

# THE DIVINE SERVICE

OF THE GRACE OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

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## The Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

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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. 15.

Please see more notes on the Service and for the facility below and on pgs 24ff.

***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

## 905 Come, Thou Almighty King



1 Come, Thou al - might - y King, Help us Thy  
 2 Come, Thou in - car - nate Word, Gird on Thy  
 3 Come, ho - ly Com - fort - er, Thy sa - cred  
 △ 4 To Thee, great One in Three, E - ter - nal



name to sing; Help us to praise; Fa - ther all -  
 might - y sword; Our prayer at - tend. Come and Thy  
 wit - ness bear In this glad hour! Thou, who al -  
 prais - es be Hence ev - er - more! Thy sov-'reign



glo - ri - ous, O'er all vic - to - ri - ous,  
 peo - ple bless, And give Thy Word suc - cess,  
 might - y art, Now rule in ev - 'ry heart,  
 maj - es - ty May we in glo - ry see,



Come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.  
 And let Thy righ - teous - ness On us de - scend.  
 And ne'er from us de - part, Spir - it of pow'r.  
 And to e - ter - ni - ty Love and a - dore.

Text and tune: Public domain

*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 39:4–5a, 7–8, 12; antiphon: 2 Peter 3:13 NIV*

In keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a | new earth,\*  
the home of | righteousness.

O LORD, make me know my end and what is the measure  
| of my days;\*

let me know how fleeting | I am!

Behold, you have made my days a few | handbreadths,\*

and my lifetime is as nothing be- | fore you.

And now, O Lord, for what | do I wait?\*

My hope | is in you.

Deliver me from all my trans- | gressions.\*

Do not make me the scorn | of the fool!

Hear my prayer, O LORD, and give ear to my cry; hold not  
your peace | at my tears!\*

For I am a sojourner with you, a guest, like all my | fathers.



### 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

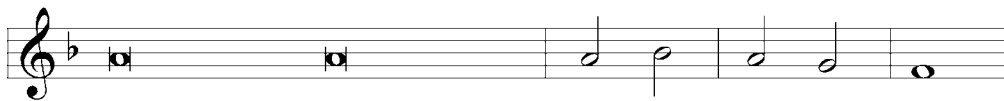
LSB 187



**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;



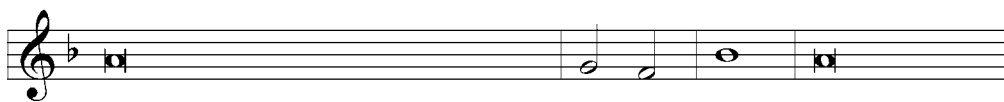
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



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



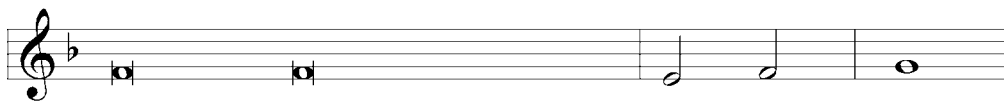
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



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

*Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24*

<sup>11</sup>“For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. <sup>12</sup>As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. <sup>13</sup>And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the

country. <sup>14</sup>I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. <sup>15</sup>I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD. <sup>16</sup>I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice. . . .

I will seek  
that which was lost...  
bring again  
that which was driven away...  
will bind up  
that which was wounded...  
will strengthen  
that which was discouraged...

<sup>20</sup>"Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: Behold, I, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. <sup>21</sup>Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad, <sup>22</sup>I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. <sup>23</sup>And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. <sup>24</sup>And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the LORD; I have spoken."

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

**Gradual**

*Psalm 45:14-15*

*In many-colored robes [the king's daughter] is led | to the king,\*  
with her virgin companions following be- | hind her.  
With joy and gladness they are | led along\*  
as they enter the palace | of the king.*





<sup>20</sup>But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. <sup>21</sup>For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. <sup>22</sup>For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. <sup>23</sup>But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. <sup>24</sup>Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. <sup>25</sup>For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. <sup>26</sup>The last enemy to be destroyed is death. <sup>27</sup>For "God has put all things in subjection under his feet." But when it says, "all things are put in subjection," it is plain that he is excepted who put all things in subjection under him. <sup>28</sup>When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things in subjection under him, that God may be all in all.



- 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 25:31-46*

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

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



<sup>31</sup>[Jesus said:] “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. <sup>32</sup>Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. <sup>33</sup>And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. <sup>34</sup>Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. <sup>35</sup>For I was

hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, <sup>36</sup>I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.’ <sup>37</sup>Then the righteous will answer him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? <sup>38</sup>And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? <sup>39</sup>And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?’ <sup>40</sup>And the King will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.’

<sup>41</sup>“Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. <sup>42</sup>For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, <sup>43</sup>I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ <sup>44</sup>Then they also will answer, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?’ <sup>45</sup>Then he will answer them, saying, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ <sup>46</sup>And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

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



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

## 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

## 516 Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying



1 "Wake, a - wake, for night is fly - ing," The watch - men on the  
 2 Zi - on hears the watch - men sing - ing, And all her heart with  
 3 Now let all the heav'ns a - dore Thee, Let saints and an - gels



heights are cry - ing; "A - wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, a - rise!"  
 joy is spring - ing; She wakes, she ris - es from her gloom.  
 sing be - fore Thee With harp and cym - bals' clear - est tone.



Mid - night hears the wel - come voic - es And at the thrill - ing  
 For her Lord comes down all - glo - rious, The strong in grace, in  
 Of one pearl each shin - ing por - tal, Where, join - ing with the



cry re - joic - es: "Oh, where are ye, ye vir - gins wise?  
 truth vic - to - rious; Her star is ris'n, her light is come.  
 choir im - mor - tal, We gath - er round Thy ra - diant throne.



The Bride - groom comes, a - wake! Your lamps with glad - ness take!  
 Now come, Thou Bless - ed One, Lord Je - sus, God's own Son,  
 No eye has seen the light, No ear has heard the might



Al - le - lu - ia! With brid - al care Your - selves pre - pare  
 Hail! Ho - san - na! We en - ter all The wed - ding hall  
 Of Thy glo - ry; There - fore will we E - ter - nal - ly



To meet the Bride - groom, who is near."  
 To eat the Sup - per at Thy call.  
 Sing hymns of praise and joy to Thee!

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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 *Collected in the Narthex after the Service**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, '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)*

Almighty and eternal God, worthy to be held in reverence by all people everywhere, we give You humble and sincere thanks for the innumerable blessings that You have bestowed on us without any merit or worthiness on our part. We praise You especially for preserving for us Your saving Word and Holy Sacraments. Grant and preserve to Your Holy Church throughout the world purity of doctrine, and provide faithful pastors to preach Your Word with power. Help all who hear the Word rightly to understand and truly to believe it. Send laborers into Your harvest, and open the door of faith to those who do not know You. Lord, in Your mercy,

**P** Heavenly Father, in mercy bring to repentance the enemies of Your Church, and grant them amendment of life. Protect and defend Your Church in all tribulation and danger, and sustain with Your Spirit our brothers and sisters in Christ around the world who experience persecution. Strengthen us and all fellow Christians to set our hope fully on the grace revealed in Christ, and help us to fight the good fight of faith, that in the end we may receive the salvation of our souls. Lord, in Your mercy,

**P** Loving God, bestow Your grace on all nations of the earth. Bless especially our country, its inhabitants and all who are in authority. Guard and protect our president, Donald, and guide and protect our president-elect, Joseph. Let Your glory dwell in our land, that mercy and truth, righteousness and peace may abound in all places. Bless also all who serve in our armed forces, that they may serve with integrity and honor. Lord, in Your mercy,

**P** Compassionate Lord, graciously defend us from all calamity by fire and water, from war and pestilence, from scarcity and famine, and from every other evil. Protect and prosper all who labor in their rightful callings, and let all useful arts flourish among us. Be the God and Father of the lonely and the forsaken, the helper of the sick and needy, the comforter of the distressed and those who sorrow. Look with mercy especially upon those who have requested our prayers, *including Abai, Alice, April, Charles, Charlotte, Cynthia, Dalton, David, Debra, Faith, Irmgard, James, Jamesetta, Jod, Johnathan, Karen, Katheryn, Lois, Lucy, Lynette, Marc, Marie, Marion and her family, Martin, Philip, Rex, Rodgers, Royce, Susan, Susie, and Tom*, that they may ever cling to Jesus as their sure and certain hope. Lord, in Your mercy,

**P** Grant Your Holy Spirit to those who come to the Lord's table this day, that they may receive the very body and blood of Jesus Christ in sincere repentance and firm faith, and to their abundant blessing. Lord, in Your mercy,

**P** Father, as we are strangers and pilgrims on earth, help us by true faith and a godly life to prepare for the world to come, doing the work You have given us

to do while it is day, before the night comes when no one can work. And when our last hour comes, support us by Your power and receive us into Your heavenly Kingdom; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**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.

### Preface

*LSB 194*



**P** The Lord be with you.



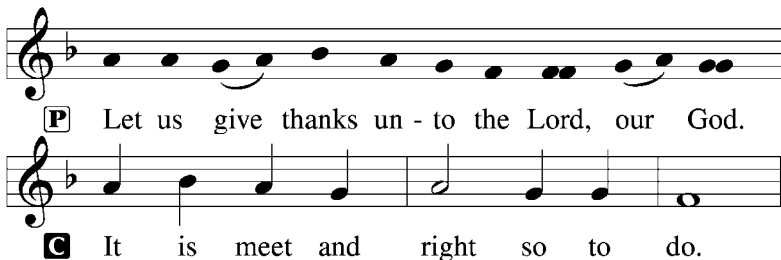
**C** And with thy spir - it.



**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



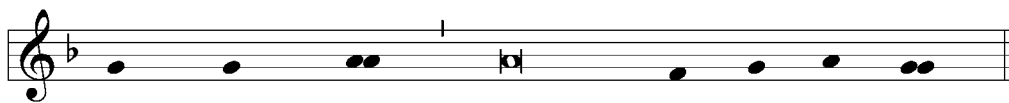
is in heav - en; give us this day our dai - ly bread;



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  $\text{✠}$  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  $\text{✠}$  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*

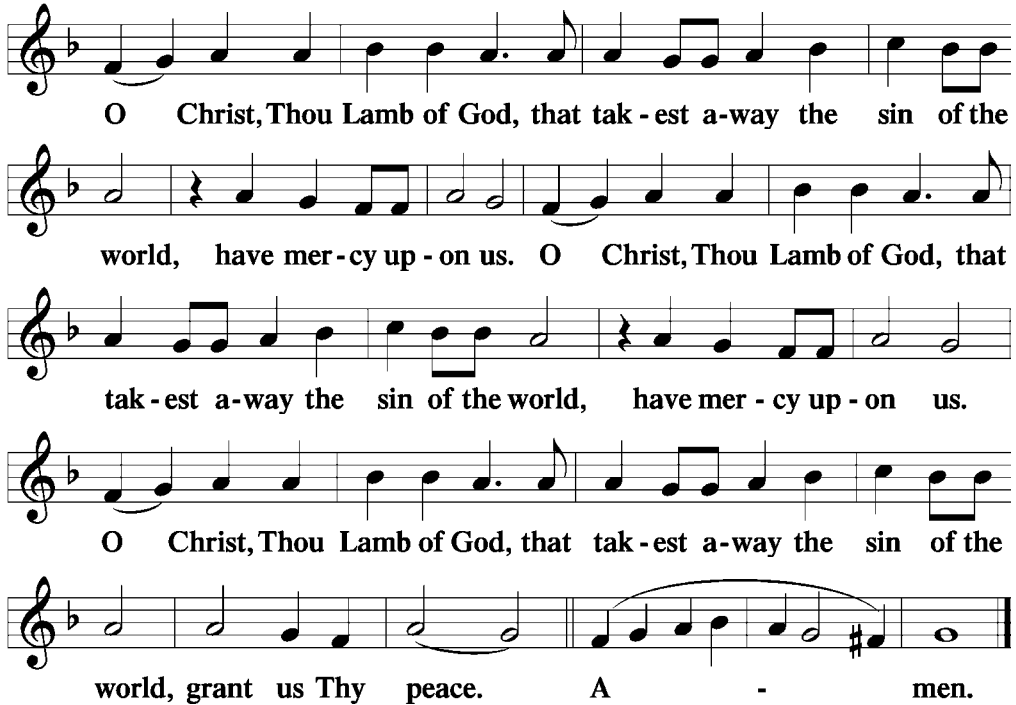
**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.

**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:*

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**Amen, Amen and Amen.**

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

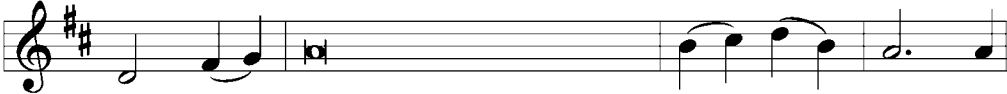
## The Dismissal

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



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



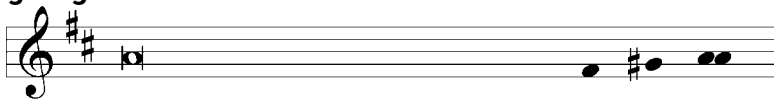
to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,



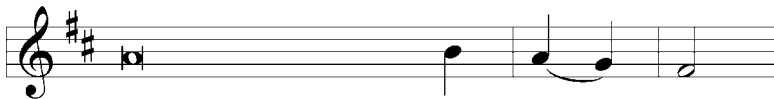
is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

## 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

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**P** The Lord be with you.



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

## Benedicamus

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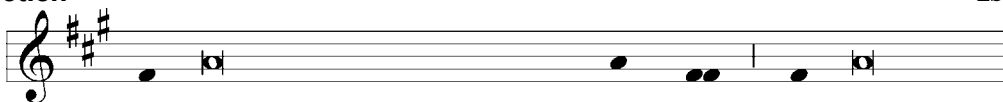
**A** Bless we the Lord.



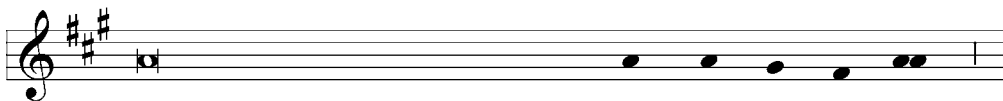
**C** Thanks be to God.

### Benediction

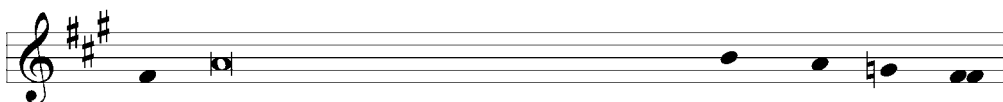
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**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



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.



*Sit*

### Hymn to Depart

### [337 The Night Will Soon Be Ending](#)



1 The night will soon be end - ing; The dawn can -  
2 The One whom an - gels tend - ed Comes near, a  
3 The earth in sure ro - ta - tion Will soon bring  
4 Yet nights will bring their sad - ness And rob our  
5 God dwells with us in dark - ness And makes the



not be far. Let songs of praise ascend - ing Now  
 child, to serve; Thus God, the judge of - fend - ed, Bears  
 morn - ing bright, So run where God's sal - va - tion Glows  
 hearts of peace, And sin in all its mad - ness A -  
 night as day; Yet we re - sist the bright - ness And



greet the Morn - ing Star! All you whom dark - ness  
 all our sins de - serve. The guilt - y need not  
 in a sta - ble's light. As old as sin's per -  
 round us may in - crease. But now one Star is  
 turn from God a - way. But grace does not for -



fright - ens With guilt or grief or pain, God's ra - dant  
 cow - er, For God has rec - on - ciled Through His re -  
 ver - sion Is mer - cy's vast de - sign: God brings a  
 beam - ing Whose rays have pierced the night: God comes for  
 sake us, How - ev - er far we run. God claims us



Star now bright - ens And bids you sing a - gain.  
 demp - tive pow - er All those who trust this child.  
 new cre - a - tion—This child its seal and sign.  
 our re - deem - ing From sin's op - pres - sive might.  
 still as chil - dren Through Mar - y's in - fant Son.

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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.*

**We All Believe in One True God BWV 680**

*J.S. Bach (1685-1750)*

**Amani ya Bwana na Mungu akubariki!**  
 [Swahili for] The peace of the Lord and God bless you!

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## ✠ THIS WEEK'S NOTES ✠

### **Voters' Assembly Meeting**

Plan to attend the Voters' Assembly Meeting on Sunday, 13 December, after Service.  
Watch your email for more details.

### **Synod Sentences for Last Sunday**

#### ***By the Cross of Christ, We Enter the Kingdom of Our God and Father***

When the crucified and risen Lord Jesus comes to judge the living and the dead, *"he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats"* (Matt. 25:32). *"To those on his right,"* who have been crucified and raised with Him through repentance and faith in His Gospel, He will grant the blessed kingdom of His Father (Matt. 25:34). Having been justified by His grace, they live unto righteousness in Him (Matt. 25:35–40). But *"those on his left,"* who trust in themselves and despise their neighbor, will depart *"into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels"* (Matt. 25:41). Until that day, the Lord searches for His sheep *"as a shepherd seeks out his flock"* (Ezek. 34:11–12). Through His preaching of repentance, He disciplines the proud sheep and goats,

*"the fat and the strong,"* but through the preaching of forgiveness He rescues the lost, binds up the injured, strengthens the weak and feeds *"the lean sheep"* (Ezek. 34:16, 20). In this way, He destroys the power of death in the children of Adam by His cross, so that *"in Christ shall all be made alive"* by His resurrection (1 Cor. 15:20–26).



### **A Prayer for the Week of Last Sunday**

*Lord God, heavenly Father, make us watchful and heedful in awaiting the coming of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, that when He shall stand at the door and knock, He may find us not sleeping in carelessness and sin, but awake and rejoicing in His appearance; through the same, Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever. Amen.*

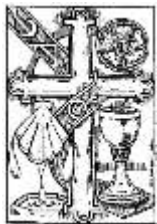




## Lutherans for Life Thought for Last Sunday



“As you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me” (Matthew 25:40). Jesus has consecrated your life in His incarnation and crucifixion. And in the same way He has sanctified every human life, no matter what age, appearance, or ability. When we behold our unborn neighbors, when we care for incapacitated ones, when we advocate for embryos or elderly, we encounter God.



## A Stewardship Thought for the Week of Last Sunday

**Matthew 25:44 – “Then they also will answer, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?’ ”** With this parable Jesus once again emphasizes that our good works come from who we are, not the other way around. Sheep do sheep works, and goats do goat works. So, first things first. If we want to live more faithfully, let us come to Jesus, receive His gifts, and ask him to increase our faith.

## An Excerpt from Luther’s Writings



“Faith has nothing of its own, but only Christ’s works and life. The works do have something special from you, but they should also not be your own, but belong to your neighbor. Therefore, you see that the Gospel is not properly a book of laws and commands which demand our activity from us, but a book of divine promises in which He promises, offers, and gives to us all His blessings and benefits in Christ. That Christ and the apostles gave much good instruction and explained the Law is to be counted among the benefits as a second work of Christ, for correct teaching is not the least benefit. Therefore, we also see that He does not dreadfully force and drive us, as Moses does in his book and as is the nature of a command. Christ teaches us in a pleasing and kind way, and only tells us what to do and not to do, and what will happen to evildoers and benefactors. He drives and compels no one. He teaches in such a tender way that He entices us more than commands us as He begins to say: “Blessed are the poor...Blessed are the meek,” etc. [Matt. 5:3, 5]. The apostles commonly use the words “I admonish,” “I ask,” “I implore,” etc. But Moses says, “I command,” “I forbid,” and then threatens and frightens with dreadful punishments and torments. With this instruction, you can read and listen to the Gospels beneficially.” *Dr. Martin Luther’s Werke WA 10.1.1 S. 12/13 (translation used: Luther’s Works, American Edition, vol. 75, p. 9/10).*

## 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://tgsclcms.org/community-outreach/donate/) / <https://tgsclcms.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!

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.

