THE DIVINE SERVICE

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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.

<u>Welcome to weekly Divine Service at The Good Shepherd Lutheran Church</u>! 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. 12 Please see more notes on the Service and for the facility below and on pgs 21 ff

PLEASE: Upon entering the nave, <u>silence</u> 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.

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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

Cover Photo:

Saint John the Baptist in Prison visited by Salome (1624/1626)

Artist:

Guercino (1591-1666)

Confession and Absolution

347 Comfort, Comfort Ye My People Hymn "Com - fort, com - fort ye My peo - ple, Speak ye peace," thus Blot -2 Yea, her sins our God will par - don, ting out each her - ald's 3 Hark, the voice is cry - ing In the des - ert Make ye straight what 4 Make long was crook - ed; the rough - er "Com-fort those who sit saith our God: in dark-ness. Mourn-ing dark mis-deed; All that well de-served His an - ger He no far and near. Call - ing sin - ners to re - pen-tance. Since the plac - es plain. Let your hearts be and hum - ble, true As be -'neath their sor - rows' load. Speak ye Je - ru - sa - lem to will heed. She hath suf - fered man - y a day, more see or dom that warn - ing King now is here. O cry o - bey! fits His ho reign. For the glo - ry of the Lord ly Of waits Tell the peace that for them; her that her Now have passed her griefs a - way; God will change her Now pre - pare for God way; Let the val leys all Now o'er earth is shed And flesh shall a - broad, war - fare sins Ι cov - er And her now is er - spring - ing glad - ness. pin - ing sad - ness In to ev to greet Him. to meet Him And the hills bow down rise see the to - ken That His Word is nev - er bro - ken. Tune and text: Public domain

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

Invocation

- 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,
- who made heaven and earth.
- P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Kneel/Stand

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

Confession of Sins

- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- 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

Rejoice in the Lord | always;*

again I will | say, Rejoice.

Let your reasonableness be known to | everyone.* The Lord | is at hand.

LORD, you were favorable | to your land;* you restored the fortunes of | Jacob.

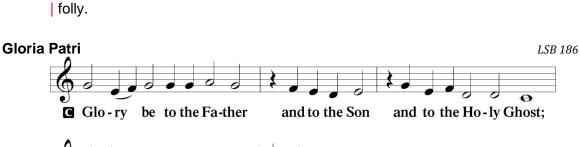
You forgave the iniquity of your | people;* you covered | all their sin.

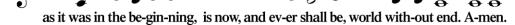
Will you not revive | us again,*

that your people may re- | joice in you?

Let me hear what God the | LORD will speak,*

for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints; but let them not turn back to folly.







Salutation and Collect of the Day

P Let us pray.



P Lord Jesus Christ, we implore You to hear our prayers and to lighten the darkness of our hearts by Your gracious visitation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

Old Testament Reading

¹Comfort, comfort my people, says your

¹Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.

²Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her

that her warfare is ended,

that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the LORD's hand

double for all her sins.

³A voice cries:

"In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD;

make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

⁴Every valley shall be lifted up,



Isaiah 40:1-11

and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain.

54 nd the glary of the LORD shall be revealed.

⁵And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

⁶A voice says, "Cry!"
And I said, "What shall I cry?"
All flesh is grass,

and all its beauty is like the flower of the field.
⁷The grass withers, the flower fades when the breath of the LORD blows on it; surely the people are grass.

⁸The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.





⁹Get you up to a high mountain,
O Zion, herald of good news;
lift up your voice with strength,
O Jerusalem, herald of good news;
lift it up, fear not;
say to the cities of Judah,
"Behold your God!"
¹⁰Behold, the Lord GOD comes with might,
and his arm rules for him:

and his arm rules for him; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him.

¹¹He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms;

he will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.

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

Gradual Psalm 80:1–2

You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, | shine forth.*
Stir up your might and come to | save us!
Give ear, O Shepherd of | Israel,*
you who lead Joseph | like a flock!

Epistle 1 Corinthians 4:1–5

¹This is how one should regard us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. ²Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found trustworthy. ³But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged by you or by any human court. In fact, I do not even judge myself. ⁴I am not aware of anything against myself, but I am not thereby acquitted. It is the Lord who judges me. ⁵Therefore do not pronounce judgment before the time, before the Lord comes, who will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Then each one will receive his commendation from God.

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

Stand





Matthew 11:2-11

²When John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples ³and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or

shall we look for another?" ⁴And Jesus answered them,

"Go and tell John what you hear and see: 5the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them. 6And blessed is the one who is not offended by me."

7As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? 8What

then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing?

Behold, those who wear soft clothing are in kings' houses. ⁹What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ¹⁰This is he of whom it is written.

"Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way before you."

¹¹Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has arisen no one greater than John the Baptist. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

P The Gospel of the Lord.



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.

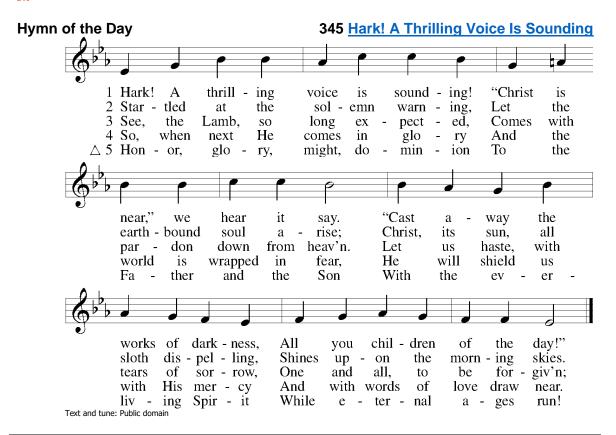
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,

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



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.



Prayer of the Church

Response to petitions is, "hear our prayer".

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 prayer, as you are able.)

- O Lord, You have been favorable to Your people and restored the fortunes of Your Church by the coming of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Fill us with rejoicing at all times and give reasonableness to our words and deeds, that all may recognize our Christian confidence in Your advent. Lord, in Your mercy,
- O Almighty God, through Your Son, You bring to light the things hidden in darkness and disclose the purposes of the heart. Give Your Church faithful stewards of Your mysteries, servants of Christ who are trustworthy to proclaim You alone as Lord and Judge. Tend Your flock by Your Word and Spirit, that Your lambs may be gathered into Your arms and gently led to eternal life. Lord, in Your mercy,
- P Heavenly Father, be the source of strength and comfort in every home. Bless the children of our families, that every darkness would be lightened by Your

- Son's gracious visitation. Preserve them from dangers to body and soul, guide them by Your Word in wise paths, and keep them firm in the faith till life's end. Lord, in Your mercy,
- P God of all comfort, Your Word alone endures forever. The nations of the world come and go before You, even kings and rulers are like grass before Your breath. Preserve us from placing our trust in princes and mortal men. Give us rulers who will rule after Your good pleasure, keeping order and protecting life, that we may live peaceably in godly quietness and honesty. Lord, in Your mercy,
- P Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, to our prayers especially for Abai, Alice, April, Charles, Charlotte, Cynthia, Dalton, David, Debra, Faith, Irmgard, James, Jamesetta, Jod, Johnathan, Karen, Katheryn, Lucy, Lynette, Marie, Marion and her family, Martin, Rex, Rogers, Royce, Susan, and Susie; for those who mourn, especially Carmen. Give healing, courage, and perseverance to all who cry to You, that they may find comfort in Your enduring Word and the certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life with Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,
- P Blessed, O Lord, is everyone who is not offended by Your Christ. Give us faith to believe Your blessed testament, seek Your Holy Supper for the forgiveness of our sins, and confess Your truth with honest hearts in communion with one another at this altar today. Lord, in Your mercy,
- Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, 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.

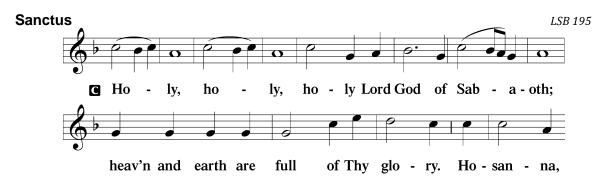
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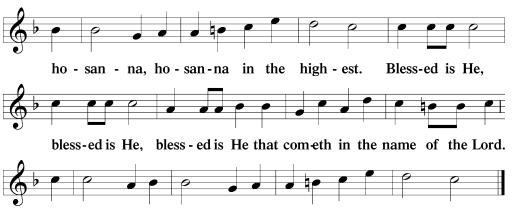


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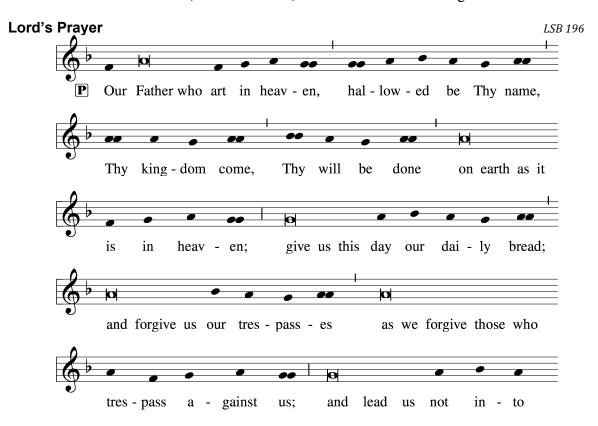
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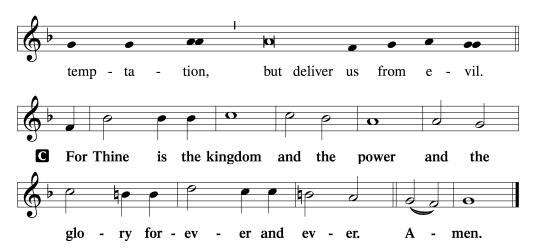
P It is truly meet, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:

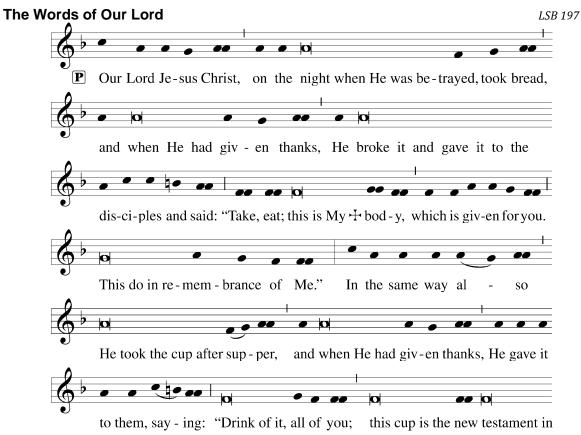


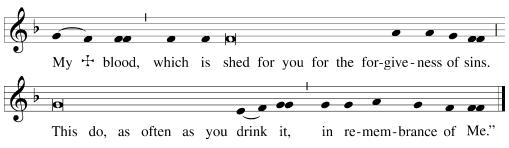


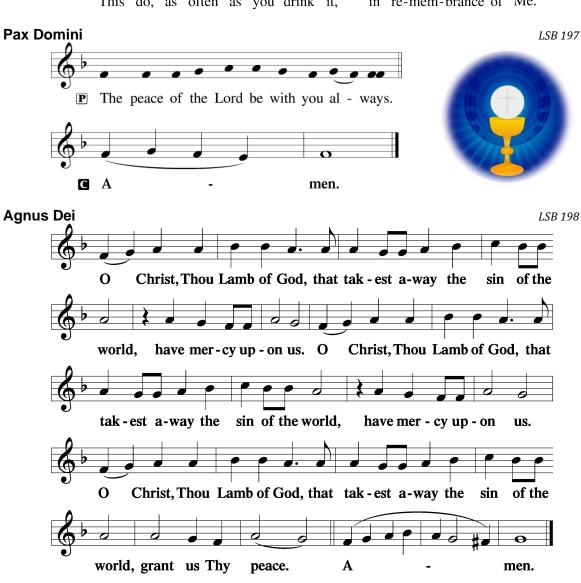
Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.











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

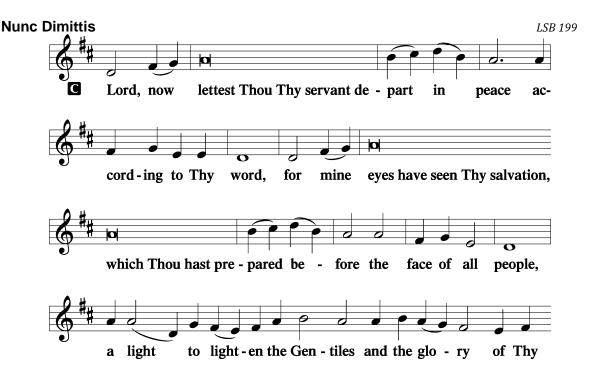
Amen, Amen and Amen.

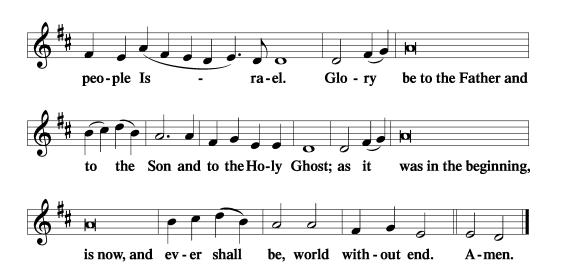
When all have communed, you will be invited to stand, and the following is said:

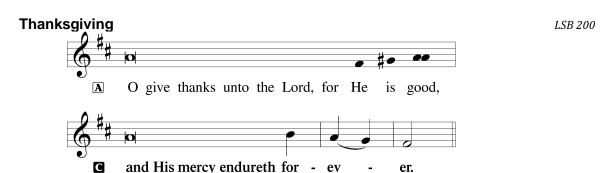
The Dismissal

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

 → in peace.
- Amen.







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.



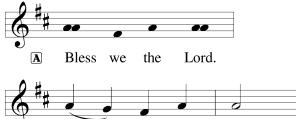
Salutation LSB 201



P The Lord be with you.



Benedicamus LSB 202



Thanks be to God.



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



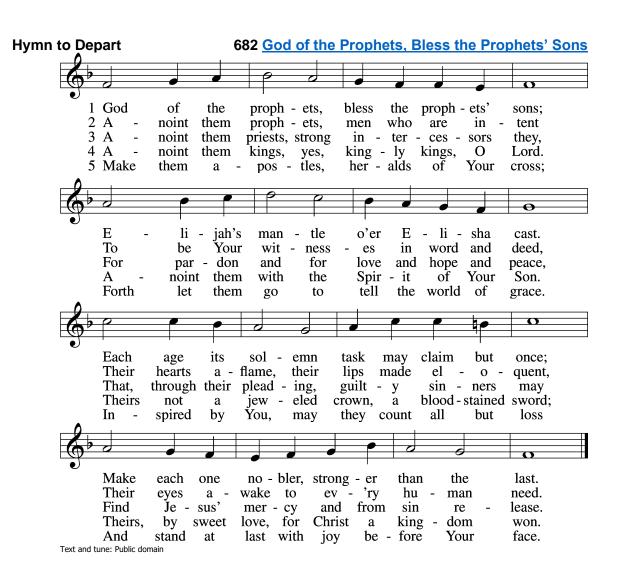
His face shine upon you and be gra-cious un - to you.



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



Sit



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 are outside the building for conversations.

God of the Prophets, Bless the Prophet's Son

Flor Peeters (1903-1986)

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

Please join us after service today for the Voter's Assembly.

Following the Voter's Assembly, let us gather to decorate for Christmas!

Synod Sentences for the Third Sunday in Advent

John the Baptizer Prepares the Way for the Lord

The voice of the Baptizer cried out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord . . ."

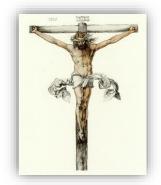
(Isa. 40:1). John called the people to be made ready for the Messiah's coming through repentance, for "all flesh is grass" (Isa. 40:6). Now He asks from prison, "Are you the one who is to come . . .?" (Matt. 11:2). Jesus' works bear witness that He is. The sick are made well; the dead are raised, and the poor have the Gospel preached to them. Their iniquity is pardoned; they have received from the Lord's hand double forgiveness for all their sins. The "stewards of the mysteries of God" (1 Cor. 4:1) still deliver Christ's overflowing

forgiveness to the poor in spirit, comforting God's people with the word of the Gospel which stands forever. This Gospel produces rejoicing among all those who believe.

A Prayer for the Third Week in Advent

Lord God, heavenly Father, You gave Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, to become Man and to come into the world that He might destroy the works of the devil, deliver

us poor offenders from sin and death, and give us everlasting life: We beseech You so to rule and govern our hearts by Your Holy Spirit that we may seek no other refuge than His Word, and thus avoid the sin to which we are by nature inclined, in order that we may always be found among the faithful followers of Your Son, Jesus Christ, and by faith in Him obtain eternal salvation; 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.



<u>Lutherans for Life Thought for the Third Sunday in Advent</u>

"Speak tenderly" in Isaiah 40:1-2 is literally "speak to the heart." More than nice-sounding words, all of the Good News encapsulated in the first and second coming of Jesus speaks powerfully to those with struggling and burdened hearts. The life issues give us opportunity to speak this Good News to matters of the heart, especially those considered "controversial" and "divisive." *Prayer: Thank You for touching our hearts with the Good News! Help us share it with all who deal with matters of the heart. Amen.*

An Excerpt from Luther's Writings

"Christ answered John...in a twofold way...Here Christ first points them to the works, and then also to the words saying 'And blessed is he, whosoever shall find no occasion of stumbling in me.' With these words He does not only confess that He is the Christ, but also warns them against finding occasion of stumbling in Him.... For one can dispense with all the saints, but Christ is the only One that no man can dispense with." From the Church Postil for Gaudete.



A Stewardship Thought for the Third Sunday in Advent

1 Corinthians 4:2 – "Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found faithful." A steward manages the property of the owner for the owner's purposes. We are stewards of all that God has given us. So, we are called to use all that we are and all that we have for God's purposes. How do we know what these are? Consider your vocations – your callings from God in the home, in the Church, and in society. What are the roles God has called you to play? And how should you be using the gifts He's given you to fulfill those roles?

Thank You for Your Offerings - Ways to Give

In Person: Drop in Plate in Narthex on Sundays
By Mail: Send to Church Office

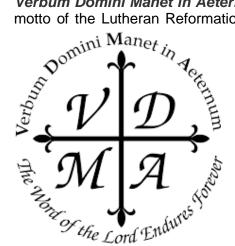
Online: Here / https://tgslcms.org/community-outreach/donate/ PW: donate

Around the Word Devotion for the Week

May be found here



Verbum Domini Manet in Aeternum (The Word of the Lord Endures Forever) is the motto of the Lutheran Reformation, a confident expression of the enduring power and



authority of God's Word. The motto is based on 1 Peter 1:24–25. It first appeared in the court of Frederick the Wise in 1522. He had it sewn onto the right sleeve of the court's official clothing, which was worn by prince and servant alike. It was used by Frederick's successors, his brother John the Steadfast, and his nephew John Frederick the Magnanimous. It became the official motto of the Smalcaldic League and was used on flags, banners, swords, and uniforms as a symbol of the unity of the Lutheran laity who struggled to defend their beliefs, communities, families, and lives against those who were intent on destroying them. It was found inscribed inside churches, over doorways,

on foundation stones, even on horse's helmets! The VDMA logo and statement has appeared throughout Lutheran churches worldwide and remains an enduring motto of the Reformation to this day. **Source**

The Latin phrase "GAUDETE" is taken from the Introit and translates to: "Rejoice!"

It is tradition that the candle, which is lit during the third week of Advent, is pink. The pink is meant to represent Joy!

Schedule for Upcoming Midweek Advent Services

Wednesday Vespers at 7pm
December 16th

<u>Schedule for Christmas Services</u>

<u>Christmas Eve – Thursday, 24 December</u> Service of Lessons and Carols beginning with Organ Recital at 3:30pm

<u>Christmas Day – Friday, 25 December</u> Divine Service at 10am

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

 $\label{eq:cynthia} \textbf{Cynthia} - \text{our TGSLC shut-i} \textbf{n}$

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 Support - 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

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 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

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 Church Office know.