



CHRIST BATTLES TEMPTATION

The First Sunday in Lent

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH | *Kearney, Nebraska*

Sunday, February 14, 2016

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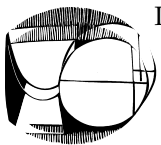
We are so happy you could join us today! If we can assist you in any way with questions about our confession of faith, spiritual struggles, understanding our liturgical service, or any other need, please let us know. It is our prayer that the Gospel of Jesus Christ will strengthen and comfort you.

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 FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

Each of us battles with temptation every day, and the results are too obvious to mention. Christ was no stranger to temptation, either. He battled, yet was without sin...for us and for our eternal righteousness. This message of victory gives us confidence as we journey through the wilderness of sin in true repentance.

HOLY COMMUNION IS OFFERED TODAY



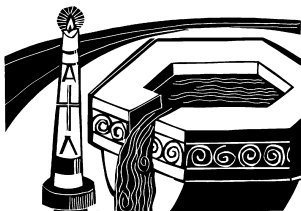
In Holy Communion, we share in the mystery of the bread and wine offered together with the body and blood of Christ. As Christians who believe that the Bible is inspired by God and that every word written in it is God's holy Word, we believe that we receive the body and blood in, with, and under the 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].

BAPTISM OF EZRA HENRY SEELOW



In today’s service we have the privilege of witnessing another little lamb brought into the sheepfold of Christ’s Church. Through the waters of baptism Ezra will be made a child of God and an heir of heaven. We rejoice with Pastor, Megan, and Judah in this amazing gift of God’s grace and pray that God keeps him in his grace all the days of his life!

The Paschal Candle is lit 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 a believer’s baptism and the resurrection (Romans 6). For this reason, this candle is lit at every baptism, funeral, and throughout the Easter season of the Church Year.

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.

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.

SERVING IN THE DIVINE SERVICE

Preacher & Celebrant	Pr. Nathanael P. Seelow
Keyboardist	Logan Hansen
Ushers	Tony Wenz and Chris Stutz
Greeters	Tom & Marlene Hansen
Sound Technician	Jamie Scott

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The Rite of Holy Baptism

This order incorporates Holy Baptism into congregational worship by combining the Sacrament of Baptism with the Confession and Absolution of Sins. Luther said that confessing sins and receiving forgiveness is nothing else than a reliving of baptism. This order, based on Luther's Baptismal Rite, provides opportunity not only to baptize, but also to recall the lasting blessings of baptism.

OPENING HYMN

All Christians Who Have Been Baptized | **CWS 736:1-3**

During the Hymn, the Baptismal Font is filled with water.

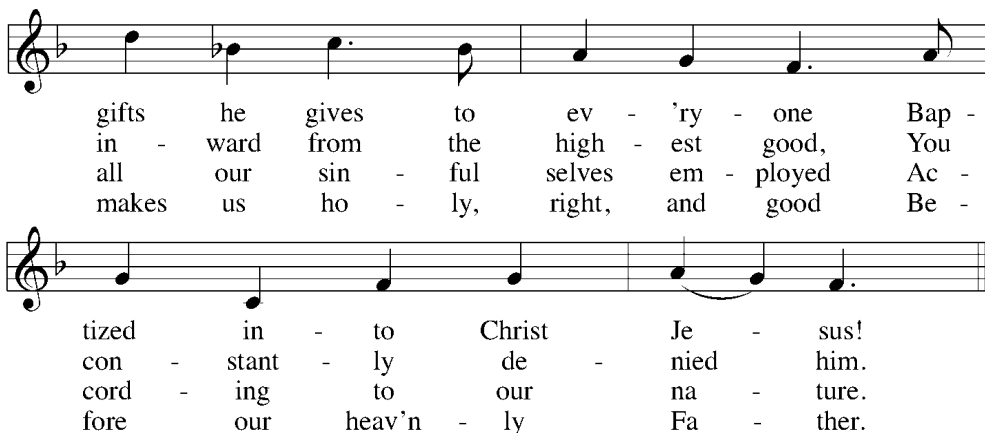
1 All Chris - tians who have been bap - tized, Who
2 You were be - fore your day of birth, In -
3 But all of that was washed a - way— Im -
4 In Bap - tism we now put on Christ— Our

know the God of heav - en, And
deed, from your con - cep - tion, Con -
mersed and drowned for - ev - er. The
shame is ful - ly cov - ered With

in whose dai - ly life is prized The
demned and lost with all the earth, None
wa - ter of your bap - tism day Re -
all that he once sac - ri - ficed And

name of Christ once giv - en: Con -
good, with - out ex - cep - tion. For
stored a - gain what - ev - er For
free - ly for us suf - fered. For

si - der now what God has done, The
like your par - ents' flesh and blood, Turned
A - dam and his sin de - stroyed And
here the flood of his own blood Now



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INVOCATION

Remain seated.

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

[C] Amen.

BAPTISMAL MEANING

[M] Our Savior Jesus Christ commanded baptism when he said: “Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” All of us are born into this world with a deep need for baptism. From our parents we inherit a sinful nature; we are without true fear of God and true faith in God and are condemned to eternal death. But Jesus took away our sin by giving his life on the cross. At our baptism he clothes us with the robe of his righteousness and gives us a new life. Our sinful nature need not control us any longer. We recall what baptism means for our daily lives:

[C] Baptism means that the sinful nature in us should be drowned by daily sorrow and repentance, and that all its evil deeds and desires be put to death. It also means that a new person should daily arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.

CONFESSION OF SINS

- [M]** As baptized children of God we confess our sins:
- [M]** **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

ABSOLUTION

- [M]** God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. 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.
- [M]** **Amen.**

INTRODUCTION TO THE RITE OF BAPTISM

The Rite of Baptism continues at the font.

- [M]** In bringing Ezra to Baptism, we are doing what is God-pleasing. Jesus himself invited little children to become a part of his kingdom when he said: “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.” And he took the children in his arms, put his hands on them, and blessed them.

THE SIGN OF THE CROSS

- [M]** Receive the sign of the cross on the head ☩ and on the heart ☩ to mark you as a redeemed child of Christ.

FLOOD PRAYER¹

M Let us pray.

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father, through your stern judgment the unbelieving world was destroyed by the flood, but according to your great mercy, you saved Noah and his family. You engulfed stubborn Pharaoh and his army in the waters of the Red Sea but led your people through those same waters to safety on dry land. In the waters of the Jordan your own Son was baptized and anointed with the Spirit. By these signs you consecrated all water as a salutary flood and a rich and full washing away of sins.

Clinging to these same promises, we ask that you would look with favor on Ezra. Through this water of Baptism, bless him with true faith in the spirit. By means of this saving flood drown and engulf in him all sin inherited from Adam and any other evil he may do. Set him apart from the unbelieving world and hold him dry and secure in the holy ark of the Christian Church. Keep him always fervent in spirit and joyful in hope so that he may serve and honor your holy name at all times and at last receive, together with all believers, the promised inheritance of eternal life, through Jesus ☩ Christ our Lord.

C Amen.



^{20c} In [the ark] only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water, ²¹ and this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also—not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a clear conscience toward God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²² who has gone into heaven and is at God's right hand—with angels, authorities and powers in submission to him. (1 Peter 1:20c-22)

¹ The "Flood Prayer," used in the Baptismal Rite of the Church for almost 500 years, is Luther's baptismal prayer, in which, following the imagery of 1 Peter 1, he connects the saving of Noah and his family with the waters of Baptism.

APOSTLES' CREED

M Using the Apostles' Creed, let us confess the faith of the Church, the faith into which Ezra will be baptized:

C I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

RITE OF BAPTISM

The pastor applies water to the one being baptized as he says:

M Ezra Henry Seelow, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

The pastor, laying his hand on the one baptized, says:

M The Almighty God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—has forgiven all your sins. By your baptism, you are born again and made a dear child of your Father in heaven.

May God strengthen you to live in your baptismal grace all the days of your life. Peace be with you.

EXHORTATION TO SPONSORS

M Dear sponsors, Ezra has been baptized in the name of the triune God. It is your privilege and responsibility to remember him in your prayers, to continually remind him of his baptism throughout his life, and, as far as possible, to give your counsel and aid that he may be brought up in the true knowledge of God according to the teachings of the Scriptures. If you intend gladly and willingly to do this, then answer: “Yes, and we ask God to help us.”

R Yes, and we ask God to help us.

EXHORTATION TO THE CONGREGATION

M Members of Good Shepherd, our Lord commands that we teach his precious truths to all who are baptized. Christian love, therefore, urges all of us to assist in whatever manner possible so that Ezra may remain a child of God until death. If you are willing to carry out this responsibility, then answer: “Yes, and we ask God to help us.”

C Yes, and we ask God to help us.

BAPTISMAL CANDLE

The Pastor lights the baptismal candle from the fire of the Paschal Candle.

M Jesus said: “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”

Light this candle again and again in years to come on anniversaries of this day, and recall what God has done for Ezra through the gift of his Son and through Baptism which unites him with Jesus in his death to sin and resurrection to new life.

Please stand.

PRAYER

M Let us pray.

We give thanks, most merciful Father, that you have received Ezra as your own child and made him a member of Christ’s body, the Church. Now, we pray, grant to him and to all your Church on earth that being dead to sin, we may live to righteousness, and being

buried with Christ into his death, we may also be partakers of his resurrection, so that, with all your saints, we may inherit eternal life, through Christ † our Lord.

C Amen.

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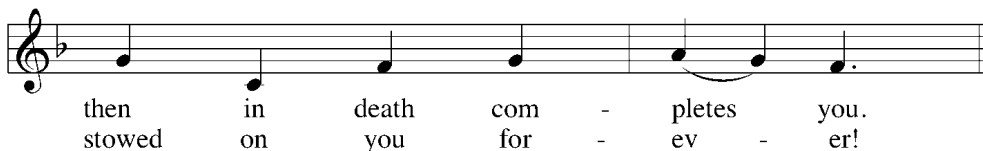
M Almighty God, the Father of our Lord † Jesus Christ, strengthen you by his Spirit, that Christ, dwelling in your hearts by faith, may fill you with all spiritual blessings.

Go in peace.

HYMN

All Christians Who Have Been Baptized | CWS 736:5,6

5 O Chris - tian, firm - ly hold this gift And
6 So use it well! You are made new— In
give Christ God a thanks for - ev - er! It
Christ a new cre - a - tion! As
gives the pow - er to up - lift In
faith - ful Chris - tians live and do With -
all in that you own en - deav - or. When
in your own vo - ca - tion, Un -
noth - ing else re - vives your soul, Your
til that day when you pos - sess His
bap - tism stands and makes you whole And
glo - rious robe of right - eous - ness Be -



The Service of the Word

Having confessed their sinful state, having received absolution for their sins, and having focused on their baptisms, believers now gather around the Word of God to find encouragement and peace for their lives on earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

M Let us pray.

Lord our strength, the battle of good and evil rages within and around us, and our ancient foe tempts us with his deceits and empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your Word, and when we fall, raise us up again and restore us 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.

FIRST LESSON

Deuteronomy 26:5-10

The LORD worked victory over evil for his people.

AND YOU SHALL MAKE RESPONSE before the LORD your God, 'A wandering Aramean was my father. And he went down into Egypt and sojourned there, few in number, and there he became a nation, great, mighty, and populous. ⁶ And the Egyptians treated us harshly and humiliated us and laid on us hard labor. ⁷ Then we cried to the LORD, the God of our fathers, and the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸ And the

LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great deeds of terror, with signs and wonders. ⁹ And he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰ And behold, now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground, which you, O LORD, have given me.' And you shall set it down before the LORD your God and worship before the LORD your God.

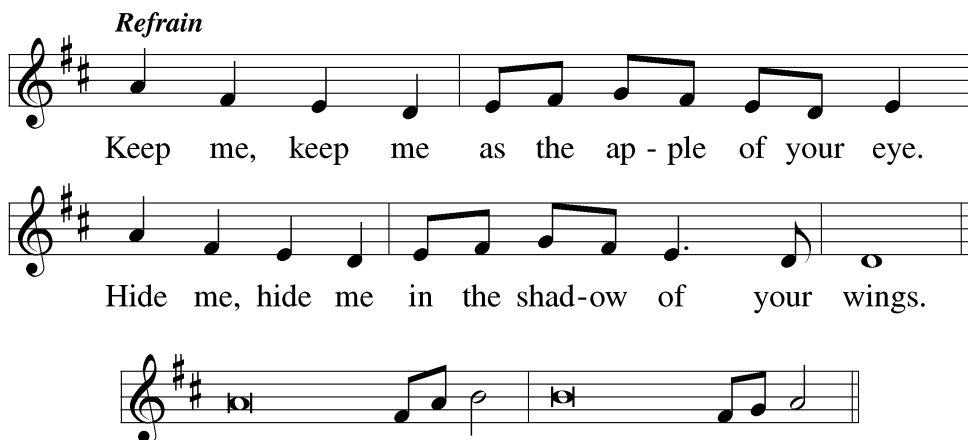
M The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalms 91 | CW p. 100

Refrain



Keep me, keep me as the ap - ple of your eye.

Hide me, hide me in the shad-ow of your wings.

Refrain

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High*
will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.

I will say of the LORD,*
"He is my refuge and my fortress,
my God, in whom I trust."

Refrain

You will not fear the terror of the night,*
nor the arrow that flies by day.



If you make the Most High your dwelling,*
then no harm will befall you,
no disaster will come near your tent.

For he will command his angels concerning you*
to guard you in all your ways;
they will lift you up in their hands,*
so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.

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

Hebrews 4:14-16
Jesus is our High Priest and has
made atonement for our sin.

SINCE THEN WE HAVE A GREAT HIGH PRIEST who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. ¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶ Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

M The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

VERSE OF THE DAY

Matthew 4:10b

- M** It is written: "Worship the Lord your God,
C and serve him only."

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 4:1-13

*The old evil foe battled the Son of Man while
the fate of humankind hung in the balance.*

Please stand.

- M** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, chapter four.



AND JESUS, FULL OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness ² for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And he ate nothing during those days. And when they were ended, he was hungry. ³ The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread." ⁴ And Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone.'" ⁵ And the devil took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time, ⁶ and said to him, "To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whom I will. ⁷ If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." ⁸ And Jesus answered him, "It is written,

"You shall worship the LORD your God,
and him only shall you serve."

⁹ And he took him to Jerusalem and set him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰ for it is written,

"He will command his angels concerning you,
to guard you,'

¹¹ and

"On their hands they will bear you up,
lest you strike your foot against a stone."

¹² And Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'" ¹³ And when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from him until an opportune time.

[M] This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Praise be to you, O Christ! Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated.

HYMN OF THE DAY

A Mighty Fortress is Our God | **CW 200**

SERMON

Luke 4:1-13

One Little Word

CREATE IN ME

Please stand.



Cre - ate in me a



pure heart, O God, and re - new a right spir - it with -



in me. Do not cast me a - way from your



pres - ence or take your Ho - ly Spir - it from



Be seated.

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

Please stand.

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

[M] ...let us pray to the Lord:

[C] Lord, have mercy.

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

[M] ... trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus ☩ Christ, our Lord.

[C] Amen.



The Service of 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.

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.

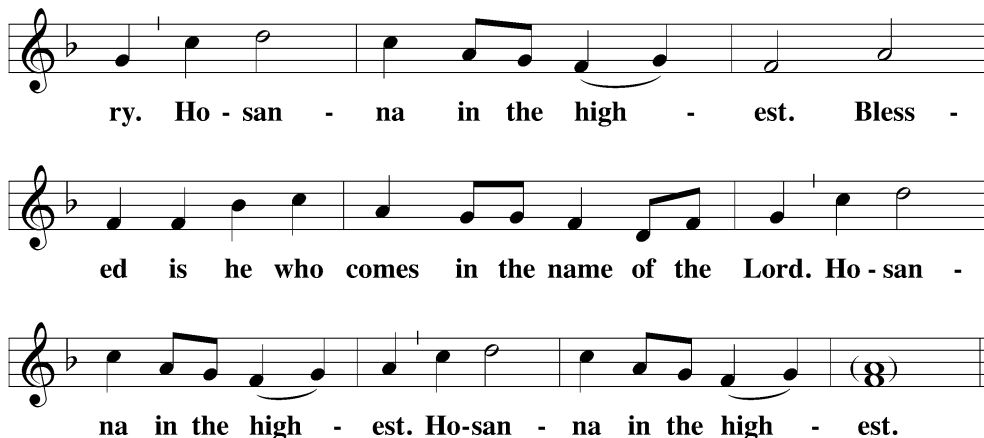
C It is good and right so to do.

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, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave his life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. 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*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er,

God of might: heav'n and earth are full of your glo -



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

[M] Blessed are you, O Lord, because you have brought us from death to life. With humble and repentant hearts, we praise and thank you for your Son, Jesus Christ, who destroyed the works of the devil by his perfect obedience to your will. Through his body and blood, once given and poured out for us, forgive our sins and strengthen us for our journey heavenward. Unite us to our crucified and risen Lord, that we may believe in him, confess him, call on his name, and finally be delivered from this world to the feast of the Lamb, whose kingdom has no end.

[C] Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

[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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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*



O Christ, Lamb of
God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of
God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



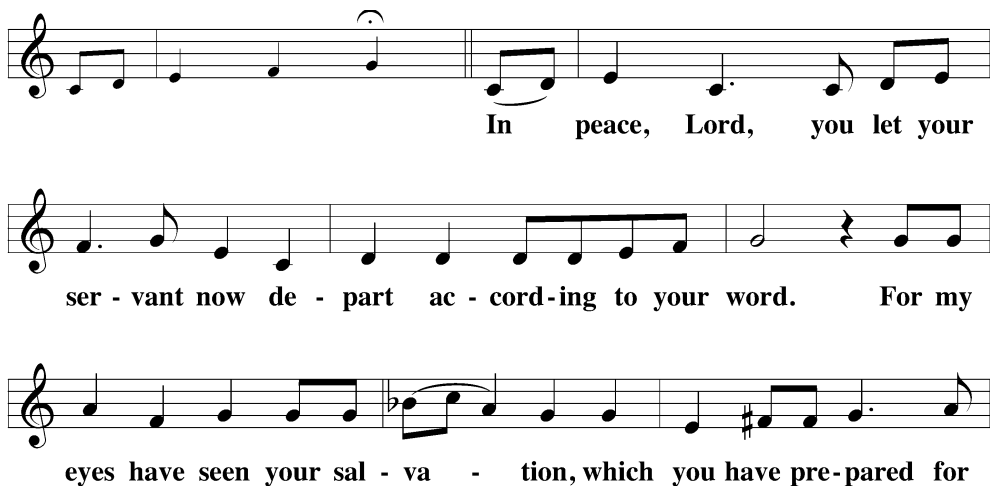
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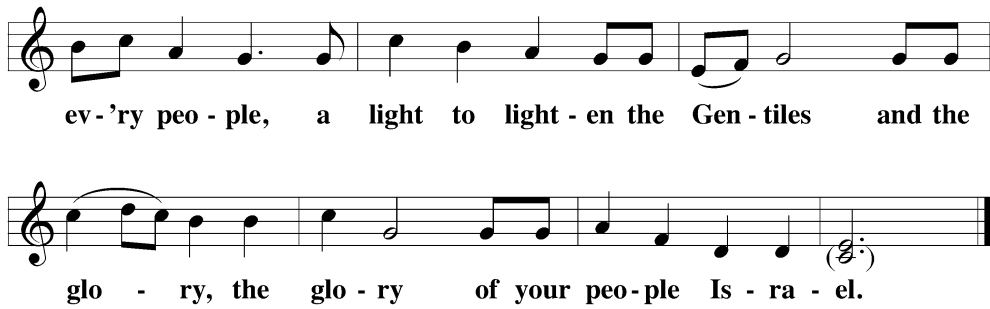
DISTRIBUTION

We ask that only members of the Wisconsin Synod [WELS] or the Evangelical Lutheran Synod [ELS] join us at the Lord's Table. If you have questions concerning our communion practice, or would like to inquire about how you, too, can commune with us, please speak with the Pastor following the service.

SONG OF SIMEON — *Nunc Dimittis*

Please stand.





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

C And his mercy endures forever.

M We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this Holy Supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BLESSING

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

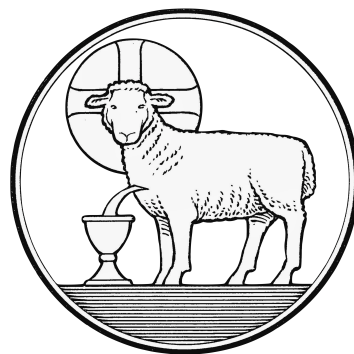
Jesus, Grant that Balm and Healing | CW 121



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*.

LENT CONTINUES THIS WEEK This year's series is titled: "*A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth*", and are based on a sermon series from a Professor of our seminary in 1889. Services are on Wednesday evenings at 7pm. Lenten suppers will begin each week at 6:00pm (except for Ash Wednesday when there is no supper.) A schedule for this Lenten season is included as an insert in this bulletin. Please start making plans now in your schedule to be able to spend some time with the Lord during this blessed season of the church year.



A LAMB GOES
UNCOMPLAINING FORTH

THE LORD'S SUPPER DURING LENT During the season of Lent, the Lord's Supper will be offered every week in the Divine Service. Since the season of Lent is a season of repentance, it is only fitting that the church offers forgiveness through the Holy Supper throughout the season. If you have any questions or concerns about this practice, please speak with Pastor Seelow.

2016 WELS INTERNATIONAL YOUTH RALLY This summer, the WELS *Commission on Youth and Family Ministry* is holding their bi-annual International Youth Rally at Colorado State University in Fort Collins, CO. The rally will be held June 28-July 1, 2016. Cost to attend is \$355 plus travel expenses. **The deadline for a decision to go to the rally is March 1.** If you (or you think your child would be) are interested in attending, please speak with Pastor Seelow. The ages for the rally (completing) 8th grade through a 2016 high school graduate.

FEBRUARY CHURCH CALENDAR The February Church Calendar is available on the table in the entry way or on the church website at www.goodshepherdkearney.org/calendar.

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.

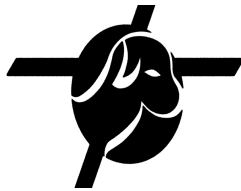
This Week's Calendar

Wednesday, February 17AM — Shut-in/Hospital Calls
4p — Confirmation
7p — **Mid-Week Lenten Service**

Sunday, February 219:30a — Divine Service with Holy Communion
Ushers: Randy Webb & Les Adelung
Greeters: Harp Family

10:45a — Sunday School
10:55a — *Romans 1-8*

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Cleaning (2/14-2/20)*Church*—Riggins; *Fellowship*—Scott; *Ed. Bldg.*—Stutz
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