



SEE, CHRIST HAS COMPASSION ON YOU!

The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH | *Kearney, Nebraska*

Sunday, February 5, 2017

WELCOME TO GOOD SHEPHERD!

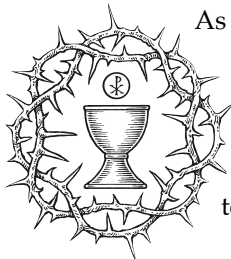
We are so happy you could join us today! If we can assist you in any way with questions about our confession of faith, spiritual struggles, understanding our liturgical service, or any other need, please let us know. It is our prayer that the Gospel of Jesus Christ will strengthen and comfort you.

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

Look at all the problems and all the obstacles to following the call of Jesus. Everybody in town seemed to have trouble or sickness or demon possession. Even the mother-in-law of Peter was down sick with a fever that prevented her from hearing the Word and from serving her divine Guest. But each and every one of the problems and hindrances was a blessing in disguise. For each one of them gave people a reason to despair of their own abilities and to seek in Jesus the compassionate and merciful Savior. It is very useful for us to put our own problems and hindrances to following Jesus in this perspective: trials spur us to seek his help; his help should spur us to service. Jesus' eyes were always and at the same time in two directions: down to rescue and to save us in our need, and up to do it all as an act of worship and obedience to his Father. He prayed. Then he went on to proclaim the gospel and continue his work of casting out the devil.

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

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ABOUT THE DIVINE SERVICE

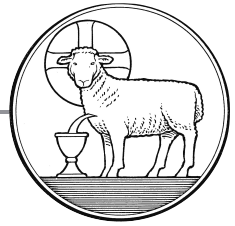
Our worship before God is based on what he has taught us through his Word, the Bible. Since it is God who graciously gives us life and salvation, we first gladly receive from him and then respond in prayer and praise. This is called the *Divine Service* because in it God serves us through his Word and 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.

THE DIVINE SERVICE

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



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

Oh, Worship the King | CW 243

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.

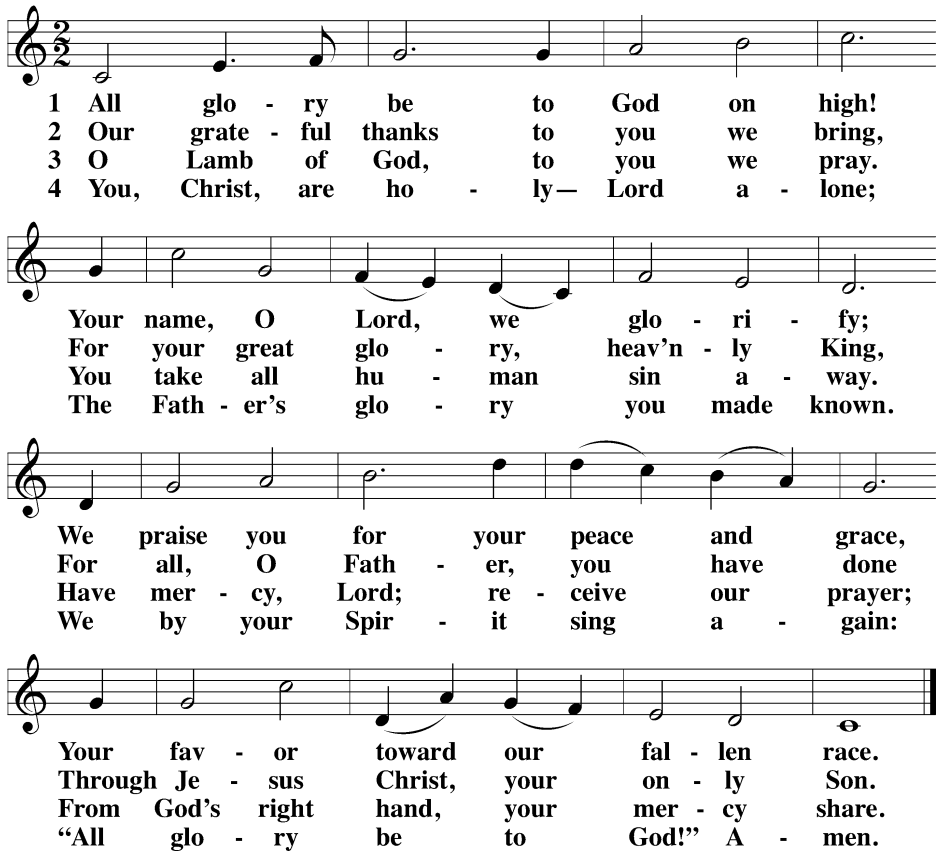
Having just petitioned the Lord for blessings beyond the forgiveness just granted in absolution, we now praise him as the One who can deliver those blessings, because he is the all-powerful God. His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, is the Lamb worthy of our praise, just as the angels praised him at his birth.

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.

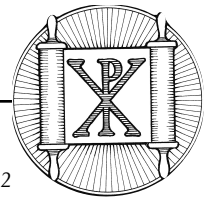
The Service of the Word

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⁾ Almighty God, ²⁾ you sent your one and only Son as the Word of life for our eyes to see and our ears to hear. ³⁾ Help us to believe what the Scriptures proclaim about him and do the things that are pleasing in your sight; 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

Isaiah 40:27-31

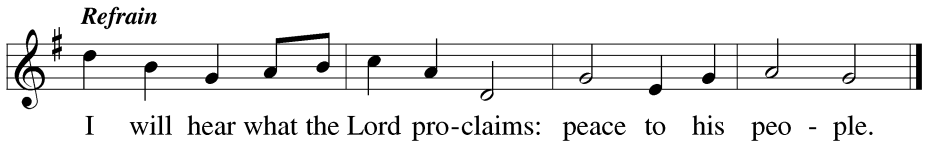
WHY DO YOU SAY, O JACOB,
and speak, O Israel,
“My way is hidden from the LORD,
and my right is disregarded by my God”?
²⁸ Have you not known? Have you not heard?
The LORD is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.
He does not faint or grow weary;
his understanding is unsearchable.
²⁹ He gives power to the faint,
and to him who has no might he increases strength.
³⁰ Even youths shall faint and be weary,
and young men shall fall exhausted;
³¹ but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength;
they shall mount up with wings like eagles;
they shall run and not be weary;
they shall walk and not faint.

M The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

Israel has an incomparable God who watches over her. Though the Lord may use his power for condemnation, he acts as your Good Shepherd for your salvation.

*The psalm will be sung responsively. The congregation is invited to sing the verses that are **bolded**.*



Refrain

[M] Praise the LORD, | O my soul;*
all my inmost being, praise his | holy name.

[C] **He forgives | all your sins***
and heals all your dis- | eases;

he redeems your life | from the grave*
and crowns you with love and com- | passion.

Refrain

The LORD is compassionate and | gracious,*
slow to anger, abound- | ing in love.

He does not treat us as our | sins deserve*
or repay us according to our in- | iquities.

For as high as the heavens are a- | bove the earth,*
so great is his love for those who | fear him;

as far as the east is | from the west,*
so far has he removed our transgressions | from us.

Refrain

How many times do we need God's forgiveness? It's impossible to count. Day after day, our transgressions should bring his anger. But over and over again, he removes our iniquities. Where are they sent? To the cross, where Jesus takes the anger and gives us compassion instead.



As a father has compassion on his | children,*
so the LORD has compassion on those who | fear him;

**for he knows how | we are formed,*
he remembers that | we are dust.**

Our days are like grass, like a flower | of the field,*
the wind blows over it and | it is gone.

**But the LORD's love is with those who | fear him*
from everlasting to ever- | lasting.**

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

1 Peter 5:6-11

HUMBLE YOURSELVES, THEREFORE, UNDER THE mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, ⁷ casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. ⁸ Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. ⁹ Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. ¹⁰ And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. ¹¹ To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

*Pray knowing that
God provides for your
every need.*

*"The person who
knows that he has a
Father who is
gracious to him
through Christ truly
knows God."*

— AC XX:24

M The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

VERSE OF THE DAY

John 8:12; Romans 10:17

M Alleluia. Alleluia. Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." 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!

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 1:29-39

Please stand.

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

C Praise be to you, O Lord.

AND IMMEDIATELY HE LEFT THE SYNAGOGUE AND entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. ³⁰ Now Simon's mother-in-law lay ill with a fever, and immediately they told him about her. ³¹ And he came and took her by the hand and lifted her up, and the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

³² That evening at sundown they brought to him all who were sick or oppressed by demons. ³³ And the whole city was gathered together at the door. ³⁴ And he healed many who were sick with

Given the endless series of things to which Jesus attends, we sometimes imagine that he is too busy for us and our problems. But Jesus knows and cares for each of us individually. He actually commands us to lay all our needs before him and stands ever-willing and able to help us.

various diseases, and cast out many demons. And he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

³⁵ And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed.

³⁶ And Simon and those who were with him searched for him, ³⁷ and they found him and said to him, “Everyone is looking for you.”

³⁸ And he said to them, “Let us go on to the next towns, that I may preach there also, for that is why I came out.” ³⁹ And he went throughout all Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out demons.

M This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to you, O Christ.

Be seated.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Hail to the Lord's Anointed | **CW 93**

SERMON

Hebrews 3:1-6

We Have One Who Is Better

APOSTLES' CREED

C I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

2 Cor. 6:18
Is. 51:13

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died,
and was buried.

1 Cor. 8:6; Jn. 3:18
Lk. 1:35
Lk. 1:34; 2:7
Lk. 23:16

He descended into hell.

1 Pet. 3:19

The third day he rose again from the dead.

1 Cor. 15:4b

He ascended into heaven

Mt. 27:32-61; Mk. 15:21-47;
Lk. 23:26-56; Jn. 19:16b-42

Ac. 2:33-34

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.

and is seated at the right hand
of God the Father almighty.
From there he will come
to judge the living and the dead.

Heb. 1:13

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ✚ everlasting. Amen.**

Mt. 25:31; 2 Tim. 4:1

Mt. 3:16-17

Eph. 5:23

Eph. 4:3-6

Rom. 4:6-8

Ecc. 12:7

1 Th. 4:17

Be seated.

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.**

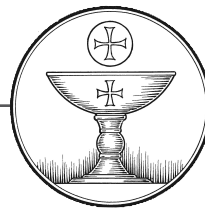
The final petition of the prayer will be concluded in this way:

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

[C] **Amen.**

*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.*

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:

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).

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY — Sanctus

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

Tune: VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN [CW 19]

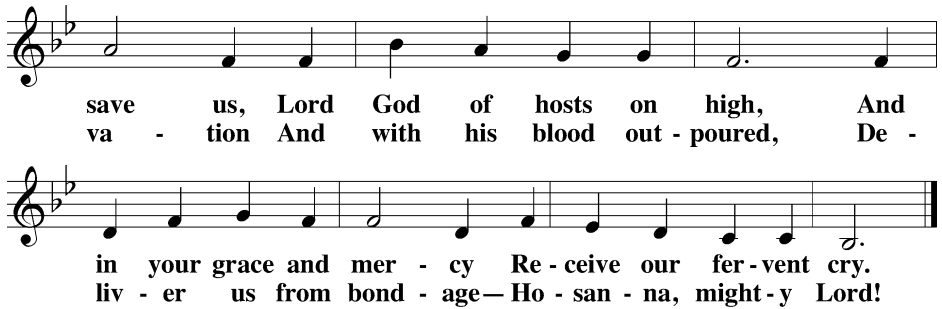
1 O ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of pow'r and
2 Ho - san - na in the high - est! How tru - ly blest is

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 -

"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

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.

[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 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,

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.

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 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.

PEACE OF THE LORD — *Pax Domini*

John 20:19

M The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

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.

LAMB OF GOD — *Agnus Dei*

John 1:29



Lamb of God, you take a - way the

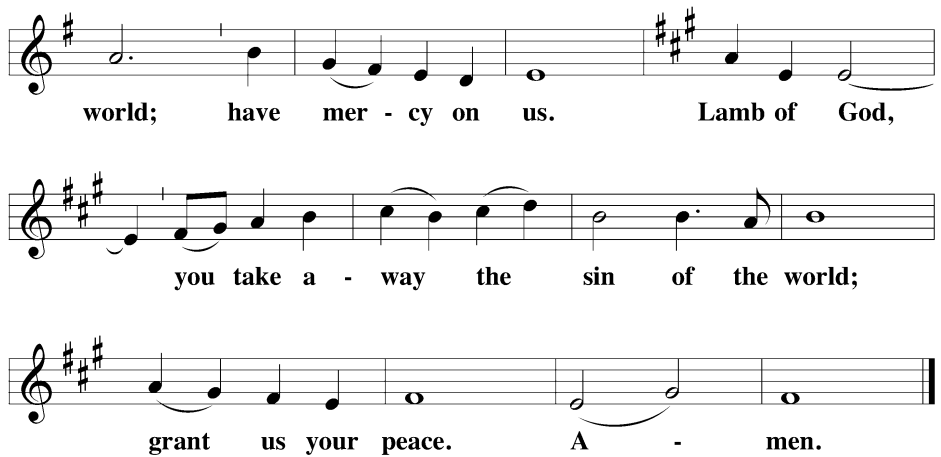


sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

"Agnus Dei" [äg-nūs-dā-e] 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

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.

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.

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.

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

When Peace, like a River | CWS 760



1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my
2 My sin— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous
3 And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be



way, When sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll— What -
thought— My sin, not in part, but the whole, Is
sight, The clouds be rolled back as a scroll; The



ev - er my lot, thou hast taught me to
nailed to the cross, and I bear it no
trump shall re - sound, and the Lord shall de -



say, It is well, it is well with my soul.
more: Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
scend; E - ven so, it is well with my soul.

Refrain

It is well with my soul.

It is well, it is well with my soul.

Text: Horatio G. Spafford, 1828–1888, alt.

Tune: VILLE DU HAVRE (11 8 11 9 and Refrain) Philip P. Bliss, 1838–1876



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