

# THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY



**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 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 People That in Darkness Sat* LSB 412



1 The peo - ple that in dark - ness sat A glo - rious  
2 To hail Thee, Sun of Righ - teous - ness, The gath - 'ring  
3 To us a Child of hope is born, To us a  
4 His name shall be the Prince of Peace, The Ev - er -



light have seen; The light has shined on them who long In  
na - tions come; They joy as when the reap - ers bear Their  
Son is giv'n, And on His shoul - der ev - er rests All  
last - ing Lord, The Won - der - ful, the Coun - sel - or, The



shades of death have been, In shades of death have been.  
har - vest trea - sures home, Their har - vest trea - sures home.  
pow'r in earth and heav'n, All pow'r in earth and heav'n.  
God by all a - dored, The God by all a - dored.

5 His righteous government and pow'r  
Shall over all extend;  
On judgment and on justice based,  
His reign shall have no end,  
His reign shall have no end.

6 Lord Jesus, reign in us, we pray,  
And make us Thine alone,  
Who with the Father ever art  
And Holy Spirit, one,  
And Holy Spirit, one.

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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 113*

P Praise the Lord! Praise, O servants of the Lord, praise the name  
of the Lord!

**C Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time forth  
and forevermore!**

From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the Lord is to  
be praised!

**The Lord is high above all nations, and his glory above  
the heavens!**

Who is like the Lord our God, who is seated on high,  
**who looks far down on the heavens and the earth?**

He raises the poor from dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap,  
**to make them sit with princes, the princes of his people.**

He gives the barren woman a home, making her the joyous  
mother of children. Praise the Lord! (ESV)

**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



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

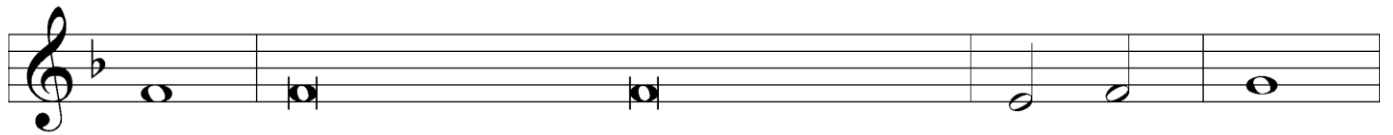


on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

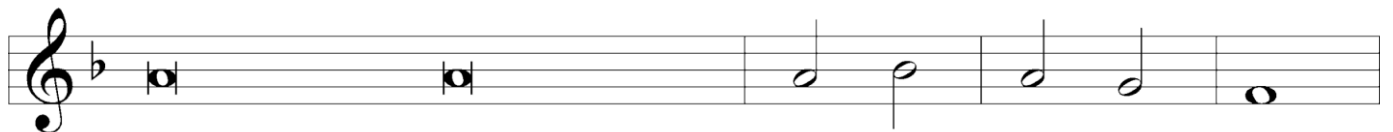
## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



**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,



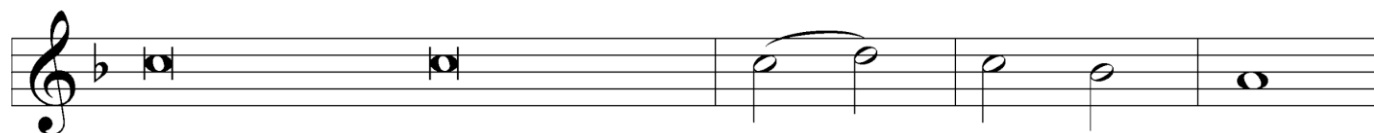
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



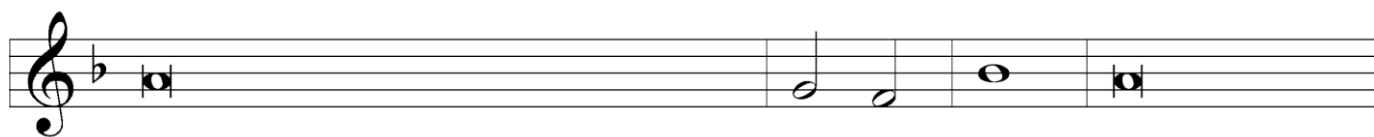
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



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



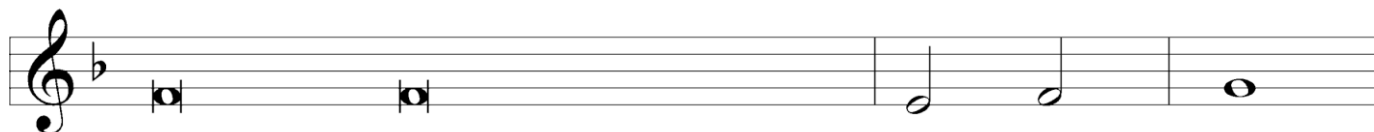
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



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.

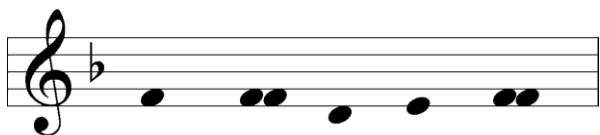


Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Ghost,



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

## SALUTATION AND 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.



**C** A - men.

## **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

*Isaiah 9:1-4*

<sup>1</sup>There will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. <sup>2</sup>The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone. <sup>3</sup>You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil. <sup>4</sup>For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. (ESV)

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

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

### **EPISTLE**

*1 Corinthians 1:10-18*

<sup>10</sup>I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. <sup>11</sup>For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brothers. <sup>12</sup>What I mean is that each one of you says, "I follow Paul," or "I follow Apollos," or "I follow Cephas," or "I follow Christ." <sup>13</sup>Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? <sup>14</sup>I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, <sup>15</sup>so that no one may say that you were baptized in my name. <sup>16</sup>(I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I

baptized anyone else.)<sup>17</sup> For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.<sup>18</sup> For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. (ESV)

P This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**



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

**THE HOLY GOSPEL**

*Matthew 4:12-25*

The Holy Gospel, according to St. Matthew, 4<sup>th</sup> Chapter.



☐ Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>12</sup> When [Jesus] heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee. <sup>13</sup> And leaving Nazareth he went and lived in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, <sup>14</sup> so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: <sup>15</sup> “The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles— <sup>16</sup> the people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned.” <sup>17</sup> From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” <sup>18</sup> While walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. <sup>19</sup> And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.” <sup>20</sup> Immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>21</sup> And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. <sup>22</sup> Immediately they left the

boat and their father and followed him. <sup>23</sup> And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people. <sup>24</sup> So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought him all the sick, those afflicted with various diseases and pains, those oppressed by demons, those having seizures, and paralytics, and he healed them. <sup>25</sup> And great crowds followed him from Galilee and the Decapolis, and from Jerusalem and Judea, and from beyond the Jordan. (ESV)

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.**

**His 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,**

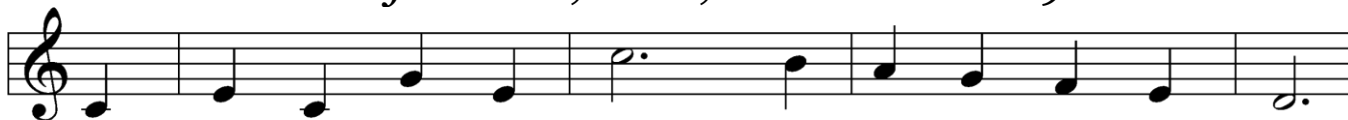
**I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,**

**and I look for the resurrection of the dead**

**and the life + of the world to come. AMEN.**

## **SERMON HYMN**

*Before You, Lord, We Bow* LSB 966



1 Be - fore You, Lord, we bow, Our God who reigns a - bove  
2 The na - tion You have blest May well Your love de - clare,  
3 May ev - 'ry moun - tain height, Each vale and for - est green,  
4 Earth, hear your Mak - er's voice; Your great Re - deem - er own;  
5 And when in pow'r He comes, Oh, may our na - tive land



And rules the world be - low, Bound - less in pow'r and love. Our thanks  
From foes and fears at rest, Pro - tect - ed by Your care. For this  
Shine in Your Word's pure light, And its rich fruits be seen! May ev -  
Be - lieve, o - bey, re - joice, And wor - ship Him a - lone. Cast down  
From all its rend - ing tombs Send forth a glo - rious band, A count -



we bring In joy and praise, Our hearts we raise To You, our King!  
bright day, For this fair land—Gifts of Your hand—Our thanks we pay.  
'ry tongue Be tuned to praise And join to raise A grate - ful song.  
your pride, Your sin de - plore, And bow be - fore The Cru - ci - fied.  
less throng, With joy to sing To heav'n's high King Sal - va - tion's song!

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## SERMON

## “HEALING OUR NATION’S DIVISIONS”

*1 Corinthians 1:10-18*

### 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.]*

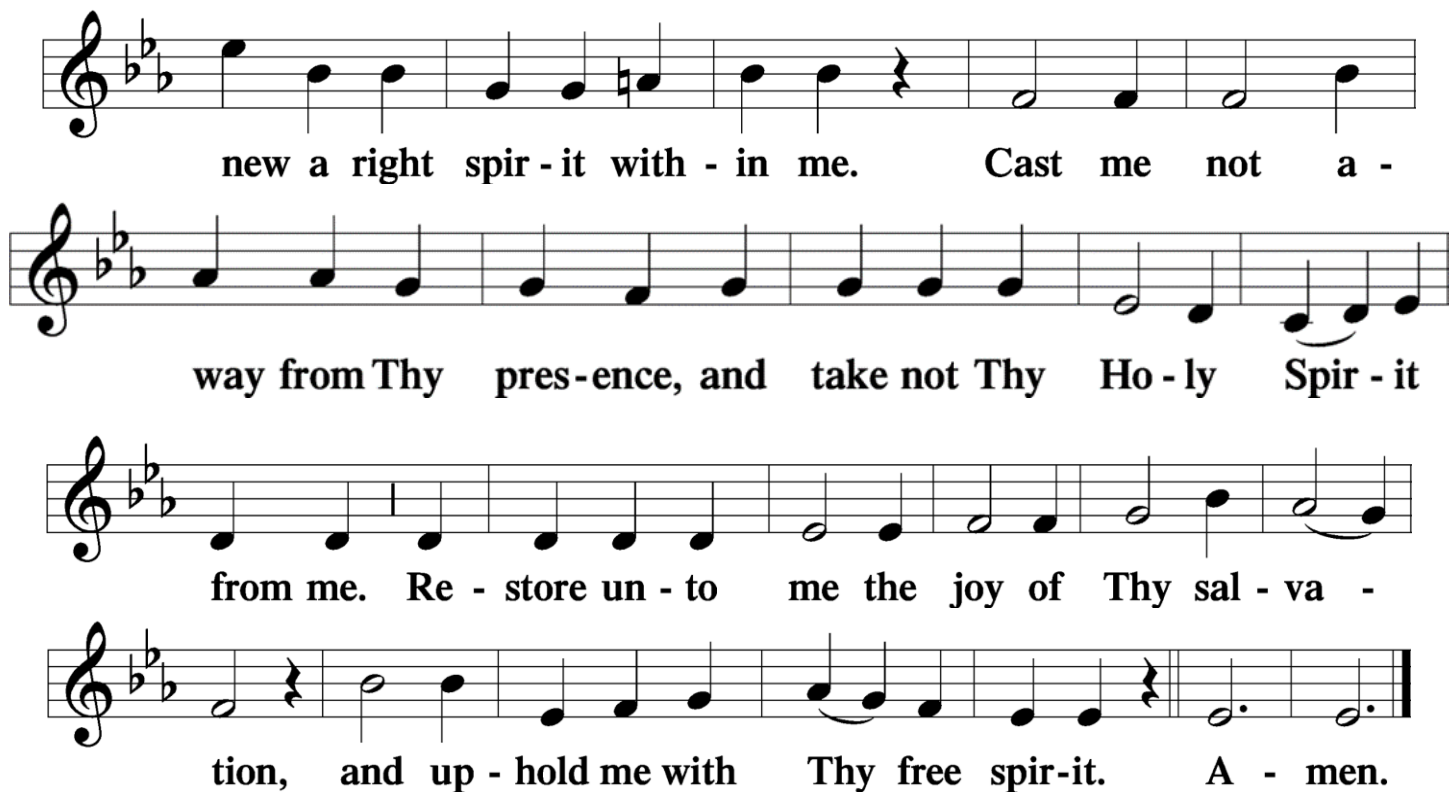
Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you who do heartily repent of your sins, believe in Jesus Christ, and earnestly purpose by the assistance of the Holy Spirit henceforth to amend your sinful lives,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

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## SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

### PREFACE

“On Galilee’s High Mountain”

**P:** The Lord is with His people.  
 Now may He be with you.

**C:** **The Lord is with His servants;  
 May He be with You too.**

**P:** Your thankful hearts now raise Him

**C:** **To God we lift them high  
 ‘Tis right to thank and praise Him  
 Who to His world draws nigh.**

## **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

Pastor

It is truly right and salutary that at all times and in every place we should offer thanks and praise to You, heavenly Father, for You sent Your only-begotten Son to those who dwelt in darkness, that in the face of Jesus Christ all people might behold the fullness of your glory. Enlightened by His presence, we join the praises offered by Your faithful people always and everywhere.

### **SANCTUS**

“Hark, the Voice of Jesus Crying”

**Heav'nly hosts proclaim Your glory,  
Holy, holy, holy Lord.  
All the earth repeats the story,  
God of hosts, by all adored.  
Blest is He Who comes, victorious  
In the name of God the King!  
Our hosannas, glad and glorious,  
To the Lord of all we sing!**

### **THE CONSECRATION**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

**Our Father, Lord on heav'n's high throne,  
Most holy be Your name.  
Your kingdom come. Your will be done  
On earth—in heav'n the same.  
Give us this day the food we need;  
Forgiven may we be;  
Into temptation do not lead;  
From evil set us free.  
All rule and might and glory be  
To You while ages run  
And even to eternity.  
Amen! So be it done.**

P: When we eat this bread we share the body of Christ. When we drink this cup we share the blood of Christ.

**C: Reveal Yourself to us, O Lord, in the breaking of bread, as once You revealed Yourself to Your disciples.**

## **THE AGNUS DEI**

"Hark the Voice of Jesus Crying"

**Lamb of God, our mighty Saviour,  
All our sins you take away.  
Lamb of God, by Your great favour,  
Lord have mercy now, we pray.  
Lamb of God, our prayers attending,  
Never let your mercies cease,  
But, Your Holy Spirit sending,  
Grant us all Your gift of peace.**

## **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, please 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.

P: The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you to life with God that hath no end. Depart + in peace.

**C: Amen.**

**THE THANKSGIVING**

“Our God, Our Help in Ages Past”

**Lord, let Your servant go in peace  
Your Word has been fulfilled:  
My eyes have seen the Light increase  
Which for the world You willed.**

**For Israel’s Light, the promised One,  
Now shines for all to see.  
To God, the Father, Spirit, Son,  
Be praise eternally.**

**THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

Pastor

**THE BENEDICTON**

“On Galilee’s High Mountain”

P: The good Lord bless and keep You,  
Lift up His shining face,  
With favor look upon you  
And grant eternal peace.

**C: God--Father, Son, and Spirit,  
Most gracious One-in-Three--  
Be praised throughout creation  
And to eternity!**



## 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 Micah**  
*Nursing Home residents meet in person in the Event Center.*
- 2 PM**      **Bible Study on Micah**  
*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:** Micah 6:1-8; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31; Matthew 5:1-12

**Next week's sermon theme and text:** "Rain, Rain, Go Away" Matthew 5:1-12

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