



**THOSE WHO WAIT ON  
THE LORD SHALL REJOICE**

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

*Jubilate*



*Sunday, April 22, 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).

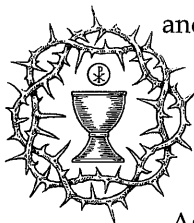
## SERVICE NOTES FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

*Jubilate* means “*Make a joyful shout,*” from the first verse of Psalm 66. This Psalm expresses the joy and thanksgiving that are the response of faith to God’s creative and redemptive acts. This joyful Psalm attributes praise and glory to God alone, for it is He that “turned sea into dry land” to deliver His people from bondage through the Red Sea, and it is He that keeps our soul among the living,” delivering His people from bondage to sin and death by the waters of Holy Baptism. He alone is worthy of our worship and prayers. “But certainly God has heard me; He has attended to the voice of my prayer. Blessed be God, who has not turned away my prayer, nor His mercy from me!”

The people of God are pilgrims and sojourners in this world, looking ahead to a destination yet to come. We are those who wait on the Lord. But, Jesus tells us that the wait is just a little while. Though you must experience sorrow for a time, though you must live as strangers in a world that is at enmity with Christ, yet your sorrow will be turned to joy when He returns. The little while of weeping shall be replaced with an eternity of rejoicing in the presence of Christ the crucified and risen Savior.

## HOLY COMMUNION IS OFFERED TODAY

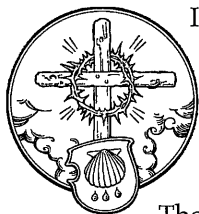
As Christians who believe that the Bible is inspired by God and that every word written in it is God’s holy word, we believe that we receive the body and blood in, with, and under the bread



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].

### BAPTISMS OF ARIANA & JOEY WENZ



In today's service we have the privilege of witnessing two little lambs brought into the sheepfold of Christ's Church. Through the waters of baptism Ariana and Joey will be made children of God and heirs of heaven. We rejoice with Tony, Tracy, Ariana, and Joey in this amazing gift of God's grace and pray that God keeps them in his grace all the days of their lives!

The Paschal Candle is lit this morning as a symbol of the resurrection victory of Christ over the darkness of sin and death. It emphasizes the presence of the resurrected Christ and the link between a believer's baptism and the resurrection (Romans 6). For this reason, this candle is lit at every baptism, funeral, and throughout the Easter season of the Church Year.

The name Paschal comes from the Greek, *pascha*. Before the time of Christ, this word was used for Passover; after Christ, Christians took to using the word when referring to the Festival of the Resurrection.

As the Advent candles bring wonderful meaning to the celebration of Advent, so the Paschal Candle is intended to add meaningful symbolism to our celebration of Easter, baptisms, and Christian funerals.

### SERVING IN THE DIVINE SERVICE

**Preaching & Presiding Minister** ..... Pr. Nathanael P. Seelow  
**Keyboardist** ..... Michelle Reinsch  
**Greeter** ..... Jim & Wanda Cantrell  
**Ushers** ..... Brent Meyer & Chris Stutz

# THE DIVINE SERVICE

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## RITE OF HOLY BAPTISM

Baptism Service Folder

### OPENING HYMN

God's Own Child I Gladly Say It | CWS 737 (Insert)

### INVOCATION

2 Corinthians 13:14

*Please stand.*

- [M]** The grace of our Lord ✙ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.
- [C]** And also with you.

### CONFESSION OF SINS

- [M]** God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.
- [M]** If we say we have fellowship with him but still walk in darkness,
- [C]** we are lying and do not put the truth into practice.
- [M]** But if we walk in the light, just as he is in the light,
- [C]** we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ, his Son, cleanses us from all sin. 1 John 1:6,7

*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]** 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

*Consider your place  
in life according to the  
Ten Commandments.*

*Are you a father,  
mother, son, daughter,  
employer, or  
employee?*

*Have you been  
disobedient,  
unfaithful, or lazy?  
Have you hurt  
anyone by word or  
deed?*

*Have you been  
dishonest, careless,  
wasteful, or done  
other wrong?*

*— Small  
Catechism*

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.

## 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.

## LORD, HAVE MERCY — *Kyrie*

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

**M** For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



**M** For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



**M** For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.



*Kyrie eleison [kir-ē-a ə-lā-ə-sūn] 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.*



**Dignus est Agnus,** Latin for "Worthy is the Lamb," is an exclusively Lutheran canticle of the liturgy. It is sung in place of the Gloria in Excelsis during the season of Easter and on the last Sunday of the Church year—Christ the King. It is most certainly an appropriate song to sing as the Church has always had at the center of its theology the Lamb of God who shed his blood upon the Cross to save a fallen race.

**M** Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



**M** In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord!

# THIS IS THE FEAST OF VICTORY — *Dignus est Agnus*

CW 265

## Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



1	Wor - thy	is	Christ, the	Lamb who	was slain,	Whose
2	Pow -	er,	rich - es,	wis - dom,	and strength,	And
3	Sing	with	all the	peo - ple	of God,	And
4	Bless	ing,	hon - or,	glo - ry,	and might	Be to
5	For	the	Lamb	who	was slain	Has be -

## Refrain

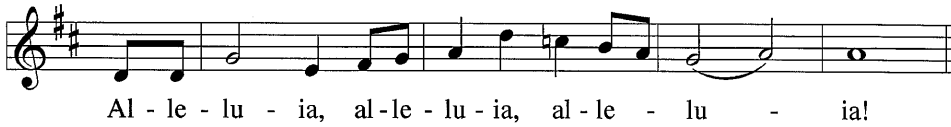


blood	set	us	free	to	be	peo - ple	of	God.
hon -	or,	bless	ing,	and	glo -	ry	are	his.
join	in	the	hymn	of	all	cre -	a	tion.
God	and	the	Lamb	for -	ev -	er.	A	men.
gun	his	reign.	Al -	le -	lu	-	ia!	

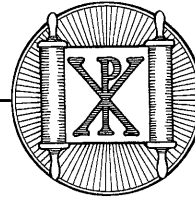
## Final Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,



## The Service of the Word



### PRAYER OF THE DAY — *Collect*

**[M]** Let us pray.

Almighty God, You show those in error the light of Your truth so that they may return to the way of righteousness. Grant faithfulness to all who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's Church that they may avoid whatever is contrary to their confession and follow all such things as are pleasing to You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



*Be seated.*

*The Collect serves to prepare the congregation for the reception of the special Word of the Day, now about to be read. In it pastor and people pray for the particular grace which that Word offers and conveys.*

### FIRST LESSON

*Lamentations 3:22-33*

**B**Y THE MERCIES OF THE LORD we are not consumed, for his compassions do not fail. <sup>23</sup> They are new every morning. Great is your faithfulness! <sup>24</sup> My soul says, "The LORD is my portion. Therefore I will hope in him."

<sup>25</sup> The LORD is good to those who wait for him, to the soul who seeks him. <sup>26</sup> It is good to hope quietly for the salvation of the LORD. <sup>27</sup> It is good for a man that he bears a yoke early in his life. <sup>28</sup> Let him sit alone and be silent, for the LORD laid it on him. <sup>29</sup> Let him put his face in the dust. Perhaps there is hope. <sup>30</sup> Let him offer his cheek to one who strikes him. Let him be filled with disgrace. <sup>31</sup> The LORD

*We are those who wait on the Lord. "The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul who seeks him" (v. 25).*

will surely not reject forever. <sup>32</sup> Even if he brings grief, he will show compassion according to his great mercy. <sup>33</sup> Indeed, he does not enjoy causing affliction when he brings grief to the children of mankind.

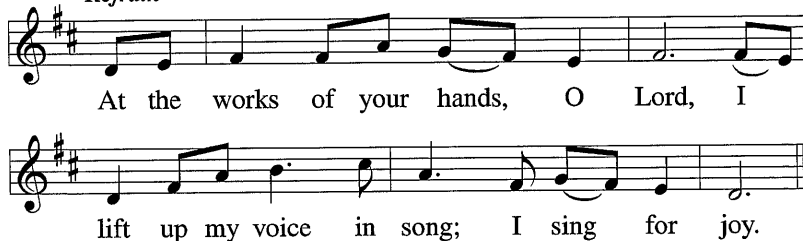
**M** The Word of the Lord.

**C** Alleluia! Thanks be to God!

## PSALM OF THE DAY

*Psalm 66* | CW p. 90

### *Refrain*



### *Psalm tone*



### *Refrain*

Shout with joy to God, | all the earth!  
Sing the glory of his name; make his praise | glorious!

Praise our God, O | peoples,  
let the sound of his | praise be heard.

He has pre- | served our lives  
and kept our feet from | slipping.

### *Refrain*

Come and listen, all you who | fear God;  
let me tell you what he has | done for me.

The heart of this Psalm is not found in how much noise and praise can ascend to our God, but in why we should praise and sing to Him at all. The reason for joyful singing is summed up in one phrase: "the works of God" (v 3, 5). And what are God's works? He overcomes our enemies, especially the one we fear the most – death (v 3, 6-7, 9, 12). To be sure, His work involves affliction and suffering and hard testing for us (v 10-12). Yet Our Lord does not let us down, but comes through for us (v 16-20). For this reason, we declare and sing aloud without bashfulness what Our Lord has done (v 16). For if He has heard us, then others should also hear of His works!





If I had cherished sin | in my heart,  
the LORD would not have | listened;

but God has surely | listened  
and heard my | voice in prayer.

*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 2:11-20*

**D**EAR FRIENDS, I URGE YOU, as aliens and temporary residents in the world, to abstain from the desires of the sinful flesh, which war against your soul. <sup>12</sup> Live an honorable life among the Gentiles so that even though they slander you as evildoers, when they observe your noble deeds, they may glorify God on the day he visits us.

<sup>13</sup> Submit to every human authority because of the Lord, whether to the king as the supreme authority <sup>14</sup> or to governors as those who have been sent by him to punish those who do what is wrong and to praise those who do what is right. <sup>15</sup> For this is God's will: that you silence the ignorance of foolish people by doing good. <sup>16</sup> Do this as free people, and do not use your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but use it as servants of God. <sup>17</sup> Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king.

<sup>18</sup> Slaves, submit to your masters with total respect, not only to those who are good and kind but also to those who are harsh. <sup>19</sup> For this is favorable: if a person endures sorrows while suffering unjustly because he is conscious of God. <sup>20</sup> For what credit is it to you if you

*The people of God are pilgrims and sojourners in this world, looking ahead to a destination yet to come.*

receive a beating for sinning and patiently endure it? But if you suffer for doing good and endure it, this is favorable with God.

**M** The Word of the Lord.

**C** Alleluia! Thanks be to God!

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Please stand.*



## HOLY GOSPEL

*John 16:16-22*

**M** The Holy Gospel appointed for the Fourth Sunday of Easter according to St. John, chapter sixteen.

*Jesus tells us that the wait is just a little while. The little while of weeping shall be replaced with an eternity of rejoicing in the presence of Christ the crucified and risen Savior.*

**I**N A LITTLE WHILE you are not going to see me anymore, and again in a little while you will see me, because I am going away to the Father."

<sup>17</sup> Therefore some of his disciples asked one another, "What does he mean when he tells us, 'In a little while you are not going to see me, and again in a little while you will see me,' and 'Because I am going

away to the Father’?”<sup>18</sup> So they kept asking, “What does he mean by ‘a little while’? We don’t understand what he’s saying.”

<sup>19</sup> Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him about this, so he said to them, “Are you trying to determine with one another what I meant by saying, ‘In a little while you are not going to see me, and again in a little while you will see me’?”<sup>20</sup> Amen, Amen, I tell you: You will weep and wail, but the world will rejoice. You will become sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn to joy.<sup>21</sup> A woman giving birth has pain, because her time has come. But when she has delivered the child, she no longer remembers the anguish, because of her joy that a person has been born into the world.

<sup>22</sup> “So you also have sorrow now. But I will see you again. Your heart will rejoice, and no one will take your joy away from you.”

**M** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



*Be seated.*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*Why Should Cross and Trial Grieve Me* | **CW 428**

## SERMON

*Lamentations 3:22-33* | **Wait for the LORD**

## NICENE CREED

*Please stand.*

**C** We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,

*Jn. 14:1; Dt. 6:4*

*2 Pet. 1:17; Rev. 4:8*

*Is. 54:5; Gen. 1:1,8; Jer. 51:15*

*Gen. 1:31; Col. 1:16*

*1 Cor. 8:6*

*Jn. 3:18*

*The Nicene Creed is the great Confession of the Christian faith professed by all Christian denominations. In the Lutheran Church, we hold the Nicene Creed as the second Confession or Symbol of our faith in the Book*

of Concord. The Creed originated at the First Council of Nicaea (c. A.D. 325) and was finalized at the First Council of Constantinople (c. A.D. 381), which are respectively known as the First and Second Ecumenical Councils of the Church. The Creed itself was crafted as a confession of Scripture in opposition to the Arian heresy, which denied that the Lord Jesus and the Holy Spirit are God.

Moved by God's love in Christ, by our **Offering** we offer him our first and best gifts, purely out of thanks to him. If you are visiting with us today, please do not feel obligated to give an offering.

eternally begotten of the Father,	Heb. 1:2,5
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,	Jn. 1
begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.	Jn. 10:30
Through him all things were made.	Jn. 1:3
For us and for our salvation,	1 Th. 5:9
he came down from heaven,	Jn. 6:38
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,	Lk. 1:35
and became fully human.	Gal. 4:4
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.	Mk. 15:15
He suffered death and was buried.	1 Cor. 15:3-4a
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.	1 Cor. 15:4b
He ascended into heaven	Ac. 2:33-34
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.	Heb. 1:13
He will come again in glory	Mt. 25:31
to judge the living and the dead,	2 Tim. 4:1
and his kingdom will have no end.	Lk. 1:33
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,	Job 33:4
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,	Jn. 15:26
who in unity with the Father and the Son	Jn. 4:24
is worshiped and glorified,	
who has spoken through the prophets.	2 Pet. 1:25
We believe in one holy Christian	Mt. 16:18; Eph. 2:19-20
and apostolic Church.	
We believe in one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.	Eph. 4:5; Ac. 2:38
We look for the resurrection of the dead	1 Cor. 15:21-22
and the life of the world to come. Amen.	Rev. 22

Be seated.

OFFERING

## 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.

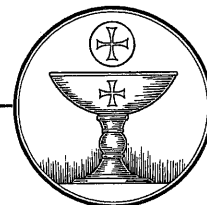
*Brief silence*

- [M]** For the Bride of Christ, His Holy Church, that she would shout for joy to God and sing the glory of His name in response to the salvation she has in the perfect life and sacrificial death of Jesus, her Bridegroom, let us pray to the Lord: **[C] Lord, have mercy.**
- [M]** For the saints of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church here in Kearney, that they would love their brothers and sisters in Christ, bear one another's burdens, share in one another's joys, generously support the ministry and mission done among them, and live as servants of God, let us pray to the Lord: **[C] Lord, have mercy.**
- [M]** For our children and young people, that they would be brought up in Christian homes, receive a good education in the schools of our land, and that their care and nurturing would grow into fruitful maturity, let us pray to the Lord: **[C] Lord, have mercy.**
- [M]** For our persecuted brethren around the globe, that they would be given strength to endure suffering with patience and trust, knowing that the sorrows and anguish they experience now will give way to eternal joy, which no one will be able to take from them, let us pray to the Lord: **[C] Lord, have mercy.**
- [M]** For the sick and hospitalized, those with chronic pain and illnesses, those about to undergo surgery or recovering from the same, and for all those who have requested our prayers, *[including \_\_\_\_\_]* that they would be comforted in their suffering with the sure and certain hope of life eternal through Christ, their Lord, let us pray to the Lord: **[C] Lord, have mercy.**
- [M]** For those who have gone before us with the sign of faith and now rest in Jesus, let us give thanks to the Lord; that we would be enlivened by the

Gospel and sustained in the one, true faith until our last hour comes, let us pray to the Lord: **C** Lord, have mercy.

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

## The Service of the Sacrament



*The Service of the Sacrament begins with the **Salutation** (as did the Service of the Word). Once again, the congregation assents that the Pastor has their approval to speak on their behalf. Additionally, in the **Preface**, the Pastor encourages the congregation to "lift up their hearts" and "to give thanks" as he gives thanks on their behalf in the Proper Preface and the Eucharistic Prayer.*

*The words of the **Proper Preface** (italics) are a part of the Proper, or a component of the liturgy that is specific to a particular day of the Church Year. This particular Preface is appropriate (or "Proper") during the season of Easter.*

### SALUTATION

Ruth 2:4; 2 Timothy 4:22

- M** The Lord be with you.



**C:** And al - so with you.

### PREFACE

- 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 right to give him thanks and praise.

- M** Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. *He raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms and placed all things under his feet for the benefit of the Church.* Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY — *Sanctus*

Isaiah 6:3; Psalm 118



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.



You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.



I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal -



va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

**Sanctus** means "holy." Used possibly as early as the 2<sup>nd</sup> century, this canticle was in wide use among Christians in worship by the 14<sup>th</sup> century.

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**M** Blessed are you, O God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. By his victory over the grave, our Savior declared death's reign ended, the door to heaven open, and the payment for sin complete.

We celebrate with joy the glorious resurrection of your Son.

We marvel at the depth of your love.

We stand in awe of your power.

We are humbled by the compassion you have shown our fallen race.

**This Prayer of Thanksgiving** is appropriate for Easter. We pray out of thanks (cf. the Salutation: "Let us give thanks to the Lord.") for the Easter blessings we receive in this Sacrament through the sacrifice of God's Son and ask that he bless us through the eating and drinking of Christ's body and blood.

Lead us to rejoice in the pardon offered and sealed in this Sacrament and to live a life worthy of your name. The Lord Jesus lives! Alleluia.

**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.

**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."

*Worshippers may make the sign of the cross in the seventh petition as they pray to be "delivered from evil." This action serves as a remembrance of baptism and its connection to Christ's death on the cross, the means by which God has delivered us all from evil and why we pray that he will "grant us a blessed end and graciously take us from this world of sorrow to himself in heaven."*

*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.



The **Pax Domini** is drawn from Jesus' greeting to the Apostles after his resurrection from the dead: "Peace be to you." The Pastor offers us the same peace in the presence of the risen Christ in bread and wine.

LAMB OF GOD — *Agnus Dei*

John 1:29

Musical notation for the 'Lamb of God' section. It consists of five staves of music in a treble clef, key of one flat, and 4/4 time. The melody is a simple, flowing line. The lyrics are: 'C: 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.'

C: 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.

*Be seated.*

In the **Agnus Dei** (Latin for "Lamb of God") we confess 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."

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

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)

communion practice,  
or would like to  
inquire about how  
you, too, can  
commune with us,  
please speak with the  
Pastor following the  
service.

Using the words of  
King David as the  
Ark of the Covenant  
was placed in the  
Tabernacle, we **thank  
the Lord** and praise  
him for what he has  
done. He sustains us  
in this precious  
service with His very  
body and blood for the  
forgiveness of all our  
sins.

The Antiphon  
(responsive reading)  
and Collect (prayer)  
echoes the words of  
St. Paul. We are  
reminded that the  
Lord's Supper does  
not merely look back  
in time,  
commemorating and  
remembering a meal  
celebrated long ago,  
but it also looks  
forward to the feast in  
the presence of the  
Lord on the Last Day.

*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.

## THANK THE LORD

1 Chronicles 16:8-10

*Please stand.*



**C:** Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud - ly bear his name.



He re-news his prom-is - es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

## POST-COMMUNION ANTIPHON & COLLECT

- [M]** Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,

- [C]** we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

1 Corinthians 11:26

- [M]** Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be

C: A - men.

## Numbers 6:22-27

C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

## CLOSING HYMN

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