

# THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



**LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD**  
LCMS

**GOOD SHEPHERD COMMUNITY CHAPEL**  
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# About Holy Communion at Good Shepherd

*The Lord's Supper is celebrated here every Sunday and Feast Day in the belief and glad confidence that our Lord gives us as He says, not only bread and wine, but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, and share our belief in all his teaching. Partaking of the Body and Blood Christ together confesses our common faith and belief in the teachings of our Lord, as revealed in the Holy Scriptures. If this is your belief, we welcome you to join us at the Lord's Table. If you would like to confess your faith with us as a member of the Congregation, please speak with the Pastor about membership.*

*Because we are called to examine ourselves before receiving the Lord's Supper (I Cor. 11:28-29), we encourage you to consider the state of your soul according to the Ten Commandments. Please see the **Christian Questions and Their Answers**, available at the entrance of the chapel. If you have questions regarding the Sacrament, or would like to schedule private confession and absolution, please speak with the pastor. If you would prefer a blessing instead of Holy Communion, please let the Pastor know as he approaches you, or simply cross your arms over your chest.*

## PASTORAL WELCOME / RINGING OF THE BELL

### OPENING HYMN

#### *The Day Is Surely Drawing Near* LSB 508



1 The day is sure - ly draw - ing near When Je - sus, God's a - noint - ed,  
2 The fi - nal trum - pet then shall sound And all the earth be shak - en,  
3 The books are o - pened then to all, A rec - ord tru - ly tell - ing  
5 My Sav - ior paid the debt I owe And for my sin was smit - ten;  
6 May Christ our in - ter - ces - sor be And through His blood and mer - it



In all His pow - er shall ap - pear As judge whom God ap -  
And all who rest be - neath the ground Shall from their sleep a -  
What each has done, both great and small, When he on earth was  
With - in the Book of Life I know My name has now been  
Read from His book that we are free With all who life in -



point - ed. Then fright shall ban - ish i - dle mirth, And flames on  
 wak - en. But all who live will in that hour, By God's al-  
 dwell - ing, And ev - 'ry heart be clear - ly seen, And all be  
 writ - ten. I will not doubt, for I am free, And Sa - tan  
 her - it. Then we shall see Him face to face, With all His



flames shall rav - age earth As Scrip - ture long has warned us.  
 might - y, bound-less pow'r, Be changed at His com - mand - ing.  
 known as they have been In thoughts and words and ac - tions.  
 can - not threat - en me; There is no con - dem - na - tion!  
 saints in that blest place Which He has pur - chased for us.

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## DIVINE SERVICE

### INVOCATION

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

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

### PSALM

*Psalm 85:1-4,7-9*

**P** Lord, you were favorable to your land; you restored the fortunes of Jacob.

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

You withdrew all your wrath; you turned from your hot anger.

**Restore us again, O God of our salvation, and put away your indignation toward us!**

Show us your steadfast love, O Lord, and grant us your salvation.

**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.**

Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him, that glory may dwell in our land.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

## KYRIE



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



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

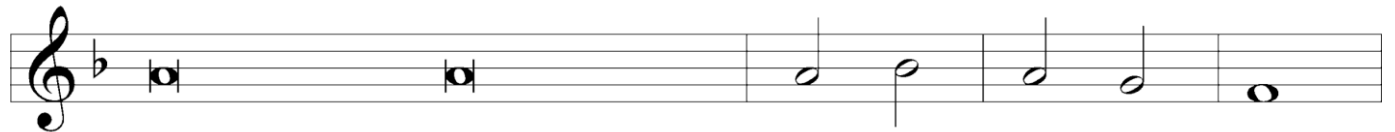
## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



Glory be to God on high: 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;



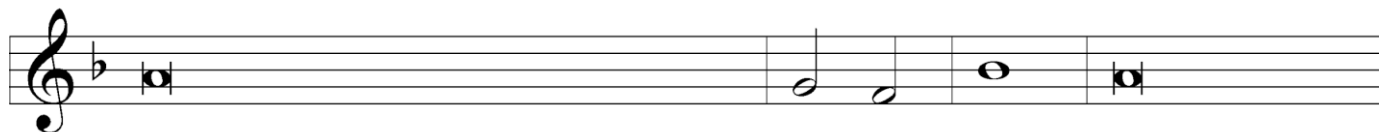
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



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



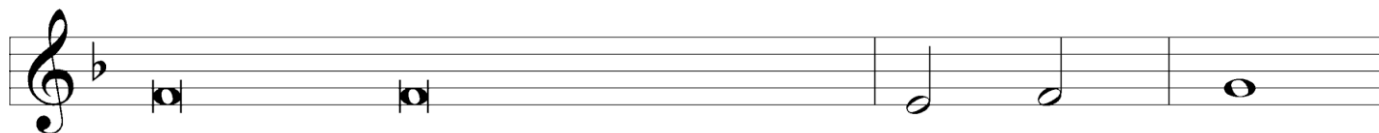
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



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.

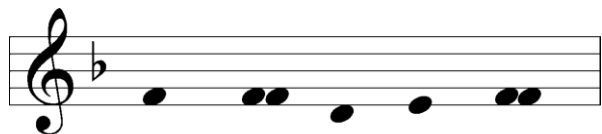


Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Ghost,



art most high in the glory of God the Father. A-men.

## SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY



**P** The Lord be with you.



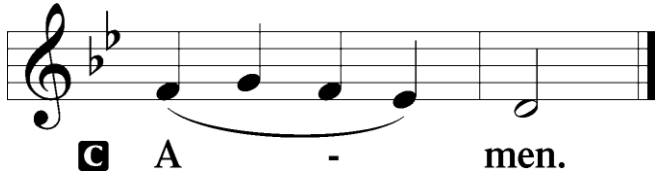
**R** And with thy spir-it.



**P** Let us pray.

*The Pastor prays, concluding:*

... now and forever.



## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Malachi 4:1-6*

<sup>1</sup> “For behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble. The day that is coming shall set them ablaze, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. <sup>2</sup> But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall. <sup>3</sup> And you shall tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet, on the day when I act, says the Lord of hosts. <sup>4</sup> “Remember the law of my servant Moses, the statutes and rules that I commanded him at Horeb for all Israel. <sup>5</sup> “Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the Lord comes. <sup>6</sup> And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction.”

*(ESV)*

P This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## EPISTLE

*2 Thessalonians 3:6-13*

<sup>6</sup> Now we command you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you keep away from any brother who is walking in idleness and not in accord with the tradition that you received from us. <sup>7</sup> For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us, because we were not idle when we were with you, <sup>8</sup> nor did we eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with toil and labor we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you. <sup>9</sup> It was not because we do not have that right, but to give you in ourselves an example to imitate. <sup>10</sup> For even when we were with you, we would

give you this command: If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat. <sup>11</sup> For we hear that some among you walk in idleness, not busy at work, but busybodies. <sup>12</sup> Now such persons we command and encourage in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. <sup>13</sup> As for you, brothers, do not grow weary in doing good.

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

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## THE ALLELUIA



**C** Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

*Luke 21:5-28*

The Holy Gospel, according to St. Luke, the 21<sup>st</sup> Chapter.



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

<sup>5</sup> And while some were speaking of the temple, how it was adorned with noble stones and offerings, [Jesus] said, <sup>6</sup> “As for these things that you see, the days will come when there will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down.” <sup>7</sup> And they asked him, “Teacher, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when these things are about to take place?” <sup>8</sup> And he said, “See that you are not led astray. For many will come in my name, saying, ‘I am he!’ and, ‘The time is at hand!’ Do not go after them. <sup>9</sup> And when you hear of wars and tumults, do not be terrified, for these things must first take place, but the end will not be at once.” <sup>10</sup> Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. <sup>11</sup> There will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and pestilences.

And there will be terrors and great signs from heaven. <sup>12</sup> But before all this they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors for my name's sake. <sup>13</sup> This will be your opportunity to bear witness. <sup>14</sup> Settle it therefore in your minds not to meditate beforehand how to answer, <sup>15</sup> for I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which none of your adversaries will be able to withstand or contradict. <sup>16</sup> You will be delivered up even by parents and brothers and relatives and friends, and some of you they will put to death. <sup>17</sup> You will be hated by all for my name's sake. <sup>18</sup> But not a hair of your head will perish. <sup>19</sup> By your endurance you will gain your lives. <sup>20</sup> “But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation has come near. <sup>21</sup> Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, and let those who are inside the city depart, and let not those who are out in the country enter it, <sup>22</sup> for these are days of vengeance, to fulfill all that is written. <sup>23</sup> Alas for women who are pregnant and for those who are nursing infants in those days! For there will be great distress upon the earth and wrath against this people. <sup>24</sup> They will fall by the edge of the sword and be led captive among all nations, and Jerusalem will be trampled underfoot by the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled. <sup>25</sup> “And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, <sup>26</sup> people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. <sup>27</sup> And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. <sup>28</sup> Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

*(ESV)*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



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

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the  
dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life + everlasting. Amen.**

## **SERMON HYMN**

*Built on the Rock* LSB 645



1 Built on the Rock the Church shall stand E - ven when  
 2 Sure - ly in tem - ples made with hands God, the Most  
 3 We are God's house of liv - ing stones, Built for His  
 4 Here stands the font be - fore our eyes, Tell - ing how



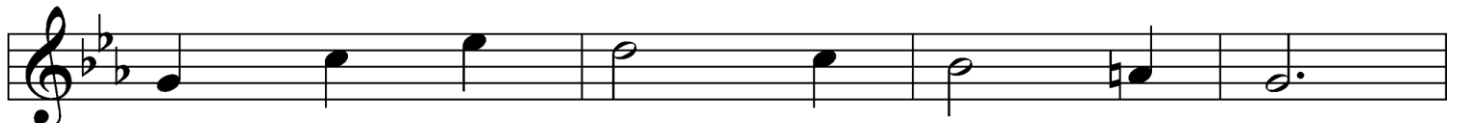
steeples are fall - ing. Crum - bled have spires in  
 High, is not dwell - ing; High a - bove earth His  
 own hab - i - ta - tion. He through bap - tis - mal  
 God has re - ceived us. The al - tar re - calls Christ's



ev - 'ry land; Bells still are chim - ing and call -  
 tem - ple stands, All earth - ly tem - ples ex - cel -  
 grace us owns Heirs of His won - drous sal - va -  
 sac - ri - fice And what His Sup - per here gives



ing, Call - ing the young and old to rest,  
 ling. Yet He who dwells in heav'n a - bove  
 tion. Were we but two His name to tell,  
 us. Here sound the Scrip - tures that pro - claim



But a - bove all the souls dis - tressed,  
 Choos - es to live with us in love,  
 Yet He would deign with us to dwell  
 Christ yes - ter - day, to - day, the same,



Long - ing for rest ev - er - last - ing.  
 Mak - ing our bod - ies His tem - ple.  
 With all His grace and His fa - vor.  
 And ev - er - more, our Re - deem - er.

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**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

Having heard the Word of God, let us now humble ourselves before the supreme Majesty of God, and make confession of our sins.

*Silence for examination of conscience*

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

Is this your confession? If so, say, **“Yes.”** *[Or give me some physical sign to indicate that you thus confess your sinfulness before God.]*

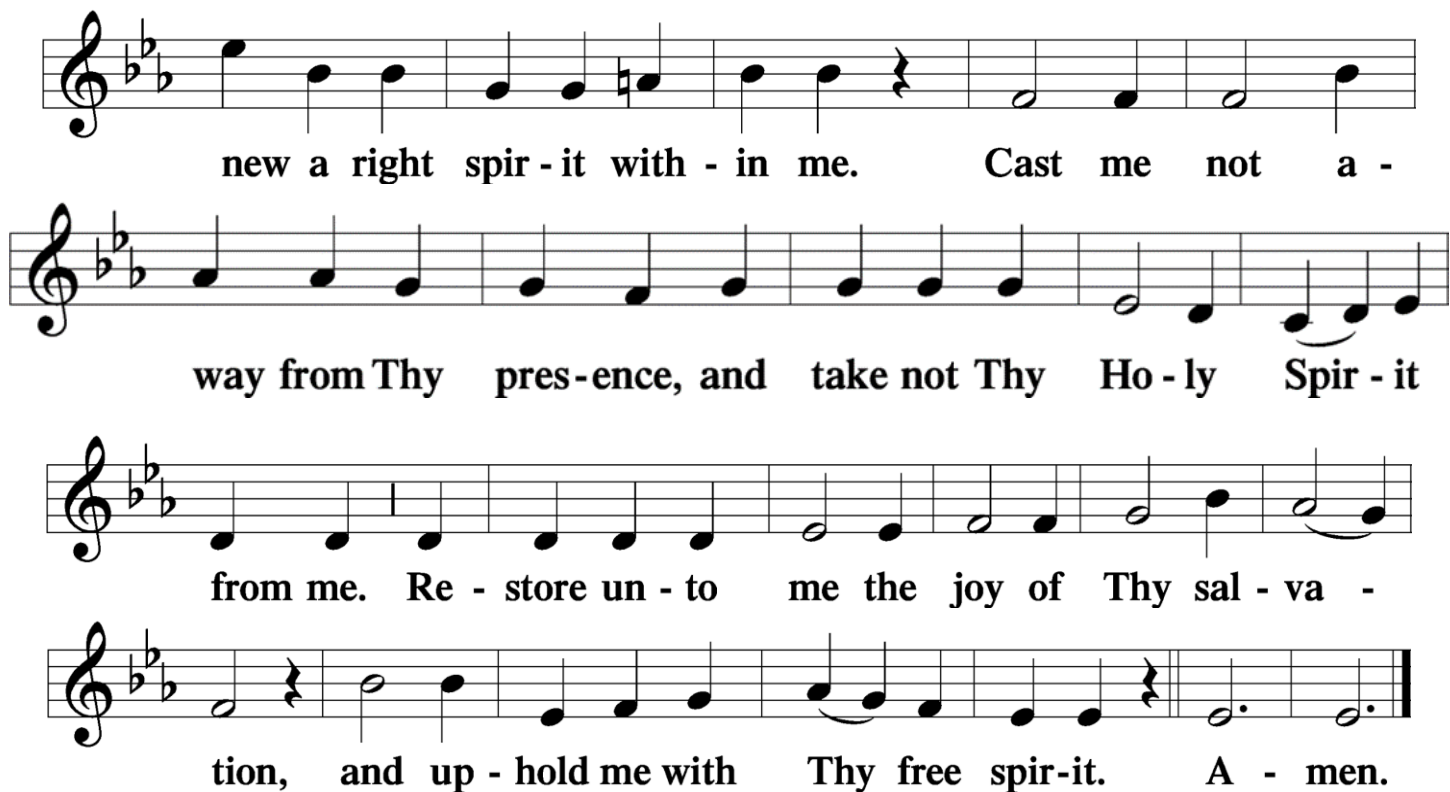
Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you who do heartily repent of your sins, believe in Jesus Christ, and earnestly purpose by the assistance of the Holy Spirit henceforth to amend your sinful lives, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of God the + Father, God the + Son, and God the Holy + Spirit.

**AMEN.**

**OFFERTORY**



**C** Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -



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

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray.

*The Pastor leads the Congregation in Prayer.  
 The Prayer concludes:*

... now and forever.

**AMEN.**

+ + + + +

## SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

### PREFACE



**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

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

## SANCTUS



**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.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Remember us in Thy kingdom, Lord, and teach us to pray:

**Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name.**

**Thy kingdom come;**

**Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;**

**and forgive us our trespasses**

**as we forgive those who trespass against us;**

**and lead us not into temptation,**

**but deliver + us from evil.**

**For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. AMEN.**

## THE CONSECRATION

### THE PEACE



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



**A** - men.

## THE AGNUS DEI



**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.

## THE COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

*The Pastor will approach you in your seat to distribute Holy Communion. If you prefer to receive a blessing rather than Holy Communion, fold your arms across your chest as the Pastor approaches or tell him as he nears you. Upon receiving the Body and Blood of Christ, the Communicant may say:*  
**AMEN.**

## PRAYERS DURING HOLY COMMUNION

***To be prayed silently before receiving Communion.***

O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, Who according to the will of the Father, and by the cooperation of the Holy Ghost, hast by Thy death given life to the world: deliver me by this Thy Most Holy Body and Blood from all mine iniquities and from every evil, and make me ever to cleave unto Thy commandments, and suffer me never to be separated from Thee, Who with the Father and the Holy Ghost live and reign, ever one God, world without end. AMEN.

### *To be prayed silently after receiving Communion.*

Grant, O Lord, that Thy Body which I have received and Thy Blood which I have drunk may adhere to my members; and grant that no stain of sin remain in me whom Thou hast refreshed with this pure and holy Sacrament; for Thou dost live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. AMEN.

### **POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve Thee to life with God that hath no end. Depart + in peace. **C Amen.**

### **NUNC DIMITTIS**

**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 & POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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

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

Let us pray.

*The Pastor prays, concluding:*

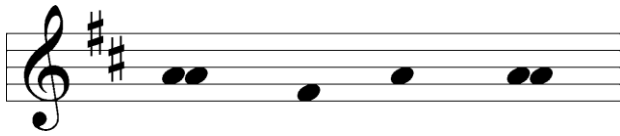
... now and forever.

**C** A - men.

## SALUTATION, BENEDICAMUS & BENEDICTION

**P** The Lord be with you.

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

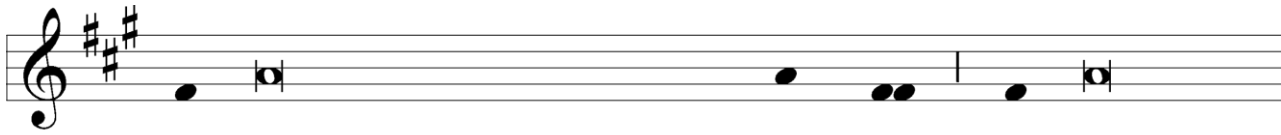


**A** Bless we the Lord.

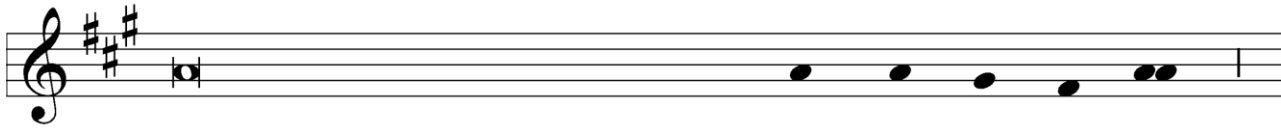


**G** Thanks be to God.

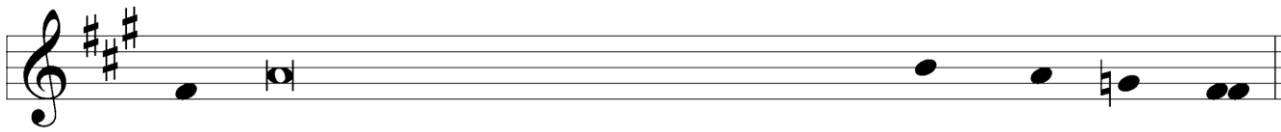
Brothers and sisters, bow your hearts.



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



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



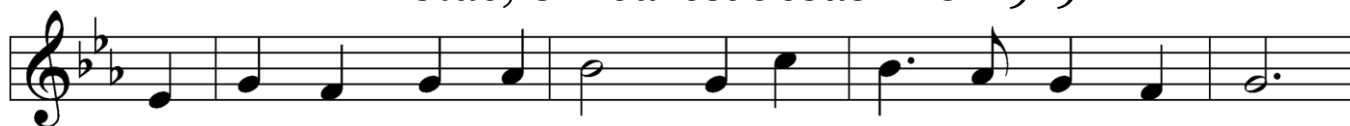
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.



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

## CLOSING HYMN

## Abide, O Dearest Jesus LSB 919



1 A - bide, O dear - est Je - sus, A - mong us with Your grace  
2 A - bide, O dear Re - deem - er, A - mong us with Your Word,  
3 A - bide with heav'n - ly bright - ness A - mong us, pre - cious Light;  
4 A - bide with rich - est bless - ings A - mong us, boun - teous Lord;



That Sa - tan may not harm us Nor we to sin give place.  
And thus now and here - af - ter True peace and joy af - ford.  
Your truth di - rect and keep us From er - ror's gloom - y night.  
Let us in grace and wis - dom Grow dai - ly through Your Word.

5 Abide with Your protection  
Among us, Lord, our strength,  
Lest world and Satan fell us  
And overcome at length.

6 Abide, O faithful Savior,  
Among us with Your love;  
Grant steadfastness and help us  
To reach our home above.

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### **POSTLUDE / SILENT PRAYER**

*You may remain in the chapel and pray as long as you desire. You may depart as soon as you are prepared to do so. God's blessings on you until He gathers us again by His Spirit to receive His divine gifts and praise His holy Name.*

***“Portals of Prayer”*** daily devotional booklets for your personal spiritual growth regular and large print are available in the Chapel.

*Receivers are available to amplify the sound system during services. Please turn to channel 3 and adjust volume as desired.*

## THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD

- Sunday**      **10 AM**      **Chapel Worship**  
*Also broadcast on Channel 64 (Nursing Home)/Channel 900(Apartments)*
- 11 AM**      **Roman Catholic Mass**  
*Channel 45 and 59*
- Monday**      **1:30 PM**      **Rosary**  
                 **2:00 PM**      **Roman Catholic Mass in the Chapel**  
*Hosted by Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church, Sauk Rapids.*  
*Also broadcast on Channel 64(Nursing Home)/Channel 900(Apartments)*
- Wednesday** **10 AM**      **Bible Study on Luke**  
*Nursing Home residents meet in person in the Event Center.*
- 2 PM**      **Bible Study on Luke**  
*Apartment and Patio Home residents meet in the Chapel.*  
*Also broadcast on Channel 64(Nursing Home)/Channel 900(Apartments)*
- 3: 30 PM**      **Memory Cottage Worship**

### ALL ARE WELCOME.

*Please join us for the Worship Services and other Spiritual Programs.  
Attendance at Worship and other events **in The Chapel** is determined by  
Official Government Regulations for Health Care Facilities.  
**This Schedule is subject (and likely) to change at any time.***

### Offerings

*Your gifts and offerings in support of the ministry of the Gospel at The Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd are welcome and appreciated. Please place them in the basket at the entrance to the chapel as you arrive or leave.*

**Next week's readings:** Malachi 3:13-18; Colossians 1:13-20; Luke 23:27-43

**Next week's sermon theme and text:** "Know What's Going On?"  
Luke 23:27-43

*Those interested in membership in The Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd are asked to speak with the pastor.*

