him into the house to lay him before Jesus. When they could not find a way to do this because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and lowered him on his mat through the tiles into the middle of the crowd, right in front of Jesus. When Jesus saw their faith, he said, "Friend, your sins are forgiven."

The Pharisees and the teachers of the law began thinking to themselves, "Who is this fellow who speaks blasphemy? Who can forgive sins but God alone?" Jesus knew what they were thinking and asked, "Why are you thinking these

things in your hearts? Which is easier: to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up and walk'? But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins...."

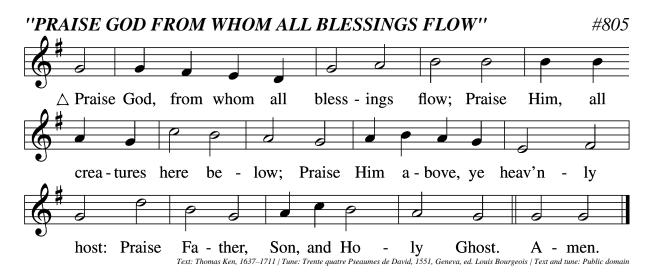
He said to the paralyzed man, "I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home." Immediately he stood up in front of them, took what he had been lying on and went home praising God. Everyone was amazed and gave praise to God. They were filled with awe and said, "We have seen remarkable things today."

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to You, O Christ.

LAMB'S TIME

A MESSAGE OF HOPE

"Standing in Awe"- Pastor Ed Rosser



NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the

Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

OFFERING

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PRAYERS

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.

CONFESSION

Most merciful God, we come to you seeking Your help, to free us of our sinful nature. Every day of our lives, we sin against Your Word in our actions and deeds. We have not loved You with our whole heart, and have made choices that dishonored Your name. We come to You and

sincerely repent for our sinful ways, and seek Your loving kindness and forgiveness. We pray for Your undeserved mercy, that You will cleanse our hearts from sin and shame. Beloved Jesus, cover us in Your grace, that we may share Your love with others. Amen.

FORGIVENESS OF SINS

- Almighty God, in His mercy, has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

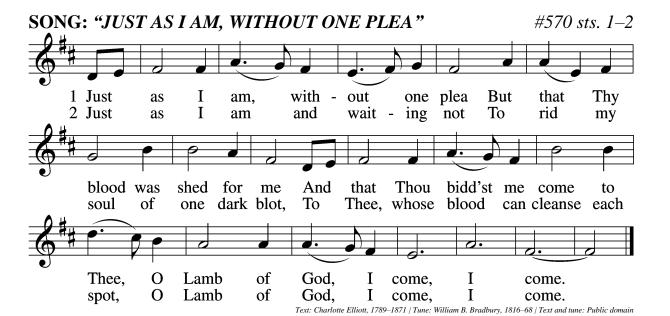
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

THE LORD'S SUPPER

HANDBELLS ANTHEMS

"Seek Ye First"- arr. Hollander

"I Am Trusting Thee Lord Jesus"- arr. Geschke



BLESSING

The LORD bless you and keep you. The LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The LORD look upon you with favor and give you His peace from this day forth and forever more. Go in peace and serve the LORD.

C Amen.

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