

# **JESUS RECEIVES SINNERS**

The Third Sunday after Trinity

### GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN | Kearney, NE

WELS Christ's Love, Our Calling.

A member congregation of:

Sunday, June 17, 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 THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

"This man receives sinners and eats with them" (Luke 15:2). The Pharisees' statement of judgment against Jesus is in fact a proclamation of Gospel truth. For our God is one who delights in mercy, who casts all our sins into the depths of the sea through the cross (Micah 7:18–20). "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners" (1 Tim. 1:15). Those who refuse to be counted as sinners also refuse Jesus who came only for sinners. Those like the older son (Luke 15:11–32), who think they are righteous of themselves, will not join in the heavenly celebration over the sinner who repents and so remain outside of the Father's house. Let us therefore be on guard against self–righteously trusting in our own merits. "Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time He may exalt you" (1 Peter 5:6). Rejoice that Jesus receives sinners like us and that He still sits at table with us in the Holy Supper, bestowing His forgiveness and life.

#### **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
Keyboardist	Michelle Reinsch
Ushers	Jamie Scott & Randy Webb
Greeters	Webb Family

### THE DIVINE SERVICE

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



#### **OPENING HYMN**

All Praise to God Who Reigns Above | CW 236

#### 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 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.
- 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 as you examine your thoughts, words, and actions according to 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

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

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

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

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.

For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

M Lord of Life, live in us that we may live for you.

C Amen.

God is gracious and merciful. He forgives us for Christ's sake. This assures us that we can receive the rest of his gifts through the service and return thanks for those gifts, having been set free from the burden of sin.

Kyrie eleison [kir-ē-ā ə-lā-ə-sān] is a Greek phrase meaning "Lord, have mercy." We have already received the mercy of God for forgiveness in Holy Absolution.

Now we ask his mercy for all other things we need for a Godpleasing spiritual life.

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



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

Vocation with respect and Christian love.

# The Service of the Word

#### **SALUTATION**

M The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

#### **PRAYER OF THE DAY** — Collect

M Let us pray.

O God, the Protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong and nothing is holy, increase and multiply upon us your mercy, that, with you as our Ruler and Guide, we may so pass through the things temporal that we finally lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Be seated.

FIRST LESSON

Micah 7:18-20

HO IS A GOD LIKE YOU who forgives iniquity and passes over the transgressions of the remnant of his inheritance? He does not hold onto his anger forever; he delights to show mercy. <sup>19</sup> He will have compassion on us again. He will subdue our iniquities. You will cast all their sins into the depths of the sea. <sup>20</sup> You will give truth to Jacob and mercy to Abraham, as you swore to our fathers from days of old.

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

The Pharisees' statement of judgment against Jesus in the Gospel for today is in fact a

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.

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#### **PSALM OF THE DAY**





#### Refrain

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

He forgives | all your sins and heals all your dis- | eases;

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

### Refrain

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

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

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

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

### Refrain

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



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

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

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

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

Refrain

#### SECOND LESSON

1 Peter 5:6-11

HEREFORE HUMBLE YOURSELVES under God's powerful hand so that he may lift you up at the appointed time. <sup>7</sup> Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. <sup>8</sup> Have sound judgment. Be alert. Your adversary, the Devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour. <sup>9</sup> Resist him by being firm in the faith. You know that the same kinds of sufferings are being laid on your brotherhood all over the world.

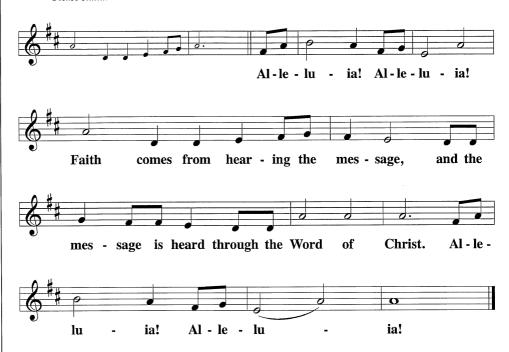
<sup>10</sup> After you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who called you into his eternal glory in Christ Jesus, will himself restore, establish, strengthen, and support you. <sup>11</sup> To him be the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen.

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Let us be on guard against selfrighteously trusting in our own merits. "Therefore humble yourselves under God's powerful hand so that he may lift you up at the appointed time." (v. 6). Rejoice that Tesus receives sinners like us and that He still sits at table with us in the Holy Supper, bestowing His forgiveness and life.

Please stand.



#### HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 15:1-10

- M The Holy Gospel for the Second Sunday after Trinity, according to St. Luke, chapter fifteen.
- Praise be to you, O Lord.

LL THE TAX COLLECTORS AND SINNERS were coming to Jesus to hear him. <sup>2</sup> But the Pharisees and the experts in the law were complaining, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them."

<sup>3</sup> He told them this parable: <sup>4</sup> "Which one of you, if you had one hundred sheep and lost one of them, would not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that was lost until he finds it? <sup>5</sup> And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders <sup>6</sup> and goes

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of the Father's house.

home. Then he calls together his friends and his neighbors, telling them, 'Rejoice with me, because I have found my lost sheep!' <sup>7</sup> I tell you, in the same way there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who do not need to repent.

<sup>8</sup> "Or what woman who has ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, would not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? <sup>9</sup> And when she finds it, she calls together her friends and neighbors and says, 'Rejoice with me, because I have found the lost coin.' <sup>10</sup> In the same way, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

- M This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise be to you, O Christ.

Be seated.

**HYMN OF THE DAY** 

Chief of Sinners Though I Be | CW 385

SERMON

Micah 7:18-20 | A God Unlike Any Other

#### APOSTLES' CREED

Please stand.

I believe in God, the Father almighty,	2 Cor. 6:18
maker of heaven and earth.	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

Upon hearing the Word preached, the congregation unites in one voice to speak a summary of the Christian faith just preached. The creeds signify our allegiance to Christian doctrine and unite us with over 2,000 years of Christian history. By repeating the creeds weekly, we equip ourselves for public witness by grounding our confession in the fundamentals of our faith.

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, Ecc. 12:7 and the life • everlasting. Amen. 1 Th. 4:17

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.

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.

- Lord of heaven and earth, consider our afflictions and troubles, and forgive all our sins. To You, we lift up our souls. In You, we trust; let us never be put to shame. Seek us when we stray, work in us repentance and, by the voice of Your Son, our Good Shepherd, bring us back into the fold. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.
- Lord of the harvest, send forth workers into Your vineyard, and bless the pastors and teachers of Your Church. Preserve them from all error, false belief or other great shame and vice. Bless their preaching and teaching, that it would lead their hearers to confess, with St. Paul, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.
- M Defend Your Holy Church throughout the world. Keep her safe from all harm and danger. Defend those who suffer for Your name's sake, and give

- them boldness to confess the faith no matter the consequences. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.
- Bless all our families and, especially on this day, all called to the vocation of fatherhood, that they might faithfully provide and care for those entrusted to them in both body and soul. Lord, in Your mercy, our prayer.
- Gracious Lord, You call all Your penitent children to the feast of Holy Communion. Grant that we who receive this most holy feast of Christ's very body and blood today would be strengthened in our faith and encouraged to love one another as Christ has loved us. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.
- M Holy Father, receive our praise this day for all who have fallen asleep in the sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life in Christ. Keep us in that same faith and hope, that we would rise with them on the Last Day and enter the inheritance prepared for us before the foundation of the world was laid. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.
- Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. 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.

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.

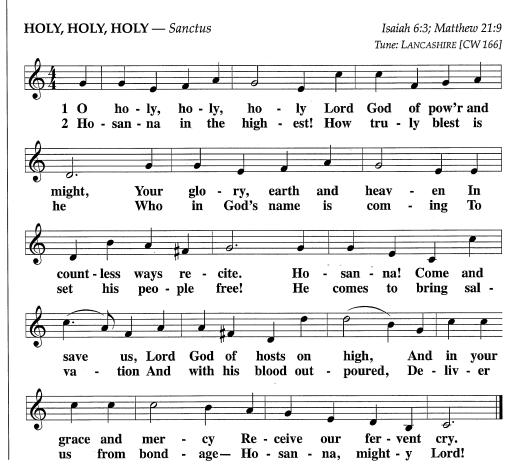
Take note of the intense reverence of God's holiness in this canticle. May we pray that we daily show such reverence.

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

Psalm 136

Lamentations 3:41

- C 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, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock till he comes again in glory. Therefore with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:



#### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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.

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#### 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION — Verba

Matthew 26:26-30; Mark 14:22-24;

Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

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"

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when

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.

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 Lord's Prayer, given us by Christ himself, is

wonderfully and

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" [ägnůs-dā-ē] means "Lamb of God," and reminds us that Jesus is the Lamb of God, sacrificed for our forgiveness. 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.



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#### 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.

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

Luke 2:29-32

Tune: ANGEL'S STORY [CW 368]

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.

toward our neighbor.

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

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

name.

#### POST-COMMUNION ANTIPHON & COLLECT

Psalm 107:1

- M O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good.
- C And his mercy endures forever.
- We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet that you have given us to eat and to drink in this sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will 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.

**CLOSING HYMN** 

Amazing Grace—How Sweet the Sound | CW 379

## Announcements

**FAMILY BIBLE CLASS TODAY** After the service today, we will begin a *19-Minute Family Bible Class*. The class will only last 20 minutes, and is intended for the entire family. Consider staying and keeping the Bible study habit alive during these summer months!

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT Routine maintenance pays off. You change oil in your car to keep it running longer. Give your marriage the attention it needs to flourish and run

all the way to the end. Let the upcoming WELS Marriage Enrichment and Get-Away Weekend, *Mysterious Marriage*, help you. Spend the weekend growing closer to your Savior and each other at the DoubleTree by Hilton in Breckenridge, CO, October 5-7, 2018. See the poster or brochure in the entry way or visit www.wels.net/adult-discipleship.

## This Week's Calendar

Thursday, June 21ALL DAY — Pastor in North Platte	
Sunday, June 249:30a — Divine Service w / Communion 10:30a — Fellowship 10:45a — 19-Minute Family Bible Class	
Ushers: Tony Wenz & Les Adelung Greeter: Wenz Family	
Cleaning (6/17–6/23)Church—Riggins; Fellowship—Brei; Ed. Bldg.—Cantrell  Mowing—Seelow	

Upcoming	Events
JULY 1	Pastoral Installation @ St. Paul's, Broken Bow
JULY 8	Pastoral Installation @ St. Paul, North Platte
AUG 5	Pastoral Installation @ Geneva & Grafton
OCT 5-7	Marriage Enrichment in Breckenridge, CO

# Last Week's "Numbers"

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<b>Sunday Offering</b> \$2,565.75	
<b>CMO</b> \$60.00	
<b>NELHS</b> \$20.00	
<b>Building Fund</b> \$50.00	
Total Weekly Offering\$2,695.75	



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