



HOLDING GOD TO HIS WORD

The Second Sunday in Lent

— *Reminiscere* —

Sunday, February 25, 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.

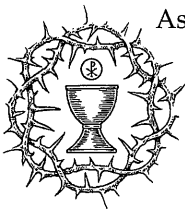
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SERVICE NOTES FOR THIS SUNDAY

“Of ourselves we have no strength” (*Collect*). So our only comfort is to cry to our “faithful God...for rescue in our misery” (*Hymn of the Day*). And our plea is much like the pleading mother (Gospel)—that the Lord remember His mercies and lovingkindnesses, and that He look upon our affliction and pain, and forgive all our sins (*Introit*). And our Lord does remember us. He remembers us with His favor and visits us with His salvation (*Tract*). We know that “the Lord watches over us,...he will keep us from all harm,...and he will watch over our life...both now and forevermore” (*Psalms of the Day*).

The Second Sunday in Lent is also known as *Reminiscere*, which, in Latin, means “to remember.” This is the opening phrase of the *Introit* for the Second Sunday in Lent: “Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love” (Psalm 25:6).

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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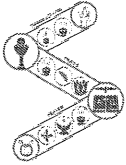
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THE DIVINE SERVICE

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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

When O'er My Sins I Sorrow | CW 109

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

- C** And you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

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

- M** Holy and merciful Father, **C** 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



Lord, have mer-cy on us. Christ, have mer-cy
on us. Lord, have mer-cy on us. A - men.



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.

ABSOLUTION

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.

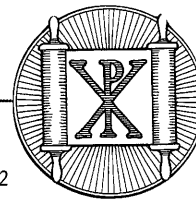
GLORY BE TO GOD — *Gloria in Excelsis*

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



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.

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) O God, 2,4) You see that of ourselves we have no strength. 3) By Your



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.



Jacob wrestled with God; he would not let Him go until he received a blessing from Him.

mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; 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.

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 32:22-32

HE GOT UP THAT NIGHT and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven sons, and crossed over the ford of the Jabbok. ²³ He took them and sent them across the stream, and he also sent his possessions across. ²⁴ Jacob was left alone, and he wrestled with a man there until daybreak. ²⁵ When the man saw that he could not defeat him, he touched the socket of his thigh, and the socket of Jacob's thigh was dislocated as he wrestled. ²⁶ The man said, "Let me go. It's daybreak."

Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me."

²⁷ Then he said to him, "What is your name?"

He said, "Jacob."

²⁸ Then he said, "Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel, because you have fought with God and with men, and you have won."

²⁹ Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name."

He said, "Why do you ask what my name is?" Then he blessed him there.

³⁰ Jacob named the place Peniel, because he said, "I have seen God face to face, and my life has been spared." ³¹ The sun rose as he crossed over at Peniel, and he was limping because of his thigh.

³² For that reason, to this day the people of Israel do not eat the tendon of the hip that is on the socket of the thigh, because God touched the socket of Jacob's thigh on the tendon of the hip.

M The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 121 | CW p. 112

Refrain

Keep me, keep me as the ap - ple of your eye.

Hide me, hide me in the shad-ow of your wings.

Psalm tone

Refrain

I lift up my eyes | to the hills.
Where does my help | come from?

My help comes | from the LORD,
the maker of hea- | ven and earth.

He will not let your | foot slip,
he who watches over you will not | slumber;

indeed, he who watches over | Israel
will neither slum- | ber nor sleep.

Refrain

The LORD watches | over you,
the LORD is your shade at | your right hand.

The LORD will keep you | from all harm,
he will watch o- | ver your life;

the LORD will watch over your coming and | going
both now and for- | evermore.

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.

Psalm tone



*Glory be to the Father and | to the Son
and to the Holy | Spirit,
as it was in the be- | ginning,
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.*

Refrain

SECOND LESSON

Romans 5:1-5



This is the sanctifying will of God (1 Thess. 4:1-7) —to test your faith in order that it may be refined and strengthened. For tribulation produces perseverance; perseverance, character; character, hope. And hope in Christ does not disappoint.

THEREFORE, SINCE WE HAVE BEEN JUSTIFIED by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.
² Through him we also have obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand. And we rejoice confidently on the basis of our hope for the glory of God.

³ Not only this, but we also rejoice confidently in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces patient endurance, ⁴ and patient endurance produces tested character, and tested character produces hope. ⁵ And hope will not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, who was given to us.

M The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

TRACT

Psalm 106:1-4

M Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his mercy endures forever. Who can tell about the mighty deeds of the LORD? Who can cause all his praise to be heard? Blessed are those who defend justice, who do what is right all the time. Remember me, O LORD, when you show favor to your people.

C Lord, have mercy.

During the season of Lent, the "Alleluias" are replaced with verses called the "Tract."

Please stand.

M The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, chapter twenty-one.



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

JESUS LEFT THAT PLACE and withdrew into the region of Tyre and Sidon. ²² There a Canaanite woman from that territory came and kept crying out, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David! A demon is severely tormenting my daughter!"

²³ But he did not answer her a word.

His disciples came and pleaded, "Send her away, because she keeps crying out after us."

²⁴ He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel."

²⁵ But she came and knelt in front of him, saying, "Lord, help me."

²⁶ He answered her, "It is not good to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs."

²⁷ "Yes, Lord," she said, "yet the dogs also eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table."

²⁸ Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, your faith is great! It will be done for you, just as you desire." And her daughter was healed at that very hour.

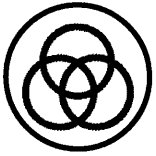
M This is the Gospel of the Lord.



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



Jacob would not let God go until he received a blessing from Him (First Lesson). So it was with the Canaanite woman. Though Jesus seemed to ignore and reject her, she continued to call upon His name and look to Him for help. Even when the Lord called her a little dog, she held on to Him in faith and would not let Him wriggle out of His words: "Yes, Lord, yet the dogs also eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." This Gentile woman shows herself to be a true Israelite, who struggles with God and man in Christ and prevails. "Woman, your faith is great! It will be done for you, just as you desire."



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.

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.

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. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.	1 Cor. 8:6; Jn. 3:18 Lk. 1:35 Lk. 1:34; 2:7 Lk. 23:16 Mt. 27:32-61; Mk. 15:21-47; Lk. 23:26-56; Jn. 19:16b-42 1 Pet. 3:19 1 Cor. 15:4b Ac. 2:33-34 Heb. 1:13 Mt. 25:31 2 Tim. 4:1
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. 3:16-17 Eph. 5:23 Eph. 4:3-6 Rom. 4:6-8 Ecc. 12:7 1 Th. 4:17

HYMN OF THE DAY

When in the Hour of Utmost Need | CW 413

SERMON

Matthew 15:21-28

Persistent Faith Prevails

OFFERTORY

Psalms 51:10-12

Please stand.



Cre - ate in me a

pure heart, O God, and re - new a right spir - it with -
in me. Do not cast me a - way from your
pres - ence or take your Ho - ly Spir - it from
me. Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up -
hold, up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

Be seated.

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.

[M] Remember, Lord, Your mercy and steadfast love toward us. Be gracious to



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 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.

us. Create in us humble and contrite hearts, that we might always cry out to You for mercy. Consider our afflictions and troubles, and forgive all our sins. Lord, in Your mercy, **C** **hear our prayer.**

M Remember, Lord, Mark, our Synod president; Philip, our district president; Wayne, our circuit pastor; and all pastors in Christ. Forgive their sins, strengthen their faith and empower them to always and steadfastly proclaim repentance and the forgiveness of sins in Christ's name. Lord, in Your mercy, **C** **hear our prayer.**

M Remember, Lord, our nation and its leaders. Guide them in the direction You would have them go, that peace and prosperity, truth and justice, religion and piety may dwell in our land. Remember also those who serve in our armed forces, that they would serve with integrity and honor. Lord, in Your mercy, **C** **hear our prayer.**

M Remember, Lord, the widows and the orphans, the lonely and downtrodden, the poor and destitute, and our brothers and sisters in Christ who are shut-in and unable to attend Divine Service with us. Be a mighty fortress for them, surrounding them with Your compassion and care. Fill us with loving and generous hearts to be Your instruments of mercy on their behalf, and send Your pastors to bring Christ to them wherever they are. Lord, in Your mercy, **C** **hear our prayer.**

M Remember, Lord, those who are sick, hospitalized, in treatment, undergoing surgery or recovering, and all who are in need [*especially* _____]. Comfort them with Your presence, sustain their faith through Your gracious promises, and bring healing to them as You will and know to be best. Lord, in Your mercy, **C** **hear our prayer.**

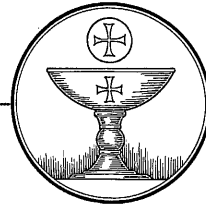
M Remember, Lord, that even the dogs eat the crumbs from their master's table. We are unworthy to partake of the divine food offered to us here in the very body and blood of Christ, and yet You have prepared a place for us all the same. In this Holy Eucharist, fill us with Christ's life and love, that we might depart in His peace, which surpasses all understanding. Lord, in Your mercy, **C** **hear our prayer.**

M Remember, Lord, Your promise that all who believe in Your Son shall not perish but have eternal life. For all those who have gone before us and now

rest from their labors, we give You thanks and praise. Bring us, with them, to the Day of our Lord's glorious return, that we may all receive the eternal inheritance You have prepared for us. Lord, in Your mercy, **C** **hear our prayer.**

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

Psalm 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 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 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:

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.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY — Sanctus

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9





"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.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er,
God of might: heav'n and earth are full of your glo -
ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless -
ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -
na in the high - est. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

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.

C Amen.

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:

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.



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.

PEACE OF THE LORD — *Pax Domini*

John 20:19

M The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

"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.

LAMB OF GOD – *Agnus Dei*

John 1:29



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."

O Christ, Lamb of

God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have

mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of

God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have

mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of

God, you take a - way the sin of the world;

grant us your peace. A - men. 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.

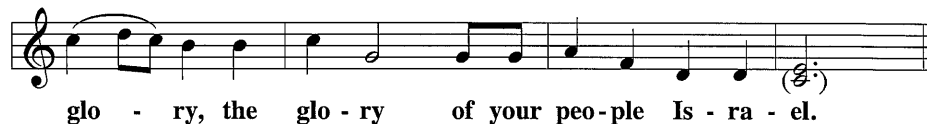
In dismissing the communicants, the minister says:

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

SONG OF SIMEON — Nunc Dimittis

Luke 2:29-32

Please stand.



POST-COMMUNION ANTIPHON & COLLECT

Psalm 107:1

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

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.



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.

C And his mercy endures forever.

M 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.

BLESSING

Numbers 6:22-27

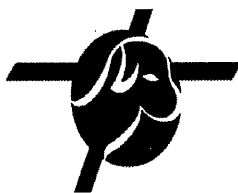
M The LORD bless you and keep you.
The LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The LORD look on you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

C Amen.

Be seated.

CLOSING HYMN

Rejoice, My Heart, Be Glad and Sing | CW 443



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