

### JESUS DOES BATTLE IN OUR PLACE

The First Sunday in Lent

— Invocabit —

### GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN | Kearney, NE

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Christ's Love, Our Calling,

Sunday, February 18, 2018

### **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 **Large-Print Service Folder** is also available if you are in need of it. 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 THIS SUNDAY

In the Garden, man exalts himself to be a god in place of God (Gen. 3:1–21). He succumbs to the temptation of the devil, and eating of the forbidden fruit, he receives death. But in the sin-cursed wilderness, God humbles Himself to become man in place of man (Mt. 4:1–11). He does not eat but fasts and bears the onslaughts of the devil for us that we may be restored to life. Jesus stands as David in our place to do battle against the Goliath, Satan (1 Samuel 17:40–51). Though outwardly Jesus appears weak, yet He comes in the name of the Lord of hosts. He draws from the five smooth stones of the books of Moses and slings the Word of God. The stone sinks into the forehead, and the enemy falls. In Christ we are victorious over the devil. Let us therefore not receive the grace of God in vain (2 Cor. 6:1–10), but seeing that we have a great High Priest, let us come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain help in time of need (Heb 4:14–16).

The First Sunday in Lent is also known as *Invocabit*, which, in Latin, means "he will call." This is the opening phrase of the *Introit* for the First Sunday in Lent: "He will call on me, and I will answer him" (Psalm 91:15a).

### 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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### THE DIVINE SERVICE

**Divine Service I** — Christian Worship: Supplement, pg. 15



The Liturgy of the Divine Service has been described as the climbing of "two mountains."

Like mountains in the physical world, each of these two mountains—the Service of the Word and the Service of the Sacrament—have peaks, or summits. The "summit" of the Service of the Word is the Sermon. The "summit" of the Service of the Sacrament" is the Distribution. Each summit is reached by careful, meaningful, and methodical steps, intending to bring the worshipper closer and closer to the peak of each Service.



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.

### OPENING HYMN

Jesus, Refuge of the Weary | CW 108

### 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 Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- M Our help is in the name of the LORD.

Psalm 124:8

- C Who made heaven and earth.
- M I said, I will confess my transgressions to the LORD.

Psalm 32:5

And you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Silence for meditation on God's Word and for self-examination.

Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

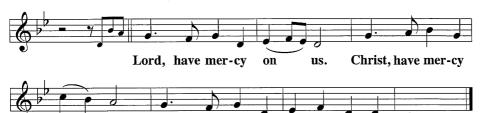


We cannot approach God without having our sins forgiven. He is holy and we are not. Confession assures us of a clean slate before God and prepares us for worship, hearing God's Word, and receiving the Lord's Supper.

### LORD, HAVE MERCY — Kyrie

Matthew 20:30; Mark 10:47; Psalm 6:2

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Kyrie eleison 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.



In the Absolution, the pastor once again uses the Baptismal formula ("In the name of the Father...) to remind the penitent worshippers that the assurance of their forgiveness is not mere lip-service from a man. Rather, through baptism's connection to Christ's death and resurrection (Romans 6), we are assured that our sins are forgiven and that we stand as saints before our God.

### **ABSOLUTION**

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us.

Lord.

M God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son ♣ and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

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

During the season of Lent, the Gloria in Excelsis is omitted.

### The Service of the Word

### Ruth 2:4; 2 Timothy 4:22

### SALUTATION

M The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY** — Collect

M Let us pray.

<sup>1)</sup>O Lord God, <sup>2)</sup>You led your people through the wilderness and brought



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 fivepart prayer: 1) Address; 2) Basis for the petition; 3) the Petition; 4) Reason for the petition; 5) Conclusion of praise to God.



Jesus stands as David in our place to do battle against the Goliath, Satan.

them to the promised land. <sup>3)</sup> Guide the people of your Church <sup>4)</sup> that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; <sup>5)</sup> 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 Samuel 17:40-51

HEN DAVID TOOK HIS STAFF in his hand and picked five smooth stones out of the stream bed and put them into the pouch of his shepherd's bag. He took his sling in his hand and approached the Philistine.

- <sup>41</sup> The Philistine kept walking and got closer and closer to David. The man who was carrying his shield was walking ahead of him. <sup>42</sup> When the Philistine got a good look at David, he despised him, because David was just a boy, nothing but a good-looking, redheaded boy.
- <sup>43</sup> The Philistine said to David, "Am I a dog, that you come against me with sticks?" The Philistine cursed David by his gods. <sup>44</sup> The Philistine said to David, "Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the sky and to the wild animals of the countryside."
- <sup>45</sup> Then David said to the Philistine, "You come against me with a sword, with a spear, and with a javelin, but I come against you in the name of the Lord of Armies, the God of the ranks of Israel, whom you have defied. <sup>46</sup> Today the Lord will hand you over to me. I will strike you down and cut off your head. Today I will give the dead bodies of the army of the Philistines to the birds of the sky and to the wild animals of the earth. Then all the earth will know that there is a God in Israel, <sup>47</sup> and all those gathered here will know that the Lord does not save with sword and spear, for the battle belongs to the Lord, and he will deliver you into our hand."
- <sup>48</sup> Then, when the Philistine started advancing to attack David,

David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet the Philistine. <sup>49</sup> David put his hand into his bag, took a stone from it, slung it, and struck the Philistine on the forehead. The stone sank into his forehead, and he fell facedown to the ground.

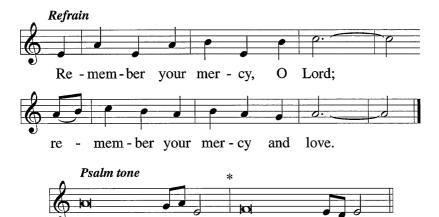
<sup>50</sup> So David defeated the Philistine with a sling and a stone. He struck the Philistine and killed him, even though David did not have a sword in his hand. <sup>51</sup> So David ran, stood over the Philistine, took hold of his sword, drew it out of its sheath, killed him, and cut off his head with it.

When the Philistines saw that their champion was dead, they fled.

- M The Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God!

### **PSALM OF THE DAY**

Psalm 32 | CW p. 78



### Refrain

Blessed is he whose transgressions are for- | given, whose sins are | covered.

When I kept silent, your hand was heavy u- | pon me; my strength was sapped as in the heat of | summer. 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!"



As they worshiped, Old Testament believers responded to readings from the Scriptures by singing psalms. We continue this custom of singing the psalms in our worship today.



Then I acknowledged my | sin to you and did not cover up my in- | iquity.

I said, "I will confess my transgressions | to the LORD," and you forgave the guilt | of my sin.

### Refrain

You are my | hiding place; you will protect me from | trouble.

Many are the woes of the | wicked, but the LORD's unfailing love surrounds those who | trust in him.

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

Hebrews 4:14-16

HEREFORE, SINCE WE HAVE A GREAT HIGH PRIEST, who has gone through the heavens, namely, Jesus the Son of God, let us continue to hold on to our confession. <sup>15</sup> For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are, yet without sin. <sup>16</sup> So let us approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

- M The Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God!



Let us not receive the grace of God in vain (2 Cor. 6:1–10), but seeing that we have a great High Priest, let us come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain help in time of need.

Psalm 91:1, 4a, 15a, 16

### TRACT

M One who lives in the shelter of the Most High will stay in the shadow of the Almighty. With his feathers he will cover you, and under his wings you will find refuge.

In preparation for Lent, the "Alleluias" are replaced with verses called the "Tract."

He will call on me, and I will answer him. With long life I will satisfy him, and I will let him see my salvation.

HOLY GOSPEL

*Matthew* 4:1-11

Please stand.

M The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, chapter four.



Glo-ry be to you, O Lord! Glo-ry be to you, O Lord!

HEN JESUS WAS LED BY THE SPIRIT into the wilderness to be tempted by the Devil. <sup>2</sup> After he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. <sup>3</sup> The Tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become bread."

<sup>4</sup> But Jesus answered, "It is written:

'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes out of the mouth of God.'"

<sup>5</sup> Then the Devil took him into the holy city. He placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, <sup>6</sup> and he said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down. For it is written:

'He will command his angels concerning you.

And they will lift you up in their hands,
so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.'"

<sup>7</sup> Jesus said to him, "Again, it is written:

'You shall not test the Lord your God.'"



In the Garden, man exalts himself to be a god in place of God (Gen. 3:1-21). He succumbs to the temptation of the devil, and eating of the forbidden fruit, he receives death. But in the sin-cursed wilderness, God humbles Himself to become man in place of man. He does not eat but fasts and bears the onslaughts of the devil for us that we may be restored to life.

<sup>8</sup> Again the Devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. <sup>9</sup> He said to him, "I will give you all of these things, if you will bow down and worship me."

<sup>10</sup> Then Jesus said to him, "Go away, Satan! For it is written,

'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.'"

<sup>11</sup> Then the Devil left him, and just then angels came and served him.

M This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Praise be to you, O Christ! Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated.



# Having heard the Word of God, we confess our faith in His name. The creed is our saying back to God what He has first said to us. In the Creed we acclaim the truth of the triune God and His work of salvation accomplished for us in His incarnate Son, Jesus Christ.

### **APOSTLES' CREED**

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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,	1 Cor. 8:6; Jn. 3:18
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,	Lk. 1:35
born of the virgin Mary,	Lk. 1:34; 2:7
suffered under Pontius Pilate,	Lk. 23:16
was crucified, died,	Mt. 27:32-61; Mk. 15:21-47;
and was buried.	Lk. 23:26-56; Jn. 19:16b-42
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	Ac. 2:33-34
and is seated at the right hand	
of God the Father almighty.	Heb. 1:13
From there he will come to judge	Mt. 25:31
the living and the dead.	2 Tim. 4:1
I believe in the Holy Spirit,	Mt. 3:16-17
the holy Christian Church,	Eph. 5:23
the communion of saints,	Eph. 4:3-6
the forgiveness of sins,	Rom. 4:6-8

the resurrection of the body, and the life ◆ everlasting. Amen.

Ecc. 12:7

1 Th. 4:17

### HYMN OF THE DAY

A Mighty Fortress is Our God | CW 200

The Hymn of the Day is assigned to each Sunday, not chosen by the pastor. It is assigned by the historical Church because of its rich content and connection to the Gospel.

### **SERMON**

### **OFFERTORY**

Psalm 51:10-12





Using the words of the Psalmist (Psalm 51), we pray in the Offertory that God use the Word on which we have just listened and mediated to "create a pure heart" inside of us. We pray that he "does not cast us away," but instead show us his salvation—which he is about to do in the Holy Supper.



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 auietude, 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.

### **OFFERING**

In response to God's generous love and forgiveness, we bring our generous offerings to him. The members of Good Shepherd congregation have joined together to proclaim the gospel in this community. These offerings support that work. While our guests are welcome to participate in the offering if they choose, they should not feel at all obligated to do so.

### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Please stand.

M Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Brief silence.

- For all pastors who have been called to serve in Christ's stead and by His command, that they would preach the Gospel in its purity and administer the Sacraments according to Christ's institution, let us pray to the Lord:
  - C Lord, have mercy.
- M For those suffering under temptation and doubt, that they would be filled with the Holy Spirit and find comfort, peace and assurance in the One who overcame Satan's temptations in the wilderness, let us pray to the Lord:
  - C Lord, have mercy.
- For Donald, our president; Peter, our governor; and all those who serve us at the federal, state and local levels of government, that they would serve with integrity and honor and for the benefit of all; and for all who serve in our military, that they would do so with honor and be kept from all harm, let us pray to the Lord: 

  Lord, have mercy.

God, which is theirs through Jesus Christ, let us pray to the Lord:

- C Lord, have mercy.
- For those who come to the holy altar this day, that they receive the very body and blood of Christ in repentance and faith, with reverence and awe, and to their abundant blessing, let us pray to the Lord: 

  Lord, have mercy.
- Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Amen.

### The Service of the Sacrament



### **PREFACE**

M The Lord be with you.

Ruth 2:4; 2 Timothy 4:22

- And also with you.
- M Lift up your hearts.

Lamentations 3:41

- **C** We lift them up to the Lord.
- M Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Psalm 136

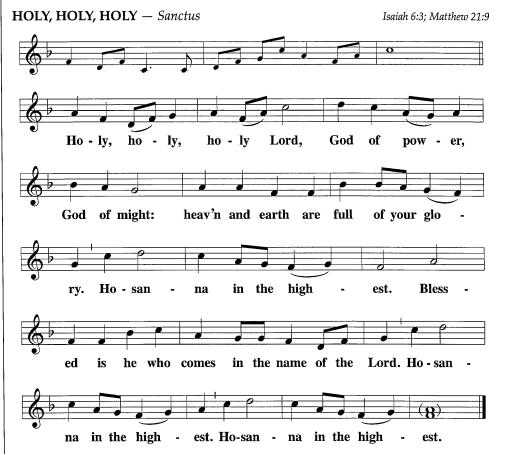
- It is good and right so to do.
- It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who brought the gift of salvation to all people by his death on the tree of the cross, so that the devil, who overcame us by a tree would in

Drawn toward the gifts of Jesus' body and blood, our hearts are lifted up in thanksgiving and praise as we anticipate the reception of the gifts that carry with them our redemption.

*turn by a tree be overcome*. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:



"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 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 became our substitute under your holy law, who destroyed the works of Satan by his perfect obedience to your will, who willingly carried a cross to pay the debt of the world's sin, who lives and reigns to give us life.

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.

### LORD'S PRAYER — Pater Noster

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

M Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.



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.

### **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 pastor speaks the Lord's own words; these words give and bestow what they declare, the body and blood of Christ.

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



With the words of John the Baptist, the Agnus Dei confesses the mercy and peace that we receive from the Lamb of God in His Supper. We come to the Lord's Table hungry and thirsty, and He feeds us with His body and refreshes us with His blood. It is the Lord's Supper. As Luther reminds us, "Our Lord is at one and the same time chef, cook, butler, host, and food."

### **PEACE OF THE LORD** — Pax Domini

John 20:19

- M The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.



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.

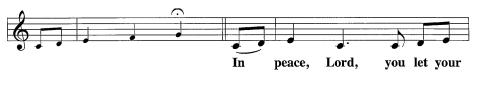
*In dismissing the communicants, the minister says:* 

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.

### **SONG OF SIMEON** — Nunc Dimittis

Luke 2:29-32

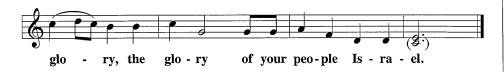
Please stand.











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.



Having received the Lord's body and blood for our salvation, like Simeon who held in his arms the Savior of the world, we go in peace and joy, singing Simeon's song from Luke 2.

### POST-COMMUNION ANTIPHON & COLLECT

Psalm 107:1

- M O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.
- And his mercy endures forever.
- We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this Holy Supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.



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 Walk in Danger All the Way | CW 431



As we began the service with the Lord's name, so we are sent out in His name. Worshippers may make the sign of the cross on themselves as they are encouraged to live each day with Baptismal confidence, knowing that they have the Lord's blessing and presence with them.



(Ash Wednesday) FEBRUARY 14

"Rejoicing in Repentance" Psalm 51:12-15

### \*\*\* FEBRUARY 21

"Possessed by Sin and Bound by Death" John 8:31-38

### **FEBRUARY 28**

"From the Father's Heart" John 12:27-36

### MARCH 7

"Jesus: God's Son and Your Servant" John 13:1-20

### MARCH 14

"Your Ransom and Your Rescue" John 14:15-27

### \*\*\* MARCH 21

"In Trouble He Will Comfort You" John 16:1-33

Dear Christians, one and all, rejoice, With exultation springing, And, with united heart and voice And holy rapture singing, Proclaim the wonders God has done, How his right arm the vict'ry won.

How dearly it has cost him!

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"Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice! — CW 377

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> Good Shepherd will be hosting two polluck-style suppers on these two Wednesdays. Supper starts at 6p in the Ed. Building. Bring a dish to pass and come to eat!



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