



# OUR LORD IS ANOINTED AS THE CHRIST

*The Festival of the Baptism of Our Lord*

# GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH | Kearney, Nebraska

---

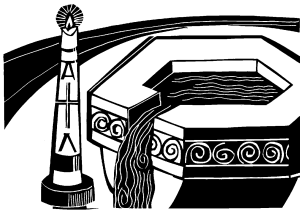
*Sunday, January 10, 2016*

## WELCOME TO GOOD SHEPHERD!

We are so happy you could join us today! If we can assist you in any way with questions about our confession of faith, spiritual struggles, understanding our liturgical service, or any other need, please let us know. It is our prayer that the Gospel of Jesus Christ will strengthen and comfort you.

For your convenience, **Listening Devices** are available for those who need assistance in hearing the service. Please speak with an usher if you need one. A **Nursery** is also available and is equipped with a speaker so that a minimal amount of the service is missed. The nursery is located in the hallway just off the entryway (first door on left).

## SERVICE NOTES FOR THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD



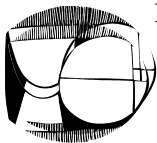
The long-expected Christ has arrived; the waiting is over as the Son of David is anointed. The Father's approval sounds from heaven and book-ends the season of Epiphany, when, with the Holy Spirit and with power, it thunders again on the Mount of Transfiguration as the Son is revealed in glory.

We light the Paschal Candle this morning as a symbol of the resurrection victory of Christ over the darkness of sin and death. It emphasizes the presence of the resurrected Christ and the link between baptism and the resurrection (Romans 6).

The name Paschal comes from the Greek, *pascha*. Before the time of Christ, this word was used for Passover; after Christ, Christians took to using the word when referring to the Festival of the Resurrection.

Even as the Advent candles bring wonderful meaning to the celebration of Advent, so the Paschal Candle is intended to add meaningful symbolism to our celebration of Easter, baptisms, and Christian funerals.

**HOLY COMMUNION IS OFFERED TODAY**



In Holy Communion, we share in the mystery of the bread and wine offered together with the body and blood of Christ. As Christians who believe that the Bible is inspired by God and that every word written in it is God’s holy Word, we believe that we receive the body and blood in, with, and under the bread and wine. While this is something that goes beyond our human understanding, our faith allows us to accept this as true. God warns us in the Bible that anyone who doesn’t understand this teaching or who denies this real presence of Christ’s body and blood will do damage to his or her soul if not taught first.

As a congregation we care about people and about the spiritual well-being of individuals, especially those attending the Lord’s Table this morning. If you are a guest and desire to commune, please speak to the pastor before the service. Our altar is open to those who confess oneness with us in doctrine, are not under church discipline in another congregation, and are members of our congregation, one of our sister congregations in the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod [WELS], or a member of our sister synod, the Evangelical Lutheran Synod [ELS].

**SERVING IN THE DIVINE SERVICE**

- Preaching & Presiding Minister** .....Pr. Nathanael P. Seelow
- Keyboardist** .....Michelle Reinsch
- Ushers** .....Randy Kahle and Chaden Darby
- Greeters** .....Phil & Lois Brei and Family
- Sound Technician** .....Logan Hansen

**COPYRIGHT INFORMATION**

All liturgical songs and text in this worship service is used by permission under One-License # A-716958.

*Gathering Rite on Holy Baptism* © 2008 Northwestern Publishing House. All rights reserved. Used by permission.

*Divine Service II* © 2008 Northwestern Publishing House. All rights reserved. Used by permission.

Psalm Refrain Tune: © 1993 Kermit G. Moldenhauer. All rights reserved. Used by permission.

All Scripture is from the *The Holy Bible*, English Standard Version Copyright © 2001 by Crossway Bibles, a publishing ministry of Good News Publishers.

Artwork by Steve Erspamer © 1992 Archdiocese of Chicago. All rights reserved. Used by permission.



# THE DIVINE SERVICE

*The liturgy of the church follows the same patterns of worship services used by Christians for millennia. It beautifully unites believers across the ages in celebrating the wondrous mercies of our Lord through the Word and the Sacrament.*

*The minister conducts the gathering rite at the font.*

## INVOCATION

**M** In the name of the Father and of the Son ☩ and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

Bap - tized in - to your name most ho - ly, O Fa - ther,  
I claim a place, though weak and low - ly, A - mong your

Son, and Ho - ly Ghost,  
saints, your cho - sen host, Bur - ied with Christ and dead to

sin. Your Spir - it now shall live with - in.

## OPENING SENTENCES

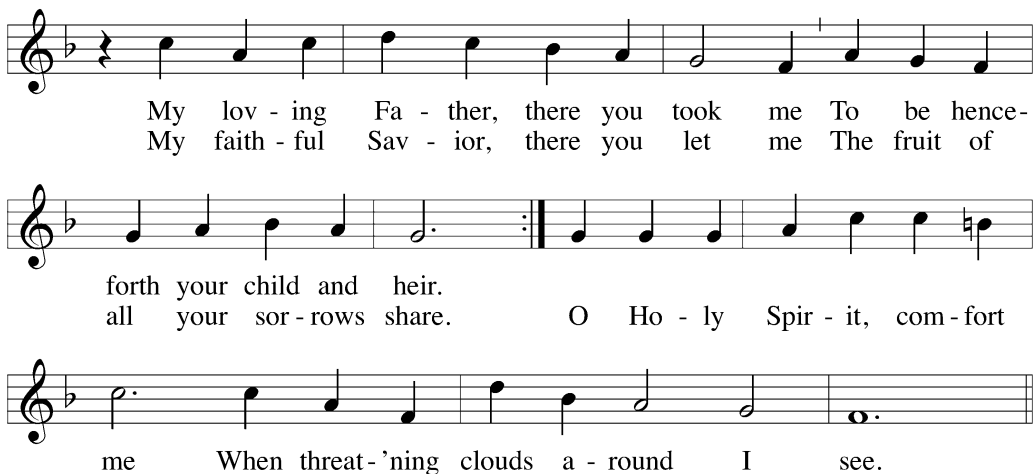
*John 3:5,6; Psalm 51:5; 1 Corinthians 6:11*

**M** I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit.

**C** Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit.

**M** Surely we were sinful at birth, sinful from the time our mothers conceived us.

**C** But we were washed, we were sanctified, we were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.



My lov - ing Fa - ther, there you took me To be hence -  
My faith - ful Sav - ior, there you let me The fruit of  
forth your child and heir.  
all your sor - rows share. O Ho - ly Spir - it, com - fort  
me When threat - 'ning clouds a - round I see.

## CONFESSION OF SINS

**[M]** As baptized children of God, we confess our sins.

*The penitent may kneel.*

**[C]** Lord of Life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.

For faithless worrying and selfish pride,

For sins of habit and sins of choice,

For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,

You should cast me away from your presence forever.

O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus sake.



My faith - ful God, you fail me nev - er; Your pro - mise  
Oh, cast me not a - way for - ev - er If words and  
sure - ly will en - dure.  
deeds be - come im - pure. Have mer - cy when I come de -



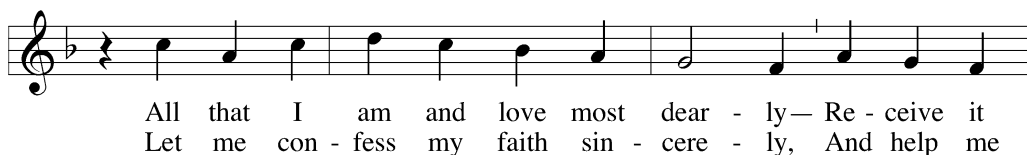
## ABSOLUTION

*Ephesians 5:25-27*

- M** Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son ☩ and of the Holy Spirit.

## **C** Amen.

*If kneeling, please stand.*



## PRAYER OF THE DAY

- M** Let us pray.

Father in heaven, at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Keep us who are baptized into Christ faithful in our calling as your children and make us heirs with him of everlasting life; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

## **C** Amen.

*Be seated.*

**T**HE LORD SAID TO SAMUEL, "How long will you grieve over Saul, since I have rejected him from being king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil, and go. I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." <sup>2</sup> And Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears it, he will kill me." And the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.'" <sup>3</sup> And invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do. And you shall anoint for me him whom I declare to you." <sup>4</sup> Samuel did what the LORD commanded and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling and said, "Do you come peaceably?" <sup>5</sup> And he said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD. Consecrate yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice." And he consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

<sup>6</sup> When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD's anointed is before him." <sup>7</sup> But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For the LORD sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart." <sup>8</sup> Then Jesse called Abinadab and made him pass before Samuel. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." <sup>9</sup> Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." <sup>10</sup> And Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel. And Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen these." <sup>11</sup> Then Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but behold, he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and get him, for we will not sit down till he comes here." <sup>12</sup> And he sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was handsome. And the LORD said, "Arise, anoint him, for this is he." <sup>13</sup> Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers. And the Spirit of the LORD rushed upon David from that day forward. And Samuel rose up and went to Ramah.



**M** The Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God!

*Refrain*

Great are the works of the Lord. Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le-  
lu - ia! Great are the works of the Lord.

*Psalm tone* \*

*Refrain*

Why do the nations conspire\*  
and the peoples plot in vain?

The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers  
gather together against the LORD\*  
and against his Anointed One.

*Refrain*

The One enthroned in heaven laughs;\*  
the Lord scoffs at them.

Then he rebukes them in his anger  
and terrifies them in his wrath, saying,\*  
"I have installed my King on Zion, my holy hill."

I will proclaim the decree of the LORD:\*  
He said to me, "You are my Son;  
today I have become your Father."



Glory be to the Father and to the Son\*  
and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

*Refrain*

## SECOND LESSON

*Titus 3:4-7*  
*Through baptism we become heirs of  
eternal life through Christ.*

**B**UT WHEN THE GOODNESS and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, <sup>5</sup> he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, <sup>6</sup> whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, <sup>7</sup> so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

**M** The Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God!

## VERSE OF THE DAY

*Mark 1:11*

**M** Alleluia! And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

**C** Alleluia!



## HOLY GOSPEL<sup>1</sup>

Luke 3:15-17, 21, 22  
*John the Baptist baptizes Jesus in the Jordan River.*

*Please stand.*

**[M]** The Holy Gospel appointed for the Festival of the Baptism of Our Lord according to St. Luke, chapter three.

**[C]** Praise be to you, O Lord.



**A**S THE PEOPLE WERE IN EXPECTATION, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, <sup>16</sup> John answered them all, saying, “I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>17</sup> His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

<sup>21</sup> Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heavens were opened, <sup>22</sup> and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”

**[M]** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**[C]** Praise be to you, O Christ.

*Be seated.*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord* | **CW 88**

## SERMON

*1 Samuel 16:7*

But the LORD said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For the LORD sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.”

---

<sup>1</sup> The congregation stands and speaks words of acclamation out of respect for the words of Christ, our King.

## NICENE CREED<sup>2</sup>

*Please stand.*

**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,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,  
and became fully human.**

**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,  
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.**

**We believe in one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*Be seated.*

---

<sup>2</sup> Public confession is faith's response to God's saving Word. Christians composed the Nicene Creed in the fourth century to defend the Bible's teachings that both Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit are true God, equal to the Father in one eternal, undivided Trinity.

## OFFERING

*Moved by God's love in Christ, we offer him our first and best gifts, purely out of thanks to him. If you are visiting with us today, please do not feel obligated to give an offering.*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

*This morning each petition of the prayer will be prayed and then concluded in this way:*

**M** ...Lord, in your mercy,

**C** **Hear our prayer.**

*The final petition of the prayer will be concluded in this way:*

**M** ...who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**



## *The Holy Sacrament*

---

*Our Lord Jesus has given us a holy supper in which we receive his true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of our faith. In this supper we celebrate the gift of his redemption, we bear witness to the fellowship we share as confessors of the truth, and we proclaim his death until he returns.*

## PREFACE<sup>3</sup>

**M** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**M** Lift up your hearts.

**C** **We lift them up to the Lord.**

**M** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** **It is good and right so to do.**

---

<sup>3</sup> *The words of the Preface mark the beginning of the Sacrament section of the service and lift the worshipers' hearts in praise. The opening sentences are among the oldest in the Christian liturgy.*

**[M]** It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for at his baptism your voice from heaven revealed him as your beloved Son, and the Holy Spirit descended on Him, confirming him to be the Christ. Therefore with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

# **HOLY, HOLY, HOLY – Sanctus<sup>4</sup>**

*Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*

*Tune: MUNICH [CW 78]*

1 O ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of pow'r and  
2 Ho - san - na in the high - est! How tru - ly blest is

might, he Your glo - ry, earth and heav - en In  
Who in God's name is com - ing To

count - less ways re - cite. Ho - san - na! Come and  
set his peo - ple free! He comes to bring sal -

save us, Lord God of hosts on high, And  
va - tion And with his blood out - poured, De -

in your grace and mer - cy Re - ceive our fer - vent cry.  
liv - er us from bond - age— Ho - san - na, might - y Lord!

<sup>4</sup> "Sanctus" means "holy." Used possibly as early as the 2nd century, this canticle was in wide use among Christians in worship by the 14th century.

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING<sup>5</sup>

**M** All glory and splendor, thanks and praise are yours, O Lord, heavenly Father.

You pierced the gloomy darkness of sin and unbelief with the brilliant light of your Son.  
You guided the Magi to worship the Christ and revealed the mystery of your eternal plan to save both Jew and Gentile.

You declared Jesus your beloved Son at the Jordan River and, with your Spirit, you anointed him to be the Savior of all people.

Bless our reception of your Son's body and blood that we may shine with the joy of faith. Use this most Holy Sacrament to illumine our lives and minds with Christ's forgiveness, peace, and comfort. Refresh our faith, and help us to reflect his truth and grace to the world. We ask this that you may receive endless honor, glory, and praise from every tribe and language and people and nation.

**C** Amen.

## LORD'S PRAYER

*Matthew 6:9-13*

**C** Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done  
on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins,  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and forever. Amen.

---

<sup>5</sup> Jesus took bread and "gave thanks." (cf. Matthew 26:26)

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION<sup>6</sup>

*Matthew 26:26-28; 1 Corinthians 11:24,25*

**M** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: “Take and eat. This is my ✠ body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it all of you; this is my ✠ blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

## LAMB OF GOD – *Agnus Dei*<sup>7</sup>

*John 1:29*

Lamb of God, you take a - way the

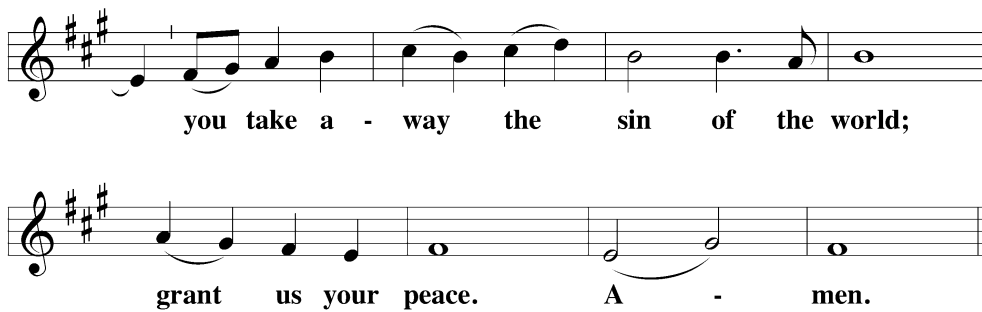
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,

<sup>6</sup> As he speaks the Words of Institution, the minister both proclaims the words of Jesus to the congregation and sets apart the bread and wine for the Lord's use. This is why he stands behind the altar during this portion of the service. The sign of the cross reminds us of Christ's death, which is necessary for this Sacrament.

<sup>7</sup> Jesus is the "Agnus Dei," or "Lamb of God," who was offered as a sacrifice once for all.



## DISTRIBUTION<sup>8</sup>

*We ask that only members of the Wisconsin Synod [WELS] or the Evangelical Lutheran Synod [ELS] join us at the Lord's Table this morning. If you have questions concerning our communion practice, please speak with the Pastor following the service.*



## Thanksgiving and Prayer

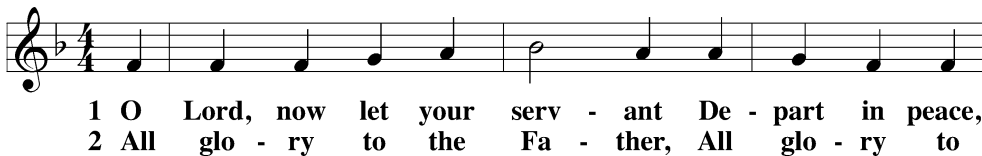
*Having just received in the Lord's body and blood the reassurance of the forgiveness of sins and the promise of life in heaven, believers join their hearts and voices in thanking him through song and prayer.*

## SONG OF SIMEON – Nunc Dimittis<sup>9</sup>

Luke 2:29-32

Tune: FREUT EUCH, IHR LIEBEN CHRISTEN [CW 93]

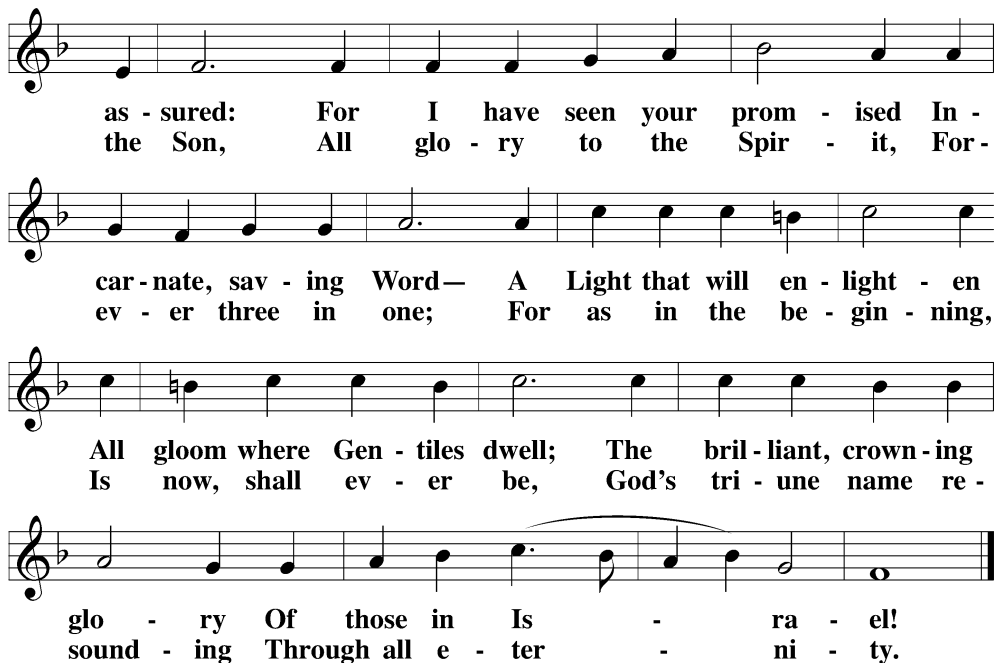
*Please stand.*



<sup>8</sup> The Scriptures teach that the celebration of the Lord's Supper connects us intimately with Christ and with one another as Christians who are united around a common confession of faith.

<sup>9</sup> The "Nunc Dimittis," or "Now Dismiss," is also known as the "Song of Simeon." Through God's Word and Sacrament, we have seen Jesus Christ, and like Simeon we find divine peace and comfort through faith in the Savior.





as - sured: For I have seen your prom - ised In -  
the Son, All glo - ry to the Spir - it, For -

car - nate, sav - ing Word— A Light that will en - light - en  
ev - er three in one; For as in the be - gin - ning,

All gloom where Gen - tiles dwell; The bril - liant, crown - ing  
Is now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -

glo - ry Of those in Is - ra - el!  
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

**M** O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

**C** And his mercy endures forever.

**M** We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet that you have given us to eat and to drink in this sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## BLESSING<sup>10</sup>

**M** 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.

**C** Amen.

*Be seated.*

## CLOSING HYMN

*To Jordan's River Came Our Lord* | **CW 89**



## *This Week's Announcements*

---

**BIBLE CLASS AND SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY!** Sunday School will meet at 10:45 in the church. Bible Class will start at 10:55 in the multi-purpose room. We will be continuing our study of Romans 1-8.

**WINTER OPEN FORUM AND VOTERS' MEETING TODAY** The annual winter open forum and voters' meeting will be held today. The meeting will take the place of Bible Class this morning. Sunday School will continue to be held as scheduled.

**CHURCH "UN-DECORATING"** The church will be "un-decorated" following the Voters' Meeting today. As we did last year, we will order food for lunch and then begin the process of putting the decorations away for the year. Please consider staying for the meetings and then enjoying some time of fellowship as we bring our church building back to "normal."

---

<sup>10</sup> *The blessing of Aaron has been spoken over God's people for over 3,500 years. The Lord said, "So they will put my name on [them], and I will bless them." (cf. Numbers 6:27)*

**NEW! TRANSFORMED DEVOTIONS** The WELS Commission on Youth and Family is launching a weekly devotional series, *“TRANSFORMED: Devotions Connecting Teens to Christ.”* Check out a new devotion each week at [wels.net/transformed](http://wels.net/transformed) or subscribe to get them delivered to your e-mail at [wels.net/subscribe](http://wels.net/subscribe).

**THE ANNUAL SOUPER-BOWL IS BACK!** Good Shepherd will once again be hosting a fellowship gathering on Super Bowl Sunday, February 7. Plans for the day include a soup lunch and bowling at Big Apple in the afternoon. If you’re interested and plan on attending, a sign up sheet is available on the bulletin board in the entry way. Please sign up so that we have an accurate count to be able to reserve lanes at the bowling alley. See you there!

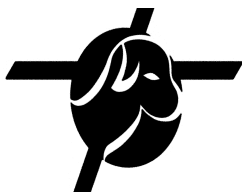
**CONGREGATION AT PRAYER** A copy of the newest “A Congregation at Prayer” is available on the table in the entryway. This packet is not only a good outline for personal and family devotions, but it also includes an up-to-date prayer list for those in (and outside) our congregation.

# *This Week’s Calendar*

---

- Tuesday, January 12** .....7p — Ladies’ Guild
- Wednesday, January 13** .....4p — Confirmation  
7p — *Connecting Sinai to Calvary* Bible Class
- Sunday, January 17** .....9:30a — Divine Service
- Ushers:** Logan and Tom Hansen  
**Greeters:**  
**Sound Technician:** Logan Hansen
- 10:30a — Fellowship  
10:45a — Sunday School  
10:55a — *Romans 1-8* Bible Class

-----  
**Cleaning (1/10-1/16)** .....*Church*—Reinsch; *Fellowship*—Riggins; *Ed. Bldg.*—Scott  
-----



*[www.goodshepherdkearney.org](http://www.goodshepherdkearney.org)*