

O, The Depths of God's Grace!
GOD'S GRACE IS ABUNDANT

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH | Kearney, Nebraska

The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, October 22, 2017

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 TODAY

The gifts of God are so rich and varied that the devil uses that very generosity in God to stir up jealousy and envy. Expect it in others; find it yourself as well! That weakness makes it crystal clear that our need for a Savior is a constant one. It makes it equally clear that our struggle against our own flesh gives us much more difficulty and anguish than the hostility or the persecution from the world.

Today is the last of six Sundays focusing on *The Depths of God's Grace!* Jesus wants to so deepen our understanding of his grace that he becomes all in all to us. In this series, we will see how truly gracious God is.

September 17*An Understanding of God's Grace Begins With a Heart of Faith*

September 24*God's Grace is Focused Outside of Himself*

October 1*God's Grace is Found Under His Protective Care*

October 8*God's Grace is Found in the Family*

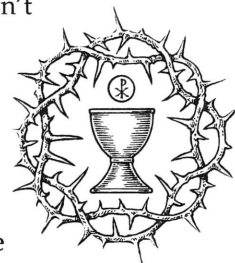
October 15*God's Grace is Found Only By Grace Through Faith*

TODAY*God's Grace is Abundant*

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 today. 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].

ABOUT THE ORDER OF SERVICE

The Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod [WELS], the synod to which Good Shepherd has the privilege to belong, is in the process of producing a new hymnal, scheduled to be released in the early 2020's. Pastor Seelow is a contributor to this project, and also has the opportunity to serve on the worship board of the Nebraska District of the WELS. Good Shepherd has been asked to "field test" one of the new orders of service for that new hymnal volume. The committee who designed this new service explains it in this way:

"Entitled simply The Service, the order of service you are using is both old and new. It is a version of the historic liturgy of the Western Christian church. The progression of The Service is familiar to worshipers in our church body, and there are some elements of The Service that are new or different.

The text of The Service is being presented as the standard liturgical text for the new hymnal. We envision that the hymnal will include three musical settings of The Service; the progression and basic texts will encourage continuity and familiarity, and the musical settings will offer variety. Overall, it is our hope and prayer that you will find the structure and the text of the service to be very familiar."

Good Shepherd will be using *The Service* through the end of November. For the first 6 weeks, only the text of *The Service* will be used. Gradually new songs and canticles will be taught and added, with the goal of using *The Service* in its entirety for the whole month of November. If you have questions, comments, or concerns about *The Service*, please speak with Pastor Seelow, and he will pass them on to the hymnal committee.

THE DIVINE SERVICE

The Service — Setting II



The sign of the cross
[✙] may be made
throughout the
service by
worshippers in
remembrance of their
baptism.

"In the morning
when you get up,
make the sign of the
holy cross and say, 'In
the name of the
Father, and of the
Son, and of the Holy
Spirit.'"

— Small Catechism
Daily Prayers



OPENING HYMN

Oh, that I had a Thousand Voices | CW 194

INVOCATION

Matthew 28:19

Please stand.

M In the name of the Father and of the ✙ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS

M If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

C If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1:8,9

M Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

C Holy God, gracious Father,
I am sinful by nature
and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.
I have not loved you with my whole heart;
I have not loved others as I should.
I deserve your punishment both now and forever.
But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins
with his holy life and innocent death.
Trusting in him, I pray:
God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation on God's Word and for self-examination as you consider your thoughts, words, and actions according to the Ten Commandments.

ABSOLUTION

[M] Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. 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.

LORD, HAVE MERCY — *Kyrie, eleison*

Mark 10:47

[M] In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

[M] For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

[M] For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

[M] For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

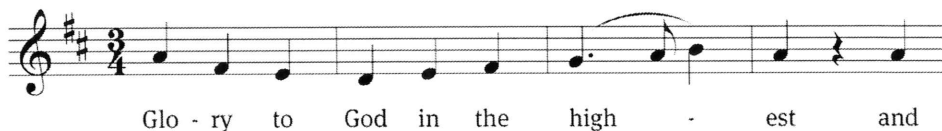
C Lord, have mercy.

[M] Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

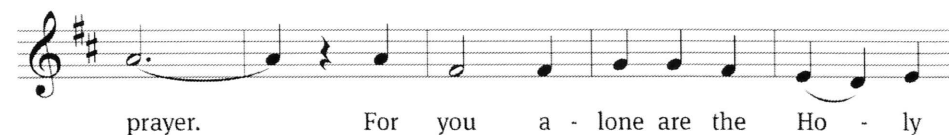
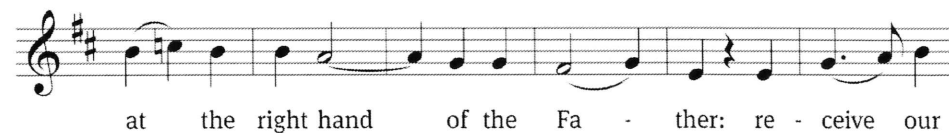
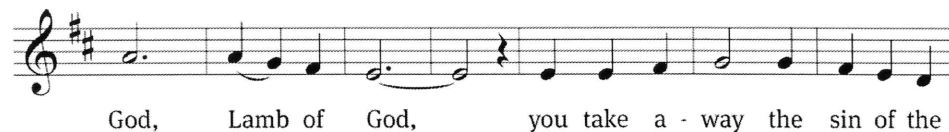
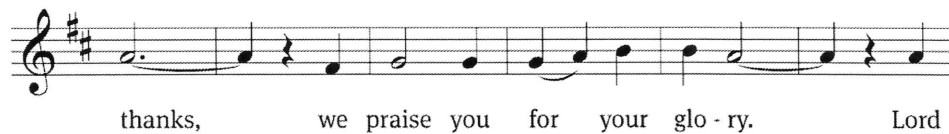
C Amen.

GLORY TO GOD — *Gloria in Excelsis*

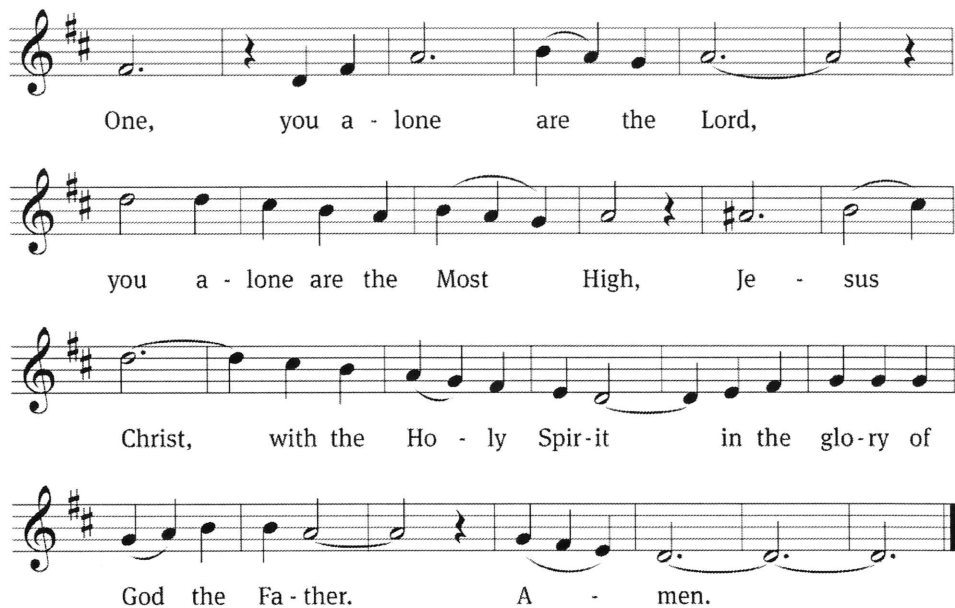
Luke 2:14



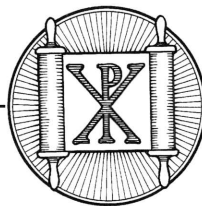
PARENTS: The shorter, oft-repeated expressions in the liturgy are excellent ways for young children to participate in the worship service. Help children watch for and join in phrases like, "Lord, have mercy," "Amen," and "Alleluia."



Having just petitioned the Lord for blessings beyond the forgiveness just granted in absolution, we now praise him as the One who can deliver those blessings, because he is the all-powerful God. His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, is the Lamb worthy of our praise, just as the angels praised him at his birth.



The Service of the Word



SALUTATION

Ruth 2:4; 2 Timothy 4:22

M The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY — *Collect*

M Let us pray.

Mercifully grant, O God, that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts, for without your help we are unable to please you; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Be seated.

The Collect is a short prayer that “collects” in one short petition all it is that we are asking God to do for us on the basis of the Word that we are about to hear—read and preached (Philippians 4:6).

Moses was helpless as Israel's leader—one man amid a throng of rebellious people. Mercifully, God grants 70 elders to help Moses. Like Moses, you may at times feel frustrated and become angry with the Lord. Thanks be to God, he is “slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness” (Ps. 86:15). In his mercy, the Lord provides for you and calls you to repentance and faith through his faithful servants.

NOW THE RABBLE THAT WAS AMONG THEM had a strong craving. And the people of Israel also wept again and said, “Oh that we had meat to eat! ⁵ We remember the fish we ate in Egypt that cost nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic. ⁶ But now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at.”

¹⁰ Moses heard the people weeping throughout their clans, everyone at the door of his tent. And the anger of the LORD blazed hotly, and Moses was displeased. ¹¹ Moses said to the LORD, “Why have you dealt ill with your servant? And why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? ¹² Did I conceive all this people? Did I give them birth, that you should say to me, ‘Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a nursing child,’ to the land that you swore to give their fathers? ¹³ Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they weep before me and say, ‘Give us meat, that we may eat.’ ¹⁴ I am not able to carry all this people alone; the burden is too heavy for me. ¹⁵ If you will treat me like this, kill me at once, if I find favor in your sight, that I may not see my wretchedness.”

¹⁶ Then the LORD said to Moses, “Gather for me seventy men of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them, and bring them to the tent of meeting, and let them take their stand there with you.

²⁴ So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD. And he gathered seventy men of the elders of the people and placed them around the tent. ²⁵ Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the Spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. And as soon as the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied. But they did not continue doing it.

²⁶ Now two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the Spirit rested on them. They were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. ²⁷ And a young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.” ²⁸ And

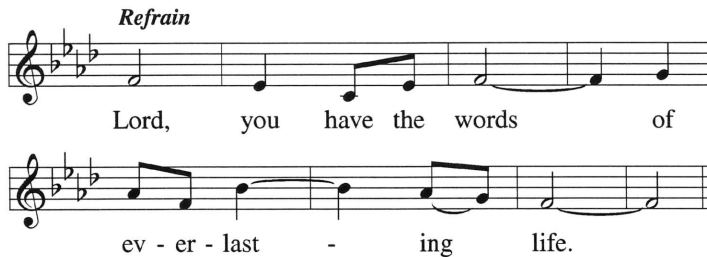
Joshua the son of Nun, the assistant of Moses from his youth, said, "My lord Moses, stop them." ²⁹ But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD's people were prophets, that the LORD would put his Spirit on them!"

M The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 19 | CW p. 70



Refrain

The heavens declare the glo- | ry of God;
the skies proclaim the work | of his hands.

Their voice goes out into | all the earth,
their words to the ends | of the world.

Refrain

The law of the LORD is | perfect,
giving joy | to the heart.

The commands of the LORD are | radiant,
giving light | to the eyes.

"[The Law] alone [is that] which can turn away the mind from the love of itself and of the world and direct it towards God. Neither fear nor selfish love converts the soul. They change sometimes the outward appearance of the actions, but never affect the heart."

— St. Bernard of Cluny



They are more pre- | cious than gold;
they are sweeter than | honey.

By them is your | servant taught;
in keeping them there is | great reward.

Refrain

May the words of my mouth and the meditation | of my heart
be pleasing in your sight, O LORD, my Re- | deemer.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son
and to the Holy | Spirit,
as it was in the be- | ginning,
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Refrain

SECOND LESSON

James 4:7-12

SUBMIT YOURSELVES THEREFORE TO GOD. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.⁸ Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. ⁹ Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. ¹⁰ Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

¹¹ Do not speak evil against one another, brothers. The one who speaks against a brother or judges his brother, speaks evil against the law and judges the law. But if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law but a judge. ¹² There is only one lawgiver and judge, he who is able to save and to destroy. But who are you to judge your neighbor?

Using the language of the Prophets, James teaches that rejecting God's ways is spiritual adultery. It is seeking something other than the faithful God who loves us. God's people of every generation have been unfaithful to him. James does not call us to turn to ourselves and do more works to be forgiven but instead calls us to return to the Lord in repentance. Even when we are unfaithful, God remains faithful. He has already purchased us by the blood of Christ. His love does not depend on our faithfulness or works but on his faithfulness and his work in Christ.

M The Word of the Lord.

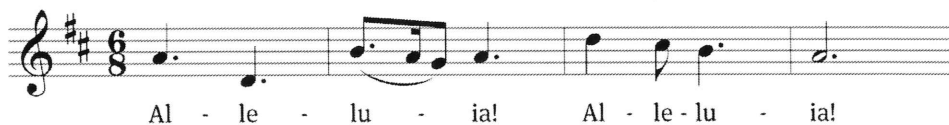
C Thanks be to God!

Please stand.

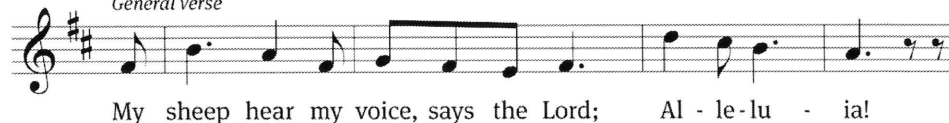
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John 10:27

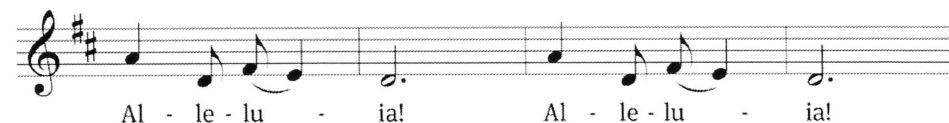
The Pastor will sing the refrain once. The congregation is invited to repeat the refrain a second time. The Pastor will sing the verse, and the congregation is invited to sing the final refrain.



General verse



Final refrain



Following each lesson, the Pastor announces, "The Word of the Lord." We know from Scripture that God comes to us through the Means of Grace, that is the Gospel that is found in the Word and the Sacrament. So, within the service God has come to us convicting us in our sin through the Law, and pronouncing forgiveness through the life-giving Gospel. The congregation—in response to such love—praises the Lord in reply: "Thanks be to God!"

M The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, chapter nine.

Nothing is more important than retaining the faith unto eternal life. Let nothing come between you and the Savior. Though he tests us with fire, he does not consume his own people. Rejoice, for God graciously gives us the faith in which he preserves us to eternity.

JOHAN SAID TO [JESUS], "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." ³⁹ But Jesus said, "Do not stop him, for no one who does a mighty work in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. ⁴⁰ For the one who is not against us is for us. ⁴¹ For truly, I say to you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ will by no means lose his reward.

⁴² "Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were hung around his neck and he were thrown into the sea. ⁴³ And if your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life crippled than with two hands to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire, ⁴⁴ 'where their worm does not die and the fire is not quenched.' ⁴⁵ And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life lame than with two feet to be thrown into hell, ⁴⁶ 'where their worm does not die and the fire is not quenched.' ⁴⁷ And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into hell, ⁴⁸ 'where their worm does not die and the fire is not quenched.' ⁴⁹ For everyone will be salted with fire. ⁵⁰ Salt is good, but if the salt has lost its saltiness, how will you make it salty again? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

M The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Jesus, Priceless Treasure | CW 349

SERMON

James 4:7-12

Who are you to do what you do?

For more information on this hymn, see the insert.

NICENE CREED

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.

Dt. 6:4

2 Cor. 6:18

Is. 51:13

Col.1:16

1 Cor. 8:6

Jn. 3:18

Heb. 1:2,5

Jn. 1

Jn. 10:30

Jn. 1:3

1 Th. 5:9

Jn. 6:38

Lk. 1:35

Gal. 4:4

Mk. 15:15

1 Cor. 15:3-4a

1 Cor. 15:4b

Ac. 2:33-34

Heb. 1:13

Mt. 25:31

2 Tim.4:1

Lk. 1:33

Job 33:4

Jn. 15:26

Jn. 4:24

2 Pet.1:25

Mt. 16:18; Eph. 2:19-20

Eph. 4:5; Ac. 2:38

1 Cor. 15:21-22

Rev. 22

Upon hearing the Word preached, the congregation unites in one voice to speak a summary of the Christian faith just preached. The creeds signify our allegiance to Christian doctrine and unite us with over 2,000 years of Christian history. By repeating the creeds weekly, we equip ourselves for public witness by grounding our confession in the fundamentals of our faith.

Be seated.

Through the Prayer of the Church we heed Christ's command to "love one another." One of the greatest forms of love we can show for our neighbor is to pray for them.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- M** Eternal Lord, you speak to us in words of love and light and power. Fill us with peace today as we ponder the good news that you forgive our sins in Christ. Guide our lives today as we see clearly the path you have laid out for us. Work in us today through your Spirit that our thoughts, words, and actions glorify you and serve our neighbor.
- C** **Fill us with the Word we have heard today and move us to believe it and live it.**
- M** Provide courage and compassion to all who preach and teach your Word. Take away their fear of criticism and contention and make them bold to say what you say. Fill them with a love like yours and lead them to announce the forgiveness of sins as your free gift to us and all people.
- C** **Move us to love all ministers of the Word wherever they serve.**
- M** Forgive us for the times we hear your Word but fail to live it in our lives. Break down the apathy that lurks in us and leads us to ignore eternal realities. Convict us with your law and then fill us so full of your gospel that we overflow with zeal to do your will.
- C** **Give us thankful hearts to live and love with joy.**
- M** Guard and guide us as we live in a society that despises what you say about marriage. Lead husbands and wives to love each other with commitment, respect, and patience. Move parents to grasp the eternal value of keeping their children close to Jesus even when their children grow up.
- C** **Protect us from the evil that surrounds us; give us pure hearts and minds.**
- M** Provide your divine compass for those who govern us by making laws and setting policies. Give us respect for those who protect us from crime and aggression. Lead us to value the rights of our fellow citizens and to care for those who cannot care for themselves.
- C** **Bless our land with peace and prosperity so that the gospel may be proclaimed to all.**

M Give us passion to share the story of your love with our family and friends. Overcome unbelief and open the hearts of people everywhere to believe the good news that Jesus has forgiven their sins and opened the gates of heaven.

C Fill us with joy over every sinner who repents and comes to trust in your grace.

M Extend your healing power to those who are sick and suffering in body or mind. Fill eager minds with wisdom to discover new ways to treat disease and illness. Give patience and compassion to those who care for the sick and dying.

C Lift the eyes of the dying to your love in Christ.

M Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

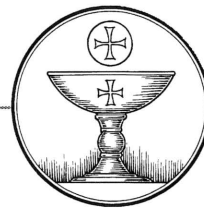
Silent prayer.

M Eternal Lord, you guide the world with your mighty power and love all people because your Son lived and died and rose again. Hear our prayers, spoken and in silence, and answer them in your wisdom and grace.

C In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

OFFERING

The Service of the Sacrament



Moved by God's love in Christ, by our Offering 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.

PREFACE

Please stand.

M The Lord be with you.

Ruth 2:4; 2 Timothy 4:22

C And also with you.

M Lift up your hearts.

Lamentations 3:41

C We lift them up to the Lord.

M Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Psalm 136

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 promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock till he comes again in glory.* Therefore with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

The Sanctus (Latin for "holy") is the song the Seraphim sing without ceasing before the Throne of God in Heaven. In the Divine Service, it is joined with the Benedictus, the song with which the Hebrew believers greeted Jesus upon his Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. Combined, the Sanctus and the Benedictus represent the meeting place of Heaven and Earth; the song of the saints on earth joins with the praise of the hosts of heaven to greet the King of Kings and Lord of Lords as he deigns to dwell among us in the Holy Supper.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY — Sanctus

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!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

M Blessed are you, Lord God, eternal King and gracious Father. In love you made us the crown of your creation. In mercy you planned our salvation. In grace you sent your Son to redeem us from sin.

We remember and give you thanks that your eternal Son, Jesus Christ, became flesh and made his dwelling among us, that he willingly placed himself under law to redeem those under law, that he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death on a cross, that he has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood in this Sacrament. Forgive our sins, increase our faith, strengthen our fellowship, and deepen our longing for the day when Christ will welcome us to his eternal feast. Praise and thanks and honor and glory be to you, O God our Father, and to your Son and to the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER — *Pater Noster*

Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:2-4

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.

In this prayer we give thanks to the lord of the redemption that He has secured for us by His cross; we ask Him to prepare us to receive that redemption in living and joyful faith.

The Pater Noster ("Our Father"), the prayer that Jesus taught His disciples to pray, is the "table prayer" with which we come to the Lord's Table (Mark 11:9-10).

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION — *Verba*

*Matthew 26:26-30; Mark 14:22-24;
Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25*

[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*

John 1:29

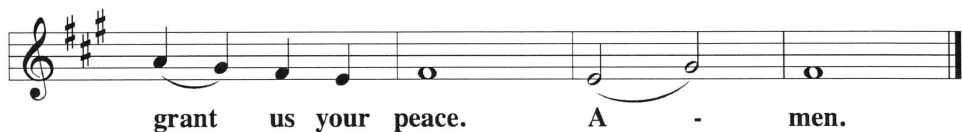
Lamb of God, you take a - way the

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

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

you take a - way the sin of the world;



Be seated.

DISTRIBUTION

Those who will be receiving Holy Communion today may wish to read **Personal Preparation for Holy Communion**, found on page 156 in the front section of the hymnal. This page helps us put into practice what the Bible encourages: "Everyone ought to examine themselves before they eat of the bread and drink from the cup." (1 Corinthians 11:28)

Prayer suggestions for before and after receiving the Lord's Supper can be found in the hymnal on pages 10-11 and 134-139.

In dismissing the communicants, the minister says:

- [M]** Now, may this true body and blood strengthen and keep you in the true faith to life everlasting. Your sins ✠ are forgiven. Go in peace. Amen.

POST-COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Please stand.

- [M]** Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

- [C]** His mercy endures forever.

Psalms 107:1

- [M]** Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,

- [C]** we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

1 Corinthians 11:26

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

- [M]** We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet you have given us 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

Good Shepherd confesses and practices the Biblical teaching of a **Closed Communion**. 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.

The name of the Lord is the beginning and the end of the Divine Service. We are now marked with the Lord's name in the Benediction—that word of God's blessing from Numbers 6 in which He favors us with His grace and peace. With the Lord's name given us in Holy Baptism, we were drawn together. Now, with that same name, He sends us back into the world, to the places of our various callings, to live by the mercy we have received as living sacrifices to the praise of His glory and the good of our neighbor.

guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BLESSING

Numbers 6:22-27

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

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