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LIFE TOGETHER

**Service of the Word with Holy Baptism**  
**Organ/Piano-Led Worship**  
August 9 & 10, 2025 | 5:00 pm, 8:30 am & 9:45 am

# Welcome to Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church.

We're glad you are worshiping God with us!

## PASTORAL STAFF

Rob Carlson, Interim Senior Pastor  
Lindsey Bina  
Peter Harrits  
Julie Wright

## VISITATION PASTOR

Linda Lund

## WORSHIP SERVICES

**Sunday**, 8:30 & 9:45 am—

Organ/Piano-Led Worship with  
communion served on first and third  
weekends.

**Sunday**, 11:00 am—Band-Led Worship  
with communion

## MUSIC MINISTRIES

Deacon Mark Ertl, Director of  
Worship & Music

## LARGE PRINT & CHILDREN'S BULLETINS

Large print and children's bulletins are  
available from the ushers.

## ASSISTIVE LISTENING DEVICES

Personal hearing assistance headphones  
can be obtained at the production booth.

## OTHER WORSHIP RESOURCES

Coloring supplies, books, fidgets, stuffed  
animals, and other activities are located  
on the shelf outside the sanctuary for all  
worshippers. Pre-assembled activity bags  
are also available to grab and go.

## FAMILIES ARE ENCOURAGED TO

### WORSHIP TOGETHER

“Let the little children come to  
me” (Matthew 19:14) Families are  
welcome in all worship spaces and are  
invited to come and go from the  
Sanctuary as needed for care and service  
participation. A Supported Family  
Worship Space is available in the chapel.



Shepherd of the Valley is a member  
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*Pentecost 9—August 9 & 10, 2025*

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# Gathering

## Prelude

“Open the Eyes of My Heart”—Paul Baloche (Sun)

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, open the eyes of my heart  
I want to see you, I want to see you

To see you high, and lifted up, shining in the light of your glory  
Pour out your power and love, as we sing holy, holy, holy

Holy, holy, holy, we cry holy, holy, holy  
you are holy, holy, holy, I want to see you

## Word of Welcome

## Invocation

*The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross,  
the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

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

**Amen.\***

## Hymn

“For All the Saints” ELW #422 (Sat)

*Sing verses 1, 3, & 5.*

“Peace Like a River”—Horatio Spafford (Sun)

**I’ve got peace like a river, I’ve got peace like a river**

**I’ve got peace like a river in my soul**

**I’ve got peace like a river, I’ve got peace like a river**

**I’ve got peace like a river in my soul**

**I’ve got love like an ocean...**

**I’ve got joy like a fountain...**

**I’ve got peace, love and joy like a river...**

\*Bold type = All

# Baptism

*The assembly is seated. (5:00 & 9:45)*

## **Presentation (5:00 & 9:45)**

*The assembly stands.*

### **Profession of Faith**

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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 into hell, 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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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 assembly is seated.*

### **Thanksgiving at the Font**

#### **Welcome (5:00 & 9:45)**

**We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world. Amen.**

*The assembly is encouraged to greet the family and welcome the newest members of the body of Christ after worship today. See page 11 for a list of those baptized this weekend. Those who have gathered at the font may return to their seats.*

### **Water Blessing for Children**

## **Greeting**

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

## **Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray.

**Eternal God, you call your people to journey into the unknown, trusting in a promise we cannot yet see. Strengthen our faith to boldly face new frontiers, working for your justice in our time. Inspire us to be a church that welcomes all, creating a place of belonging for those who feel like strangers in our world. Amen.**

## **Word**

### **Song (Sun)**

“Thy Word”—Michael W. Smith

**Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light, unto, my path.**

**Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light, unto, my path.**

**When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way,**

**Still, you're there right beside me.**

**Nothing will I fear, as long as you are near.**

**Please be near me to the end.**

**Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light, unto, my path.**

**Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light, unto, my path.**

**I will not forget, your love for me and yet**

**My heart, forever is wandering.**

**Jesus be my guide, and hold me to your side, and I will love you to the end.**

**Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light, unto, my path.**

**Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light, unto, my path.**

**Nothing will I fear, as long as you are near.**

**Please be near me to the end.**

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## Reading

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

A reading from Hebrews.

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance, and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith, with Sarah's involvement, he received power of procreation, even though he was too old, because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better homeland, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Sermon

*The assembly stands.*

## **Hymn of the Day**

“Faith of Our Fathers” ELW #813 (Sat)

*Sing verses 1-3.*

“You Gotta Sing”—traditional (Sun)

**You gotta sing when the spirit says sing  
You gotta sing when the spirit says sing  
When the spirit says sing, you gotta sing right along  
Sing when the spirit says sing**

**You gotta clap when the spirit says clap...**

**You gotta shout when the spirit says shout...**

**You gotta pray when the spirit says pray...**

**You gotta sing when the spirit says sing...**

## **Prayers**

With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus,  
let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God’s creation.

*See page 11 for a list of prayer concerns.*

*At the conclusion of each petition:*

Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray,  
trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**Amen.**

*The assembly is seated.*

# Thanksgiving

## Offering

*An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.*

- Visit [sotv.org/give](http://sotv.org/give) or scan the QR code.
- Text: “SOTV” to 73256.
- Place an offering or giving card in the plate during worship or in the black kiosk in the narthex.



“How Great Thou Art”—Stuart K. Hine (Sun)

**O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the worlds thy hand hath made  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder  
Thy pow’r throughout the universe displayed**

**Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee  
How great thou art! How great thou art!  
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How great thou art! How great thou art!**

**And when I think that God, his son not sparing  
Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in  
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing  
He bled and died to take away my sin**

**When Christ shall come, with shouts of acclamation  
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration  
And there proclaim, my God, how great you are**

*The assembly stands.*

## Thanksgiving for the Word

ELW p. 220

O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.  
**Amen.**

## **Lord's Prayer**

ELW p. 208

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

## **Sending**

### **Blessing**

**May the Lord, mighty God, bless and keep you forever.**

**Grant you peace, perfect peace, courage in every endeavor.**

**Lift up your eyes and see his face and his grace abounding.**

**May the Lord, mighty God, bless and keep you forever.**

### **Sending Song**

“Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer” ELW #618 (Sat)

“When the Saints Go Marching In”—traditional (Sun)

**O when the saints go marching in when the saints go marching in**

**O Lord I want to be in that number when the saints go marching in**

**And when the sun begins to shine...**

**On that hallelujah day...**

**O when the trumpet sounds the call...**

**O when the saints go marching in...**

### **Dismissal**

**Go in peace. Serve the Lord.**

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Postlude**

# Leading Worship Today

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## **Preacher**

Pastor Peter Harrits

## **Liturgist**

Pastor Julie Wright (Sun)

## **Organist/Pianist**

Deacon Mark Ertl

*Director of Music & Worship*

## **Lectors**

BJ Larson (8:30)

Lynne Silva-Breen (9:45)

## **UKES of the Valley** (Sun)

Dan Rooney, *director*

Bill Bowman, Bruce Maeda,

Carol Drutowski, Cindy Orbeck,

Erin Greene, Karl Drutowski, Kathy Tinker,

Kathy Titcombe, Kristen Prigge, Larry

Betchwars, Larry Strack, Leslie Redinger,

Mary Shovein, Moi Alojado, Nancy Bryan,

Rick Jones, Robin Jones, Shirl Alojado,

Staci Prigge

Ukes of the Valley is a ukulele group that has three goals: 1) Have fun! 2) Learn and grow as musicians. 3) Share our music with others. The group meets at SOTV on Tuesday evenings and is open to anyone—from absolute beginners to experienced players.

For more info: [ukesofthevalley.com](http://ukesofthevalley.com)

## **Art Offering**

All are invited to draw or color a picture as an offering to God during the sermon.

These pictures may be placed in the offering plate or brought up front during the offering time, along with any financial offerings. These pictures will be displayed next weekend to help make our Narthex more colorful!

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## **Join a Volunteer Team**

*Share your time and talents during worship!*

### **Musicians**

[mark.ertl@sotv.org](mailto:mark.ertl@sotv.org)

### **Ushers, Lectors, & Communion**

#### **Assistants**

[mark.ertl@sotv.org](mailto:mark.ertl@sotv.org)

### **Greeters**

[sam.heiting@sotv.org](mailto:sam.heiting@sotv.org)

### **A/V Production**

[omar.reyes@sotv.org](mailto:omar.reyes@sotv.org)

# Joys & Concerns

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## **We pray for those who are ill or injured:**

**Robin Dreyer**  
**Orville Wass**  
**Lowell Gemsey**  
**Roger Rebling**

## **We extend our deepest sympathies to:**

**Jody Powers** on the death of her mother,  
Bonita Wingness  
**Bev Ellis, family, and friends** on the death  
of Dave Hermstad

## **If you need pastoral care:**

Call 952.432.6351  
Email [jill.johnson@sotv.org](mailto:jill.johnson@sotv.org)  
Submit a prayer request at the  
Welcome Center or [sotv.org](http://sotv.org).

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## **Baptized this weekend:**

**Madeline Jane Edmiston**  
*Daughter of David & Julie Edmiston*

**Levi Duehn**  
*Son of Alexys & Jake Duehn*

**Teagan Lu Prah**  
*Daughter of Miranda & Kevin Prah*

**Kai Wieczorek**  
*Son of Kaci & Ryan Mieczorek*

**August Matthew Bigelow**  
*Son of Emma & Matthew Bigelow*

## **Registration for Programming is Open!**

We're excited to invite your family to be part of another amazing year of formative faith-based programs at Shepherd of the Valley!

From engaging Bible stories and interactive lessons to music, crafts, and meaningful friendships, our programs are designed to help your child grow in their relationship with God in fun, supportive, and age-appropriate ways.

Opportunities are available for children age 3 by September 1, 2025 through 9th grade! Find registration information at [sotv.org/cyf](http://sotv.org/cyf).

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# FOOD TRUCK FEST

**AUGUST 13, 2025**

**SOTV PARKING LOT**

**5:00 - 8:00 PM**

**M.T. POCKETS & LOOSE CHANGE**



**WORSHIP**

## SOTV HAS TWO STYLES OF WORSHIP: ORGAN/PIANO-LED AND BAND-LED.

Each includes an inspiring message, prayer, and great music.

- Children's activity bags/bins
- Family Supported Worship Space available in the chapel
- Livestream 9:45 AM service at [sotv.org/livestream](http://sotv.org/livestream)



**LEARN**

## GROWING IN FAITH THROUGH CURIOSITY.

- Classes and events for preschool, elementary, middle school, high school, and adults.
- Bible studies, book discussions, classes, and more.



**CONNECT**

## CONNECTING THROUGH FELLOWSHIP, SERVICE AND OUTREACH.

Find meaningful Christian community through a variety of opportunities.



**CARE**

## WE CARE FOR YOU.

We support people in all seasons of life through prayer, pastoral visits, and a variety of support groups.

# Welcome Home! Gathered. Loved. Sent.

## Worship Schedule:

**Saturday: 5:00 AM** Organ/Piano-led

**Sunday: 8:30 & 9:45 AM** Organ/Piano-led

**Sunday: 11:00 AM** Band-led

## Livestreaming is available.

View this weekend & past services at  
[sotv.org/livestream](http://sotv.org/livestream).

## Connect with us!

Visit the Welcome Center to pick up a News for the Flock catalog and Woven Words stories publication. Join us on any of the following platforms to keep informed about the happenings at SOTV.



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