



*A Christian with Character*  
**LIVES IN CHEERFUL FAITH**

*The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost*

# **GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH** | *Kearney, Nebraska*

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*Sunday, October 2, 2016*

## **WELCOME TO GOOD SHEPHERD!**

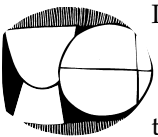
We are so happy you could join us today! If we can assist you in any way with questions about our confession of faith, spiritual struggles, understanding our liturgical service, or any other need, please let us know. It is our prayer that the Gospel of Jesus Christ will strengthen and comfort you.

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 20<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

It is the believer's duty to abstain from sin, give forgiveness, and serve our neighbor. It is a privilege to do our duty as Christians, but we are weak. The Church, therefore, prays that God would make us ready to do with a cheerful heart that which pleases him.

## **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 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].

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# THE DIVINE SERVICE

*Divine Service II — Christian Worship: Supplement, pg. 28*



The **Invocation**, which uses the words spoken over us at our baptisms, remind us of who we are (children of God) and what we are members of—the Church of Christ.

Whenever the Pastor makes the sign of the cross (✙) throughout the service, worshippers are encouraged to physically make the sign of the cross over the head and the heart to reinforce their remembrance of their baptism.

In the Large Catechism, Martin Luther writes, “To appreciate and use Baptism aright, we must draw strength and comfort from it when our sins or conscious oppress us, and we must retort, ‘But I am baptized! And if am baptized, I have the promise that I shall be saved and have eternal life, both in soul and body.’”

## OPENING HYMN

*To Your Temple I Draw Near | CW 226*

## 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 say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*1 John 1:8-9*

**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.

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

**M** Lord of Life,

**C** 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

**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:

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*

*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.

*“Know ye, then—sin, death, devil, and everything that assails me—that you are missing the mark. I am not one of those who are afraid of you. For Christ, my dear Lord, has presented to me that triumph and victory of His by which you were laid low. And from this very gift of His I derive my name and am called a Christian. There is no other reason. My sin and death hung about His neck on Good Friday, but on the day of Easter they had completely disappeared. This victory He has bestowed on me. This is why I do not worry about you.”*

*— Martin Luther*

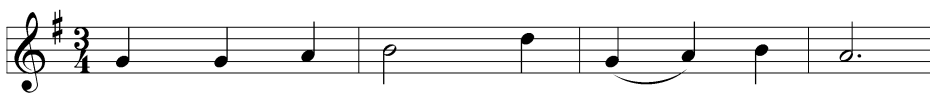
The canticle, **Gloria in Excelsis**, which is Latin for, "Glory in the highest," is a song in which Christians praise God by proclaiming the great things he has done to accomplish our rescue from sin. A form of the Christmas Angel's song (Luke 2), "Glory to God in the highest" has been a Christian song of praise in the Divine Service since the 4th century.

One often hears the comment that our Lutheran liturgy is too "German," but this is simply not the case. The format of the Service of the Word harkens back to temple and synagogue worship of the Old Testament. The basic structure was a "speak—sing—speak—sing..." rhythm, which we see in the order of our lessons and liturgical songs.

## GLORY BE TO GOD — *Gloria in Excelsis*

Luke 2:14

Tune: O JESU CHRISTE, WAHRES LICHT [CW 9]



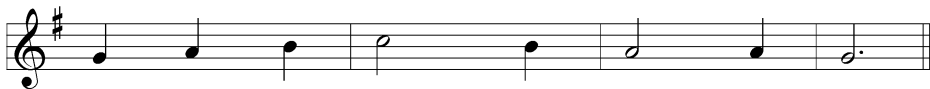
1 All glo - ry be to God on high!  
 2 Our grate - ful thanks to you we bring,  
 3 O Lamb of God, to you we pray.  
 4 You, Christ, are ho - ly— Lord a - lone;



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.

## 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.

Almighty God, in your bountiful goodness keep us safe from every evil of body and soul. Make us ready, with cheerful hearts, to do whatever pleases 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.*

## FIRST LESSON

*Habakkuk 1:1-3, 2:1-4*

**T**HE ORACLE THAT HABAKKUK THE PROPHET SAW.  
<sup>2</sup> O LORD, how long shall I cry for help,  
and you will not hear?

Or cry to you "Violence!"  
and you will not save?

<sup>3</sup> Why do you make me see iniquity,  
and why do you idly look at wrong?  
Destruction and violence are before me;  
strife and contention arise.

<sup>2:1</sup> I will take my stand at my watchpost  
and station myself on the tower,  
and look out to see what he will say to me,  
and what I will answer concerning my complaint.

<sup>2</sup> And the LORD answered me:

"Write the vision;  
make it plain on tablets,  
so he may run who reads it.

<sup>3</sup> For still the vision awaits its appointed time;  
it hastens to the end—it will not lie.

If it seems slow, wait for it;  
it will surely come; it will not delay.

*We confidently close the prayer with a resounding, "Amen." "Yes, it shall be so."*

**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."*

*With the world crumbling into ruin and evil seemingly unchecked, the believer is tempted to question God's power or God's providence. But the Christian is called to do his duty. We are to stand and watch and wait for God's answer to all our questions. The Word of the Lord comes to comfort and command. The deliverance of God's people is at hand. Stand at the ready and proclaim his Word. Have confidence that the Lord's judgment is coming and along with it, his salvation. This is how the righteous will live: by faith.*

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!”

David recognizes that when the Lord is on his side, he has nothing to fear. Human beings are prone to fearful responses. We worry about problems in this life, acting as if we face them alone. Yet God is our light and our salvation. Since He has redeemed us, we have nothing to fear. “If God is for us, who can be against us?” (Rom. 8:31).

<sup>4</sup> “Behold, his soul is puffed up; it is not upright within him, but the righteous shall live by his faith.

**M** The Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God!

## PSALM OF THE DAY

*Psalm 27 | CW p. 75*

### *Refrain*



The Lord is my light and my sal - va - tion — of whom shall I



be a - fraid, of whom shall I be a - fraid?

### *Psalm tone*



### *Refrain*

Hear my voice when I | call, O LORD;\*  
be merciful to me and | answer me.

Do not hide your | face from me,\*  
do not turn your servant away in anger;  
you have been my | helper.

Do not reject me or for- | sake me,\*  
O God my | Savior.

### *Refrain*

Though my father and mother for- | sake me,\*  
the LORD will re- | ceive me.

I am still confi- | dent of this:\*  
I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the | living.



Wait | for the LORD;\*

be strong and take heart and wait | for the LORD.

*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

*Romans 6:15-23*

**W**HAT THEN? Are we to sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! <sup>16</sup> Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? <sup>17</sup> But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, <sup>18</sup> and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. <sup>19</sup> I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification.

<sup>20</sup> For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. <sup>21</sup> But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. <sup>22</sup> But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. <sup>23</sup> For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**M** The Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God!

*Oh, how we have been slaves to the sinful nature, giving into temptation and harboring hostility for our righteous and holy God! This slavery to sin would have led to our eternal death. Indeed, our connection with sin will result in our temporal death. But this condition will not end in final death. The gift of God's eternal life has come through Jesus. Our suffering servant has freed us. No longer are we slaves to sin. We have been freed for righteousness in faithful service to our heavenly Master. Now let us do our duty and serve him by abstaining from sin, giving forgiveness, and serving our neighbor.*

## VERSE OF THE DAY

Romans 10:17

*The Pastor will sing the Verse of the Day.*

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Faith comes from hear - ing the mes - sage, and the

mes - sage is heard through the Word of Christ. Al - le -

lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

*Repentance and forgiveness mark the believer's life of faith. Knowledge of one's own forgiveness in Jesus leads to a forgiving heart and thanksgiving to the King of Grace. Jesus again uses the imagery of master and servants to illustrate the relationship between the Lord and believers. Service to the Lord must never lead to self-righteousness. Rather, we do our duty by abstaining from sin, giving forgiveness, and serving our neighbor.*

## HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 17:1-10

*Please stand.*

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

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

**A**ND [JESUS] SAID TO HIS DISCIPLES, "Temptations to sin are sure to come, but woe to the one through whom they come! <sup>2</sup> It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck and he were cast into the sea than that he should cause one of these little ones to sin. <sup>3</sup> Pay attention to yourselves! If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him, <sup>4</sup> and if he sins against you seven times in the day, and turns to you seven times, saying, 'I repent,' you must forgive him."

<sup>5</sup> The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" <sup>6</sup> And the Lord said, "If you had faith like a grain of mustard seed, you could say to

this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

<sup>7</sup> "Will any one of you who has a servant plowing or keeping sheep say to him when he has come in from the field, 'Come at once and recline at table'? <sup>8</sup> Will he not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, and dress properly, and serve me while I eat and drink, and afterward you will eat and drink'? <sup>9</sup> Does he thank the servant because he did what was commanded? <sup>10</sup> So you also, when you have done all that you were commanded, say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty.'"

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

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

*Be seated.*

HYMN OF THE DAY

*Come, Oh, Come, Life-Giving Spirit* | **CW 181**

SERMON

*Habakkuk 1:1-3, 2:1-4*

*Christian Character is a Caricature of Faith*

NICENE CREED

<b>C</b> We believe in one God,	<i>Dt. 6:4</i>
the Father, the Almighty,	<i>2 Cor. 6:18</i>
maker of heaven and earth,	<i>Is. 51:13</i>
of all that is, seen and unseen.	<i>Col.1:16</i>
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,	<i>1 Cor. 8:6</i>
the only Son of God,	<i>Jn. 3:18</i>
eternally begotten of the Father,	<i>Heb. 1:2,5</i>
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,	<i>Jn. 1</i>
begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.	<i>Jn. 10:30</i>
Through him all things were made.	<i>Jn. 1:3</i>
For us and for our salvation,	<i>1 Th. 5:9</i>
he came down from heaven,	<i>Jn. 6:38</i>

*Public confession is faith's response to God's saving Word. Christians composed the Nicene Creed in the 4<sup>th</sup> 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.*

was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human.	Lk. 1:35 Gal. 4:4
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.	Mk. 15:15
He suffered death and was buried.	1 Cor. 15:3-4a
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.	1 Cor. 15:4b
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.	Ac. 2:33-34 Heb. 1:13
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.	Mt. 25:31 2 Tim. 4:1 Lk. 1:33
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.	Job 33:4 Jn. 15:26 Jn. 4:24 2 Pet. 1:25
We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.	Mt. 16:18; Eph. 2:19-20
We believe in one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.	Eph. 4:5; Ac. 2:38
We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.	1 Cor. 15:21-22 Rev. 22

*Be seated.*

*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.*

## 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

# The Service of the Sacrament



*"I certainly love it with all my heart, the precious, blessed Supper of my Lord Jesus Christ, in which He gives me His body and blood to eat and to drink orally, with the mouth of my body, accompanied by the exceedingly sweet and gracious words: Given for you, shed for you."*

—Martin Luther

## SALUTATION

Ruth 2:4; 2 Timothy 4:22

**M** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

## PREFACE

**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.

Psalms 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:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY — Sanctus

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

Tune: VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN [CW 19]

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

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

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!

*This section of the service may be unfamiliar to some. A*

#### **Prayer of**

**Thanksgiving** is absolutely appropriate to pray at this point in the service. We give thanks (as we have just said in the Preface: "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God") for the blessings we receive in this Sacrament through the sacrifice of God's Son and we ask that he bless us through the eating and drinking of Christ's body and blood.

### **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 and who willingly carried a cross to pay the debt of the world's sin. 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 — 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.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*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."

## PEACE OF THE LORD — *Pax Domini*

*John 20:19*

**[M]** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**[C]** Amen.

## LAMB OF GOD — *Agnus Dei*

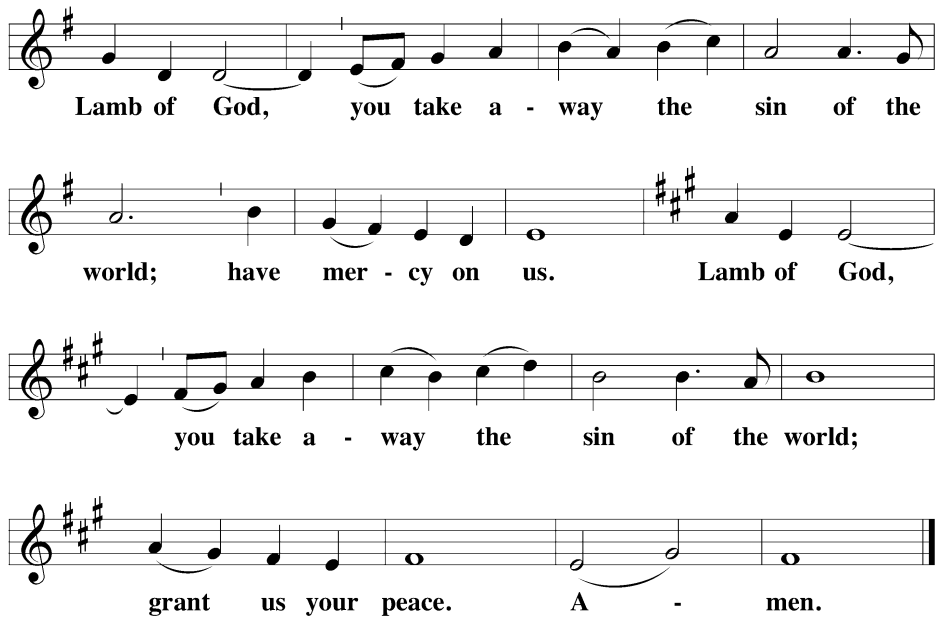
*John 1:29*

Lamb of God, you take a - way the

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

*"The Son of God commended to his church the **Words of Institution** of the Supper in the form of a last will and testament—at a time of high emotion, with most fervent prayer, and under the most serious circumstances on the night in which he was betrayed. Therefore these words should be observed with the greatest reverence and piety and in the fear of the Lord by all people, for they are the words of the testament of the Son of God."*

— Martin Chemnitz



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.

## 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.



# SONG OF SIMEON — *Nunc Dimittis*

Luke 2:29-32

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

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 - 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.

*The Nunc Dimittis, Latin for "Now dismiss," is a distinctly Lutheran addition to the Divine Service. These words are appropriately sung after receiving the Lord's Supper because, like Simeon in the temple, we held in our hands the body of Christ, the Son of God. And, like Simeon, we now depart this place in peace because we have (tasted and) seen the salvation of all people.*

## POST-COMMUNION ANTIPHON

*Psalms 107:1*

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

**[C]** And his mercy endures forever.

## PRAYER FOR GRACE

**[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

*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

*If You But Trust in God to Guide You* | **CW 444**

*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)*

*See the insert for more information on this hymn.*

## Announcements

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**BIBLE CLASS AND SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY!** Following the service today, Sunday School and Bible Class will meet. Sunday School will begin at 10:45 in the Education Building. Bible Class will begin at 10:45 in the Multipurpose Room. We will continue our look at the *Book of Revelation*.

**OCTOBER CHURCH CALENDAR** The monthly church calendar is available on the table in the entry way and on the church website at [www.goodshepherdkearney.org/calendar](http://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.

**SUNDAY MORNING TREAT SIGN-UP** A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the entry way to bring fellowship treats for this fall and early winter. If you’re willing to provide food on a given Sunday, please consider signing up.

**LWMS FALL RALLY** The 2016 Nebraska Central Plains LWMS Fall Rally will be held at Grace Lutheran in Geneva, NE on October 15, 2016. The speaker speaker for the rally will be Linda Liesener, chairwoman of the Central African Medical Mission [CAMM]. She will be giving a presentation titled, “Healing of Body and Soul in Africa.” A special offering will be taken for CAMM at the rally. Registration is from 9-10a and the reporters meet at 9:45a. Baby sitting is available. If interested, contact Judith Fischer at (402) 759-4639.

**TOOTHBRUSHES NEEDED** The Central African Medical Mission [CAMM] is in dire need of soft-bristled child and adult toothbrushes. If you are willing to purchase some, or have some laying around the house, please get them to Pastor Seelow by October 9. He will bring them to the LWMS rally in Geneva, NE on October 15th to give to the CAMM representative.

# *This Week’s Calendar*

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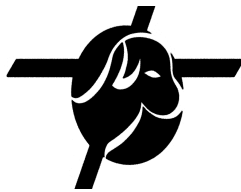
- Tuesday, October 4** .....7p — “Broken” Bible Class
- Wednesday, October 5** .....AM — Hospital/Shut-in Calls  
4p — Catechism
- Thursday, October 6**.....7p — UNK Bible Study @ Barista’s Coffeehouse
- Sunday, October 9** .....9:30a — Divine Service with Holy Communion  
10:30 — Fellowship  
10:45a — Sunday School  
10:45a — *Book of Revelation* Bible Class

**Ushers:** Randy Kahle & Brent Meyer  
**Greeters:** Oscar & Arleta Bauch  
**Sound Tech:** Jamie Scott

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**Cleaning (10/2-10/8)** .....*Church*—Wenz; *Fellowship*—Adelung; *Ed. Bldg.*—Brei  
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