

+THE DIVINE SERVICE+  
OF THE GRACE OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST  
THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD + 10 JANUARY 2021

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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. 13

Please see more notes on the Service and for the facility below and on pgs 21ff

**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.

Cover Art: ***“The Baptism of Jesus”***

Artist: Paul Oman

# Confession and Absolution

## Hymn of Invocation

## 427 In the Cross of Christ I Glory



1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, Tow'r - ing  
 2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, Hopes de -  
 3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing Light and  
 4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure By the



o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of sa - cred  
 ceive, and fears an - noy, Nev - er shall the cross for -  
 love up - on my way, From the cross the ra - diance  
 cross are sanc - ti - fied; Peace is there that knows no



sto - ry Gath - ers round its head sub - lime.  
 sake me; Lo, it glows with peace and joy.  
 stream - ing Adds more lus - ter the day.  
 mea - sure, Joys that through all time a - bide.

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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  $\text{✝}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

*Stand*

## Service of the Word

### Introit

*Psalm 89:1, 26–28; antiphon: Liturgical Text; Psalm 89:20*

Behold the Lord, the rul- | er, has come,\*  
and the kingdom and the power and the glory are | in his hand.  
I have found David, my | servant;\*  
with my holy oil I have a- | nointed him.  
*I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, for- | ever;\**  
*with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all gener- | ations.*  
*He shall cry to me, “You are my | Father,\**  
*my God, and the Rock of my sal- | vation.”*  
*And I will make him the | firstborn,\**  
*the highest of the kings | of the earth.*  
*My steadfast love I will keep for him for- | ever,\**  
*and my covenant will stand | firm for him.*

### Gloria Patri

LSB 186



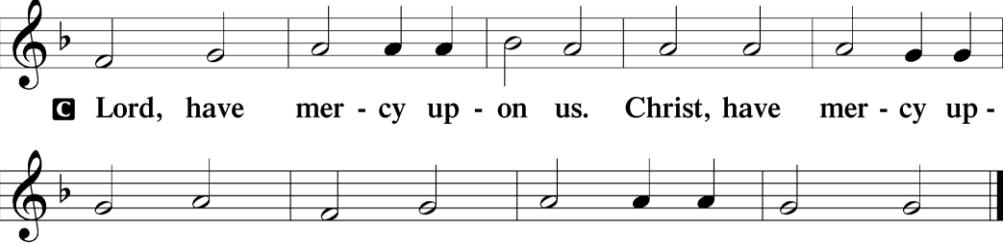
**C** Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;



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

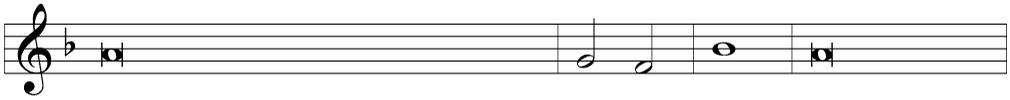
LSB 187



**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.



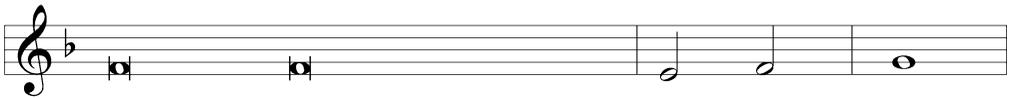
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



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** Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized in His name faithful in their calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

## Old Testament Reading

*Joshua 3:1-3, 7-8, 13-17*

<sup>1</sup>Then Joshua rose early in the morning and they set out from Shittim. And they came to the Jordan, he and all the people of Israel, and lodged there before they passed over. <sup>2</sup>At the end of three days the officers went through the camp <sup>3</sup>and commanded the people, “As soon as you see the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God being carried by the Levitical priests, then you shall set out from your place and follow it. . . .

<sup>7</sup>The LORD said to Joshua, “Today I will begin to exalt you in the sight of all Israel, that they may know that, as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. <sup>8</sup>And as for you, command the priests who bear the ark of the covenant, ‘When you come to the brink of the waters of the Jordan, you shall stand still in the Jordan.’” . . .

<sup>13</sup>“And when the soles of the feet of the priests bearing the ark of the LORD, the Lord of all the earth, shall rest in the waters of the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan shall be cut off from flowing, and the waters coming down from above shall stand in one heap.”

<sup>14</sup>So when the people set out from their tents to pass over the Jordan with the priests bearing the ark of the covenant before the people, <sup>15</sup>and as soon as those bearing the ark had come as far as the Jordan, and the feet of the priests bearing



the ark were dipped in the brink of the water (now the Jordan overflows all its banks throughout the time of harvest), <sup>16</sup>the waters coming down from above stood and rose up in a heap very far away, at Adam, the city that is beside Zarethan, and those flowing down toward the Sea of the Arabah, the Salt Sea, were completely cut off. And the people passed over opposite Jericho. <sup>17</sup>Now the priests bearing the ark of the covenant of the LORD stood

firmly on dry ground in the midst of the Jordan, and all Israel was passing over on dry ground until all the nation finished passing over the Jordan.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Gradual

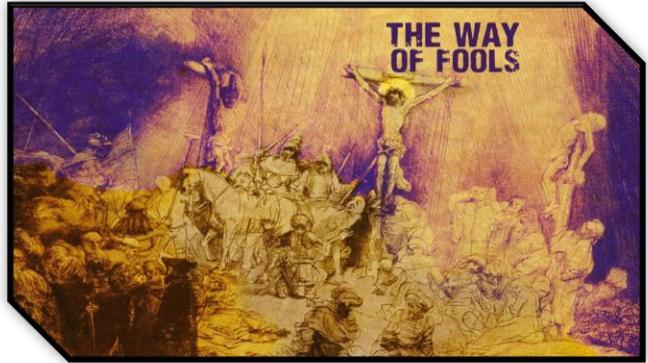
Psalm 72:18–19

*Blessèd be the LORD, the God of | Israel,\*  
who alone does | wondrous things.  
Blessèd be his glorious name for- | ever;\*  
may the whole earth be filled with his glory! Amen and | Amen!*

## Epistle

1 Corinthians 1:26–31

<sup>26</sup>For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. <sup>27</sup>But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; <sup>28</sup>God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, <sup>29</sup>so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. <sup>30</sup>He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption.



<sup>31</sup>Therefore, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

- P** This is 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 3:13–17

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the third chapter.



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

<sup>13</sup>Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him.  
<sup>14</sup>John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?"  
<sup>15</sup>But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness."  
 Then he consented. <sup>16</sup>And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; <sup>17</sup>and behold, a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."



**P** This is 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.

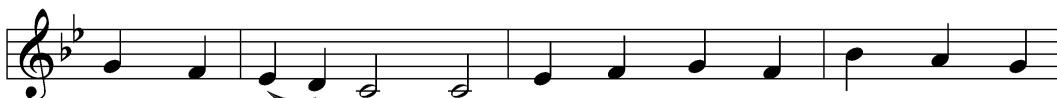
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Hymn of the Day

406 [To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord](#)



1 To Jor - dan came the Christ, our Lord, To do His  
2 O hear and mark the mes - sage well, For God Him -  
3 These truths on Jor - dan's banks were shown By might - y  
4 There stood the Son of God in love, His grace to



Fa - ther's plea - sure; Bap - tized by John, the Fa - ther's Word  
self has spo - ken. Let faith, not doubt, a - mong us dwell  
word and won - der. The Fa - ther's voice from heav'n came down,  
us ex - tend - ing; The Ho - ly Spir - it like a dove



Was giv - en us to trea - sure. This heav'n - ly wash - ing  
And so re - ceive this to - ken. Our Lord here with His  
Which we do well to pon - der: "This man is My be -  
Up - on the scene de - scend - ing; The tri - une God as -



now shall be A cleans - ing from trans - gres - sion  
Word en - dows Pure wa - ter, free - ly flow - ing.  
lov - ed Son, In whom My heart has plea - sure.  
sur - ing us, With prom - is - es com - pel - ling,



And by His blood and ag - o - ny Re - lease from death's  
 God's Ho - ly Spir - it here a - vows Our kin - ship while  
 Him you must hear, and Him a - lone, And trust in full -  
 That in our Bap - tism He will thus A - mong us find



op-pres - sion. A new life now a - waits us.  
 be-stow - ing The Bap - tism of His bless - ing.  
 est mea - sure The word that He has spo - ken."  
 a dwell - ing To com - fort and sus - tain us.

5 To His disciples spoke the Lord,  
 "Go out to ev'ry nation,  
 And bring to them the living Word  
 And this My invitation:  
 Let ev'ryone abandon sin  
 And come in true contrition  
 To be baptized and thereby win  
 Full pardon and remission  
 And heav'nly bliss inherit."

6 But woe to those who cast aside  
 This grace so freely given;  
 They shall in sin and shame abide  
 And to despair be driven.  
 For born in sin, their works must fail,  
 Their striving saves them never;  
 Their pious acts do not avail,  
 And they are lost forever,  
 Eternal death their portion.

7 All that the mortal eye beholds  
 Is water as we pour it.  
 Before the eye of faith unfolds  
 The pow'r of Jesus' merit.  
 For here it sees the crimson flood  
 To all our ills bring healing;  
 The wonders of His precious blood  
 The love of God revealing,  
 Assuring His own pardon.

**Sermon**

*Pastor Killian*

**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.*

*Stand*

## Offertory

LSB 192



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

## Prayer of the Church

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

- P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
  
- P** In thanksgiving for the revelation of Jesus Christ to us in His wondrous Epiphany in the Jordan, and for the revelation of God's name and blessing to us in Holy Baptism, let us pray to the Lord:
- P** For all the baptized children of God, that we may daily die to sin and rise to newness of life, let us pray to the Lord:
- P** For the Holy Church here and scattered throughout the world, that God would send laborers into His harvest, give steadfast faith to Christians by the preaching of His Word and through the Holy Sacraments, enliven the love of His saints to bear one another's burdens and show mercy toward those outside of the Church, and quicken us in the hope of eternal life in Christ Jesus, let us pray to the Lord:
- P** For the family, especially all Christian homes; for husbands and wives, that God would turn them toward one another in love; for fathers and mothers, that God would equip them for their holy duty as teachers of the faith; and for all children, that God would preserve them in the saving faith and certain promises of their Baptism unto life everlasting, let us pray to the Lord:

- P** For our nation and its leaders; for those who serve for the good of our people and for their protection; and for peace in our time and the peace which God alone can give, let us pray to the Lord:
- P** For the sick, depressed, tired, confused and those in any need, *especially Alice, Abai, April, Charles, Cynthia, Dalton, David, Debra, Faith, Irmgard, James, Jamesetta, Jod, Johnathan, Karen, Katheryn, Lucy, Lynette, Marie, Marion and her family, Martin, Rex, Rodgers, Royce, Susan, and Susie,* that they would know God's comfort; and for all expectant mothers and their children, that they may have a safe delivery and be brought also to the life-giving waters of Holy Baptism and Your name, let us pray to the Lord:
- P** For those who are near death, that they may hear Your Son's Words of grace in their last hour and be confident in their Baptism, where You named them Your child, let us pray to the Lord:
- P** For all who come to the Lord's Supper for rest, that the Holy Spirit would preserve us from impenitence and unbelief, cleanse us from our unrighteousness, and clothe us with the righteousness purchased with Christ's blood, let us pray to the Lord:
- P** Lord God, heavenly Father, You manifested Yourself, with the Holy Spirit, in the fullness of grace at the baptism of Your dear Son and, with Your voice, directed us to Him who has borne our sins, that we might receive grace and the remission of sins. Keep us, we beseech You, in the true faith. Since we have been baptized in accordance with Your command and the example of Your dear Son, we pray You to strengthen our faith by Your Holy Spirit and lead us to everlasting life and salvation; through the same 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

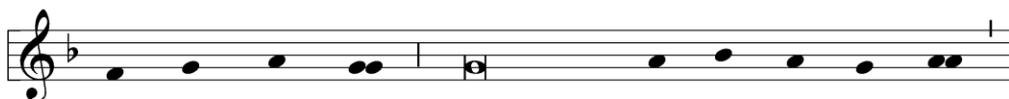
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**P** Our Father who art in heav - en, hal - low - ed be Thy name,



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.

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

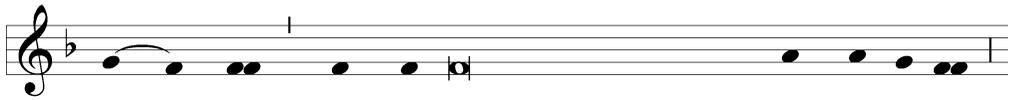
This do in re - mem - brance of Me." In the same way al - so

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.



**G** A - men.

**Agnus Dei**

*LSB 198*



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



world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.



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



world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.



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**

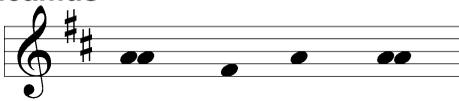
*LSB 201*

**P** The Lord be with you.

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

## Benedicamus

LSB 202



**A** Bless we the Lord.



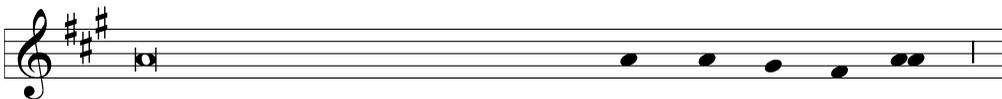
**C** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

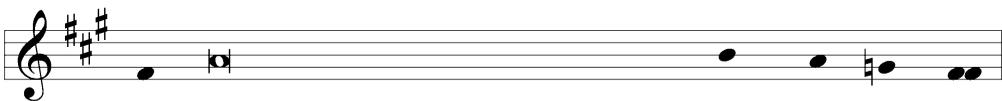
LSB 202



**F** 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

## 590 Baptized into Your Name Most Holy



1 Bap-tized in - to Your name most ho - ly, O Fa - ther, Son, and  
2 My lov - ing Fa - ther, here You take me To be hence-forth Your  
3 My faith - ful God, You fail me nev - er; Your prom - ise sure - ly  
4 All that I am and love most dear-ly— Re - ceive it all, O



Ho - ly Ghost, I claim a place, though weak and low - ly,  
child and heir. My faith - ful Sav - ior, here You make me  
will en - dure. O cast me not a - way for - ev - er  
Lord, from me. Let me con - fess my faith sin - cere - ly;



A - mong Your saints, Your cho - sen host. Bur - ied with Christ and  
The fruit of all Your sor - rows share. O Ho - ly Spir - it,  
If words and deeds be - come im - pure. Have mer - cy when I  
Help me Your faith - ful child to be! Let noth - ing that I



dead to sin, Your Spir - it now shall live with - in.  
com - fort me When threat-'ning clouds a - round I see.  
come de - filed; For - give, lift up, re - store Your child.  
am or own Serve an - y will but Yours a - lone.

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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 are outside the building for conversations.*

### Baptized Into Your Name Most Holy

Theodore Beck (1929-2003)

**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 ✝

## **Announcements**

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

+We are excited to welcome so many new members to The Good Shepherd Lutheran Church! Please wait until you are outside of the building before beginning conversation.

+Make sure to grab your 2021 Offering envelopes off the table in the Narthex.

### **Orphan Grain Train/LWML Ingathering**

Please help the needy within our Pacific Southwest District and Mexico by donating those items named on the enclosed flyer. The items can be left on the large table in the church's narthex or left at the office with our new church secretary, Moira, between now and February 10, 2021. All Good Shepherd members are welcome to join in this effort. Thank you for your help! -Gayle Tarr, LWML

## **Synod Sentences for [The Baptism of our Lord](#)**

### ***In His Baptism, Jesus Takes His Place with Sinners***

Our Lord Jesus is baptized "*to fulfill all righteousness*" (Matt. 3:13–17). He partakes of a baptism for sinners in order that He might be our substitute and bear the judgment we deserve. In the water, Jesus trades places with us. Our sin becomes His sin. His righteousness becomes our righteousness. Our glory, therefore, is in "*Christ Jesus, who became to us . . . righteousness and sanctification and redemption*" (1 Cor. 1:26–31). Jesus is the "*chosen*" One sent from the Father to release us from the prison house of sin and death (Is. 42:1–7). Baptized into Christ, we also become the chosen ones, beloved of the Father. We cross the Jordan with Jesus (Joshua 3) through death into the promised land of new life with God.

## **A Prayer for the Week**

Lord God, heavenly Father, in mercy You have established the Christian home among us: We beseech You so to rule and direct our hearts, that we may be good examples to children and those subject to us, and not offend them by word or deed, but faithfully teach them to love Your Church and hear Your blessed Word. Give them Your Spirit and grace, that this seed may bring forth good fruit, so that our homelife may advance Your glory, honor and praise, our own improvement and welfare, and give offense to no one; 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.

## A Stewardship Thought for the Day of [The Baptism of Our Lord](#)

**Matthew 3:14** – “John would have prevented him, saying, ‘I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?’ ” John is right. What Jesus is doing makes no sense! But this is the upside down, outlandish grace of God. The innocent Jesus takes our sinner’s place. This is the greatest act of giving the world has ever known or will know. The Father gives His Son to die in the place of sinners.

## Lutherans for Life Thought for the day of [The Baptism of Our Lord](#)

John’s baptism convicted every human being – “Jerusalem and all Judea” (Matthew 3:5-6). No physical incapacities excused anyone. Jesus’ baptism consecrates every human being. God, in giving His Son, identifies with us at our weakest and embraces us at our worst. Even when we don’t resemble anything our Maker intended, He doesn’t call us “unwanted” or “better off dead.” Instead He declares, “This is my beloved [child], with whom I am well pleased” (Matthew 3:17). In this newness of life, Christians can also welcome the least among us.

*Prayer: Lord, construct Your kingdom of little ones like us. Amen.*

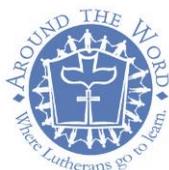
## An Excerpt from Luther’s Writing’s on The Baptism of Our Lord

*The heavens were opened.* Heaven, which before was closed, now opens, and becomes a gate and window over the baptism of Christ, that all can look in; and henceforth there shall be no more alienation between God and us. For God the Father himself is present and declares, “This is my beloved Son.”

*Spirit descending like a dove.* The dove descending was the sign, that the Holy Ghost will not be angry with us, but through Christ will help us to be pious and blessed.

## [Around the Word Devotion for the Week](#)

May be found [here](#)



## 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



# 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 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.