



# **JESUS RESTORES PARADISE AND FEEDS US FREELY**

The Seventh Sunday after Trinity



*Sunday, July 15, 2018*

## WELCOME TO GOOD SHEPHERD!

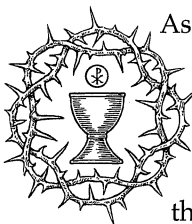
We are so happy you could join us today! If we can assist you in any way with questions about our confession of faith, spiritual struggles, understanding our liturgical service, or any other need, please let us know. It is our prayer that the Gospel of Jesus Christ will strengthen and comfort you.

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 SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

In the Garden of Eden, our first parents received food freely from the gracious hand of God, apart from any burdensome work (Gen 2:7–17). But after the fall, food would be received only through toil and labor. The curse declared, “By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground . . .” (Gen. 3:19). In other words, “The wages of sin is death” (Rom. 6:23). But into this wilderness world came Jesus the Messiah to restore creation. Having compassion on the weary multitudes, He renewed the bounty of Eden on the third day, freely granting an abundance of bread to the 4,000 (Mark 8:1–9). So also our Lord Jesus, having endured the burden of our sin, was raised on the third day to bring us back to Paradise. He now miraculously turns the bread of death into the Bread of Life in the Sacrament, giving you His very body and blood for your forgiveness. For “the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord” (Rom. 6:23).

## 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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**Greeter .....**Oscar & Arleta Bauch

# THE DIVINE SERVICE

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## OPENING HYMN

Speak, O Lord | CWS 735



1 Speak, O Lord, as we come to you To re -  
2 Teach us, Lord, full o - be - di - ence, Ho - ly  
3 Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds; Help us



ceive the food of your Ho - ly Word.  
rev - er - ence, true hu - mil - i - ty.  
grasp the heights of your plans for us.



Take your truth, plant it deep in us; Shape and  
Test our thoughts and our at - ti - tudes In the  
Truths un - changed from the dawn of time, That will



fash - ion us in your like - ness That the  
ra - di - ance of your pur - i - ty. Cause our  
e - cho down through e - ter - ni - ty. And by



light of Christ might be seen to - day In our acts of  
faith to rise, cause our eyes to see Your ma - jes - tic  
grace we'll stand on your pro - mis - es, And by faith we'll

*This Christological hymn summarizes the sacrificial, earthly life of our Savior and the glory that is now his forever and ours through faith.*

love and our deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord, and fulfill  
love and author-ity. Words of pow'r that can  
walk as you walk with us. Speak, O Lord, as your  
fill in us All your purposes for your  
nev-er fail, Let their truth pre-vail o-ver  
Church is built And you fill the earth with your  
glo-ry.  
un-belief.  
glo-ry.

*Last time*

## 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.

**[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 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.

*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.*

*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-a ə-lā-ə-siən] 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.*

**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.

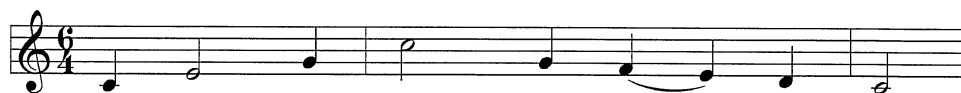
**[M]** Lord of Life, live in us that we may live for you.

**[C]** Amen.

# GLORY BE TO GOD — *Gloria in Excelsis*

Luke 2:14

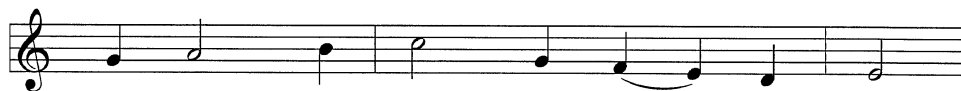
Tune: DEUS TUORUM MILITUM [CW 196]



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.

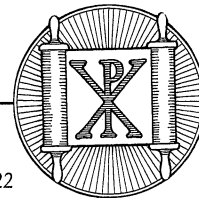
*Having just petitioned the Lord for blessings beyond the forgiveness just granted in absolution, we now praise him as the One who can deliver those blessings, because he is the all-powerful God. His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, is the Lamb worthy of our praise, just as the angels praised him at his birth.*

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 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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# 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.

O God, whose never-failing providence orders all things both in heaven and earth, we humbly pray that you keep away from us all hurtful things, and to give us those things which are profitable for us; 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

Genesis 2:7-17

**T**HE LORD GOD FORMED THE MAN from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being. <sup>8</sup> The Lord God planted a garden in Eden in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed. <sup>9</sup> Out of the ground the Lord God made every kind of tree grow—trees that are pleasant to look at and good for food, including the Tree of Life in the middle of the garden and the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil.

<sup>10</sup> A river went out from Eden to water the garden, and from there it divided and became the headwaters of four rivers. <sup>11</sup> The name of the first river is Pishon. It flows through the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold, <sup>12</sup> and the gold of that land is good. Incense and onyx stone are also found there. <sup>13</sup> The name of the second river is Gihon. It is the same river that winds through the whole land of



Cush. <sup>14</sup> The name of the third river is Tigris. This is the one which flows along the east side of Assyria. The fourth river is the Euphrates.

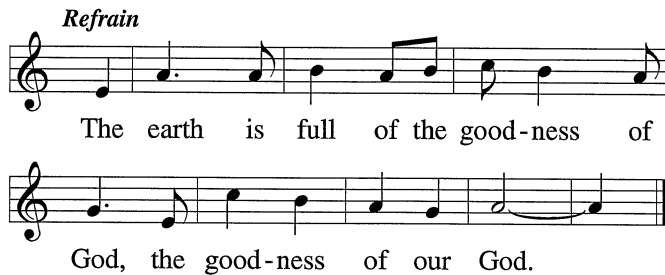
<sup>15</sup> The Lord God took the man and settled him in the Garden of Eden to work it and to take care of it. <sup>16</sup> The Lord God gave a command to the man. He said, "You may freely eat from every tree in the garden, <sup>17</sup> but you shall not eat from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil, for on the day that you eat from it, you will certainly die."

**M** The Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God!

## PSALM OF THE DAY

*Psalm 33* | CW p. 79



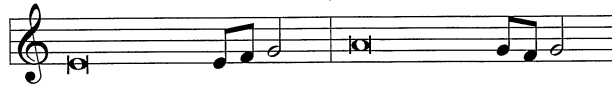
### *Refrain*

Sing joyfully to the LORD, you | righteous;  
it is fitting for the upright to | praise him.

For the Word of the LORD is | right and true;  
he is faithful in | all he does.

By the word of the LORD were the | heavens made,  
their starry host by the breath | of his mouth.

*Psalm tone*



For he spoke, and it | came to be;  
he commanded, and | it stood firm.

*Refrain*

The LORD foils the plans of the | nations;  
he thwarts the purposes of the | peoples.

But the plans of the LORD stand firm for- | ever,  
the purposes of his heart through all gener- | ations.

The LORD loves righteousness and | justice;  
the earth is full of his un- | failing love.

*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 6:19-23*

*"The wages of sin is death" (Rom. 6:23). But into this wilderness world came Jesus the Messiah to restore creation. For "the undeserved gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Rom. 6:23).*

**I** AM SPEAKING IN A HUMAN WAY because of the weakness of your flesh.) Indeed, just as you offered your members as slaves to impurity and lawlessness, resulting in more lawlessness, so now offer your members in the same way as slaves to righteousness, resulting in sanctification.

<sup>20</sup> For when you were slaves of sin, you were free from righteousness. <sup>21</sup> So what kind of fruit did you have then? They were things of which you are now ashamed. Yes, the final result of those things is death. <sup>22</sup> But now, since you were set free from sin and have become slaves to God, you have your fruit resulting in sanctification—and the final result is eternal life. <sup>23</sup> For the wages of sin is death,

but the undeserved gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**M** The Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God!

## VERSE OF THE DAY

*Romans 10:17*

*Please stand.*



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



Faith comes from hear - ing the mes - sage, and the



mes - sage is heard through the Word of Christ. Al - le -



lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

## HOLY GOSPEL

*Mark 8:1-9*

**M** The Holy Gospel for the seventh Sunday after Trinity, according to St. Mark, chapter seven.

**C** Praise be to you, O Lord.

Having compassion on the weary multitudes, Jesus renewed the bounty of Eden on the third day, freely granting an abundance of bread to the 4,000. So also our Lord Jesus, having endured the burden of our sin, was raised on the third day to bring us back to Paradise. He now miraculously turns the bread of death into the Bread of Life in the Sacrament, giving you His very body and blood for your forgiveness.

**I**N THOSE DAYS, when there was again a large crowd and they had nothing to eat, Jesus called his disciples and said to them, <sup>2</sup> “I feel compassion for the crowd because they have already stayed with me three days and do not have anything to eat. <sup>3</sup> If I send them home hungry, they will faint on the way. Some of them have come from a long distance.”

<sup>4</sup> His disciples replied, “Where can anyone get enough bread to feed these people here in this deserted place?”

<sup>5</sup> He asked them, “How many loaves do you have?”

“Seven,” they said.

<sup>6</sup> He commanded the crowd to sit down on the ground. Then he took the seven loaves, gave thanks, and broke them. He gave the pieces to his disciples to distribute to the crowd, and they did so. <sup>7</sup> They also had a few small fish. He blessed them and said that these should be distributed as well. <sup>8</sup> The people ate and were satisfied. They picked up seven basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. <sup>9</sup> About four thousand men were there. Then he sent them away.

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

**C** Praise be to you, O Christ.

*Be seated.*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*All Praise to God Who Reigns Above* | **CW 236**

## SERMON

*Mark 8:1-9* | **It's Enough**

## APOSTLES' CREED

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

*Please stand.*

**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,

*1 Cor. 8:6; Jn. 3:18*

*Lk. 1:35*

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.

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.

*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]** Remember, Lord, Your promise to be a rock of refuge for Your baptized children. Be gracious to us. Create in us humble and contrite hearts, that we might always cry out to You for mercy. Fill us with Your love. Grant us renewal by Your Holy Spirit, that we may always abide in Jesus Christ, our Savior, beholding His glory in His Holy Word and Sacraments and being made well by the same. Lord, in Your mercy, **[C]** **hear our prayer.**

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

Mt. 3:16-17

Eph. 5:23

Eph. 4:3-6

Rom. 4:6-8

Ecc. 12:7

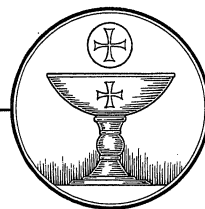
1 Th. 4:17

*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.*

*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]** Remember, Lord, Your promise to send workers into Your vineyard. Remember also all those whom You have already sent. Make Your face shine on them, that through their faithful service, the eyes of those blind to Your mercies may be opened and see the salvation they have in Jesus Christ. 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 elderly and shut-in. Provide them with compassionate and loving caregivers, and bless the nursing homes throughout our land. Send pastors to bring them Christ through His Holy Word and Sacraments. 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 those who have requested our prayers, *[including \_\_\_\_\_]*]. 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]** 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*



### **PREFACE**

- [M]** The Lord be with you.
- [C]** And also with you.
- [M]** Lift up your hearts.
- [C]** We lift them up to the Lord.

*Ruth 2:4; 2 Timothy 4:22*

*Lamentations 3:41*

*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).*

**M** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Psalm 136

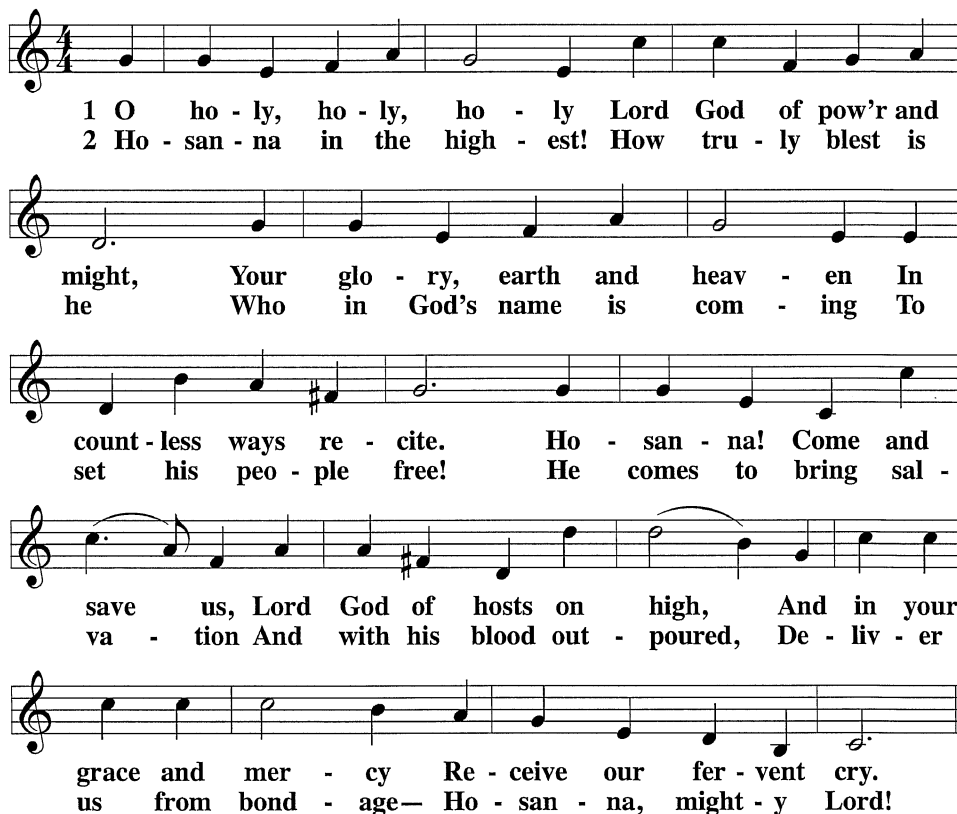
**C** It is good and right so to do.

**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, *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:

**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 -  
save us, Lord God of hosts on high, And in your  
va - tion And with his blood out - poured, De - liv - er  
grace and mer - cy Re - ceive our fer - vent cry.  
us from bond - age— Ho - san - na, might - y Lord!

*"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.

## 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."

*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.*



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."

*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.*

## 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,  
you take a - way the sin of the world;  
grant us your peace. A - men.

*Be seated.*

*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" [ä-g-nûs-dä-ē] means "Lamb of God," and reminds us that Jesus is the Lamb of God, sacrificed for our forgiveness.*

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.

## 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)

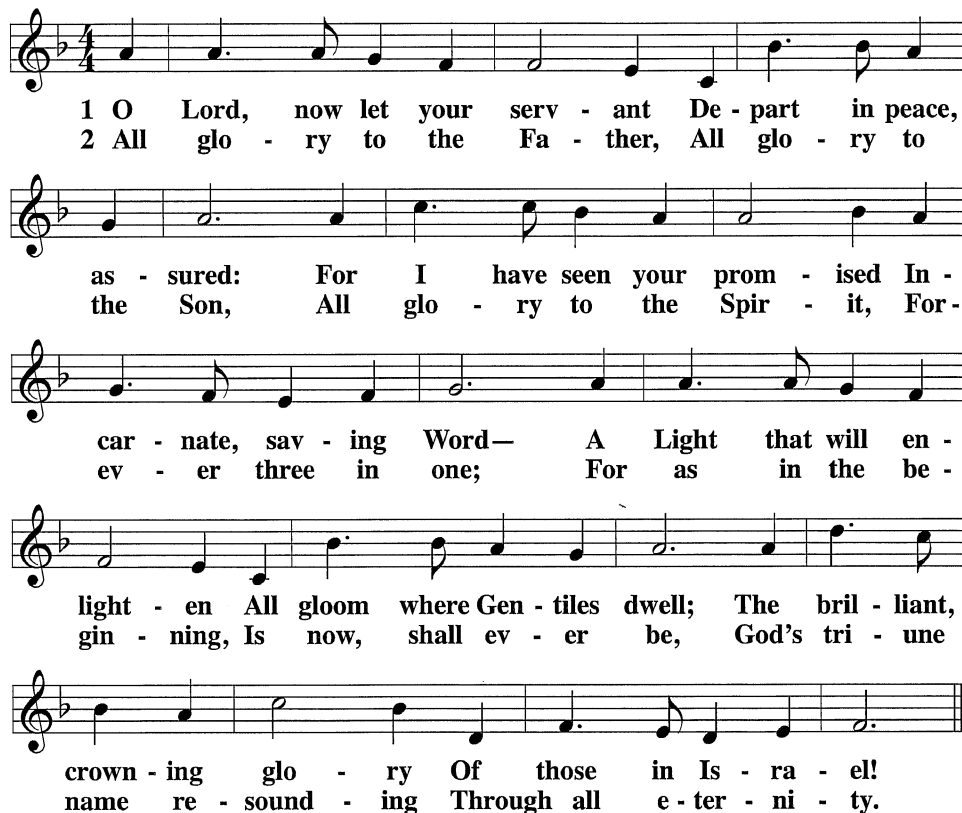
**Prayer suggestions for before and after receiving the Lord's Supper** can be found in the hymnal on pages 10-11 and 134-139.

## SONG OF SIMEON — *Nunc Dimittis*

Luke 2:29-32

Tune: ANGEL'S STORY [CW 368]

Please stand.



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 & COLLECT

*Psalm 107:1*

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

**C** And his mercy endures forever.

**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 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.

*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.*

## 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.*

*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.*

## CLOSING HYMN

*Feed Your Children, God Most Holy | CW 616*



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