

# LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR



**LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD**  
LCMS

**GOOD SHEPHERD COMMUNITY CHAPEL**  
Sauk Rapids, Minnesota

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# About Holy Communion at Good Shepherd

The Lord's Supper is celebrated here every Sunday 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 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, 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

*In the Cross of Christ I Glory* LSB 427



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      to      the      day.  
mea - sure,      Joys      that      through      all      time      a - bide.

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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 46*

**P** God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

**C** **Therefore we will not fear though the earth give way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling.**

**There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.**

God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God will help her when morning dawns.

**The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts.**

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

**Come, behold the works of the Lord, how he has brought desolations on the earth.**

He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the chariots with fire.

**“Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!”**

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

**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.

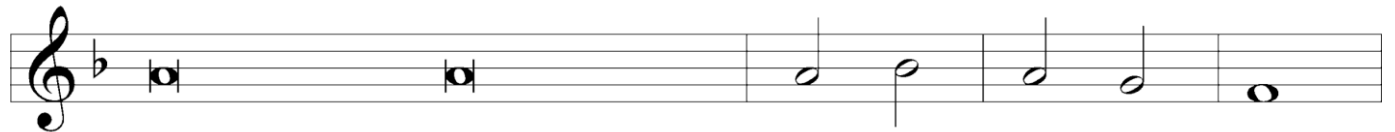
## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



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;



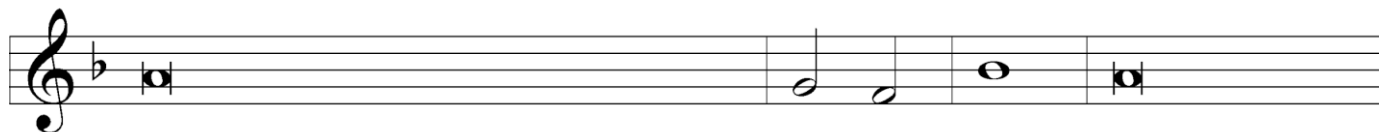
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



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



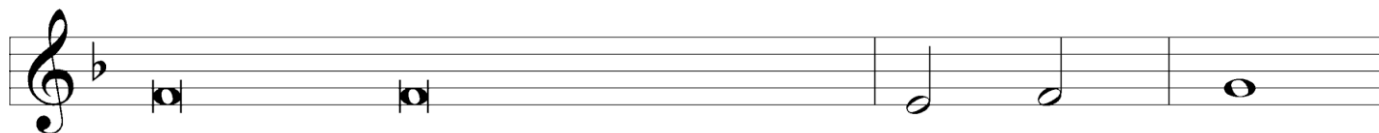
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



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.

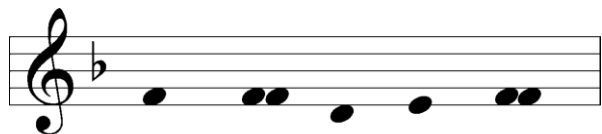


Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,



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

## SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY



**P** The Lord be with you.



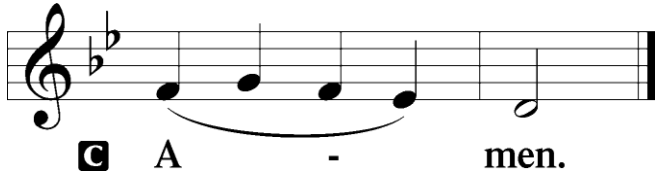
**C** And with thy spir - it.



**P** Let us pray.

*The Pastor prays, concluding:*

... now and forever.



## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Malachi 3:13-18*

<sup>13</sup> “Your words have been hard against me, says the Lord. But you say, ‘How have we spoken against you?’ <sup>14</sup> You have said, ‘It is vain to serve God. What is the profit of our keeping his charge or of walking as in mourning before the Lord of hosts?’ <sup>15</sup> And now we call the arrogant blessed. Evildoers not only prosper but they put God to the test and they escape.” <sup>16</sup> Then those who feared the Lord spoke with one another. The Lord paid attention and heard them, and a book of remembrance was written before him of those who feared the Lord and esteemed his name. <sup>17</sup> “They shall be mine, says the Lord of hosts, in the day when I make up my treasured possession, and I will spare them as a man spares his son who serves him. <sup>18</sup> Then once more you shall see the distinction between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve him. (ESV)

P This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## EPISTLE

*Colossians 1:13-20*

<sup>13</sup> He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, <sup>14</sup> in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. <sup>15</sup> He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. <sup>16</sup> For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup> And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup> And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in

everything he might be preeminent. <sup>19</sup> For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, <sup>20</sup> and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross. (ESV)

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

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

## THE ALLELUIA




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

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

*Luke 23:27-43*

The Holy Gospel, according to St. Luke, the 23<sup>rd</sup> Chapter.



Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>27</sup> There followed [Jesus] a great multitude of the people and of women who were mourning and lamenting for him. <sup>28</sup> But turning to them Jesus said, “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. <sup>29</sup> For behold, the days are coming when they will say, ‘Blessed are the barren and the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!’ <sup>30</sup> Then they will begin to say to the mountains, ‘Fall on us,’ and to the hills, ‘Cover us.’ <sup>31</sup> For if they do these things when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?” <sup>32</sup> Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. <sup>33</sup> And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. <sup>34</sup> And Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.” And they cast lots to divide his garments.

<sup>35</sup> And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!” <sup>36</sup> The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine <sup>37</sup> and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” <sup>38</sup> There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.” <sup>39</sup> One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, “Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!” <sup>40</sup> But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? <sup>41</sup> And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong.” <sup>42</sup> And he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” <sup>43</sup> And he said to him, “Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise.”

*(ESV)*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



☐ 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**

*At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing* LSB 633



1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing Praise to  
2 Praise we Him, whose love di - vine Gives His  
5 Might - y Vic - tim from the sky, Hell's fierce  
6 Now no more can death ap - pall, Now no  
△ 8 Fa - ther, who the crown shall give, Sav - ior,



our vic - to - rious King, Who has washed us in the tide  
sa - cred blood for wine, Gives His bod - y for the feast—  
pow'rs be - neath You lie; You have con - quered in the fight,  
more the grave en - thrall; You have o - pened par - a - dise,  
by whose death we live, Spir - it, guide through all our days:



Flow - ing from His pierc - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest. Al - le - lu - ia!  
You have brought us life and light. Al - le - lu - ia!  
And Your saints in You shall rise. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Three in One, Your name we praise. Al - le - lu - ia!

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**SERMON “KNOW WHAT’S GOING ON?” LUKE 23:27-43**

**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.*]

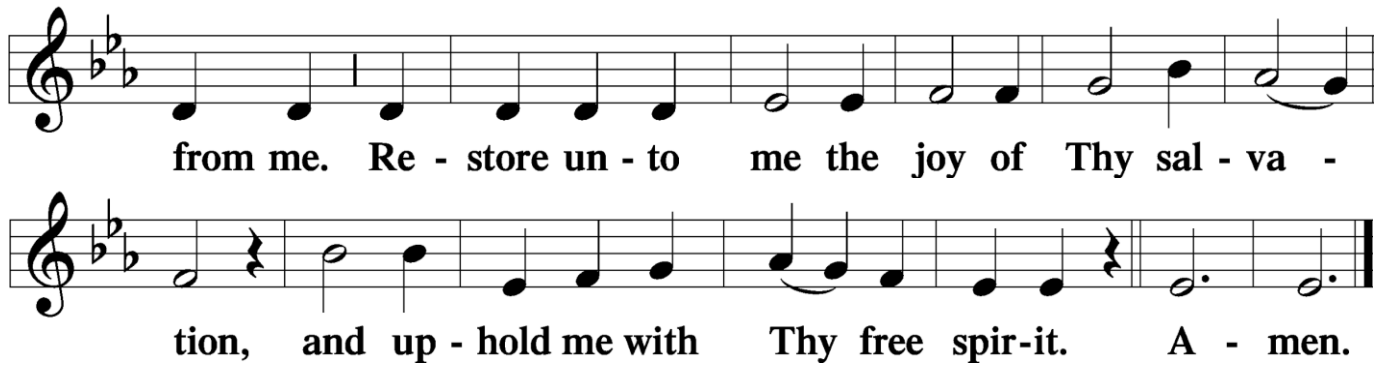
Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you who do heartily repent of your sins, believe in Jesus Christ, and earnestly purpose by the assistance of the Holy Spirit henceforth to amend your sinful lives,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



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,



bles - 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.



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.***

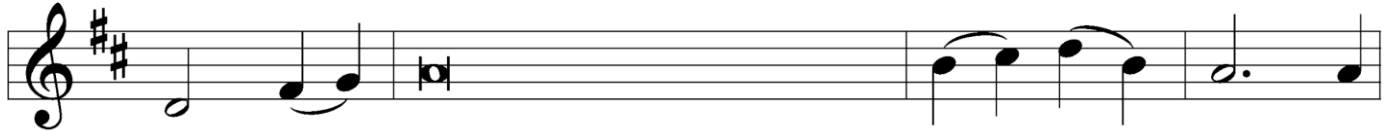
Grant, O Lord, that Thy Body which I have received and Thy Blood which I have drunk may adhere to my members; and grant that no stain of sin remain in me whom Thou hast refreshed with this pure and holy Sacrament; for Thou dost live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without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

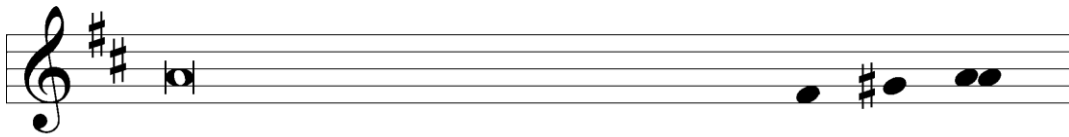


to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,

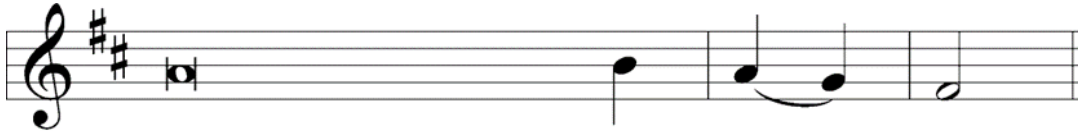


is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

# 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.

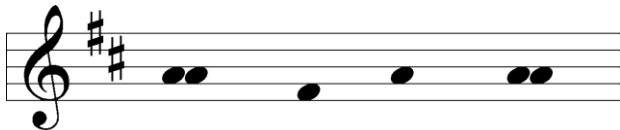
# SALUTATION, BENEDICAMUS & BENEDICTION



**P** The Lord be with you.



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

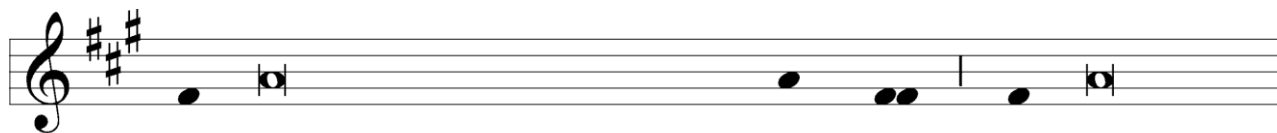


**A** Bless we the Lord.

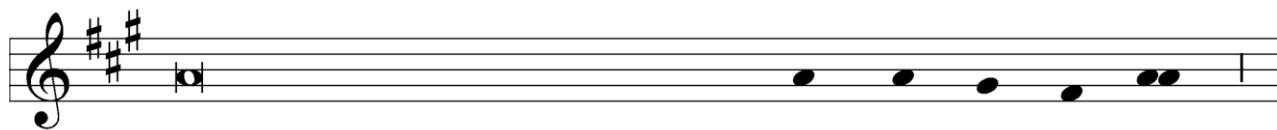


**C** Thanks be to God.

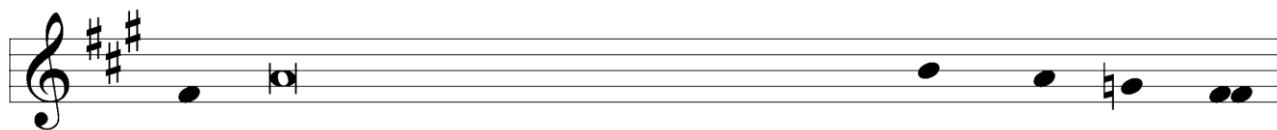
Brothers and sisters, bow your hearts.



**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

### *Be Still, My Soul* LSB 752



1 Be still, my soul; the Lord is on your side; Bear pa - tient-  
2 Be still, my soul; your God will un - der - take To guide the  
3 Be still, my soul; though dear - est friends de - part And all is  
4 Be still, my soul; the hour is has - t'ning on When we shall



ly the cross of grief or pain; Leave to your God to or - der  
fu - ture as He has the past. Your hope, your con - fi - dence let  
dark - ened in this vale of tears; Then you will bet - ter know His  
be for - ev - er with the Lord, When dis - ap - point - ment, grief, and



and pro - vide; In ev - 'ry change He faith - ful will re -  
noth - ing shake; All now mys - te - rious shall be bright at  
love, His heart, Who comes to soothe your sor - rows and your  
fear are gone, Sor - row for - got, love's pur - est joys re -



main. Be still, my soul; your best, your heav'n - ly Friend  
last. Be still, my soul; the waves and winds still know  
fears. Be still, my soul; your Je - sus can re - pay  
stored. Be still, my soul; when change and tears are past,



Through thorn - y ways leads to a joy - ful end.  
His voice who ruled them while He dwelt be - low.  
From His own full - ness all He takes a - way.  
All safe and bless - ed we shall meet at last.

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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 in 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.

**Christmas Poinsettias**—You may order poinsettias to adorn the Chapel during the holiday season in honor or memory of loved ones. Please complete the sign-up sheet at the Chapel entrance and leave the cost of \$10.00 per plant with the pastor.

We gather with God’s people to give thanks for our Lord’s manifold blessings at the **Thanksgiving Eve Service at 2:00 pm Wednesday, November 26<sup>th</sup> with Holy Communion.**

During the season of Advent, which begins November 30<sup>th</sup>, we prepare our hearts to more fully enjoy the blessings that accompany the celebration of our Savior’s birth. For this reason you are invited to join together in this blessed preparation in our midweek Advent services leading up to Christmas Day. These services will be held Wednesday mornings at 10:15 December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>, as well as December 24. (Time to be determined.)

## 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.*
- 11:15 AM**              **Memory Cottage Worship**  
                 **2 PM**              **Thanksgiving Eve Service/Communion**  
*Also broadcast on Channel 64(Nursing Home)/Channel 900(Apartments)*
- 3 PM**              **Decorate Chapel for Christmas**

**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:** Isaiah 2:1-5; Romans 13:8-14; Matthew 21:1-11 or 24:35-44

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