

# THE DIVINE SERVICE

OF THE GRACE OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

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## The Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

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“A Church where God gives and we receive”

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## Welcome to our Divine Service!

*We are pleased that you are with us.*

### +Worship Notes+

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

### 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. 14.

Please see more notes on the Service and for the facility on p. 23ff.

***PLEASE:*** 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.

### Stay Home when Sick

If you are sick or are exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19, please stay home. If you start to experience symptoms while in attendance at a service or out anywhere else, please go home immediately, exiting down the side aisle, if possible. If at a service, notify an Usher on your way out so we may direct our cleaning and communication efforts.

### Facility and Service Modifications

#### Until Further Notice Include, But Are Not Limited to:

**Narthex:** Do not congregate here at any time

**Masks:** to be worn at all times in the presence of others

**Distancing:** Please maintain six feet of separation unless in same household.

**No food or drink** served after the service.

**No Sunday** Adult Bible Class or Sunday School.

**Bulletin:** Pick one up for each individual upon entry, maintaining physical distancing from others in front of you. Hymns and liturgy are complete in the bulletin.

**Seating:** In any open (non-taped) pew on either side of the center aisle.

**No Tuesday** Matins or Bible Class.

**Offering:** Received in the narthex.

**Communion:** ☞ to receive Communion, you must register by Midnight Saturday.

☞ at the Rail, but unless you are in the same household, please maintain six feet of separation from other communicants



# Confession and Absolution

## Hymn of Invocation

## 947 [All Glory Be to God on High](#)



1 All glo - ry be to God on high And thanks for all His  
2 We praise and laud and wor - ship You; We give You thanks for -  
3 O Je - sus Christ, the on - ly Son Be - got - ten of the  
4 O Ho - ly Spir - it, our de - light And source of con - so -



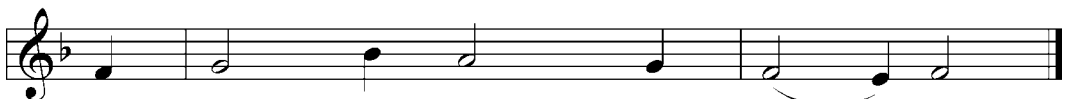
fa - vor; No harm can touch or ter - ri - fy A  
ev - er, O Fa - ther, for Your rule is true And  
Fa - ther, Your sav - ing death has made us one With  
la - tion, Pro - tect us from the dev - il's might Through



child of God for - ev - er. God shows His good and  
just and chang - es nev - er. With bound - less pow'r, Your  
God and with each oth - er. O Lamb of God, to  
Je - sus, our sal - va - tion, Who by His death up -



gra - cious will And grants His peace, the world to fill—  
might - y reign Ful - fills what - ev - er You or - dain.  
You on high In our dis - tress we sin - ners cry,  
on a tree Has res - cued us from mis - er - y:



All strife at last has end - ed.  
Lord, grant us ev - 'ry bless - ing!  
Have mer - cy on us, a - men!  
To this we hold for - ev - er.

*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 34:1-2, 11, 22; antiphon: Psalm 119:46*

I will speak of your testimonies before kings, | [O Lord,]\*  
and shall not be | put to shame.  
*I will bless the LORD at | all times;\**  
*his praise shall continually be | in my mouth.*  
*My soul makes its boast | in the LORD;\**  
*let the humble hear | and be glad.*  
*Come, O children, lis- | ten to me;\**  
*I will teach you the fear | of the LORD.*  
*The LORD redeems the life of his | servants;\**  
*none of those who take refuge in him will | be condemned.*



## Gloria Patri

*LSB 186*



☐ Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

## Kyrie

*LSB 186*



☐ Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -

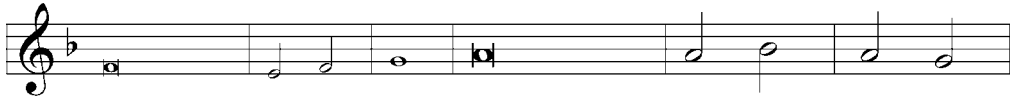


on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

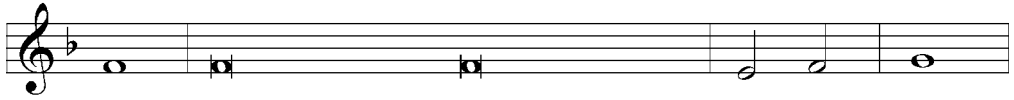


# Gloria in Excelsis

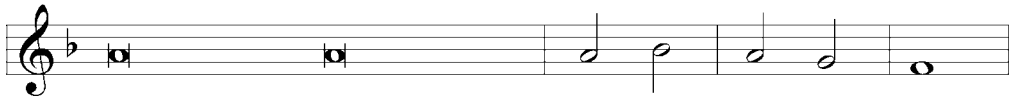
LSB 187



**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;



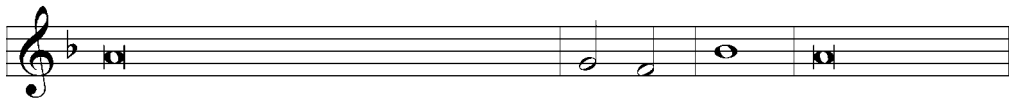
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



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** Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your Church Your saving peace; 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*

### First Reading

*Revelation 14:6-7*

<sup>6</sup>Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. <sup>7</sup>And he said with a loud voice, "Fear God and give him glory, because the

hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water.”

**P** The Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Gradual

*Psalm 48:1a, 12–14a*

*Great is the LORD and greatly | to be praised\*  
in the city | of our God!*

*Walk about Zion, go around her, number her | towers,\*  
consider well her ramparts, go through her | citadels,  
that you may tell the next gener- | ation\*  
that this is God, our God forever and | ever.*

## Epistle

*Romans 3:19–28*

<sup>19</sup>Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. <sup>20</sup>For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

<sup>21</sup>But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— <sup>22</sup>the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: <sup>23</sup>for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, <sup>24</sup>and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup>whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God’s righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. <sup>26</sup>It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

<sup>27</sup>Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. <sup>28</sup>For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.



**P** The Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*



## Alleluia

LSB 190



**C** Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

## Holy Gospel

John 8:31-36

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.



**C** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.



<sup>31</sup>So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, <sup>32</sup>and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." <sup>33</sup>They answered him, "We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, 'You will become free'?"

<sup>34</sup>Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. <sup>35</sup>The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. <sup>36</sup>So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.



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

## Nicene Creed

**C** 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

### 656 [A Mighty Fortress Is Our God](#)



1 A might - y for - tress is our God,  
2 With might of ours can naught be done,  
3 Though dev - ils all the world should fill,  
4 The Word they still shall let re - main



A trust - y shield and weap - on;  
Soon were our loss ef - fect ed;  
All ea - ger to de - vour us,  
Nor an - y thanks have for it;



He helps us free from ev - 'ry need  
 But for us fights the val - iant One,  
 We trem - ble not, we fear no ill;  
 He's by our side up - on the plain



That hath us now o'er - tak - en.  
 Whom God Him - self e - lect ed.  
 They shall not o - ver - pow'r us.  
 With His good gifts and Spir - it.



The old e - vil foe Now means  
 Ask ye, Who is this? Je - sus  
 This world's prince may still Scowl fierce  
 And take they our life, Goods, fame,



dead - ly woe; Deep guile and great might  
 Christ it is, Of Sab - a - oth Lord,  
 as he will, He can harm us none.  
 child, and wife, Though these all be gone,



Are his dread arms in fight; On earth  
 And there's none oth - er God; He holds  
 He's judged; the deed is done; One lit -  
 Our vic - t'ry has been won; The King -



is not his e - qual.  
 the field for - ev - er.  
 the word can fell him.  
 dom ours re - main - eth.

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## Votum

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

Offering *Received in the Narthex after service**Stand*

## Offertory

LSB 192



**G** 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, 'hear our prayer'.*

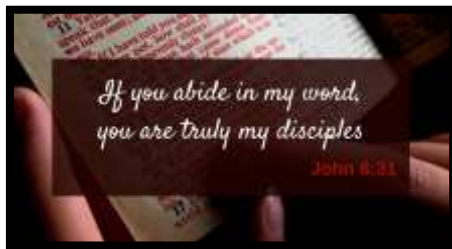
- P** Having confidence in our justification by grace through faith and having access to the Father in Jesus' name, let us turn our hearts in prayer on behalf of ourselves, the Church and all people according to their needs.

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

O almighty God, You have shown Your faithfulness by raising up those in every generation who call Your Church to repentance and renewal. Continue to raise up voices in our own day who herald the truth of Your Word and proclaim the faith in purity and truth against all enemies. Lord, in Your mercy,

- ❏ Everlasting Father, You do not desire the death of the sinner but want all to come to faith and life in Christ. Raise up faithful pastors who will preach Your Word without fail and teach the doctrine delivered to the saints, that many may hear and believe. Lord, in Your mercy,
- ❏ Merciful Lord, Your Word has been the light and salvation throughout the ages. Help us to bring Your grace to those in darkness, and grant them freedom through the forgiveness of their sins. Bless the missionaries serving far and near and the new congregations they establish in Your name. Lord, in Your mercy,
- ❏ God of power and might, You have established governments and the order of law for the protection of all people and to preserve the freedom to worship You in spirit and in truth. Grant to *Donald*, our president; *Gavin*, our governor; the Congress of these United States; and the legislature of our state wisdom, humility and integrity, that all may enjoy true justice and the protection of life from its conception to its natural end. Lord, in Your mercy,
- ❏ Holy and gracious God, Your power is revealed chiefly in showing mercy to those in need. Give to the sick healing, to the troubled peace, to the grieving comfort and to the dying peace. Hear us first on behalf of *Abai, Alice, April, Bob, Carmen, Charles, Charlotte, Cynthia, Dalton, David, Debra, Faith, Irmgard, Jamesetta, Jod, Johnathan, Karen, Katheryn, Lucy, Lynette, Marc, Marie, Marion and her family, Martin, Rex, Rodgers, Susan, Susie, and Tom*, and those we name in our hearts before You. According to Your gracious promise, grant patience to those in tribulation and trial. Lord, in Your mercy,
- ❏ Heavenly Father, You have given great gifts to Your people and provided resources to provide for their own needs and for the poor. Bless the agencies and programs of Your Church by which Your people give aid and support to those in need. Help us to provide gainful employment to all people, that they may enjoy the fruits of their labors and honor You with the works of their hands. Lord, in Your mercy,
- ❏ Gracious God and Father, Your own Son has set His table among us and gives His own flesh and blood to be the bread of heaven that feeds us everlasting life and the cup of salvation in which our thirst is satisfied forever. Give us Your Holy Spirit, that we may commune worthily and in repentance and faith feast upon His Holy Sacrament. Bring us at last to that day when all earthly divisions will cease and we will be one people before the altar of the Lord. Until that day, preserve among us Your Word and Sacraments. Lord, in Your mercy,

- P** O faithful Lord, throughout the ages You spoke hope through the prophets until that day when You delivered up Your own Son to be our Savior and Redeemer. Bless those who are just learning the Gospel, and bless us with the desire to know and keep Your Word. Encourage Your people to avail themselves of the grace of confession and absolution so that they may forgive one another and live in the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. Lord, in Your mercy,
- P** Almighty God and Father, we pray You to grant us all good things that will benefit us in body and soul and to prevent anything harmful to us or to our salvation. Teach us to live in contentment with Your will and purpose and in the freedom You alone supply to serve You with all our heart, mind, body and soul; all these things we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- G** 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 of this congregation and those others 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 midnight the eve of 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.

**G** 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  $\dagger$  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  $\dagger$  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.



**G** A - men.

Agnus Dei

LSB 198



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

LSB 199

*Please approach the altar from the center aisle, and return to your seat via the side aisle. Please keep your mask on and remove only for the moments to receive the Sacrament.*

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

**Amen, Amen and Amen.**

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

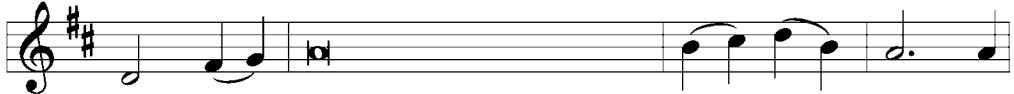
## The Dismissal

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 - tles 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 with - out end. A - men.

**Thanksgiving**

*LSB 200*

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

**C** A - men.



## Salutation

LSB 201



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.

## Benedicamus

LSB 202



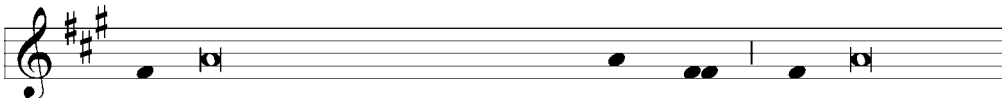
**A** Bless we the Lord.



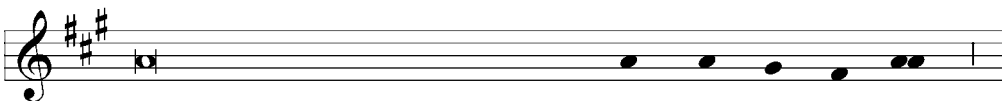
**C** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

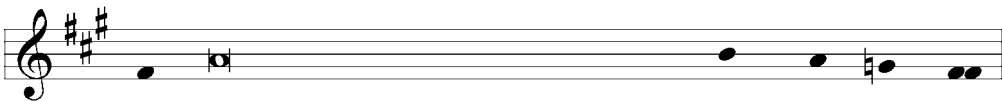
LSB 202



**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.



**C** A-men, a-men, a - men.

Hymn to Depart

645 Built on the Rock



1 Built on the Rock the Church shall stand E - ven when  
 2 Sure - ly in tem - ples made with hands God, the Most  
 3 We are God's house of liv - ing stones, Built for His  
 4 Here stands the font be - fore our eyes, Tell - ing how  
 5 Grant, then, O God, Your will be done, That, when the



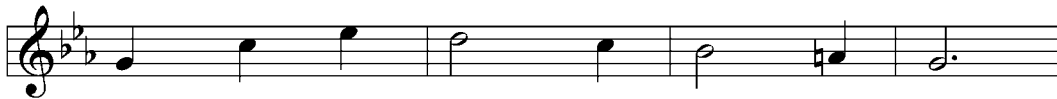
stee - ples are fall - ing. Crum - bled have spires in  
 High, is not dwell - ing; High a - bove earth His  
 own hab - i - ta - tion. He through bap - tis - mal  
 God has re - ceived us. The al - tar re - calls Christ's  
 church bells are ring - ing, Man - y in sav - ing



ev - 'ry land; Bells still are chim - ing and call -  
 tem - ple stands, All earth - ly tem - ples ex - cel -  
 grace us owns Heirs of His won - drous sal - va -  
 sac - ri - fice And what His Sup - per here gives  
 faith may come Where Christ His mes - sage is bring -



ing, Call - ing the young and old to rest,  
 ling, Yet He who dwells in heav'n a - bove  
 tion. Were we but two His name to tell,  
 us. Here sound the Scrip - tures that pro - claim  
 ing: "I know My own; My own know Me.



But a - bove all the souls dis - tressed,  
 Choos - es to live with us in love,  
 Yet He would deign with us to dwell  
 Christ yes - ter - day, to - day, the same,  
 You, not the world, My face shall see.



Long - ing for rest ev - er - last - ing.  
Mak - ing our bod - ies His tem - ple.  
With all His grace and His fa - vor.  
And ev - er - more, our Re - deem - er.  
My peace I leave with you. A - men.”

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*As the postlude is played, you will be ushered from your pew.  
So that this may be done orderly, please wait in your pew until approached.  
Please do not congregate in the Narthex, and please wait until you're outside the building for conversations.*

**Built on the Rock**

*Jacob B. Weber (b. 1988)*

*Amani ya Bwana na Mlungu akubariki!*  
*(Swahili for) The peace of the LORD and God bless you!*

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## ✠ THIS WEEK'S NOTES ✠

### What is This Feast We Celebrate Today?



During the dark days of the Middle Ages, the truth of God's Word became hidden. The church of that day was not teaching that we are saved by Jesus' death and resurrection. Instead, people were told that they needed to try and earn their way to heaven—or worse, that they had to buy their way to heaven. The truth of God's Word was rejected, and the traditions of men put in its place. Dr. Martin Luther, a catholic monk and professor, changed all that on October 31, 1517, when he nailed 95 Theses (statements for debate) on the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg. He said that the Bible should be our only source of teaching, not man-made traditions. He showed that God saved us by grace alone, and that grace comes to us through faith. Today, we continue to profess the same truths as the true Christian church all throughout the ages, the truths that the Reformation again focused the church on: By Scripture alone, By Grace alone, By Faith alone. To God be the glory for revealing these eternally life changing truths to us. Our Reformation prayer: *Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word. Amen.*

## Synod Sentences for **The Feast of the Reformation**

### **The Son of God Has Set Us Free from Sin and Death by His Grace**



*"Wisdom is justified by her deeds"* (Matt. 11:19), and the true Wisdom of God, Christ Jesus the incarnate Son, justifies us by His deeds. He prepares His way by the preaching of repentance, but He has suffered the violence of the Law and voluntarily handed Himself over to violent men, that we might eat and drink with Him in His Kingdom and *"remain in the house forever"* (John 8:35). For He is *"a friend of tax collectors and sinners"* (Matt. 11:19), and He has rescued us by His grace from the slavery of sin and death. By the proclamation of His eternal Gospel *"to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people"* (Rev. 14:6), *"the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law"* (Rom. 3:21), *"that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus"* (Rom. 3:26). And by hearing the Gospel of Christ Jesus, *"whom God put forward as a propitiation by His blood, to be received by faith"* (Rom. 3:25), *"you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free"* (John 8:31–32).

### **A Prayer for Reformation Week**



Lord God, heavenly Father, we most heartily thank You that by Your Word You have brought us out of the darkness of error into the light of Your grace: We beseech You, mercifully help us to walk in that light, guard us from all error and false doctrine, and grant that we may not become ungrateful and despise and persecute Your Word, but receive it with all our heart, govern our lives according to it, and put all our trust in Your grace, through the merit of Your dear Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever. Amen.

### **A Life Thought from [Lutherans For Life](#)**



The Reformation truths Lutherans have celebrated for 500 years apply beautifully and powerfully to life issues. A human being's identity and sanctity come from God's grace in creating, redeeming, and calling each one. Abilities or accomplishments, efforts or emotions cannot establish anyone's value or invalidate anyone's worth. *Prayer:* Gracious Savior, let us honor with You the

*preciousness of every human person because of Your grace, forgiveness, and free salvation. Amen.*



[Here's](#) your weekly **AROUND THE WORD** devotion.



## A Stewardship Thought for **Reformation Week**



**John 8:36 – “So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.”** Today we celebrate Reformation Day! Luther is rightly remembered as a champion of the Gospel, but he also called himself “the apostle of good works.” For only in being set free by the Gospel can we do good works. Jesus has set us free, and His blood covers over our sins. We stand before God as His beloved children, and we are invited to live our lives to His glory for the good of His kingdom.



## Thank You for Your Offerings - Ways to Give

**In Person:** Drop in Plate in Narthex on Sundays

**By Mail:** Send to Church Office

**Online:** [Here / https://tgslicms.org/community-outreach/donate/](https://tgslicms.org/community-outreach/donate/) PW: donate



## The Chancel Flowers Today

Given anonymously to the Glory of God and the beautification of His house, and for thankfulness for all His blessings.

## Daylight Savings Time Ends



# We Pray For . . .

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

**Alice** – recovering from surgery

**April:** *Karina's cousin* – COPD

**Charles:** *Pr's brother* – heart issues

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

**The Dan Conrad Family** – *our LCMS missionaries in Mexico*

**Cynthia** – our TGSLC shut-in

**Dalton** – chronic sciatica

**David** - DD shut-in

**Debra:** *Jod's cousin* - recovering from cancer

**Faith:** *friend of Mary* – **Stage 4 cancer**

**The Paul Federwitz Family:** *LWML* - LBT Support in Ghana

**Irmgard:** *friend of Pr&K* – **90 y.o. with heart, lung, and vision issues**

**Rev. James Kollie:** *Our Missionary in Liberia*, wisdom and strength (L)

**Jamesetta Kollie** - kidney failure

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

**Johnathan** – strengthening of faith; continued Remission

**Karen:** *Jod's sister* – personal and family matters

**Katheryn:** *Karina's mother* - various health issues

**Lucy:** *friend of Pr&K* – peace of mind, strength, life as a refugee (K)

**Lynette** – strengthening of faith; chronic health issues

**Marc** – complications with diabetes; **grieving** the death of his mother

**Marie** – recovering from surgery

**Marion and her family** – various health issues around the country

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

**Phillip Magness:** *our LCMS missionary to Francophone Africa*

**Rev. Rex Umbemhaur:** complications with **malignant intestinal mass**

**Rodgers:** *friend of Pr&K* – employment; health (K)

**Royce** – health issues

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



**Susie** – recovery from auto accident

**Tom:** *Marc's father* – in Alzheimer's care home

**The TuomoSimojoki**

**Family:** *our LHF missionary in Kenya* – forced to leave their Kenyan home due to SARS-CoV-19 and return to Finland

**Rev. 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, such as a death (as we do not pray for the dead) or full recovery, just let Karina know.

## More Reformation Resources

can be found at <https://www.lcms.org/reformation>, including articles, videos from President Harrison, and more.

### The Luther Seal: Summary of the Gospel

The most enduring symbol of the Lutheran Reformation is the seal that Luther himself designed to represent his theology. By the early 1520s, this seal begins to appear on the title page of Luther's works.

Here is how Luther himself explained its meaning:

*First, there is a black cross in a heart that remains its natural color. This is to remind me that it is faith in the Crucified One that saves us. Anyone who believes from the heart will be justified (Romans 10:10). It is a black cross, which mortifies and causes pain, but it leaves the heart its natural color. It doesn't destroy nature, that is to say, it does not kill us but keeps us alive, for the just shall live by faith in the Crucified One (Romans 1:17). The heart should stand in the middle of a white rose. This is to show that faith gives joy, comfort, and peace—it puts the believer into a white, joyous rose. Faith does not give peace and joy like the world gives (John 14:27). This is why the rose must be white, not red. White is the color of the spirits and angels (cf. Matthew 28:3; John 20:12). This rose should stand in a sky-blue field, symbolizing that a joyful spirit and faith is a beginning of heavenly, future joy, which begins now, but is grasped in hope, not yet fully revealed. Around the field of blue is a golden ring to symbolize that blessedness in heaven lasts forever and has no end. Heavenly blessedness is exquisite, beyond all joy and better than any possessions, just as gold is the most valuable and precious metal.*

*(From: Letter from Martin Luther to Lazarus Spengler, July 8, 1530 [WA Br 5:445]; tr. P. T. McCain)*

Following are various versions of the seal as it has appeared over time since the Reformation.

The first version was used in Luther's writings in the 1520s for the first time, and was in black and white, with Luther's initials. A colorized rendition of the seal began appearing



as printers began to include color images in Luther's works. Each one was laboriously painted by hand. (s)



## About the Front Cover Art

### **CRANACH, Lucas the Younger**

(b. 1515, Wittenberg, d. 1586, Weimar)



#### **Weimar Altarpiece**

1555

Wood

Stadtkirche Sankt Peter und Paul, Weimar

The crucified Christ is in the center of the panel. His figure is repeated on the left side conquering an evil demon and death. In the background, a scene of the Expulsion from Eden reminds viewers of the presence of sin and the subsequent need for salvation. Immediately on the right of Christ, St John the Baptizer points one of his fingers at the central figure and the index finger from his other hand to the Agnus Dei, the Lamb of God. Next to the Baptizer stands Lucas Cranach the Elder. A stream of blood from Christ's side flows directly upon his forehead. On the far right, Luther points to a passage from his German translation of the Bible concerning Christ's redemptive blood, which frees all believers from sin. In the background, the Old Testament tale of Moses and the Brazen Serpent and the New Testament story of the Annunciation to the Shepherds are depicted as examples of God's grace.

The Weimar Altarpiece, painted for John Frederick of Saxony, was completed in 1555 by Lucas Cranach the Younger after the death of his father. It still occupies its original location at the high altar of the City Church of Sts Peter and Paul in Weimar. This impressive triptych has been hailed as "the single most important visual monument of German Reformation." It conveys the close ties between Luther and his protectors, the dukes of Saxony, who are represented on its inner wings of the triptych which are painted in warm reds, yellows, and oranges. John Frederick the Magnanimous of Saxony and Sybille of Cleves on the left wing and their three sons on the right wing frame the Crucifixion in the central panel.

The outer sides of the wings, seen when the triptych is closed, depicts the Baptism of Christ and the Resurrection.