

+THE DIVINE SERVICE+  
OF THE GRACE OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST  
THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY + 17 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.

# Confession and Absolution

## Hymn of Invocation

## 859 Lord, When You Came as Welcome Guest



1 Lord, when You came as wel - come guest  
 2 Now give Your pres - ence from a - bove  
 3 Pre - serve the vow - these two shall make,  
 4 Your dai - ly mer - cies let them share,



To Ca - na's wed - ding feast, The brid - al pair, di -  
 That these, by vow - ing true, May show their pledge is  
 This cir - cle round their life, This gold - en ring that  
 All threats of harm de - stroy; By this their vow di -



vine - ly blest, Found all their joy in - creased.  
 like the love Be - tween the Church and You.  
 none may break Which makes them hus - band, wife.  
 vide their care And dou - ble all their joy.

5 On all who thus before You kneel  
 Your joyous Spirit pour  
 That each may wake the other's zeal  
 To love You more and more.

6 O grant them here in peace to live,  
 In purity and love,  
 And after this life to receive  
 The crown of life above.

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*Stand*

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

### Invocation

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## Exhortation

LSB 184

- P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**C** **who made heaven and earth.**
- P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,  
**C** **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*Kneel/Stand*

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

## Confession of Sins

LSB 184

- P** O almighty God, merciful Father,  
**C** **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

## Absolution

LSB 185

- P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

*Stand*

## Service of the Word

### Introit

*Psalm 66:1–5, 20; antiphon: v. 4; 92:1*

All the earth worships you and sings praises- | es to you;\*  
they sing praises | to your name.  
It is good to give thanks | to the LORD,\*  
to sing praises to your name, | O Most High.  
*Shout for joy to God, | all the earth;\**  
*sing the glory of his name; give to him | glorious praise!*  
*Say to God, "How awesome | are your deeds!\**  
*So great is your power that your enemies come cringing | to you.*

*All the earth worships you and sings praises to you;  
they sing praises to your name.”*

*Come and see what God has done:\**

*he is awesome in his deeds toward the children of man.*

*Blessè be God,\**

*because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me!*

## 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



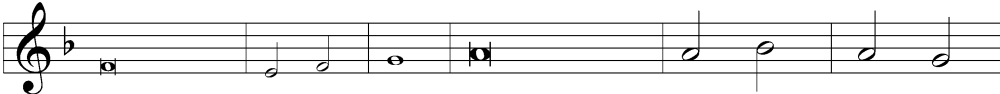
**C** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



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;



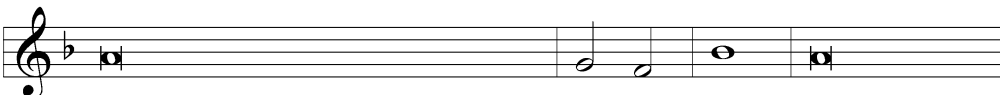
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,




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



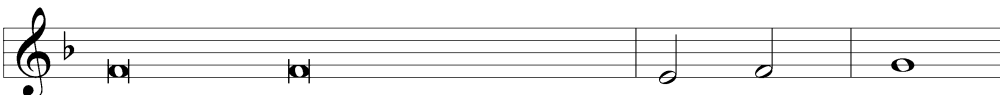
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



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** Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days; 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

Amos 9:11-15

- <sup>11</sup>“In that day I will raise up the booth of David that is fallen and repair its breaches, and raise up its ruins and rebuild it as in the days of old,  
<sup>12</sup>that they may possess the remnant of Edom and all the nations who are called by my name,” declares the LORD who does this.  
<sup>13</sup>“Behold, the days are coming,” declares the LORD,  
“when the plowman shall overtake the reaper and the treader of grapes him who sows the seed; the mountains shall drip sweet wine, and all the hills shall flow with it.  
<sup>14</sup>I will restore the fortunes of my people Israel,



and they shall rebuild the ruined cities and inhabit them;  
they shall plant vineyards and drink their wine,  
and they shall make gardens and eat their fruit.  
15I will plant them on their land,  
and they shall never again be uprooted  
out of the land that I have given them,”  
says the LORD your God.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Gradual

*Psalm 107:20–21*

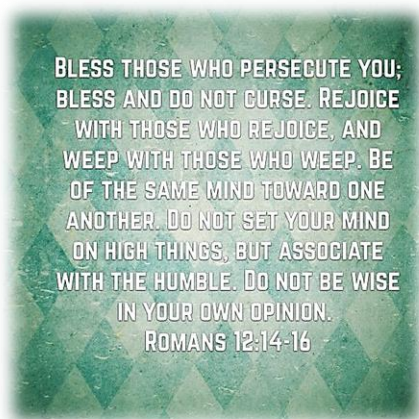
*He sent out his word and | healed them,\*  
and delivered them from their de- | struction.  
Let them thank the LORD for his | steadfast love,\*  
for his wondrous works to the chil- | dren of men!*

## Epistle Reading

*Romans 12:6–16*

<sup>6</sup>Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; <sup>7</sup>if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; <sup>8</sup>the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness. <sup>9</sup>Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. <sup>10</sup>Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. <sup>11</sup>Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. <sup>13</sup>Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

<sup>14</sup>Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. <sup>15</sup>Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. <sup>16</sup>Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be conceited.



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

**C** Thanks be to God.



## Alleluia

LSB 190



☐ Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

## Holy Gospel

John 2:1-11

☐ The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the second chapter.



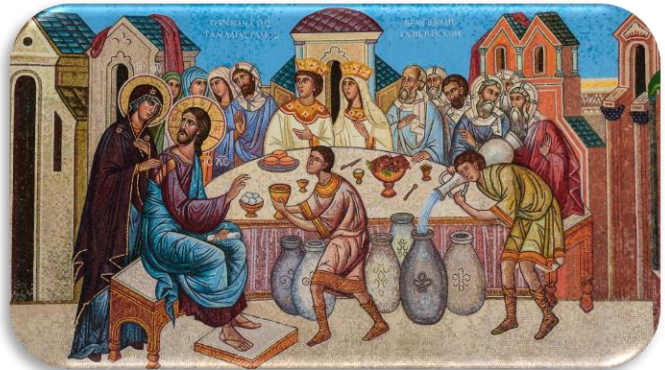
☐ Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. <sup>2</sup>Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples.

<sup>3</sup>When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine."

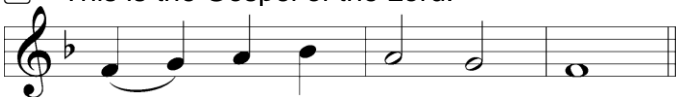
<sup>4</sup>And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come."

<sup>5</sup>His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."



<sup>6</sup>Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. <sup>7</sup>Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. <sup>8</sup>And he said to them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast." So they took it. <sup>9</sup>When the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom <sup>10</sup>and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now." <sup>11</sup>This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him.

☐ This is the Gospel of the Lord.



☐ 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

## 402 The Only Son from Heaven



1 The on - ly Son from heav - en, Fore - told by an - cient seers,  
2 O time of God ap - point - ed, O bright and ho - ly morn!  
3 O Lord, our hearts a - wak - en To know and love You more,  
△ 4 O Fa - ther, here be - fore You With God the Ho - ly Ghost



By God the Fa - ther giv - en, In hu - man form ap - pears.  
He comes, the king a - noint - ed, The Christ, the vir - gin - born,  
In faith to stand un - shak - en, In spir - it to a - dore,  
And Je - sus, we a - dore You, O pride of an - gel host:



No sphere His light con - fin - ing, No star so bright - ly  
Grim death to van - quish for us, To o - pen heav'n be -  
That we, through this world mov - ing, Each glimpse of heav - en  
Be - fore You mor - tals low - ly Cry, "Ho - ly, ho - ly,



shin - ing As He, our Morn - ing Star.  
fore us And bring us life a - gain.  
prov - ing, May reap its full - ness there.  
ho - ly, O bless - ed Trin - i - ty!"

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## 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** To the Lord who has manifested His glory in the sign given at Cana and in creation through the shedding of Christ's blood, for joy and gladness in the revelation of His truth and the abundance of His grace, let us pray to the Lord:
- P** For the Church, gathered and sanctified in God's truth; for Matthew, our Synod president; Mike, our district president; and Johnathon, our circuit visitor, that they would be guided and directed in their tasks; and for all vacant congregations, that God would send laborers into His harvest and sustain those whom He has sent, let us pray to the Lord:
- P** For our nation and its leaders; for Donald, our president, for Joseph, our president-elect; Kamala, our vice-president-elect; Gavin, our governor; and all public servants, including our armed forces, police and first responders; and for peace in our time, let us pray to the Lord:
- P** For all married couples and their families, that Christ, who blessed the wedding at Cana with His presence and honored it with His first miracle, would be present in our homes and lives with His free and abundant forgiveness, to

preserve us in the true faith from each generation to the next, let us pray to the Lord:

- P** For all who are sick or in any need, *especially Alice, Abai, April, Charles, Cynthia, Dalton, David, Debra, Faith, Irmgard, James, Jamesetta, Jod, Johnathan, Karen, Katheryn, Lucy, Lynette, Margie, Marie, Marion and her family, Martin, Rex, Rodgers, Susan, and Susie*, that the Great Physician of body and soul would give them rest, healing and relief; for all expectant mothers and their children; and for us all, that casting every anxiety on Him, we would live in the certainty of His
- P** For worthy reception of the Lord's Supper in repentance and faith, that as Christ manifested Himself by the sign at Cana, transforming water into wine, so He would also manifest Himself to us here, transforming bread and wine to be His very body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins, let us pray to the Lord:
- P** Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank You that of Your grace You have instituted holy matrimony, in which You keep us from unchastity and other offenses. We beseech You to send Your blessing upon every husband and wife, that they may not provoke each other to anger and strife, but live peaceably together in love and godliness, receive Your gracious help in all temptations, and rear their children in accordance with Your will; grant us all to walk before You in purity and holiness, to put all our trust in You, and to lead such lives on earth, that in the world to come we may have everlasting life; 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,



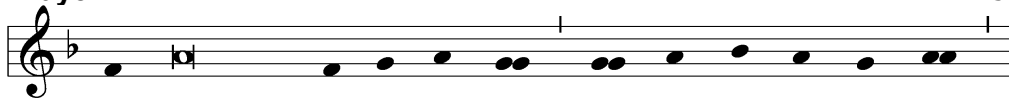
bles - ed is He, bles - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



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

### Lord's Prayer

*LSB 196*



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



Thy king - dom come, Thy will be done on earth as it



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



and forgive us our tres - pass - es as we forgive those who



tres - pass a - gainst us; and lead us not in - to

temp - ta - tion, but deliver us from e - vil.

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the

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,

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.

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 † blood, which is shed for you for the for-give-ness of sins.



This do, as often as you drink it, in re-mem-brance of Me.”

### Pax Domini

LSB 197



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



**G** A - men.



### Agnus Dei

LSB 198



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



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



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



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



world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

Sit

## Distribution

*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

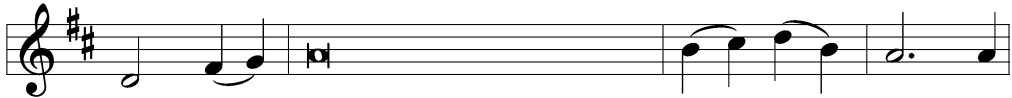
LSB 199

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

**C** Amen.

## Nunc Dimittis

LSB 199



**C** Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-



cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,



which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,



a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy

peo-ple Is - ra-el. Glo - ry be to the Father and

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

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

## Thanksgiving

LSB 200

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

**C** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

## Post-Communion Collect

**P** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** A - men.

## Salutation

LSB 201



**P** The Lord be with you.



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

## Benedicamus

LSB 202



**A** Bless we the Lord.

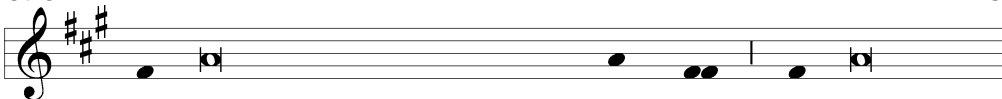


**C** Thanks be to God.

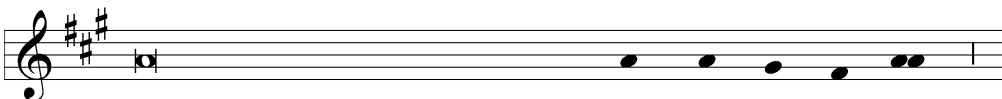


## Benediction

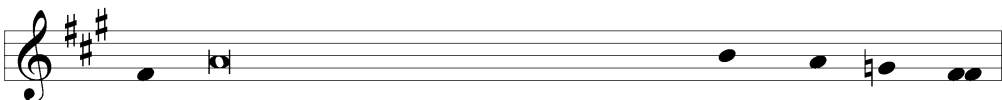
LSB 202



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



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



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



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

## Hymn to Depart

## 394 Songs of Thankfulness and Praise



1 Songs of thank - ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to Thee we raise,  
 2 Man - i - fest at Jor-dan's stream, Proph-et, Priest, and King su-preme;  
 3 Man - i - fest in mak-ing whole Pal - sied limbs and faint - ing soul;  
 4 Sun and moon shall dark-ened be, Stars shall fall, the heav'ns shall flee;  
 5 Grant us grace to see Thee, Lord, Pres - ent in Thy ho - ly Word—



Man - i - fest-ed by the star To the sa - ges from a - far,  
 And at Ca - na wed - ding guest In Thy God-head man - i - fest;  
 Man - i - fest in val - iant fight, Quell - ing all the dev - il's might;  
 Christ will then like light - ning shine, All will see His glo - rious sign;  
 Grace to im - i - tate Thee now And be pure, as pure art Thou;



Branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem In Thy birth at Beth - le - hem:  
 Man - i - fest in pow'r di - vine, Chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine;  
 Man - i - fest in gra - cious will, Ev - er bring - ing good from ill;  
 All will then the trum - pet hear, All will see the Judge ap - pear;  
 That we might be - come like Thee At Thy great e - piph - a - ny



An - thems be to Thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.  
 An - thems be to Thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.  
 An - thems be to Thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.  
 Thou by all wilt be con - fessed, God in man made man - i - fest.  
 And may praise Thee, ev - er blest, God in man made man - i - fest.

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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.*

## The Only Son From Heaven BWV 601

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 ✝

## Announcements

+Sunday January 31<sup>st</sup> will be Pastor Killian's official Instillation date, here at the Good Shepherd. The Instillation will take place during the regular Sunday service.

+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.

## 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 14, 2021. All Good Shepherd members are welcome to join in this effort. Thank you for your help! -Gayle Tarr, LWML

## Synod Sentences for **The Second Sunday After Epiphany**

### *Jesus' First Miracle Reveals God's Glory*

The coming of the Messianic kingdom means the restoration of creation. The sign of this restoration is that "the mountains shall drip sweet wine" (Amos 9:11–15). When the elements of a fallen creation fail and run short at a wedding feast, our Lord Jesus steps in to restore creation and miraculously changes water into an abundance of the very best wine (John 2:1–11). With this sign, Christ manifests His glory. The "back" of God (Ex. 33:12–23) is revealed to those who believe. The hour will come when Jesus will again manifest His glory by taking creation's curse into His own body to release us from its power. The Bridegroom will give His life for the Bride (Eph. 5:22–32), and from His side will flow water and blood, the holy sacraments by which she is cleansed and made one with Him. Through this sacrificial love of Christ we are enabled to "love one another with brotherly affection . . ." and to "outdo one another in showing honor" (Rom. 12:6–16).

## A Prayer for **The Second Sunday After Epiphany**

Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank You, that by Your grace You have instituted holy matrimony, in which You keep us from unchastity, and other offenses: We beseech You to send Your blessing upon every husband and wife, that they may not provoke each other to anger and strife, but live peaceably together in love and godliness, receive Your gracious help in all temptations, and raise their children in accordance with Your will. Grant that we all might walk before You in purity and holiness, put our trust in You, and lead such lives on earth, that in the world to come we may have everlasting life, through 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 Second Sunday After Epiphany](#)**

**John 2:5** – “His mother said to the servants, ‘Do whatever he tells you.’ ” What must Mary have thought when Jesus replied, “What does this have to do with Me?” But she knew whatever her Son said to do would be a blessing, so she knows what advice to give to the servants: Do whatever He tells you! That’s still good advice for us in every aspect of our lives, including in our generosity toward the Lord’s work in the Church.

## **Lutherans for Life Thought for [The Second Sunday After Epiphany](#)**

Perhaps we could raise the level of respect and honor for marriage if we focused less on what it isn’t and more upon what it is, and teach, as Paul, that “it refers to Christ and the church” (Ephesians 5:32b).

*Lord, help us see marriage as a picture of Your sacrificial and loving relationship to Your Church. Amen.*

## **An Excerpt from Luther’s Writing’s**

“Since then marriage has the foundation and consolation that it is instituted by God and that God loves it, and that Christ himself so honors and comforts it, everybody ought to prize and esteem it, and the heart ought to be glad, that it is surely the state God loves and cheerfully endure every burden in it, even though the burdens be ten times heavier than they are. For this is the reason there is so much care and unpleasantness in marriage to the outward man, because everything that is God’s Word and work, if it is to be blessed at all, must be distasteful, bitter and burdensome to the outward man. On this account marriage is a state that cultivates, and exercises faith in God and love to our neighbor by means of manifold cares, labors, unpleasantnesses, crosses and all kinds of adversities, that are to follow everything that is God’s Word and work. All this the chaste whoremongers, saintly effeminate and Sodomites nicely escape, serving God outside of God’s ordinance by doings of their own.” *From the Church Postil for the Second Sunday after Epiphany, 1525.*

## **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://tqslcms.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

**Margie:** *mother of Olaf* – recovering from hip replacement surgery

**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)

**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.