



# JESUS PREPARES US FOR HIS PASSION

*The Transfiguration of our Lord*

# GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH | Kearney, NE

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*Sunday, February 7, 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.

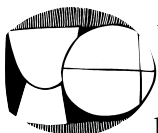
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## SERVICE NOTES FOR THIS SUNDAY

Today, the Savior “preaches” to us his final sermon: Prepare for my passion. On the mount, Jesus appears to his disciples in glory as the Son of God. The Epiphany season is bookended by the voice of God the Father proclaiming Jesus his Son. Before he suffered as man’s substitute, Jesus gave his Church a glimpse of the glory that he set aside to be our Savior. See how much he loves us! The God of Mt. Sinai, the Majestic Glory, became a man to suffer and die for us, just as Moses and the Prophets had foretold. It is good that we are here.

Today we also bid “farewell” to *alleluia*. It is the custom that *alleluia* is not spoken or sung in the church from Ash Wednesday until Easter morn. It is omitted from the Verse of the Day, the hymns, and liturgical songs. We stifle our joy during the season of Lent as we prepare and observe the Passion of our Lord. But don’t worry; the church will shout it again on Easter morning as she rejoices at the entrance to the empty tomb.

## HOLY COMMUNION IS OFFERED TODAY



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 properly taught first (1 Corinthians 11:27-29).

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 Seelow  
**Keyboardist** .....Michelle Reinsch  
**Ushers**.....Chris Stutz & George Scott  
**Greeters**.....Michelle Kelley and Family  
**Sound Technician** .....Logan Hansen

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## DIVINE SERVICE II

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*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.*

### OPENING HYMN

*How Good, Lord, to be Here* | CW 95

### INVOCATION<sup>1</sup>

*Please stand.*

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

**C** Amen.

### CONFESSION OF SINS

**M** Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

**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.

### ABSOLUTION<sup>2</sup>

**M** Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant:

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<sup>1</sup> The name of the triune God and the sign of the cross remind worshipers of their baptism.

<sup>2</sup> The use of the keys is that special power and right which Christ gave to his church on earth: to forgive the sins of penitent sinners. (cf. John 20:21-23)

I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son ☩ and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**LORD, HAVE MERCY – Kyrie**<sup>3</sup>

*Mark 10:47*

**M** In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**M** For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.

**C** Christ, have mercy.

**M** For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**M** Lord of Life, live in us that we may live for you.

**C** Amen.

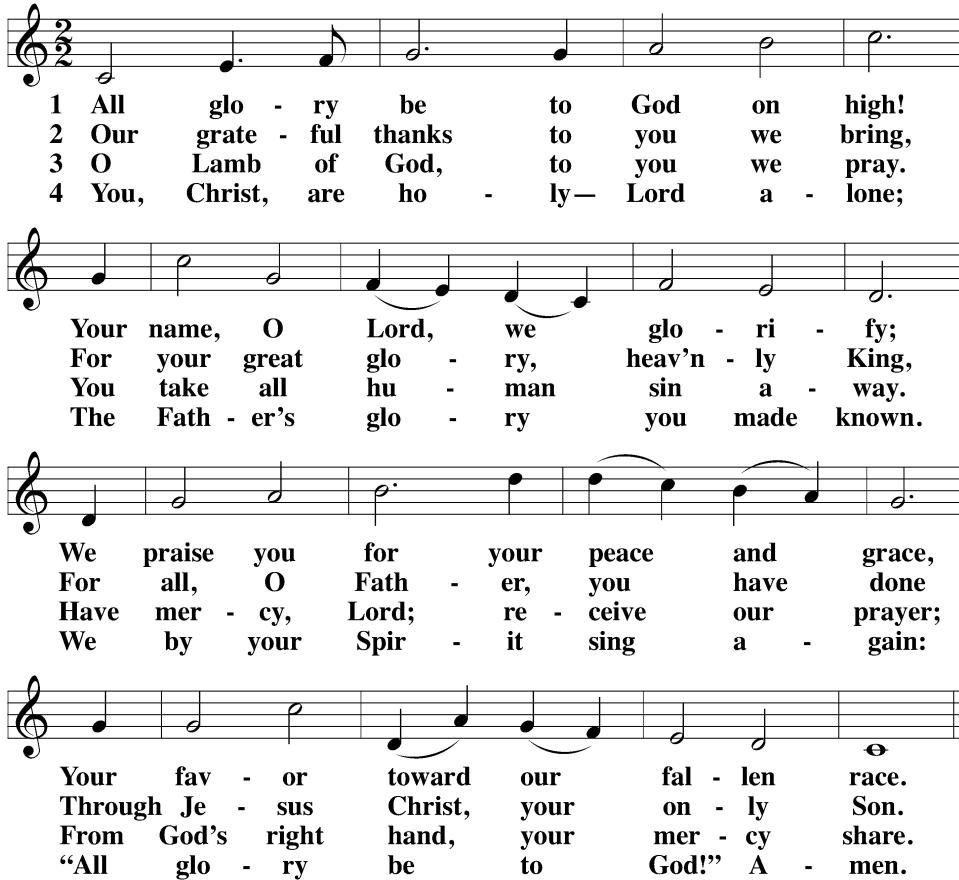
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<sup>3</sup> "Kyrie" is the Greek word for "Lord." The expression, "Lord, have mercy," is one of the oldest worship responses in the Christian church.

# GLORY BE TO GOD – *Gloria in Excelsis*<sup>4</sup>

Luke 2:14

Tune: TRUIRO [CW 84]



1 All glo - ry be to God on high!  
2 Our grate - ful thanks to you we bring,  
3 O Lamb of God, to you we pray.  
4 You, Christ, are ho - ly— Lord a - lone;

Your name, O Lord, we glo - ri - fy;  
For your great glo - ry, heav'n - ly King,  
You take all hu - man sin a - way.  
The Fath - er's glo - ry you made known.

We praise you for your peace and grace,  
For all, O Fath - er, you have done  
Have mer - cy, Lord; re - ceive our prayer;  
We by your Spir - it sing a - gain:

Your fav - or toward our fal - len race.  
Through Je - sus Christ, your on - ly Son.  
From God's right hand, your mer - cy share.  
"All glo - ry be to God!" A - men.

<sup>4</sup> Christians praise God by proclaiming the great things he has done to accomplish our rescue from sin. "Glory to God in the Highest" has been a Christian song of worship since the fourth century.



# The Word

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*Having just received absolution for their sins, believers now gather around the Word of God to find encouragement and peace for their lives on earth.*

## SALUTATION<sup>5</sup>

**M** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**M** Let us pray.

Lord God, before the suffering and death of your one and only Son, you revealed his glory on the holy mountain. Grant that we who bear his cross on earth may behold by faith the light of his heavenly glory and so be changed into his likeness; through 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

*Exodus 34:29-35*

*The radiant glory of the LORD could be seen reflected in the face of Moses.*

**W**HEN MOSES CAME DOWN FROM MOUNT SINAI, with the two tablets of the testimony in his hand as he came down from the mountain, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. <sup>30</sup> Aaron and all the people of Israel saw Moses, and behold, the skin of his face shone, and they were afraid to come near him. <sup>31</sup> But Moses called to them, and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses talked with them. <sup>32</sup> Afterward all the people of Israel came near, and he commanded them all

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<sup>5</sup> This greeting, known as the "Salutation," has deep roots in Christian worship and marks the beginning of the Word section and the Sacrament section (p. 17) of the service.

that the Lord had spoken with him in Mount Sinai. <sup>33</sup> And when Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil over his face.

<sup>34</sup> Whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would remove the veil, until he came out. And when he came out and told the people of Israel what he was commanded, <sup>35</sup> the people of Israel would see the face of Moses, that the skin of Moses' face was shining. And Moses would put the veil over his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

**M** The Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God!

## PSALM OF THE DAY

*Psalm 148* | CWS p. 61

*The pastor will sing the refrain once, and all are invited to sing it a second time. The pastor will sing the verses of the Psalm. All are asked to join in the refrains and the Gloria Patri.*



**M** *Refrain*

**C** *Refrain*

**M** Praise the Lord from the heavens,\*  
praise him in the heights above.

Praise him, all his angels,\*  
praise him, all his heavenly hosts.

Praise him, sun and moon,\*  
praise him, all you shining stars.



**C** *Refrain*

**M** Praise the Lord from the earth,\*  
lightning and hail, stormy winds that do his bidding,  
you mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars,\*  
wild animals and all cattle, small creatures and flying birds,  
kings of the earth and all rulers on earth,\*  
young men and maidens, old men and children.

**C** *Refrain*

**M** Let them praise the name of the Lord,\*  
for his splendor is above the earth and the heavens.

**C** **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.**

**C** *Refrain*

## SECOND LESSON

*2 Corinthians 4:3-6*

*In his grace, God has caused the light of his glory  
to be seen by hearts of faith in the face of Christ.*

**A**ND EVEN IF OUR GOSPEL IS VEILED, it is veiled to those who are perishing. <sup>4</sup> In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. <sup>5</sup> For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. <sup>6</sup> For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

**M** The Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God!**

## VERSE OF THE DAY

Mark 9:7b

**M** Alleluia! Alleluia! A voice came from the cloud: “This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!”

**C** Alleluia!

## GOSPEL<sup>6</sup>

Luke 9:28-36

*Once again, Jesus is revealed as the Lord’s Anointed.*

*Please stand.*

**M** The Gospel according to St. Luke, chapter seventeen.

**C** Glory be to you, O Lord!

**N**OW ABOUT EIGHT DAYS AFTER THESE SAYINGS [Jesus] took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray. <sup>29</sup> And as he was praying, the appearance of his face was altered, and his clothing became dazzling white. <sup>30</sup> And behold, two men were talking with him, Moses and Elijah, <sup>31</sup> who appeared in glory and spoke of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. <sup>32</sup> Now Peter and those who were with him were heavy with sleep, but when they became fully awake they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. <sup>33</sup> And as the men were parting from him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah”—not knowing what he said. <sup>34</sup> As he was saying these things, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. <sup>35</sup> And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, “This is my Son, my Chosen One; listen to him!” <sup>36</sup> And when the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and told no one in those days anything of what they had seen.



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

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

*Be seated.*

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<sup>6</sup> The congregation stands and speaks words of acclamation out of respect for the words of Christ, our King.

## SERMON

*2 Corinthians 4:3-6*

**A**ND EVEN IF OUR GOSPEL IS VEILED, it is veiled to those who are perishing. <sup>4</sup> In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. <sup>5</sup> For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. <sup>6</sup> For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.



## NICENE CREED<sup>7</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.*

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<sup>7</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

*Please stand.*

*This morning, each part of our prayer will conclude in this way:*

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

**C** **hear our prayer.**

*The prayer will conclude in this way:*

**M** ... Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages!

**C** **Amen.**



## *The 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>8</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.**

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<sup>8</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** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

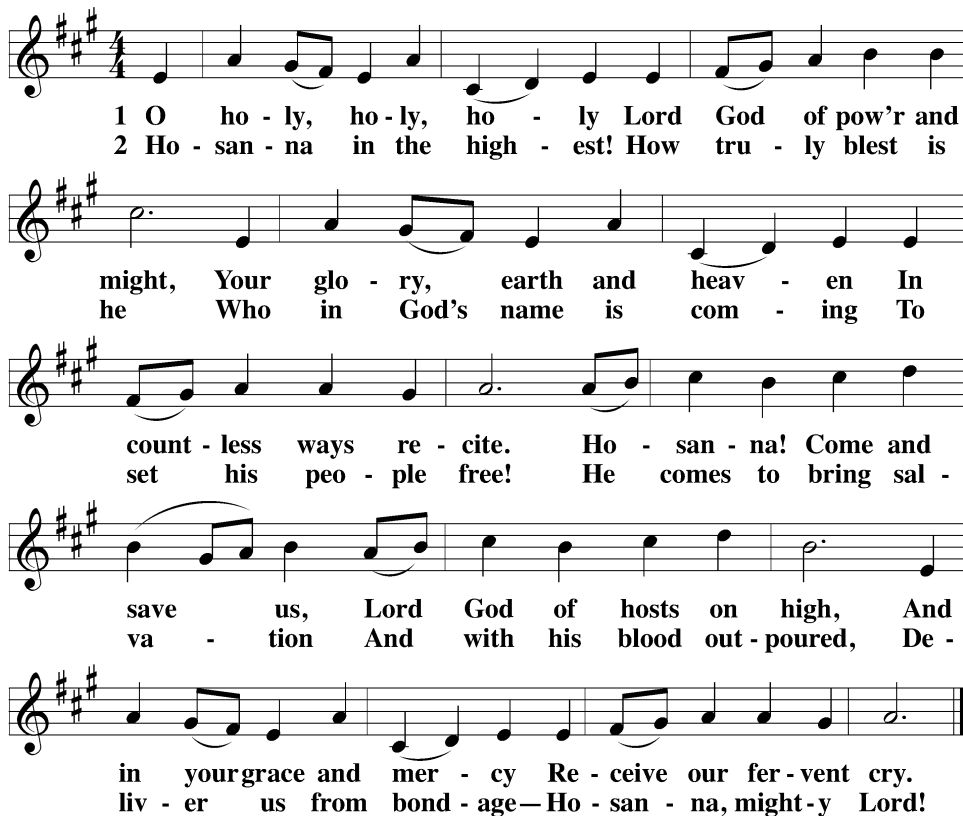
**C** It is good and right so to do.

**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 at his transfiguration revealed his glory to his disciples that they might be strengthened to proclaim his cross and resurrection and with all the faithful look forward to the glory of life everlasting. 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>9</sup>

*Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*

*Tune: ELLACOMBE [CW 130]*



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, Your glo - ry, earth and heav - en In  
he 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>9</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

**M** Blessed are you, Lord God, the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. Your Word brought all things into being, and your Word will call all things to an end. We thank you, heavenly Father, that in mercy you sent your Son to redeem us. We remember, O Lord, with thanksgiving the saving work of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Renew us that we may joyfully serve you in your kingdom of grace now and in your kingdom of glory forever.

**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.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION<sup>10</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  $\text{✝}$  body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

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<sup>10</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.

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it all of you; this is my  $\text{✠}$  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>11</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,

you take a - way the sin of the world;

grant us your peace. A - men.

<sup>11</sup> Jesus is the “*Agnus Dei*,” or “*Lamb of God*,” who was offered as a sacrifice once for all.



## DISTRIBUTION<sup>12</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>13</sup>

Luke 2:29-32

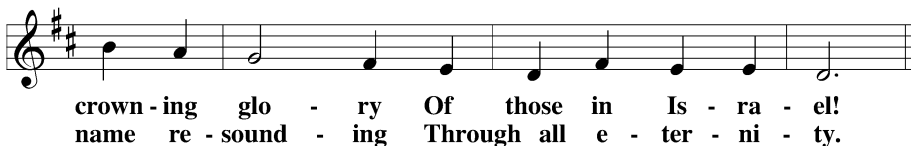
*Tune: ICH FREU MICH IN DEM HERREN [CW 97]*

*Please stand.*

1 O Lord, now let your serv - ant De - part in peace,  
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All glo - ry to  
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 -  
ev - er three in one; For as in the be -  
light - en All gloom where Gen - tiles dwell; The bril - liant,  
gin - ning, Is now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une

<sup>12</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>13</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.



**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>14</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.

## FAREWELL TO ALLELUIA

**M** Brothers and sisters in Christ, when we next gather for worship, it will be Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent. On that day we will begin our solemn journey to the Savior's cross. While the joy of faith remains undiminished throughout the year, our rejoicing during Lent is muted and quiet. For centuries, therefore, the Christian churches have omitted their most jubilant songs during this season, including the word "alleluia," which means, "praise the Lord."

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<sup>14</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)

Now, for a time, we say “farewell to alleluia.” We do this to prepare ourselves for the quieter days of Lent. The alleluias will return on Easter dawn as we gather to shout our praise to the risen Lord. May we use this quiet season to reflect on our sins and long for the rising of your Son in glory.

## ALLELUIA, SONG OF TRIUMPH

*Tune: FORTUNATUS NEW [CW 122]*



1 Al - le - lu - ia, song of tri-umph, sound of joy that  
 2 Al - le - lu - ia we are sing - ing, voic - ing hymns in  
 3 Al - le - lu - ia can - not al - ways be our song while  
 4 May our hymns be filled with long - ing—hear us, Ho - ly



can - not die; Al - le - lu - ia is the an - them  
 pure ac - cord, With Christ's ho - ly Church u - nit - ed,  
 here be - low; Al - le - lu - ia our trans - gres - sions  
 Trin - i - ty— As we look to your blest Eas - ter,



ev - er dear to choirs on high; Saints a - dorned in  
 jus - ti - fied, re - deemed, re - stored, And with all his  
 make us for a while fore - go. For the sol - emn  
 here, and then e - ter - nal - ly, When we shall once



robes of glo - ry join the great an - gel - ic cry.  
 faith - ful peo - ple raise our songs to praise the Lord.  
 time is com - ing when our tears for sin must flow.  
 more be sing - ing al - le - lu - ia joy - ful - ly!





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## Announcements

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**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*.

**THIS WEDNESDAY IS ASH WEDNESDAY** This year Good Shepherd will once again be offering three opportunities to participate in the *Imposition of Ashes*. Members of the church will have an *opportunity for the Imposition of Ashes in the morning (7am-8:30am), at noon (11:30am-1:00pm), and that evening (6:35pm)*. This service is available to all members of any age. The morning and noon services are a “come as you wish” service, which means you are invited to come at any time during those time windows. The evening service will begin promptly at 6:40pm to allow for time before the Divine Service that evening. The total amount of time for the service is approx. 10 minutes. For more information, please read the letter insert in this bulletin, or speak to Pastor Seelow.

**LENT STARTS 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.) 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.

**THE ANNUAL SOUPER-BOWL IS TODAY!** We will be enjoying soup for lunch and then a few frames of bowling this afternoon. Even if you didn’t sign up, please come for the fellowship! See you there!

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

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## Announcements

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**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*.

**THIS WEDNESDAY IS ASH WEDNESDAY** This year Good Shepherd will once again be offering three opportunities to participate in the *Imposition of Ashes*. Members of the church will have an *opportunity for the Imposition of Ashes in the morning (7am-8:30am), at noon (11:30am-1:00pm), and that evening (6:35pm)*. This service is available to all members of any age. The morning and noon services are a “come as you wish” service, which means you are invited to come at any time during those time windows. The evening service will begin promptly at 6:40pm to allow for time before the Divine Service that evening. The total amount of time for the service is approx. 10 minutes. For more information, please read the letter insert in this bulletin, or speak to Pastor Seelow.

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