
THE DIVINE SERVICE

OF THE GRACE OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

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Welcome to our Divine Service! We are pleased that you are with us.

*The entire service, including the **rubrics** of when to sit and when to stand and what to say, is printed out in this folder so you may follow along.*

Worship Notes

Thoughts to Ponder Before the Divine Service

Welcome to weekly Divine Service at The Good Shepherd Lutheran Church! We are a congregation that confesses the Holy Bible as inerrant, that justification is by faith according to the Holy Bible and confessed in the 1580 Book of Concord. God bless you.

To all of you who are visiting our service this morning, we extend a most cordial welcome in Jesus' name. Please introduce yourself to our pastor. It is our hope that you will feel at home in our midst and will be blessed by our message of Christ crucified and risen for the sins of the world. If you are looking for a church home and would like to know about our beliefs and practice, please see the pastor. He will be happy to visit with you at your convenience. *Please see our statement on Holy Communion on p. 15.*

Synod Sentences for Septuagesima – **Scripture Alone**



The Sower sows the seed of His Word (Luke 8:4–15). This Word is living and powerful (Heb. 4:9–13) to conceive new life in those who hear it. But the planting of Christ is attacked by the devil, the world, and the flesh. Satan snatches the Word away from hard hearts. The riches and pleasures of this life choke off faith. Shallow and emotional belief withers in time of temptation and trouble. But see how Christ bears this attack for us! Christ's cross was planted in the hard and rocky soil of Golgotha. A crown of thorns was placed upon His head. Satan and His demons hellishly hounded and devoured Him. Yet, through His dying and rising again, He destroyed these enemies of ours. Jesus is Himself the Seed which fell to the ground and died in order that it might sprout forth to new life and produce much grain. In Him, the weak are strong (2 Cor. 11:19–12:9). He is the Word of the Father which does not return void (Is. 55:10–13) but yields a harvest hundredfold.

Prayer upon entering *Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank You that You have sown Your blessed Word among us through Your Son, Jesus Christ. We beseech You that You would so prepare our hearts through Your Holy Spirit that we would hear this Word with diligence, keep it in noble and good hearts, and with patience bring forth fruit. Mercifully grant that we may not be choked by sins, but that by Your merciful help we smother them. In every kind of danger may Your grace and eternal consolation hold us steady and give us sure comfort. Amen*

Upon entering the nave, silence should be observed in order to allow all to prayerfully prepare for the presence of the LORD and the reception of His gifts.

May God Bestow on Us His Grace

J.G. Walther (1684-1748)

Confession and Absolution

Hymn of Invocation

827 Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling



1 Hark, the voice of Je - sus call - ing, "Who will go and work to - day?
2 Some take up His task in morn - ing, To their Lord re - spond - ing soon;
3 For as rain and snow from heav - en Wa - ter seeds in dust - y soil,
4 Hear - ken to the Lord whose com - ing Marks the time when grace shall end,



Fields are white and har - vests wait - ing— Who will bear the sheaves a - way?"
Some are called in heat of mid - day, Oth - ers late in af - ter - noon;
Caus - ing them to bud and flow - er, Giv - ing bread to those who toil;
When with His an - gel - ic reap - ers He in glo - ry shall de - scend.



Loud and long the Mas - ter call - eth; Rich re - ward He of - fers thee.
E - ven as the sun is set - ting, Some are sent in - to the fields,
So the Lord sends forth His prom - ise, Words of life and joy and peace—
Soon the night, the fi - nal har - vest; Soon the time for work shall cease.



Who will an - swer, glad - ly say - ing, "Here am I, send me, send me?"
There to gath - er in the boun - ty That God's Word so rich - ly yields.
Nev - er void to Him re - turn - ing, Bear - ing fruit with great in - crease.
Then the souls His grace has gar - nered Shall en - joy His Sab - bath peace.

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Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Exhortation

LSB 184

- P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**
- P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Kneel/Stand

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Confession of Sins

LSB 184

- P** O almighty God, merciful Father,
C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

Absolution

LSB 185

- P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

Stand



Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 44:1-2, 7-8; antiphon: vv. 23, 25a, 26a

Awake! Why are you sleeping, | O Lord?*

Rouse yourself! Do not reject us for- | ever!

For our soul is bowed down | to the dust.*

Rise up; come | to our help!

*O God, we have heard with our ears, our fathers have | told us,**
what deeds you performed in their days, in the | days of old:
*you with your own hand drove out the nations, but them you | planted;**
you afflicted the peoples, but them you | set free.

*But you have saved us | from our foes**
and have put to shame those who | hate us.

*In God we have boasted con- | tinually,**
and we will give thanks to your name for- | ever.

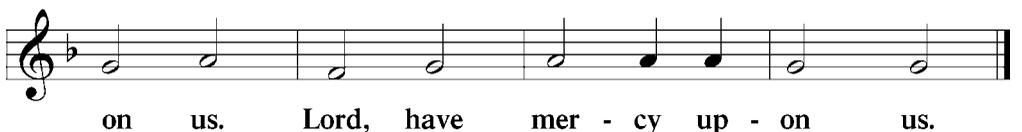
Gloria Patri

LSB 186



Kyrie

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Gloria in Excelsis

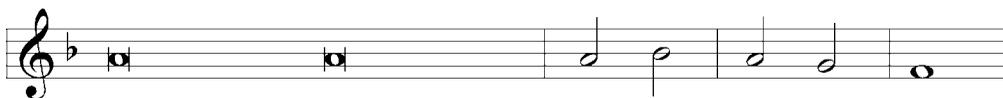
LSB 187



P Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



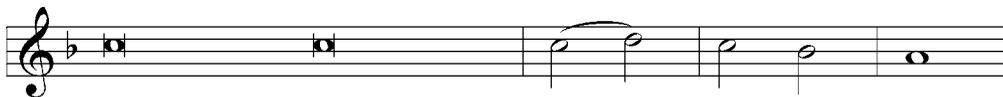
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



O Lord God, heav'n - ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



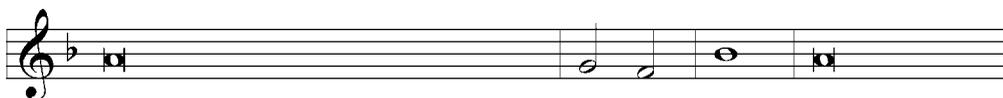
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.



Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.



Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up -



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spir - it.

P Let us pray.

P O God, the strength of all who put their trust in You, mercifully grant that by Your power we may be defended against all adversity; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C A - men.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 55:10-13

¹⁰For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven
and do not return there but water the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
¹¹so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,

but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

¹²“For you shall go out in joy
and be led forth in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall break forth into singing,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their
hands.

¹³Instead of the thorn shall come up the
cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;
and it shall make a name for the LORD,
an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.”



P The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Psalm 83:18, 13

[Let your enemies] know that you alone, whose name | is the LORD,
are the Most High over | all the earth.
O my God, make them like | whirling dust,*
like chaff be- | fore the wind.*

Epistle

2 Corinthians 11:19–12:9

¹⁹For you gladly bear with fools, being wise yourselves! ²⁰For you bear it if someone makes slaves of you, or devours you, or takes advantage of you, or puts on airs, or strikes you in the face. ²¹To my shame, I must say, we were too weak for that!

But whatever anyone else dares to boast of—I am speaking as a fool—I also dare to boast of that. ²²Are they Hebrews? So am I. Are they Israelites? So am I. Are they offspring of Abraham? So am I. ²³Are they servants of Christ? I am a better one—I am talking like a madman—with far greater labors, far more imprisonments, with countless beatings, and often near death. ²⁴Five times I received at the hands of the Jews the forty lashes less one. ²⁵Three times I was beaten with rods. Once I was stoned. Three times I was shipwrecked; a night and a day I was adrift at sea; ²⁶on frequent journeys, in danger from rivers, danger from robbers, danger from my own people, danger from Gentiles, danger in the city, danger in the wilderness, danger at sea, danger from false brothers; ²⁷in toil and hardship, through many a sleepless night, in hunger and thirst, often without food, in cold and exposure. ²⁸And, apart from other things, there is the daily

pressure on me of my anxiety for all the churches. ²⁹Who is weak, and I am not weak? Who is made to fall, and I am not indignant?

³⁰If I must boast, I will boast of the things that show my weakness. ³¹The God and Father of the Lord Jesus, he who is blessed forever, knows that I am not lying. ³²At Damascus, the governor under King Aretas was guarding the city of Damascus in order to seize me, ³³but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall and escaped his hands.

¹I must go on boasting. Though there is nothing to be gained by it, I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. ²I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. ³And I know that this man was caught up into paradise—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows—⁴and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. ⁵On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. ⁶Though if I should wish to boast, I would not be a fool, for I would be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. ⁷So to keep me from being too elated by the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from being too elated. ⁸Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. ⁹But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

P The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.



Stand

In Pre-Lent, the Alleluia is replaced by the Tract.

Tract

Psalm 60:1–2, 5

O God, you have rejected us, broken our de- | fenses,
you have been angry; oh, re- | store us.*

You have made the land to quake; you have torn it | open,
repair its breaches, for it | totters.*

That your beloved ones may be de- | livered,
give salvation by your right hand and | answer us!*

Nicene Creed

☐ I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen.

Sit



Hymn of the Day

823 May God Bestow on Us His Grace



1 May God be-stow on us His grace, With bless-ings rich pro-
 2 Thine o - ver all shall be the praise And thanks of ev - 'ry
 △ 3 O let the peo-ple praise Thy worth, In all good works in -



vide us; And may the bright-ness of His face
 na - tion; And all the world with joy shall raise
 creas - ing; The land shall plen - teous fruit bring forth,



To life e - ter - nal guide us, That we His
 The voice of ex - ul - ta - tion. For Thou shalt
 Thy Word is rich in bless - ing. May God the



sav - ing health may know, His gra - cious will and plea - sure,
 judge the earth, O Lord, Nor suf - fer sin to flour - ish;
 Fa - ther, God the Son, And God the Spir - it bless us!



And al - so to the na-tions show Christ's rich - es with - out
 Thy peo-ple's pas - ture is Thy Word Their souls to feed and
 Let all the world praise Him a - lone, Let sol - emn awe pos -



mea - sure And un - to God con - vert them.
 nour - ish, In righ - teous paths to keep them.
 sess us. Now let our hearts say, "A - men!"

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Sermon

See worksheet on back page of Worship Folder

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Votum

- P** The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.
- C** Amen.

Offering

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS FOR SEXAGESIMA: Luke 8:5 "And as he sowed, some fell along the path and was trampled underfoot. . ." Know any farmers like this? Who just throw their crop seed wherever? That's crazy! But God's ways are not our ways—he is generous beyond compare! He delights in giving. As we are more and more conformed to his image, may we learn the joy of generosity and giving as well!

Luke 8:11 – "The seed is the word of God." The plant begins as a seed, and everything in the Church begins with the Word. "In the beginning the Word was with God." "He saved us by the regeneration of water and the Word." "The Word of the Lord stands forever." We never outgrow our need to hear the Word of God. We never achieve such greatness that we don't need the blessings of God's Word. Rather the Christian life is one of always striving to conform our lives to God's Word to live out the truth of our Baptisms, that we are God's children by the power of his Word.



Stand

Offertory

LSB 192

C Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

Prayer of the Church

Response to petitions is, "Lord, have mercy".

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

Brief silence (In Christian freedom, you may kneel, stand, or sit during the Prayer)

For the Church, that all the baptized would continue to hear the Word of God, hold it fast in honest and good hearts, and bear fruit with patience, let us pray to the Lord:

- ❏ For the Office of the Holy Ministry, that the seed of God's Word would be sown and find good soil in many through the preaching of the Gospel and the administration of the Sacraments, let us pray to the Lord:
- ❏ For our Christian brethren around the world facing persecution and martyrdom, especially in the Middle East and Africa, that they may, by grace and the power of the Holy Spirit, confess the saving name of Jesus Christ in the face of their persecutors, remembering that He will confess them before His Father in heaven, let us pray to the Lord:
- ❏ For the institution of holy marriage and the blessings of family, we give thanks to the Lord. That these gifts would be cherished and honored in our society, and especially within the communion of saints, let us pray to the Lord:
- ❏ For the nations of the world and their leaders, that all who receive the sword as Your servants may bear it according to Your command, and that war, hate and bloodshed may be overcome by peace, justice and mercy, let us pray to the Lord:
- ❏ For all those enduring a time of sickness or suffering in this vale of tears, *especially Abai, Alice, Bonnie, Charles, Clinton, Cynthia, Dalton, David, Debra, Deneice, Ed, Gerald, Irmgard, James, Janice, Jod, Johnathan, Katheryn, Ken, Kevin, Lois, Lucy, Lynette, Marc, Marie, Marilyn, Marion and her family, Marjorie, Martin, Melessa, Michele, Nickole, Olivier, Philip, Rodgers, Royce, Stephen, Stephen K, Susan, Susie, and Tuomo*, that they would know the peace that the world cannot give. Commending each into the Father's loving hands and asking for a happy issue out of their troubles, let us pray to the Lord:
- ❏ For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, that reverence and awe would attend them as they enter into the dwelling place of their Lord and Savior, especially as they approach the holy altar to receive the very body and blood of Jesus for their forgiveness and strengthening of faith, let us pray to the Lord:

- P** For all the faithful, in whom the seed of God’s Word had been planted and cultivated until they departed this vale of tears in faith, let us give thanks to the Lord. Asking Him to bring us to share in the joys of the unending feast with them, let us pray to the Lord:
- P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.
- C** Amen.

Service of the Sacrament

PASTORAL CARE AND HOLY COMMUNION: At The Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, we celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord’s Altar every Lord’s Day. In this Sacrament, we joyfully receive Christ’s true Body and Blood, under bread and wine, for the forgiveness of our sins.

As we celebrate the Sacrament, we also give public confession of our unity in the Christian faith (1 Cor. 10). Members in good standing of congregations of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod and congregations in which the LCMS is in Altar/Pulpit fellowship are asked to announce themselves **to the pastor prior to the service.** All others are invited to speak with the pastor regarding preparation for communion fellowship with the Evangelical Lutheran Church. Those who are baptized but not receiving communion are invited to come forward for a blessing, kneeling with arms crossed at your heart.

Please be assured that we do so not out of spiritual arrogance, but rather in a sincere desire to be faithful to our Lord’s command and the apostles’ teaching. For more information, please take one of the trifold brochures in the Narthex entitled, “Why?” Sacraments and Closed Communion. For scriptural reference regarding our Communion practice, please see the laminated cards located in the hymnal/Bible holder on the back of the pew.

Preface

LSB 194



P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.



P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them up un - to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.

C It is meet and right so to do.

Proper Preface (Abbreviated)

LSB 194

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 195

C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;

heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,

ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,

bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.

Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer

LSB 196

P Our Father who art in heav - en, hal - low - ed be Thy name,



Thy king - dom come, Thy will be done on earth as it



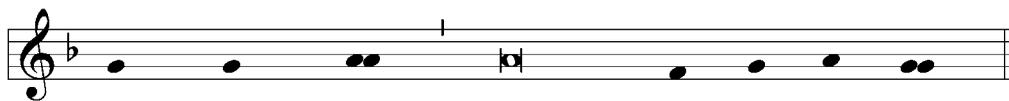
is in heav - en; give us this day our dai - ly bread;



and forgive us our tres - pass - es as we forgive those who



tres - pass a - gainst us; and lead us not in - to



temp - ta - tion, but deliver us from e - vil.



C For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the



glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

The Words of Our Lord

LSB 197



P Our Lord Je - sus Christ, on the night when He was be - trayed, took bread,



and when He had giv - en thanks, He broke it and gave it to the

dis-ci-ples and said: "Take, eat; this is My † bod-y, which is giv-en for you.

This do in re-mem-brance of Me." In the same way al - so

He took the cup after sup-per, and when He had giv-en thanks, He gave it

to them, say-ing: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in

My † blood, which is shed for you for the for-give-ness of sins.

This do, as often as you drink it, in re-mem-brance of Me."

Pax Domini

LSB 197

P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.

C A - men.

Agnus Dei

LSB 198

C O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the

world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that
 tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us.
 O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the
 world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

Sit

Distribution

Responses when receiving the true body and very blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and when your table is dismissed are: *LSB 199*

Amen, Amen and Amen.

When all have communed, you will be invited to stand, and the following is said:

The Dismissal

LSB 199

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

C Amen.

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 199

C Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-
 cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,



which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,



a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy



peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and



to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,



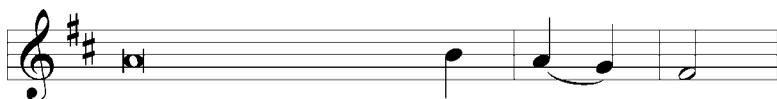
is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

Thanksgiving

LSB 200



A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



B and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love

toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



A - men.

Salutation

LSB 201



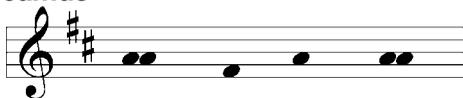
P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

Benedicamus

LSB 202



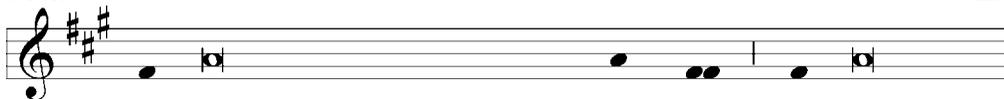
A Bless we the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

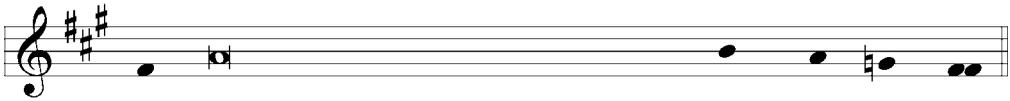
LSB 202



P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.



☐ A-men, a-men, a - men.

Hymn to Depart

584 Faith and Truth and Life Bestowing



1 Faith and truth and life be - stow - ing, O - pen now the
2 May the Spir - it's pow'r un - ceas - ing Bring to life the



Scrip - tures, Lord, Seed to life e - ter - nal sow - ing,
hid - den grain, Dai - ly in our hearts in - creas - ing,



Scat - tered on the wind a - broad. Let not hearts, Your
Bear - ing fruit that shall re - main. So in Scrip - ture,



Word re - ceiv - ing, Like a bar - ren field be found, Choked with
song, and sto - ry, Sav - ior, may Your voice be heard. Till our



thorns and un - be - liev - ing, Shal - low earth or ston - y ground.
eyes be - hold Your glo - ry Give us ears to hear Your Word.

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As the postlude is played, all are invited to follow Pastor down the center aisle to the narthex as we greet one another there.

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Parish Announcements

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WE GATHER TO HEAR GOD’S WORD—“Your word I have hidden in my heart, that I might not sin against You. Blessed are You, O Lord! Teach me Your statutes.” (Psalm 119:11-12.)

Each week the faithful gather to receive the Word of their Lord.

In addition to our **Divine Service** on Sunday at 10 am, and **Matins** on Tuesday at 11 am, we have opportunities to gather and study God’s Holy Word:

Adult Bible Classes: Sunday at 8:30 and Tuesday at 11:30

Sunday School (ages 3+): Sunday at 8:30

Confirmation and Membership Classes: As requested

STEWARDSHIP

Offerings for February 9: \$935 Attendance: 22 Adult Bible Class/SS: 10

February 2: \$956

Altar Guild today: **Gayle** Next week: **Susie**

Greeters today: **Clinton and Dalton** Next week: **Leon & Gayle**



Upcoming birthdays in February

19: Kristopher (#1)

20: Greg (#16)

28: Marlene (#21+)

Mark the Dates

for our Lenten Midweek Services on Wednesdays at 7 p.m.:

Ash Wednesday Divine Service (with imposition of ashes): Feb 26

March 4

Mar 11

Mar 18

Mar 25

The March dates we will begin with a Soup Supper at 6 pm! See Gayle if you can provide a soup for any of those Wednesdays. Thank you!





All women are invited to come and join in worship at the annual

LWML Prayer Service

Saturday, February 29, 2020

9:00 a.m. – Registration & Continental breakfast

10:00 – Prayer Service begins

Ascension Lutheran Church

17910 Prairie Ave., Torrance, CA

Christians are saved to serve. We are chosen and called to bear fruit for Jesus. We do this as we live in His love, not only in our home or church, but in the world, where it is often more difficult to love others. We are empowered by the love that Jesus showed us in His sacrificial death on the cross so that we would have life. Now we are blessed to live in His love, bearing much fruit for His sake. May this prayer service help us take time to reflect on His love for us, our love for Him, and how the fruit we bear is a result of living in His love.

You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. (John 15:16).



The LWML February Mite Challenge Calendar has been released and is under the LWML Bulletin Board. Since it's "late", don't forget to do the entire month, not just from today. 😊 See Karina if you can't find it.

Lutheran Bible Translators Visit - We are privileged to have **Paul Federwitz** with Lutheran Bible Translators join us on Tuesday, March 10, for our Matins service at 11:00 a.m. Paul will speak about his work with LBT at our Bible Study time at 11:30 a.m. The Lutheran Women's Missionary League of The Good Shepherd have been supporters of Paul and his family, living in Ghana, Africa, for several years and you may remember them visiting in the past with their three children! Paul serves as a computer consultant to missionaries and organizations in both Ghana and Liberia. Please take this opportunity to learn more about his and LBT's work in Africa in words and pictures. LUNCH will be served after his presentation! I would especially like to see some of our LWML women attend. Hope to see you there! - Gayle Tarr



"Thy Word is rich in blessing"

The HYMN OF THE DAY, "May God Bestow On Us His Grace" (823), focuses on **Our Lord's Word**, rich in blessing as the Gospel (St. Luke 8) proclaims: That which fell on good ground, those hear the Word with a noble and good heart, keep it, and bear fruit with patience, yielding a crop a hundredfold.



This hymn is **Martin Luther's** (1483-1546) based on Psalm 67. Luther learned the psalms by heart praying the Divine Office in the monastery. This is evident throughout his writings. He asked colleagues to write hymns based on the psalms, and himself wrote five other Psalm hymns: Psalm 12 "O Lord, Look Down from Heaven, Behold" (*The Lutheran Hymnal* 260), 46 "A Mighty Fortress" (656), 124 "If God Had Not Been on Our Side" (*The Lutheran Hymnal* 267), 130 "From Depths of Woe I Cry to Thee" (607), and 14 "Although the Fools Say With their Mouth."

Luther invites us to sing of the power of the Word of God—Our Lord Jesus Christ— and in His Holy Scriptures. In stanza two: "Thy people's pasture is Thy Word, Their souls to feed and nourish." Christians are fed by Our Lord's Word as sheep are fed in the pasture. It is proclaimed in the Divine Service and the Daily Office, studied in Bible class, Sunday School, and catechism class, and meditated upon in daily prayer.

Connecting with the Gospel, stanza three exclaims: "The land shall plenteous fruit bring forth, Thy Word is rich in blessing!" Our Lord, through His Holy Ghost, works faith through His Word, calling sinners to repentance and proclaiming the forgiveness of sins in Jesus. Working faith in the hearts of believers, they confess and spread the faith. This hymn was an attachment to a German translation of Luther's Latin *Order of Mass and Communion*, published in 1524.

Sexagesima (meaning "about 60 days" to Easter) –

Grace is passively received

In the collect for this Sunday we pray that God would see that we put not our trust in anything that we do and that He would mercifully defend us by His power. The Gospel is the parable of the sower from St. Luke 8:4-15. The seed of God's Word is passively received. It transforms bad soil into good and noble hearts. We pray that this would happen to and for us by God's grace in Christ, who died the seed planted in the grave that will sprout to eternal life on Easter Day.



We Pray For . . .

Abai: friend of Pr&K – guidance and comfort (K)

Alice – recovering from surgery

Anita – grieving the death of her mother

Bonnie: Pr's cousin - liver cancer

Charles: Pr's brother – heart issues

Charlotte: Jamesetta's mother, wife of Pr. Kollie – financial, strength (L)

Clinton – recovering from surgery; grieving

The Conrad Family – our missionaries in Mexico

Cynthia – our TGSLC shut-in

Dalton – chronic sciatica

David - DD shut-in

Debra: Jod's cousin - recovering from cancer

The DeGroot Family and St. Andrew's Lutheran Church – our missionaries in Albuquerque

Deneice – breast cancer recovery

Rev. Ed Killian – recovering from systemic bacterial infections

Gerald and Lois: friends of Marlene – cancer (Gerald); strength and comfort in the loss of 2 sons

Irmgard: friend of Pr&K – 89 y.o. with heart, lung, and vision issues

Rev. James Kollie: Jamesetta's father and our Missionary in Liberia; wisdom and strength (L)

Janice: member at St Phillip Compton – breast cancer recovery

Jod – peace of mind, attacks from the Enemy, recovery from auto/bike accident, health

Johnathan – strengthening of faith; continued remission



Katheryn: Karina's mother - various health issues

Ken: friend of Pr&K – wisdom

Kevin – at university

Lucy – peace of mind, strength, life as a refugee, new studies (K)

Lynette – strengthening of faith; chronic health issues

Marc – complications with diabetes

Maria: friend of Marlene - recovery

from gall bladder surgery

Marie – recovering from surgery

Marilyn: Stephen's mother - various health issues

Marion and her family – various health issues around the country

Marjorie: mother of Pr. Rob't Green – 87 y.o. in final stages of bladder cancer

Martin: friend of Karina – financial, various health (K)

Michele: friend of Pr&K – strength

Olivier: friend of P&K – studies, general health

Philip: friend of Marlene and Stephanie – metastasized colon cancer

Philip Magness: our missionary to Francophone Africa

Rodgers: friend of Pr&K – employment (K)

Royce – health issues

Stephen – COPD, other health issues

Susan: friend of Pr&K – financial, good health (K)

Susie – auto accident

Tuomo Simojoki: our LHF missionary in Kenya – severe attacks from the Enemy as he shares the Word in East Africa (K)

Walter Steele – our LCMS missionary to Matongo Seminary, Kenya (K)

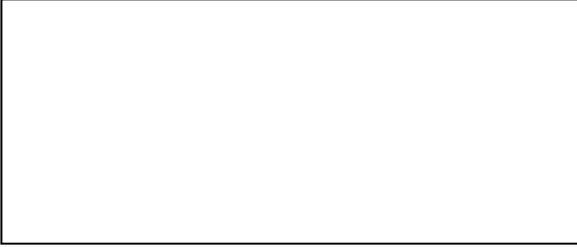
(K) – person living in Kenya

(L) – person living in Liberia

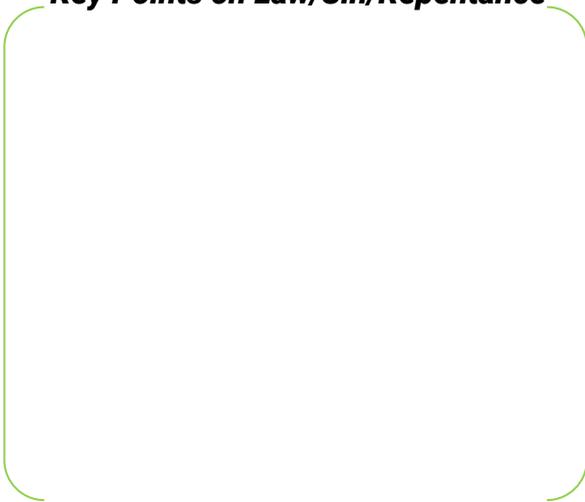
You may notice we have an extensive prayer list. **It is our joy to pray for you!** Check out the **Picture Board in the Narthex** of those for whom we are praying, to put faces to names. If you'd like someone to be added, or one of yours removed, just let Karina know.

Sermon Notes

Scripture Text



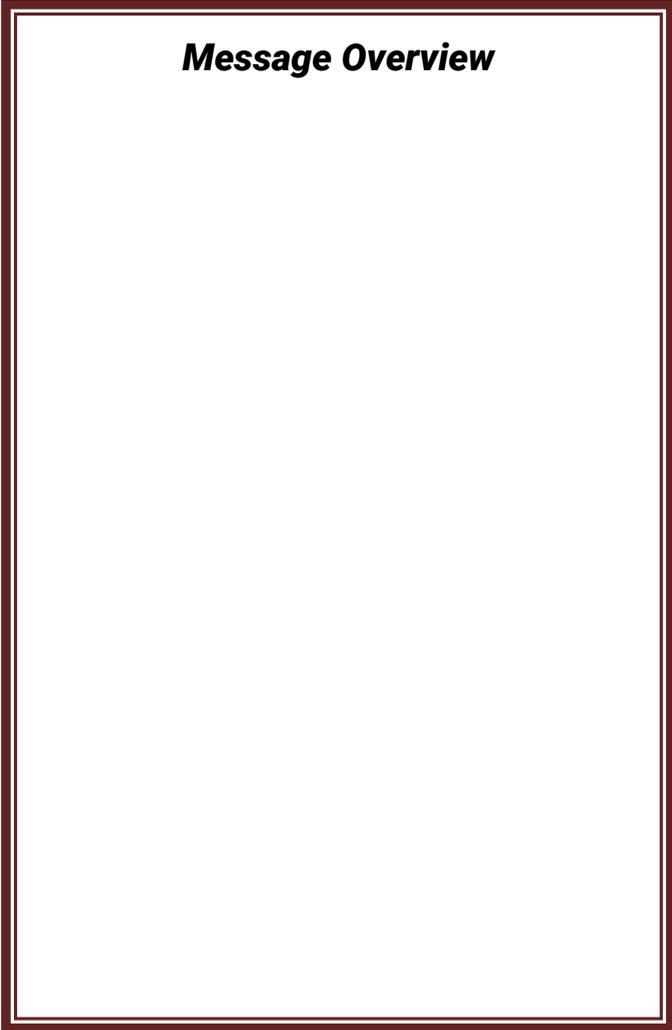
Key Points on Law/Sin/Repentance



Key Points on Gospel/Grace/Love



Message Overview



Things to Study Further

