

# JESUS COMFORTS HIS PEOPLE BY THE GOSPEL

The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

## GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN | Kearney, NE

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Sunday, February 10, 2019

#### **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 TODAY

When Isaiah "saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up," he was overcome with an awareness of his sin and "unclean lips" (Is. 6:1, 5). But the Lord atoned for his sin, took away his guilt and sanctified his lips with "a burning coal" from the altar (Is. 6:6–7). Not only was he rescued from death, but he was called and sent as a prophet of the Lord's Word (Is. 6:8–9). Similarly, when Simon Peter and his companions "enclosed a large number of fish" at the Word of Jesus, he humbled himself and said, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man" (Luke 5:4–8). But Jesus comforted Simon, called him to discipleship and declared that he would be "catching men" (Luke 5:10–11). So in the Office of the Ministry, the Church remains the little boat from which Jesus teaches His people (Luke 5:3). Thus are we instructed in the faith, so that we say "Amen" and return thanks with heart, mind, tongue and life. For the preaching of Christ Jesus is a manifestation of the Holy Spirit, by which He builds up His Church on earth (1 Cor. 14:12–19).

#### HOLY COMMUNION IS OFFERED TODAY

As Christians who believe that the Bible is inspired by God and that every word written in it is God's holy Word, we believe that we receive the body and blood in, with, and under the bread and wine. While this is something that goes beyond our human understanding, our faith allows us to accept this as true. God warns us in the Bible that anyone who doesn't understand this teaching or who denies this real presence of Christ's body and blood will do damage to his or her

soul if not properly taught first (1 Corinthians 11:27-29).

As a congregation we care about people and about the spiritual well-being of individuals, especially those attending the Lord's Table today. If you are a guest and desire to commune, please speak to the pastor before the service. Our altar is open to those who confess oneness with us in doctrine, are not under church discipline in another congregation, and are members of our congregation, one of our sister congregations in the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod [WELS], or a member of our sister synod, the Evangelical Lutheran Synod [ELS].

#### SERVING IN THE DIVINE SERVICE

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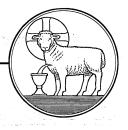
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## THE DIVINE SERVICE

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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.

#### OPENING HYMN

-Holy God, We-Praise Your Name | CW 278

#### **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

- 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
- 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.

Silence for meditation as you examine your thoughts, words, and actions according to God's Word.

Me confess: 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

 $\overline{M}$  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.

С Amen.

C

#### 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. 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.

С 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.

С Lord, have mercy.

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

C Amen.

**GLORY BE TO GOD**  $\perp$  *Gloria in Excelsis* 

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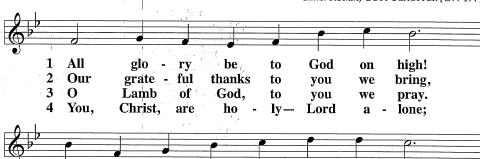
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merciful. He forgives us for Christ's sake. This assures us that we can receive the rest of his gifts through the service and return thanks for those gifts, having been set free from the burden of

sin.

God is gracious and

Kyrie eleison [kir-ē-ā ə-lā-ə-sän] 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 mercu for all other things we need for a Godpleasing spiritual life.

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.

Having just

petitioned the Lord for blessings beyond the forgiveness just

granted in absolution,

we now praise him as



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Ruth 2:4; 2 Timothy 4:22

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.

## 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.

Almighty God, you sent your one and only Son as the Word of life for our eyes to see and our ears to hear. Help us to believe what the Scriptures proclaim about him and do the things that are pleasing in your sight; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Be seated.

N THE YEAR THAT KING UZZIAH DIED, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and exalted, and the train of his robe filled the temple. <sup>2</sup> Above him stood the seraphim. Each one had six wings. With two they covered their faces. With two they covered their feet. With two they flew. <sup>3</sup> One called to another and said,

Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD of Armies! The whole earth is full of his glory!

4 The foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of the one who called, and the temple was filled with smoke.

<sup>5</sup> Then I said, "I am doomed! I am ruined, because I am a man with unclean lips, and I dwell among a people with unclean lips, and because my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of Armies!"

<sup>6</sup> Then one of the seraphim flew to me, carrying a glowing coal in his hand, which he had taken from the altar with tongs. <sup>7</sup> He touched my mouth with the coal and said, "Look, this has touched your lips, so your guilt is taken away, and your sin is forgiven."

<sup>8</sup> Then I heard the Lord's voice, saying, "Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?"

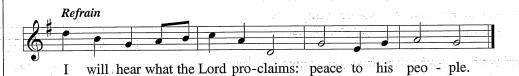
Then I said, "Here I am. Send me!"

M The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

God called Isaiah to the prophetic office with a grand vision of heaven. This man of unclean lips was called to carry the message of salvation for the Lord. Though sin had separated him from the Lord Almighty, yet the LORD of free and faithful grace took away his guilt and atoned for his sin. With a pure and contrite heart Isaiah boldly answers the Lord's call.

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





### Refrain

You showed favor to your | land, O LORD; you restored the fortunes of | Jacob.

You forgave the iniquity of your | people and covered | all their sins.

Show us your unfailing | love, O LORD, and grant us your sal- | vation.

#### Refrain

I will listen to what God the | LORD will say; he promises peace to his people, | his saints.

Surely his salvation is near those who | fear him, that his glory may dwell | in our land.

Love and faithfulness meet to- | gether; righteousness and peace kiss each | other.

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

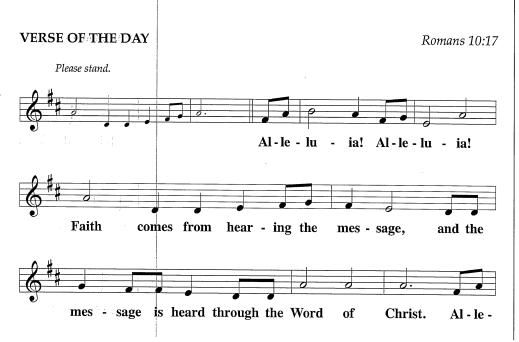
INCE YOU ARE EAGER FOR SPIRITUAL GIFTS, seek to use them abundantly in a way that will build up the church.

13 That is why a person who speaks in a tongue should pray that he may interpret. 14 For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my understanding is unfruitful. 15 So what is to be done? I will pray using my spirit, and I will pray also using my understanding. I will sing using my spirit, and I will sing also using my understanding.

16 Otherwise, how will an uninformed person say the "Amen" after you give thanks, since he does not know what you are saying? 17 To be sure, you are giving thanks well enough, but the other person is not being built up. 18 I thank God that I speak in tongues more than all of you. 19 But in the church I would rather speak five words with my understanding, in order to instruct others, than ten thousand words in a tongue. 20 Brothers, do not be children in your thinking, but be like babies in regard to evil, and be mature in your thinking.

M The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!



After describing the attitude of the heart in connection with spiritual gifts, Paul moves into the application of such Christ-imitating love regarding spiritual gifts, specifically the gift of speaking in tongues. Spiritual gifts are not given out like so many children's toys, to use for self or personal glory. Love goes hand-in-hand with spiritual gifts when they are used for the building up of the body of Christ. Love for our neighbor is a hallmark of the messengers of Christ.



#### **HOLY GOSPEL**

Luke 5:1-11

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- M The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, chapter five.
- Praise be to you, O Lord.

NE TIME, while the crowd was pressing in on Jesus and listening to the word of God, he was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret. <sup>2</sup> He saw two boats there along the lakeshore. The fishermen had left them and were washing their nets. <sup>3</sup> Jesus got into one of the boats, which belonged to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from the shore. He sat down and began teaching the crowds from the boat. <sup>4</sup> When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water, and let down your nets for a catch."

<sup>5</sup> Simon answered him, "Master, we worked hard all through the night and caught nothing. But at your word I will let down the nets." <sup>6</sup> When they had done this, they caught a great number of fish, and their nets were about to tear apart. <sup>7</sup> They signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. They came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. <sup>8</sup> When Simon Peter saw this, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, because I am a sinful man, Lord." <sup>9</sup> For Peter and all those with him were amazed at the number of fish they had caught, <sup>10</sup> and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon.

Jesus said to Simon, "Have no fear. From now on you will be catching people." <sup>11</sup> After they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him.

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

Be seated.

disciples to be fulltime fishers of men, Jesus reveals his power as the Lord's anointed. What a beautiful picture of future fishing for these maturing disciples. For the miracle of this abundant catch of fish would only be surpassed by the fishing for souls to which they were called. What a privilege for us to answer the same call,

to lay our hands on

the net of the gospel, and be fishers of men.

In calling the

#### HYMN OF THE DAY

#### SERMON

#### *Luke 5:1-11* | Faith-filled Hearts in Faithful Service

#### **APOSTLES' CREED**

Please stand.

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I believe in God, the Father aln	nighty, 2 Cor. 6:18
maker of heaven and earth	Is. 51:13
I believe in Jesus Christ, his on	ly 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 Pil	nte, 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 f	rom the dead. 1 Cor. 15:4b
He ascended into heaven	ds Ac. 2:33-34
and is seated at the right h	nnd
of God the Father almigh	Heb. 1:13
From there he will come to ju	ldge 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,	Цену Ерh. 5:23
the communion of saints,	Eph. 4:3-6
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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.

Be seated.

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life • everlasting. Amen.

Rom. 4:6-8

Ecc. 12:7

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.

God's love OFFERING

#### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

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Brief silence.

Eternal God, You are holy and mighty, and great is the majesty of Your glory. As once You cleansed the guilty lips of Isaiah and sent him forth to call Your people to repentance and to speak hope in Your name, cleanse us and send us forth with Your Word, that many may hear and believe. Lord,

in Your mercy, C hear our prayer.

M Glorious Father, in Your great mercy You sent forth Your Son to atone for the sins of the whole world, and He established a Church by His blood. Renew Your Church and strengthen the resolve of Your people in difficult and dangerous times, that they may be faithful in every circumstance. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

O merciful Lord, You have called Your pastors and missionaries to become fishers for men by proclaiming the whole counsel of Your Word. Guard them in their task, and give them courage and zeal. Bless us through their faithful preaching of Your Law and Gospel, that we may be set free through forgiveness to serve You with our whole heart, mind, body and strength. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

M Blessed Lord, through Your Word preached and taught, You equip Your people for the fulfillment of their baptismal vocations. Bless especially the young men, that they may hear Your call to the pastoral office, and sustain those who are now being trained for this holy calling. Bless the young women, that they may hear Your call to be deaconesses, teachers, directors of Christian education or to serve as they are able to do the noble work of Your Kingdom, and sustain those now being educated for these paths.

Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

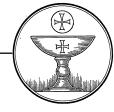
M Almighty God, all things are Yours and all authority has its source in You.

Bless us with good leaders in government and enable us to be good citizens, both working together for the common good of all people. Bring Your peace to bear where war, violence and terrorism threaten, and protect those who defend us. Lord, in Your mercy, C hear our prayer.

Loving God, as Your Son bestowed the healing gifts of Your grace, so bestow upon the sick, the suffering, the wounded in spirit and the dying the fullness of Your grace [especially...]. Give to the suffering relief and the sick healing, according to Your will, and give them patience under the burden of their afflictions until that day when we shall no more be troubled by the weakness of flesh and shall see our bodies made new as Christ's own glorious flesh in the resurrection of the dead. Lord, in Your hear our prayer. mercy, C

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

## The Service of the Sacrament



Ruth 2:4; 2 Timothy 4:22

Psalm 136

**PREFACE** 

M

The Lord be with you.

С And also with you.

M Lift up your hearts.

song:

We lift them up to the Lord.

M Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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 lived among us as a human being and revealed his glory as your only Son, full of grace and truth. Therefore with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious

dialogue and prayer Lamentations 3:41 the Lord's Supper. Each season has its own unique text

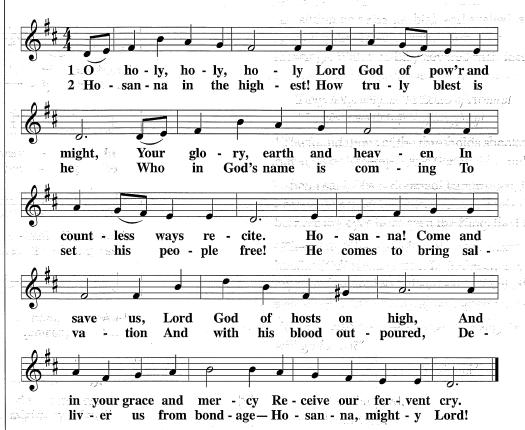
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"Sanctus" means
"holy." The body and
blood of our Lord are
present in this
Sacrament, and so we
use the words of the

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

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.

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.

#### LORD'S PRAYER — Pater Noster

Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:2-4

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray: M

С 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

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

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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

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The peace of the Lord be with you always. Amen.

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

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

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

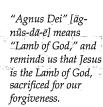
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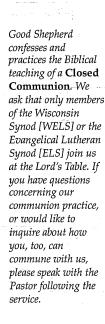
foods, no other meal gives the body and blood of Christ to sinners. For this reason, we cherish and crave this meal each time it is offered.

> 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

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

us on his behalf.



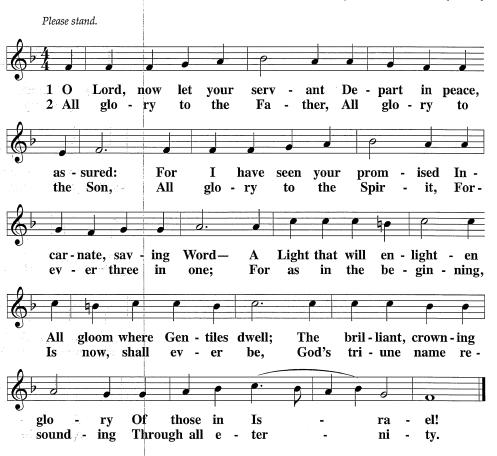




Be seated.

#### DISTRIBUTION

Those who will be receiving Holy Communion today may wish to read **Personal Preparation for Holy Communion**, found on page 156 in the front section of the hymnal. This page helps us put into practice what the Bible encourages: "Everyone ought to examine themselves before they eat of the bread and drink from the cup." (1 Corinthians 11:28) **Prayer suggestions for before and after receiving the Lord's Supper** can be found in the hymnal on pages 10-11 and 134-139.



#### POST-COMMUNION ANTIPHON

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

Psalm 107:1

C And his mercy endures forever.

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.

In Numbers 6 God tells Aaron to put his name on the people of

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.

God with these words. As we began the

#### POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

M Let us pray.

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

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

Praise to You and Adoration | CW 470

## **IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES**

### **FEBRUARY 17**

## Winter Open Forum & Voters' Meeting

All congregation members, and especially voters, are encouraged to attend this meeting to approve the 2019 Budget and to issue a call for a Vacancy Pastor.

### **FEBRUARY 20**

## **Pre-Call Meeting**

All congregation members are invited to attend this meeting to meet with Pastor Hirsch, President of the Nebraska District. This meeting will serve as a means for Pastor Hirsch to find out what Good Shepherd is looking for from a pastor in the future.

## **FEBRUARY 24**

Pastor Seelow's Final Sunday

## MARCH 3

## Congregational Call Meeting

All members of the congregation, especially voters, are encouraged to attend this meeting as Good Shepherd issues a Divine call to a man to serve as their next pastor.



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