

# THE DIVINE SERVICE

## OF THE GRACE OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

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# The Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

“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.*

**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. 13.

Please see more notes on the Service and for the facility on pgs 22ff.

***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



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*The Tribute Money (Le denier de Cesar)*, 1886-1894 – James Tissot

# Confession and Absolution

## Hymn of Invocation

## 966 Before You, Lord, We Bow



1 Be - fore You, Lord, we bow,      Our God who reigns a - bove  
 2 The na - tion You have blest      May well Your love de - clare,  
 3 May ev - 'ry moun - tain height,      Each vale and for - est green,  
 4 Earth, hear your Mak - er's voice;      Your great Re - deem - er own;  
 5 And when in pow'r He comes,      Oh, may our na - tive land



And rules the world be - low, Bound - less in pow'r and love. Our thanks  
 From foes and fears at rest, Pro - tect - ed by Your care. For this  
 Shine in Your Word's pure light, And its rich fruits be seen! May ev -  
 Be - lieve, o - bey, re - joice, And wor - ship Him a - lone. Cast down  
 From all its rend - ing tombs Send forth a glo - rious band, A count -



we bring In joy and praise, Our hearts we raise To You, our King!  
 bright day, For this fair land—Gifts of Your hand—Our thanks we pay.  
 'ry tongue Be tuned to praise And join to raise A grate - ful song.  
 your pride, Your sin de - plore, And bow be - fore The Cru - ci - fied.  
 less throng, With joy to sing To heav'n's high King Sal - va - tion's song!

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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 85:1, 7, 9, 11; antiphon: Jeremiah 29:11a, 12*

I know the plans I have for you, de- | clares the LORD,\*  
plans for wholeness and not for | evil.  
Then you will call upon me and come and | pray to me,\*  
and I will | hear you.

LORD, you were favorable | to your land;\*  
 you restored the fortunes of | Jacob.  
 Show us your steadfast love, | O LORD,\*  
 and grant us your sal- | vation.  
 Surely his salvation is near to those who | fear him,\*  
 that glory may dwell | in our land.  
 Faithfulness springs up | from the ground,\*  
 and righteousness looks down | from the sky.



### Gloria Patri

LSB 186

**C** 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

**C** 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** O Lord, absolve Your people from their offenses that from the bonds of our sins, which by reason of our frailty we have brought upon ourselves, we may be delivered by Your bountiful goodness; 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

*Proverbs 8:11-22*

<sup>11</sup>For wisdom is better than jewels,  
and all that you may desire cannot compare with her.

<sup>12</sup>"I, wisdom, dwell with prudence,  
and I find knowledge and discretion.

<sup>13</sup>The fear of the LORD is hatred of evil.  
Pride and arrogance and the way of evil  
and perverted speech I hate.

<sup>14</sup>I have counsel and sound wisdom;  
I have insight; I have strength.

<sup>15</sup>By me kings reign,  
and rulers decree what is just;



<sup>16</sup>by me princes rule,  
and nobles, all who govern justly.  
<sup>17</sup>I love those who love me,  
and those who seek me diligently find me.  
<sup>18</sup>Riches and honor are with me,  
enduring wealth and righteousness.  
<sup>19</sup>My fruit is better than gold, even fine gold,  
and my yield than choice silver.  
<sup>20</sup>I walk in the way of righteousness,  
in the paths of justice,  
<sup>21</sup>granting an inheritance to those who love me,  
and filling their treasuries.  
<sup>22</sup>"The LORD possessed me at the beginning of his work,  
the first of his acts of old."

- P** The Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

## Gradual

*Psalm 44:7-8*

*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.*

## Epistle

*Philippians 3:17-21*

<sup>17</sup>Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. <sup>18</sup>For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. <sup>19</sup>Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. <sup>20</sup>But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus

Christ, <sup>21</sup>who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

- 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

Matthew 22:15-22

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-second chapter.



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

<sup>15</sup>Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle [Jesus] in his talk. <sup>16</sup>And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone's opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances. <sup>17</sup>Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?" <sup>18</sup>But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? <sup>19</sup>Show me the coin for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. <sup>20</sup>And Jesus said to them, "Whose likeness and inscription is this?" <sup>21</sup>They said, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." <sup>22</sup>When they heard it, they marveled. And they left him and went away.

**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**

**714 Who Trusts in God a Strong Abode**



1	Who	trusts	in	God	A	strong	a -	bode	In	heav'n	and
2	Though	Sa -	tan's	wrath	Be -	set	our	path	And	world -	ly
3	In	all	the	strife	Of	mor -	tal	life	Our	feet	will

earth pos - sess - es; Who looks in  
 scorn as - sail us, While You are  
 stand se - cure - ly; Temp - ta - tion's

love To Christ a - bove, No fear that heart op -  
 near, We shall not fear; Your strength will nev - er  
 hour Will lose its pow'r, For You will guard us

press - es. In You a - lone, Dear Lord, we own Sweet  
 fail us. Your rod and staff Will keep us safe And  
 sure - ly. O God, re - new With heav'n - ly dew Our

hope and con - so - la - tion, Our shield from foes, Our balm for  
 guide our steps for - ev - er; Nor shades of death Nor hell be -  
 bod - y, soul, and spir - it Un - til we stand At Your right

woes, Our great and sure sal - va - tion.  
 neath Our lives from You will sev - er.  
 hand Through Je - sus' sav - ing mer - it.

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## Sermon

*Pr. von Hindenburg*

## Votum

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

**Offering** *Collected in the Narthex after service*

Offertory



**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, 'hear our prayer'.*

- P** 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, as you are able)*

For the baptized, that they would walk according to the faith they've been given, always remembering that they have been marked as those who have been redeemed by Christ the Crucified, let us pray to the Lord:

- P** For all the men called and ordained to serve Christ's flock in His stead and by His command, that they would be filled with wisdom and compassion as they carry out their duties, let us pray to the Lord:
- P** For the healing of divisions among God's people, that the Lord would curb sinful ambition, silence the desires of our sinful flesh, and grant us hearts to

be reconciled with each other in Christian love, so that all people will know we are His disciples, let us pray to the Lord:

- P** For true humility among the saints, that we may never be arrogant and prideful and thus provoke the Lord's wrath, but in all lowliness be made partakers of the gifts of His grace, let us pray to the Lord:
- P** For our national, state and local officials; all who work in government; and all who contribute to our general welfare, that God would grant them wisdom and temperance; and for our police, firefighters and all who serve in the armed forces, that they may be kept from harm and danger and that, in accordance with God's will, peace may be established in our day, let us pray to the Lord:
- P** For the sick and injured, and especially for *Alice, April, Charles, Dalton, David, Faith, Irmgard, Jamesetta, Jod, Johnathan, Katheryn, Lois, Marc, Marie, Marion and her family, Philip, Rex, Susie, and Tom*, that God would grant them comfort and healing, in accordance with His will, let us pray to the Lord:
- P** For all who partake of the Holy Eucharist this day, that in the Savior's divine body and blood they may receive forgiveness for all sins, a life that never ends and the healing of divine love, let us pray to the Lord:
- P** For the saints who have gone before us and fallen asleep in Christ, let us give thanks to the Lord; that we would encourage one another with the promise that, when Jesus returns in great glory, we shall dwell with them in His Kingdom, which has no end, 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 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--Narthex.

## 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,



bles-sed is He, bles - 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.

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the

**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*

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

**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

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.

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

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

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

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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



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

*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:*

LSB 199

**Amen, Amen and Amen.**

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

## The Dismissal

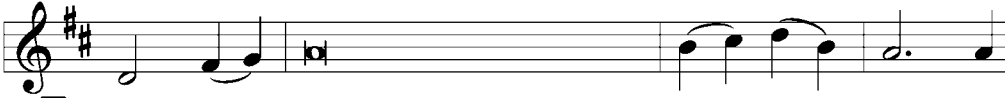
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**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

**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 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

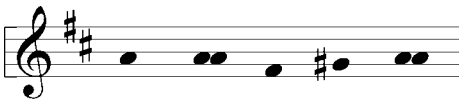
**P** Let us pray.

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



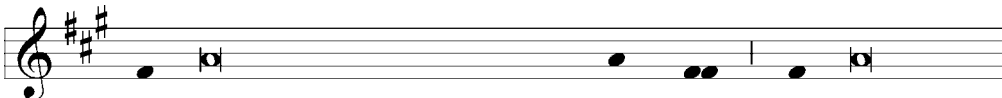
**A** Bless we the Lord.



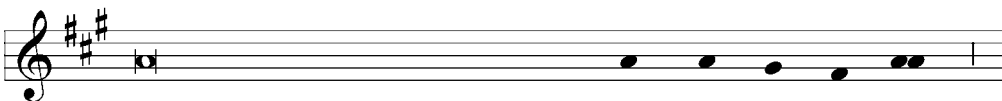
**C** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

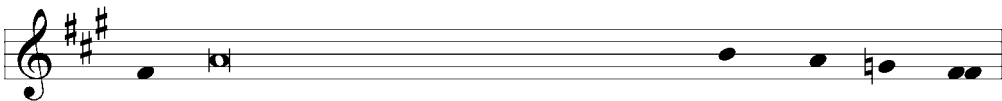
LSB 202



**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

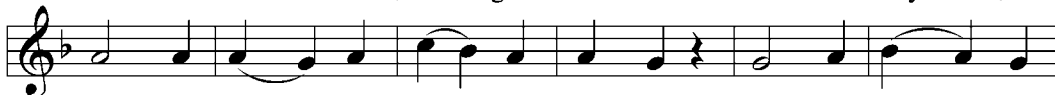
## 940 Holy God, We Praise Thy Name



1 Ho - ly God, we praise Thy name; Lord of all, we  
 2 Hark! The glad ce - les - tial hymn An - gel choirs a -  
 3 Lo, the a - pos - tles' ho - ly train Join Thy sa - cred  
 4 Thou art King of Glo - ry, Christ; Son of God, yet  
 △ 5 Ho - ly Fa - ther, ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it,



bow be - fore Thee. All on earth Thy scep - ter claim,  
 above are rais - ing; Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim,  
 name to hal - low; Proph - ets swell the glad re - frain,  
 born of Mar - y. For us sin - ners sac - ri - ficed,  
 three we name Thee; Though in es - sence on - ly one,



All in heav'n a - bove a - dore Thee. In - fi - nite Thy  
 In un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing, Fill the heav'ns with  
 And the white - robed mar - tyrs fol - low, And from morn to  
 As to death a Trib - u - tar - y, First to break the  
 Un - di - vid - ed God we claim Thee And, a - dor - ing,



vast do - main, Ev - er - last - ing is Thy reign.  
 sweet ac - cord: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!  
 set of sun Through the Church the song goes on.  
 bars of death, Thou hast o - pened heav'n to faith.  
 bend the knee While we own the mys - ter - y.

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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.*

**Before You, Lord, We Bow**

*Barbara Harbach (b. 1946)*

**Amani ya Bwana na Mungu akubariki!**

*[Swahili for] The peace of the LORD and God Bless!*

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# ✠ THIS WEEK'S NOTES ✠

## **Church Council Meeting**

Today, 15 November at 1 pm via Zoom. Check your email from Emily for details.

## **Synod Sentences for Trinity XXIII**

### *Render to God the things of God*

When confronted with the civic duty of paying taxes, our Lord Jesus, Wisdom incarnate, walked "in the way of righteousness, in the paths of justice" (Prov. 8:20) and discerned that wisdom "is better than jewels" and "better than gold, even fine gold" (Prov. 8:11, 19). When we set our minds on earthly things, such as wealth and passing glory, our "end is destruction" (Phil. 3:19). However, our humble and prudent Lord has rendered "to God the things that are God's" (Matt. 22:21), namely, perfect fear, love, and trust, as well as the complete sacrifice for our sin. In so doing, He also rendered to Caesar the things of honor and justice, submitting to the law of the land that put Him on the cross. The true "riches and honor are with [Him]," because "enduring wealth and righteousness" (Prov. 8:18) are found in our heavenly citizenship from which "we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ." He "will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself" (Phil. 3:20-21).



## **A Prayer for the Week of Trinity XXIII**

*Lord God, heavenly Father: We thank You that unto this time You have granted us peace and graciously spared us from war and foreign dominion. We pray, graciously let us continue to live in Your fear according to Your will, giving no cause for wars or other punishment; govern and direct our leaders, that they may not hinder the obedience due to You, but maintain righteousness, that we may enjoy happiness and blessing under their government; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever. Amen.*

## **A Stewardship Thought for the Week of Trinity XXIII**

*Philippians 3:19 – "Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things."* There is danger in setting our minds on earthly things, serving mammon, and caring more for our bodily comfort than our spiritual well-being. God does not tell us to be faithful and generous in our stewardship of the things of this earth to ruin our fun. Rather, He tells us to give generously to teach us how to make sure the things of this world do not lay a hold of our hearts.

## Lutherans for Life Thought for Trinity XXIII

Since God created humankind in His image, their fate belongs in His hands above Caesar's (Matthew 22:21). Life issues are more than just private or political—they are matters of the heart, to which the Gospel of Jesus Christ speaks most directly and effectively. They must remain part of the Church's conversation for the sake of people struggling with them. *Prayer: Almighty God, impart unto us ears that rejoice to hear Your whole counsel and tongues that proclaim it with courage and compassion. Amen.*

### An Excerpt from Luther's Writings

"But what does Christ do when the Pharisees so cunningly lay hold of Him? He slays them with their own words and catches them by means of their own counsel, by which they thought to catch Him, He says neither yes nor no; as the Evangelist writes and says, 'But Jesus perceived their wickedness, and said, "Why make ye trial of me, ye hypocrites? Show me the tribute money." And they brought unto him a denarius. And He saith unto them, "Whose is this image and superscription?" They say unto him, "Caesar's.'"

"Here you see the master stroke the Lord uses. He asks them to hand Him the tribute money and inquires whose image and superscription it bears. Then they answer him 'Caesar's.' He then freely concluded that they were subject to Caesar, to whom they were obligated to pay tax and tribute. As if He should say, "Have you thus permitted Caesar to come among you, so that he mints your money, and his coin is in circulation and favor among you, then he has triumphed in the game,' as if He said, 'You are to blame that Caesar is your ruler.' What should they do now in the face of this answer? They marveled and went away, they thought they would conquer Him in a masterly manner, but their wisdom and shrewdness deceived them." *From the Church Postil for the Twenty-Third Sunday after Trinity Sunday.*



### 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://tgsicms.org/community-outreach/donate/> PW: donate



### Around the Word Devotion for the Week

May be found [here](#)

# 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

**Lois:** friend of Stephanie&Marlene - stroke

**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)

**Philip:** friend of Stephanie, Marlene, & Mark – **stage 4 cancer**

**Phillip Magness:** our LCMS missionary to Francophone Africa  
**Rev. Rex Umbenhaur:** 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 Rev. Tuomo Simojoki 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.