



**HE BECAME POOR SO
WE COULD BE RICH**

The Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH | *Kearney, Nebraska*

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Sunday, November 12, 2017

WELCOME TO GOOD SHEPHERD!

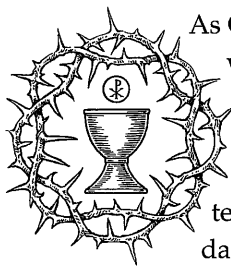
We are so happy you could join us today! If we can assist you in any way with questions about our confession of faith, spiritual struggles, understanding our liturgical service, or any other need, please let us know. It is our prayer that the Gospel of Jesus Christ will strengthen and comfort you.

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

You are blessed now with peace and plenty so that you can show the riches of God's grace to those who are tormented and in need. That's what Jesus did. Having everything he gave it all up so that you would have everything. And now he blesses you with confidence in the gospel promises on this good day so that you can share those promises with those having a bad day. The same holds for your time and wealth; it is yours to share in humble imitation of what Jesus has shared —no, what Jesus has generously and freely given to you. That's how we pass the test of sincerity; that's how invisible faith created by the Word turns into visible works of love for our neighbor when he is having trouble seeing the grace and love of God because of the evidence of his pained circumstances.

HOLY COMMUNION IS OFFERED TODAY



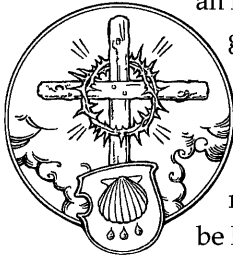
As Christians who believe that the Bible is inspired by God and that every word written in it is God's holy word, we believe that we receive the body and blood in, with, and under the bread and wine. While this is something that goes beyond our human understanding, our faith allows us to accept this 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 Cor. 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].

BAPTISM OF HADASSAH LUCILLE SEELOW

In today's service we have the privilege of witnessing another lamb brought into the sheepfold of Christ's Church. Through the waters of baptism Hadassah will be made a child of God and an heir of heaven. We rejoice with the Seelow family in this amazing gift of God's grace and pray that God keeps her in his grace all the days of her 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). Hadassah will receive a baptismal candle which will be lit from the Paschal Candle so she may remember her baptism for years to come.

Because of its connection to baptism, this candle is also lit at every 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 & CelebrantPr. Nathanael P. Seelow
KeyboardistMichelle Reinsch
Ushers.....Tom Hansen & Logan Hansen
GreetersChris Stutz
Sound TechnicianLogan Hansen

THE DIVINE SERVICE

The Service (Setting II)



OPENING HYMN

God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It | CWS 737

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



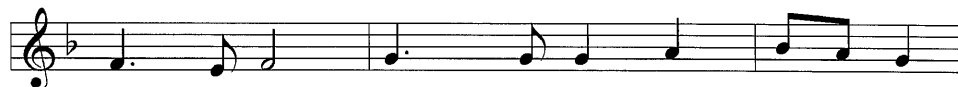
1 God's own child, I gladly say it:
2 Sin, dis - turb my soul no long - er:
3 Sa - tan, hear this pro - la - ma - tion:
4 Death, you can - not end my glad - ness:



I am bap - tized in - to Christ! He, be -
I am bap - tized in - to Christ! I have
I am bap - tized in - to Christ! Drop your
I am bap - tized in - to Christ! When I



cause I could not pay it, Gave my full re -
com - fort e - ven strong - er: Je - sus' cleans - ing
ug - ly ac - cu - sa - tion; I am not so
die, I leave all sad - ness To in - her - it



demp - tion price. Do I need earth's trea - sures
sac - ri - fice. Should a guilt - y con - science
soon en - ticed. Now that to the font I've
par - a - dise! Though I lie in dust and



man - y? I have one worth more than an - y
seize me Since my bap - tism did re - lease me
trav - eled, All your might has come un - rav - eled,
ash - es Faith's as - sur - ance bright - ly flash - es:

*For information about
this hymn, see the
insert.*



That brought me sal - va - tion free,
 In a dear for - giv - ing flood,
 And, a - gainst your tyr - an - ny,
 Bap - tism has the strength di - vine



Last - ing to e - ter - ni - ty!
 Sprink - ling me with Je - sus' blood?
 God, my Lord, u - nites with me!
 To make life im - mor - tal mine.



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

INVOCATION

Matthew 28:19

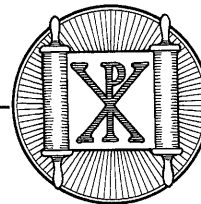
Remain seated.

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

C Amen.

RITE OF HOLY BAPTISM (Insert)

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.

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."*

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).

Through Elijah, the Lord miraculously provides food for a widow in Zarephath. This story illustrates God's never-ending goodness. He daily and richly provides for all our needs, blessing us far beyond what we deserve or ask.

God of all power and might, you are the giver of all that is good. Help us love you with all our heart, strengthen us in true faith, provide us with all we need, and keep us safe in your care; 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

1 Kings 17:8-16

THEN THE WORD OF THE LORD CAME TO HIM, ⁹ "Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. Behold, I have commanded a widow there to feed you." ¹⁰ So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, a widow was there gathering sticks. And he called to her and said, "Bring me a little water in a vessel, that I may drink." ¹¹ And as she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, "Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand." ¹² And she said, "As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug. And now I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it and die." ¹³ And Elijah said to her, "Do not fear; go and do as you have said. But first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterward make something for yourself and your son." ¹⁴ For thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, "The jar of flour shall not be spent, and the jug of oil shall not be empty, until the day that the LORD sends rain upon the earth." ¹⁵ And she went and did as Elijah said. And she and he and her household ate for many days. ¹⁶ The jar of flour was not spent, neither did the jug of oil become empty, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.

M The Word of the Lord.

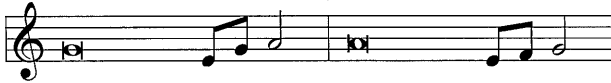
C Thanks be to God!

Refrain



I will praise your name for - ev-er, my King and my God.

Psalm tone



Refrain

Praise the LORD, | O my soul.

I will sing praise to my God as long | as I live.

Do not put your trust in | princes,
in mortal men, who | cannot save.

Blessed is he whose hope is in the | LORD his God,
the maker of hea- | ven and earth.

Refrain

The LORD gives food to the | hungry,
the LORD sets | prisoners free.

The LORD gives sight | to the blind,
the LORD lifts up those who are | bowed down.

The LORD watches over the | outcast
and sustains the fatherless and the | widow.

The LORD remains faithful for- | ever.
He upholds the cause of | the oppressed.

*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

Do not put your faith in human beings—in politicians, social elites, or individuals, none of whom can save and all of whom will die. Rather, put your trust in God. Your Lord is Christ, the Son of Man in whom there is salvation, who on earth fed the hungry, healed the blind, and ministered to everyone in need. You were buried with Him in Baptism so you can share His new life and claim all of these promises.

The Macedonians forgot themselves as they gave to others as though there were no tomorrow. God also calls us to give generously, because he endows us with earthly things for our neighbors' benefit. God's Son, the wealthiest of princes, became the most abject of slaves and gave his all to enrich poor sinners as his royal bride.

WE WANT YOU TO KNOW, BROTHERS, about the grace of God that has been given among the churches of Macedonia, ² for in a severe test of affliction, their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. ³ For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own accord, ⁴ begging us earnestly for the favor of taking part in the relief of the saints— ⁵ and this, not as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then by the will of God to us. ⁶ Accordingly, we urged Titus that as he had started, so he should complete among you this act of grace. ⁷ But as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all earnestness, and in our love for you—see that you excel in this act of grace also. ⁸ I say this not as a command, but to prove by the earnestness of others that your love also is genuine. ⁹ For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.

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.

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

Al - le - lu - ia!

General verse

My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord; Al - le - lu - ia!

I know them and they fol - low me. Al - le - lu - ia!

Final refrain

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

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

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 12:38-44

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

AND IN HIS TEACHING [JESUS] SAID, “Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes and like greetings in the marketplaces ³⁹ and have the best seats in the synagogues and the places of honor at feasts, ⁴⁰ who devour widows' houses and for a pretense make long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.”

⁴¹ And he sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the offering box. Many rich people put in large sums. ⁴² And a poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which make a penny. ⁴³ And he called his disciples to him and said to them, “Truly, I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the offering box. ⁴⁴ For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”

Jesus uses the sacrifice of a widow to illustrate for his disciples the character of absolute dependence on God. Wealth and possession can pose a spiritual threat—wealth has a way of owning its possessor. Jesus' love and sacrifice motivate us to offer our whole lives to him as our daily offering of gratitude.

M The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated.

HYMN OF THE DAY

O God of Mercy, God of Might | CW 499

SERMON

1 Kings 17:8-16

How does man live?

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

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.

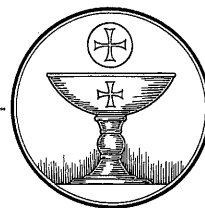
commitment, respect, and patience. Move parents to grasp the eternal value of keeping their children close to Jesus even when their children grow up.

- 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. (*We pray especially for...*)
- C** **Lift the eyes of the sick and 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

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.

The Service of the Sacrament



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.

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:

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 Triumphant 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

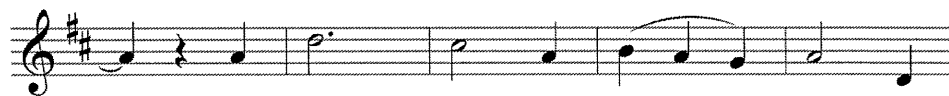
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord
God of hosts, heav - en and earth are
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na, ho -



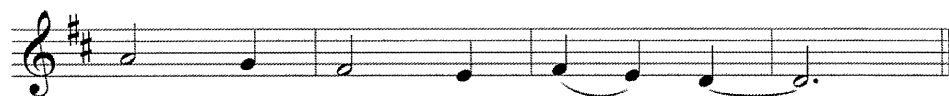
san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho -



san - na in the high - est.

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.

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.

LORD'S PRAYER — *Pater Noster*

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

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).

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 — *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



The Sacrament of Jesus' body and blood is the vehicle for peace. Showing them His wounds, the risen Lord declared His peace to His disciples on Easter evening. That same peace is given to us with the Lord's body and blood. By sharing the "peace of the Lord" with each other, we lay aside all that stands in contradiction with the Lord's testament (John 20:21).

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.

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.

The Agnus Dei (Latin for "Lamb of God") is based on John the Baptist's acclamation of Christ: "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world!" This canticle recollects the sacrifice of the Lamb of God on Good Friday, reminding us that, through the Holy Supper, we "proclaim the Lord's death until he comes" (1 Cor. 11).

*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.*

POST-COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Please stand.

M Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

C His mercy endures forever.

Psalm 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 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

I Pray You, Dear Lord Jesus | CW 510



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.