

CHRIST HAS CONQUERED SATAN

The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH | *Kearney, Nebraska*

Sunday, January 29, 2017

WELCOME TO GOOD SHEPHERD!

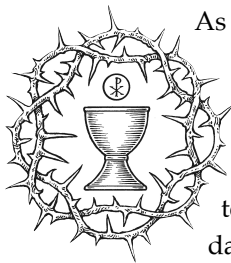
We are so happy you could join us today! If we can assist you in any way with questions about our confession of faith, spiritual struggles, understanding our liturgical service, or any other need, please let us know. It is our prayer that the Gospel of Jesus Christ will strengthen and comfort you.

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

Why follow him? Jesus shows his glory by his triumph over the devil. In his own day he sometimes did that openly for many to see. He still does it just as effectively but in a less public, less obvious way. Just as his victory made manifest his glory then, so it does now. Just as then, so now, everything is accomplished through his Word.

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].

SERVING IN THE DIVINE SERVICE

Preaching & Presiding Minister	Pr. Nathanael Seelow
Keyboardist	Michelle Reinsch
Ushers	Tom & Logan Hansen
Greeters	Les & Jackie Adelung

ABOUT THE DIVINE SERVICE

Our worship before God is based on what he has taught us through his Word, the Bible. Since it is God who graciously gives us life and salvation, we first gladly receive from him and then respond in prayer and praise. This is called the *Divine Service* because in it God serves us through his Word and Sacraments. He serves us his gifts, and we thankfully receive. Our worship then stems from our faith, and speaks the words of faith given us by God in his Word.

Liturgy describes the order and structure of a church service. Our church follows the basic liturgical orders used by the Church for the last 2,000 years. It has its roots in Old Testament worship practices and, as illustrated by the numerous Scripture passages annotated throughout the service, is based on the teaching of the Bible. The outline of any Liturgy we use is based on the chief service of the Church, the service which celebrates Word and Sacrament. The particular liturgy outlined in our service today may be different than others you have heard before. Churches may use a different setting of the basic service, but it will include the same elements, though perhaps in a slightly different order.

To sum it up, the liturgy brings us the service of God’s forgiveness in the language we speak everyday, but with a reverence that distinguishes itself from the irreverent and capricious character of today’s pop culture.

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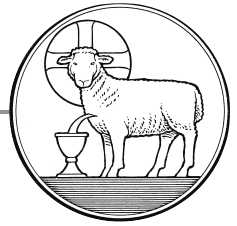
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THE DIVINE SERVICE

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We invoke the name of the Trinity to signify our worship as exclusively Christian and to remember that we are God's baptized people. Gathered in his Name, we are sure of his presence and his blessing.

Beginning each day yourself with the invocation and the sign of the cross is a great reminder that your life and day are sanctified by Holy Baptism.

We cannot approach God without having our sins forgiven. He is holy and we are not. Confession assures us of a clean slate before God and prepares us for worship, hearing God's Word, and receiving the Lord's Supper.

OPENING HYMN

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word | CW 221

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.

God is gracious and merciful. He forgives us for Christ's sake. This assures us that we can receive the rest of his gifts through the service and return thanks for those gifts, having been set free from the burden of sin.

Kyrie eleison [kir-ē-ā ə-lā-ə-sān] is a Greek phrase meaning "Lord, have mercy." We have already received the mercy of God for forgiveness in Holy Absolution. Now we ask his mercy for all other things we need for a God-pleasing spiritual life.


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 salutation is found all through the Scriptures. The pastor stands before the congregation as Christ's servant. As the Lord's servant, he speaks God's peace to the congregation. As the congregation responds with "and also with you," they affirm his Call and Vocation with respect and Christian love.

GLORY BE TO GOD — *Gloria in Excelsis*

Luke 2:14

Tune: TRURO [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.

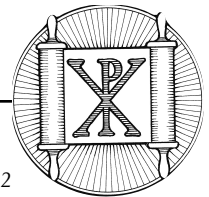
The Service of the Word

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.

¹⁾ Lord God, ²⁾ you know that we are surrounded by many dangers ⁴⁾ and that we often stumble and fall. ³⁾ Strengthen us in body and mind, and bring us safely through all temptations; ⁵⁾ 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 general prayer that makes a request of God based on the theme of the day. The Prayer of the Day is (normally) a five-part prayer: 1) Address; 2) Basis for the petition; 3) the Petition; 4) Reason for the petition; 5) Conclusion of praise to God.

FIRST LESSON

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

THE LORD YOUR GOD WILL RAISE UP FOR YOU A PROPHET like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen— ¹⁶ just as you desired of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, ‘Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.’ ¹⁷ And the LORD said to me, ‘They are right in what they have spoken. ¹⁸ I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. ¹⁹ And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him. ²⁰ But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in my name that I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that same prophet shall die.’”

M The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

In the Old Testament the penalty for false doctrine was death; for God takes his Word seriously. In the New Testament there is no call for us to kill false prophets. But there remains the call to shun them and dread the dread effect of their words and works. God takes his Word seriously. Woe to those who do not! For they invite the devil's rule and his fate, which Jesus expels when he speaks and we listen.

- M** Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,
C ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
- M** Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
C worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.
- M** The voice of the LORD is over the waters;
C the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over many waters.
- M** The voice of the LORD is powerful;
C the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.
- M** The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars;
C the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.
- M** He makes Lebanon to skip like a calf,
C The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.
- M** The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;
C The voice of the LORD makes the deer give birth and strips the forests bare, and in his temple all cry, "Glory!"
- M** The LORD sits enthroned over the flood;
C the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.
- M** May the LORD give strength to his people!
C May the LORD bless his people with peace!
- 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.*

SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 3:1-6

THEREFORE, HOLY BROTHERS, YOU WHO SHARE IN A heavenly calling, consider Jesus, the apostle and high priest of our confession, ² who was faithful to him who appointed him, just as Moses also was faithful in all God's house. ³ For Jesus has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses—as much more glory as the builder of a house has more honor than the house itself. ⁴ (For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God.) ⁵ Now Moses was faithful in all God's house as a servant, to testify to the things that were to be spoken later, ⁶ but Christ is faithful over God's house as a son. And we are his house, if indeed we hold fast our confidence and our boasting in our hope.

M The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

VERSE OF THE DAY

Luke 4:18a; Romans 10:17

M Alleluia. Alleluia. The Spirit of the Lord is on me; he has anointed me to preach good news. Alleluia.

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!

Jesus has shown his glory in us and to us by calling us to be God's holy house in a perishing world. That's what we are as Jesus drives out the rule of the devil from our hearts and makes of us his holy habitation. He who is worthy of greater honor than Moses has given us in the gospel greater honor than we sinners could have from the law. May it then be our goal to hold fast to Jesus and to the holiness which he has won for us.

Because we are about to hear the very words and deeds of Christ, the congregation acknowledges the Lord's presence in their midst through his Gospel by standing and singing, "Alleluia!" which means, "Praise the Lord!"

The devil is quiet when false doctrine is taught. But as soon as Jesus appears with the gospel, the devil is enraged and does all that he can to hinder the message. Here he does it by confessing what on the surface is the truth; but he does it with evil intent, to hinder the work of the glorious gospel. Who, after all, wants to be confessed by the devil? At the very least the confession of the demons would confuse people. But Jesus silences the devil and drives him away, while the devil in leaving demonstrates that his only power is to hurt and destroy, and only that so long as the Lord for reasons of his own permits it.

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 1:21-28

Please stand.

[M] The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, chapter one.

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

AND THEY WENT INTO CAPERNAUM, AND IMMEDIATELY on the Sabbath he entered the synagogue and was teaching. ²² And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes. ²³ And immediately there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, ²⁴ “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God.” ²⁵ But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” ²⁶ And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying out with a loud voice, came out of him. ²⁷ And they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, “What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” ²⁸ And at once his fame spread everywhere throughout all the surrounding region of Galilee.

[M] This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Be seated.

HYMN OF THE DAY

I Walk in Danger All the Way | **CW 431**

SERMON

Hebrews 3:1-6

We Have One Who Is Better

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C	We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.	Dt. 6:4 2 Cor. 6:18 Is. 51:13 Col.1:16
	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.	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
	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.	Ac. 2:33-34 Heb. 1:13 Mt. 25:31 2 Tim.4:1 Lk. 1:33
	We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.	Job 33:4 Jn. 15:26 Jn. 4:24 2 Pet.1:25
	We believe in one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.	Mt. 16:18; Eph. 2:19-20
	We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ✚ of the world to come. Amen.	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.

Be seated.

As baptized children of God, we have a responsibility to pray not only for ourselves, but also for the world. As instructed by the Word, we pray, among other things, that earthly rulers would keep the peace that we might worship God in quietude, that the lonely, sick, hurt, and mourning may find comfort in Christ, and that those receiving the Supper today may receive it in a manner worthy of his Name.

First recorded in A.D. 220, this dialogue and prayer begins the liturgy of the Lord's Supper. Each season has its own unique text (italics).

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Please stand.

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

M ...let us pray to the Lord:

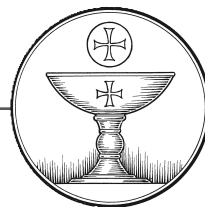
C Lord, have mercy.

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

M ...who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

The Service of the Sacrament



PREFACE

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.

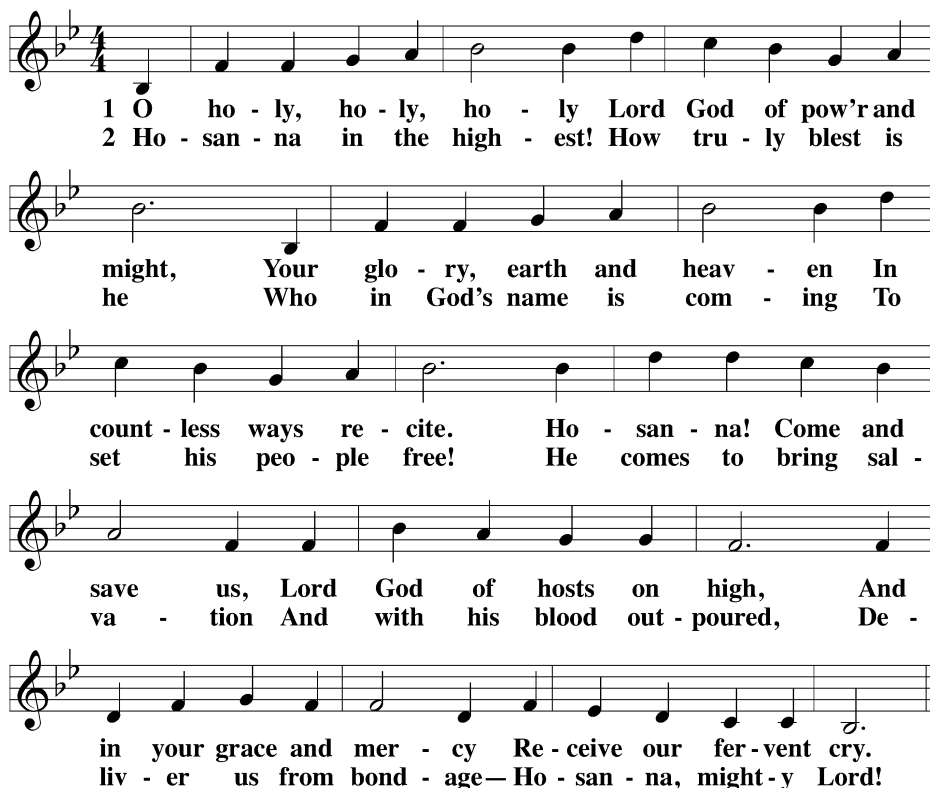
M It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, *who came as the Light of the world so that the world may*

have light and life through him. 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

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!

“Sanctus” means “holy.” The body and blood of our Lord are present in this Sacrament, and so we use the words of the angels from Isaiah 6 and of the Palm Sunday crowds from Matthew 21 to acknowledge the holy presence of God in this meal.

Take note of the intense reverence of God's holiness in this canticle. May we pray that we daily show such reverence.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

[M] All glory and splendor, thanks and praise are yours, O Lord, heavenly Father. You pierced the gloomy darkness of sin and unbelief with the brilliant light of your Son.

Bless our reception of your Son's body and blood that we may shine with the joy of faith. Use this most Holy Sacrament to illumine our lives and minds with Christ's forgiveness, peace, and comfort. Refresh our faith, and

As the testaments are linked to Christ in the Service of the Word, so do we remember and give thanks for salvation history in the Church's table prayer.

The Lord's Prayer, given us by Christ himself, is wonderfully and appropriately spoken here as we approach his Supper.

Daily the baptized people of God pray. The Lord's Prayer is both a prayer to pray and a model for all our prayers.

The words of our Lord bestow exactly what they say. In the words of consecration the Lord's Word delivers his body and blood for our forgiveness.

Though we are blessed with many good foods, no other meal gives the body and blood of Christ to sinners. For this reason, we cherish and crave this meal each time it is offered.

help us to reflect his truth and grace to the world. We ask this that you may receive endless honor, glory, and praise from every tribe and language and people and nation.

Now hear us as we pray in his name and as he has taught us:

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 — *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."

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.

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.

The resurrected Lord calmed the fears of the disciples with his peace. The resurrected Lord is present in the Supper, and so the pastor speaks peace to us on his behalf.

During stressful times, remember the peace of Christ that you received in his Supper today.

“Agnus Dei” [äg-nūs-dā-ē] means “Lamb of God,” and reminds us that Jesus is the Lamb of God, sacrificed for our forgiveness.

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:

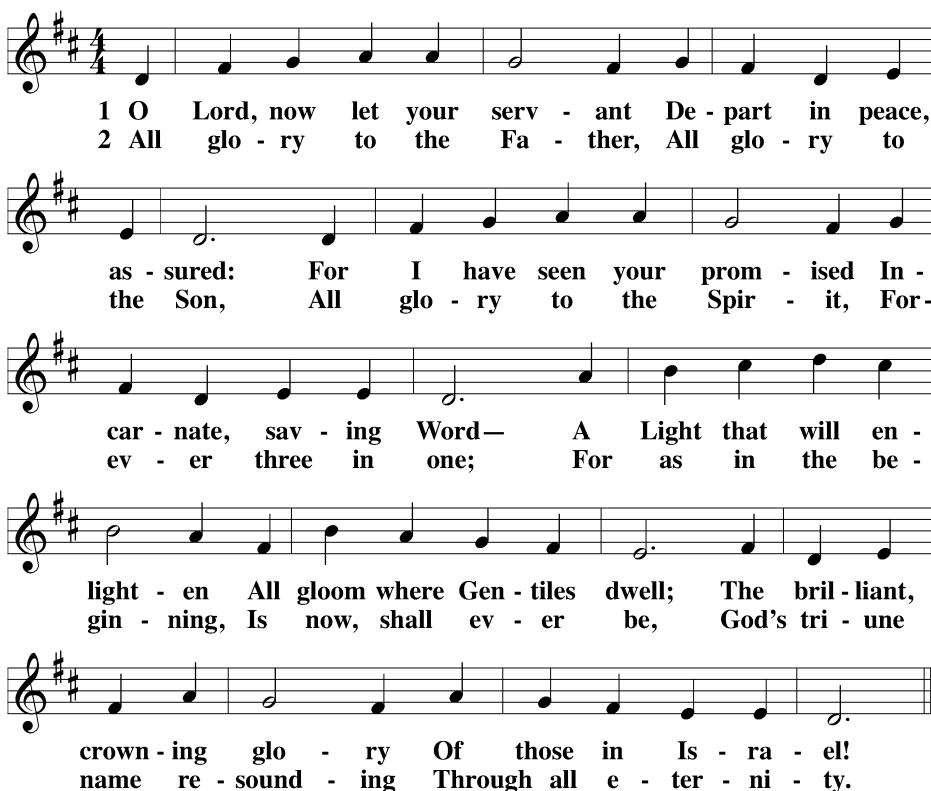
[M] Now, may this true body and blood strengthen and keep you in the true faith to life everlasting. Your sins ✠ are forgiven. Go in peace. Amen.

SONG OF SIMEON — *Nunc Dimittis*

Luke 2:29-32

Tune: WIE SOLL ICH DICH EMPFANGEN [CW 18]

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

crown - ing glo - ry Of those in Is - ra - el!
name re - sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

POST-COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Psalm 107:1

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

[C] And his mercy endures forever.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

[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

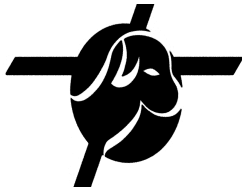
Abide, O Dearest Jesus | **CW 333**

Having received forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation, we thank the Lord for his gifts and pray that he will grant us faith to use them in love toward our neighbor.

In Numbers 6 God tells Aaron to put his name on the people of God with these words. As we began the service with the Lord's name, so we are sent out in his name.

Live each day with confidence, knowing that you have the Lord's blessing and presence with you.





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