



THE HOLY SPIRIT GIVES PEACE

The Day of Pentecost

Whitsunday



Sunday, May 20, 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.

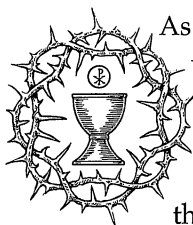
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SERVICE NOTES FOR THE DAY OF PENTECOST

The Feast of Holy Pentecost, celebrated today, is also called "*Whitsunday*," or "*White Sunday*." This is a reference to the white robes of the newly baptized historically worn on this day. Yet, the liturgical color for today is red, the color of the Holy Spirit, taken from the fire that lit on the heads of the Eleven as the Spirit came. Pentecost is among the oldest observances of the Christian Church. As the second greatest Feast of Christendom, *Whitsunday* or *Pentecost* ranks only behind Easter in the Church's "Year of Grace." Pentecost was observed as an *Octave*, meaning that the Feast took liturgical precedence over the subsequent seven days, as early as the 5th century A.D.

Following the flood, Noah's descendants failed to spread out and fill the earth as God had spoken. Rather, they exalted themselves; with "one language and the same words" (Gen. 11:1) they spoke proudly and arrogantly. The Lord humbled them by confusing "the language of all the earth," dividing and dispersing the people (Gen. 11:9). That dispersal was reversed on Pentecost Day (the fiftieth day of Easter), when God caused the one Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ to be preached in a multitude of languages. "At this sound the multitude came together" (Acts 2:6), for the preaching of Christ is the primary work of the Holy Spirit, whereby He gathers people from all nations into one Church. The Holy Spirit teaches and brings to our remembrance the words of Jesus, which are the words of the Father who sent Him. These words bestow forgiveness and peace to those who keep and hold on to them in love for Jesus. "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid." (John 14:27).

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).

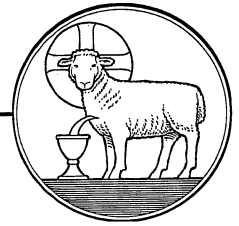
As a congregation we care about people and about the spiritual well-being of individuals, especially those attending the Lord’s Table today. If you are a guest and desire to commune, please speak to the pastor before the service. Our altar is open to those who confess oneness with us in doctrine, are 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

- Presiding & Preaching Minister**.....Pr. Nathanael Seelow
KeyboardistLogan Hansen
GreetersJim Cantrell & Matthew Brei
UshersMeyer Family

THE DIVINE SERVICE

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

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

OPENING HYMN

Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest | CW 177

INVOCATION

Matthew 28:19

Please stand.

M In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

SENTENCES

Antiphon: Wisdom 1:7; Psalm 68:1

M (antiphon) The Spirit of the Lord fills the whole world.

C Alleluia!

M Let the righteous be glad,

C Let them rejoice before God.

M (antiphon) The Spirit of the Lord fills the whole world.

C Alleluia!

CONFESSION OF SINS

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.

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

Silence for meditation on God's Word.

[M] We confess: **[C]** Lord of Life, 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.

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.

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.

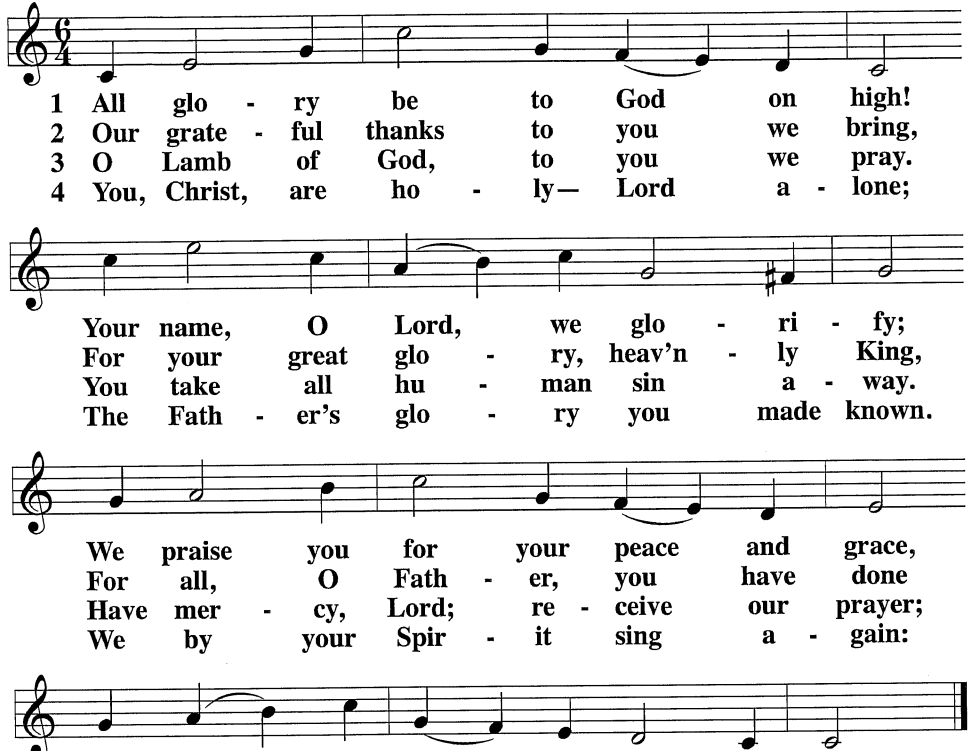
Kyrie eleison [kir-ē-ā a-lā-a-sān] is a Greek phrase meaning "Lord, have mercy." We have already received the mercy of God for forgiveness in Holy Absolution. Now we ask his mercy for all other things we need for a God-pleasing spiritual life.

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.

GLORY BE TO GOD — *Gloria in Excelsis*

Luke 2:14

Tune: DEUS TUORUM MILITUM [CW 196]



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.

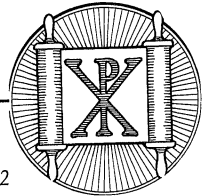
The salutation is found all through the Scriptures. The pastor stands before the congregation as Christ's servant. As the Lord's servant, he speaks God's peace to the congregation. As the congregation responds with "and also with you," they affirm his Call and Vocation with respect and Christian love.

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.

Holy Spirit, God and Lord, come to us this joyful day with your sevenfold gift of grace. Rekindle in our hearts the holy fire of your love that in a true and living faith we may tell abroad the glory of our Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Father, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

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

Genesis 11:1-9

THE WHOLE EARTH HAD ONE LANGUAGE and a single vocabulary. ² As people traveled in the east, they found a plain in the land of Shinar, and they settled there. ³ They said to one another, "Come, let's make bricks and bake them thoroughly." They used mud brick instead of stone for building material, and they used tar for mortar. ⁴ They said, "Come, let's build a city for ourselves and a tower whose top reaches to the sky, and let's make a name for ourselves, so that we will not be scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth."

⁵ The LORD came down to see the city and the tower that the people were building. ⁶ The LORD said, "If this is the first thing they are doing as one people, who all have one language, then nothing that they intend to do will be too difficult for them. ⁷ Come, let's go down there and confuse their language, so that they cannot understand one another's speech."

⁸ So the LORD scattered them from there over the face of the whole earth, and they stopped building the city. ⁹ It was named Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of the whole earth. From there the LORD scattered them over the face of the whole earth.

M The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

The Spirit of the Lord fills the whole world That is the Spirit the Lord promises from ancient times

Refrain

Lord, let your mer-cy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Psalm tone*Refrain*

O LORD, hear my prayer, listen to my cry for | mercy;
in your faithfulness and righteousness come to | my relief.

Do not bring your servant into | judgment,
for no one living is righteous be- | fore you.

My spirit grows faint with- | in me;
my heart within me | is dismayed.

Refrain

Answer me quick- | ly, O LORD;
do not hide your | face from me.

Let the morning bring me word of your un- | failing love,
for I have put my | trust in you.

Teach me to do your will, for you | are my God;
may your good Spirit lead me on | level ground.

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

WHEN THE DAY OF PENTECOST CAME, they were all together in one place. ²Suddenly a sound like the rushing of a violent wind came from heaven, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³They saw divided tongues that were like fire resting on each one of them. ⁴They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, since the Spirit was giving them the ability to speak fluently.

⁵Now there were godly Jewish men from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶When this sound was heard, a crowd came together and was confused, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. ⁷They were completely baffled and said to each other, "Look, are not all these men who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸Then how is it that each of us hears them speaking in his own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, and of Judea, Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt, and the parts of Libya around Cyrene; visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes; ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring in our own languages the wonderful works of God." ¹²They were all amazed and perplexed. They kept saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³But others mocked them and said, "They are full of new wine."

¹⁴Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice, and spoke loudly and clearly to them: "Men of Judea, and all you residents of Jerusalem, understand this, and listen closely to my words. ¹⁵These men are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only the third hour of the day. ¹⁶On the contrary, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ This is what God says will happen in the last days:

I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh.

Your sons and your daughters will prophesy.

Your young men will see visions.

Your old men will dream dreams.

¹⁸ Even on my servants, both men and women,

I will pour out my Spirit in those days,

and they will prophesy.

*The Spirit of the Lord
fills the whole world
That is the Spirit who
fills the Apostles so
they preach Him into
the hearts of men*

¹⁹I will show wonders in the sky above,
and signs on the earth below,
blood and fire and a rising cloud of smoke.
²⁰The sun will be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood
before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.
²¹And this will happen: Everyone who calls on the name of the
Lord will be saved."

M The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

VERSE OF THE DAY

Historic Pentecost Antiphon

After the introduction, the Pastor will sing the Antiphon once, and the Congregation is asked to repeat the antiphon.



*The Spirit of the Lord
fills the whole world
He does this by filling
the hearts of the
Faithful and kindling
in them the fire of
Our Lord's love.
When that love has
been kindled in you,
you are led to love the
Lord by holding fast
to His word and
promises*

HOLY GOSPEL

John 14:23-31

Please stand.

M The Holy Gospel for the Festival of Pentecost, according to St. John,
chapter fourteen.

C Praise be to you, O Lord.

JESUS ANSWERED HIM, "If anyone loves me, he will hold on to my word. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. ²⁴The one who does not love me does not hold on to my words. The word that you are hearing is not mine, but it is from the Father who sent me.

25 "I have told you these things while staying with you. 26 But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and remind you of everything I told you.

27 "Peace I leave with you. My peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled, and do not let it be afraid. 28 You heard me tell you, 'I am going away and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would be glad that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I.

29 "I have told you now before it happens so that, when it does happen, you may believe. 30 I will not speak with you much longer, because the ruler of this world is coming. He has no power over me.

31 But I want the world to know that I love the Father and that I am doing exactly what the Father has instructed me.

"Get up. Let's leave this place."

M This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to you, O Christ.

Be seated.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord | CW 176

SERMON

Genesis 11:1-9 | **God's Grace Amidst the Chaos**

Der du bist dem vater gleich / fur hymnus dē seg
ym fleisch-das dein ewig gotē gewalt ym vater
das kranch fleisch enthalte.
Kein kreyssen giengt hell vnd klar / die nacht gyt
eyn new lichter dar / tūckel muß nicht komē dreyen
der glaub bleib ymer ym selbē.
Lob sey got dem vatter thron / Lob sey got seym
eyngen ion. Lob sey got dem heyligen geist / ymer
eynd ym ewigkeyt.

C Der gesang Den sancte spiritus.



This is a 16th Century copy of the first stanza of today's Hymn of the Day, "Come Holy Ghost, God and Lord." The first stanza is an anonymous translation of the Latin antiphon for Pentecost from the 11th century. Martin Luther would later add two more stanzas, and the famous Lutheran composer, J.S. Bach would later create two of his famous Chorales using this hymn.

THE THIRD ARTICLE AND LUTHER'S EXPLANATION

Please stand.

C 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.

M What does this mean?

C I believe that I cannot by my own thinking or choosing believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to him. But the Holy Spirit has called me by the gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.

In the same way he calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian church he daily and fully forgives all sins to me and all believers. On the Last Day he will raise me and all the dead and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.

This is most certainly true.

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

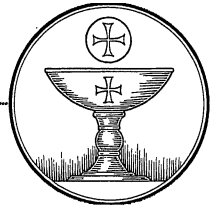
M For all baptized believers, that they would be given ears to hear and an eagerness to learn all that the Holy Spirit teaches them about their Lord

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.

- [M]** and Savior, Jesus Christ, and the salvation they have through Him, let us pray to the Lord: **[C] Lord, have mercy.**
- [M]** For spiritual renewal in our congregation, district, Synod and the whole Church on earth, that by God's grace and the power of the Holy Spirit, we would long to keep Christ's Word, dwell in His peace, sing God's praises and love our neighbors, let us pray to the Lord: **[C] Lord, have mercy.**
- [M]** For those who serve in Christ's Church, that all pastors may faithfully preach Law and Gospel, all missionaries be fruitful in their labors, and all church workers be faithful in their service, so that all who call on the name of the Lord may be saved, let us pray to the Lord: **[C] Lord, have mercy.**
- [M]** For those afflicted in body or spirit, especially for those who have requested our prayers, [*including _____*], that their hearts would neither be troubled nor afraid, for nothing can separate them from the love God has for them in Christ, who has overcome the ruler of this world and secured for them eternal peace in His Kingdom, which has no end, let us pray to the Lord: **[C] Lord, have mercy.**
- [M]** For those who come to the holy altar this day, that they would come in faithful reverence and awe, recognizing how awesome God is from His sanctuary in giving them the very body and blood of their Savior to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of their sins and the strengthening of their faith, let us pray to the Lord: **[C] Lord, have mercy.**
- [M]** For those who have gone before us with the sign of peace and who now rest from their labors, that we may follow them, as they followed Christ, and be found faithful by those who come after us, let us pray to the Lord: **[C] Lord, have mercy.**
- [M]** Through our Lord, Jesus Christ, all glory, honor and worship is Yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, both now and forevermore.
[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.

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 has ascended above the heavens and, sitting at your right hand, poured out on this day the promised Holy Spirit on his chosen disciples. For this the whole earth rejoices with exceeding joy.* Therefore with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY — Sanctus

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

Tune: LANCASHIRE [CW 166]

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

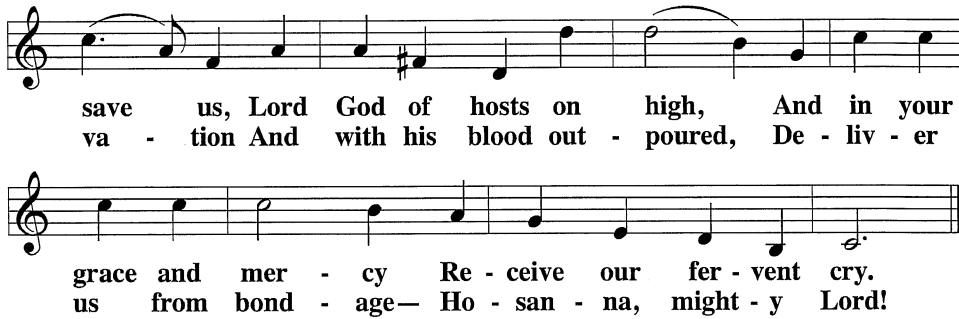
might, Your glo - ry, earth and heav - en In
he Who in God's name is com - ing To

count - less ways re - cite. Ho - san - na! Come and
set his peo - ple free! He comes to bring sal -

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).

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

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



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

M All glory and splendor, thanks and praise are yours, O Lord, heavenly Father. 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.

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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

"Agnus Dei" [äg-nüs-dä-e] means "Lamb of God," and reminds us that Jesus is the Lamb of God, sacrificed for our forgiveness.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION — Verba

Matthew 26:26-30; Mark 14:22-24;
Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

M Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take and eat. This is my ✠ body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it all of you; this is my ✠ blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

PEACE OF THE LORD — Pax Domini

John 20:19

M The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

LAMB OF GOD — Agnus Dei

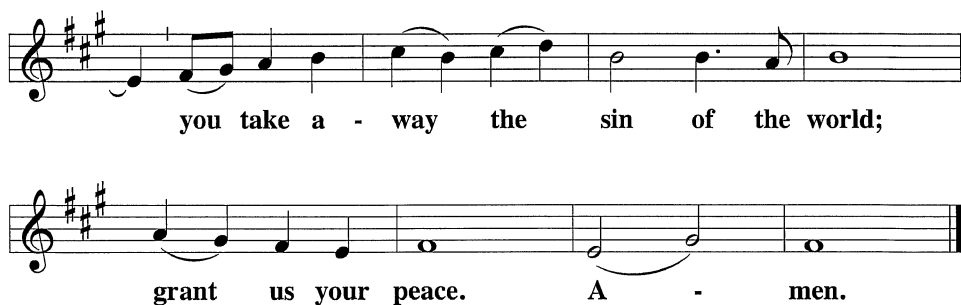
John 1:29

Lamb of God, you take a - way the

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

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

world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,



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.



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.

SONG OF SIMEON — *Nunc Dimittis*

Luke 2:29-32

Tune: ANGEL'S STORY [CW 368]

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

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.

you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BLESSING

Numbers 6:22-27

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

C Amen.

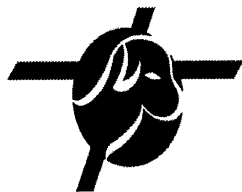
Be seated.

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

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



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