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- Cards are in the racks in front of you. These methods also include a space to share prayer requests with our pastors. We look forward to praying for and connecting personally with YOU!

CRY ROOM is located off the Welcome Center

ACTIVITY BAGS for children to borrow are in the Welcome Center.

DEVOTIONS: *Portals of Prayer* booklets are on the credenza in the Welcome Center for you, and for sharing!

SERVING TODAY...

Message:

Pastor Ben Oesch

Liturgist:

8:00 Pastor Stoltenow

Lector:

10:45 Don Matern

Organist:

Gail Black



✠ IN THE NAME OF JESUS ✠

RINGING OF THE BELL ~ CALL TO WORSHIP *Please quiet voices and prepare to worship.*

PRELUDE

P = Pastor C = Congregation L = Liturgist/Lector

INVOCATION

Divine Service, Setting 4 ~ LSB p. 203; Matthew 28:19b

Pastor (P): We call on the name of the Triune God—the name into which we have been baptized: In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation (C): Amen!

Please be seated.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SINS

We will use the questions and answers in the Rite of Holy Baptism as our Confession of Sins and Confession of Faith.

8 AM ~ BAPTISM *Please turn to p. 268 We welcome Zach Andrus into God's family and ours!*

[Pastor begins the Rite of Holy Baptism.]

After the Lord's Prayer and the blessing over Zach, we continue below.]

CONFESSION OF SINS AND CONFESSION OF FAITH

p. 270 LSB; John 20:19-23

P: As Zach answers the questions put to him, together as his Christian family we will speak the responses with him, reminding ourselves of our own baptisms. Zach and Shepherd of the Hills, do you renounce the devil?

C: Yes, I renounce him.

P: Do you renounce all his works?

C: Yes, I renounce them.

P: Do you renounce all his ways?

C: Yes, I renounce them.

P: Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth?

C: Yes, I believe.

P: Do you believe 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?

C: Yes, I believe.

P: Do you 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?

C: Yes, I believe.

P: Zach, do you desire to be baptized?

Zach: Yes, I do.

[Zach Andrus is baptized. He receives a certificate, a white baptismal napkin, and a candle.]

P: God keeps His promises! He sent Jesus, who has paid for the sins of His people. 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.

P: In Holy Baptism God the Father has made Zach a member of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and an heir with us of all the treasures of heaven in the one holy Christian and apostolic Church. Zach, we receive you in Jesus' name as our brother in Christ, that together we might hear His Word, receive His gifts, and proclaim the praises of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light.

C: Amen. We welcome you in the name of the Lord!

P: Let us pray: ... through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Peace ✠ be with you.

C: Amen.



The Season of Pentecost is a Season of growing, called the Time of the Church. We focus on the teachings of Jesus and how they apply in the life of the Church ~ in our lives. This growing is reflected in the color **green**, the color of life and growth. Bless us, Lord, with courage and with Your Spirit's gift of joy, as we learn, grow, and tell!

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This is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome. For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.

~1 John 5:3-4

HYMN OF BAPTISMAL LIFE # 605:2-3 "Father Welcomes"

Refrain

Fa - ther wel-comes all His chil-dren To His fam - 'ly

through His Son. Fa - ther giv - ing His sal - va - tion,

Life for - ev - er has been won.

2 In the wa - ter, in the Word, In His prom - ise,
3 Let us dai - ly die to sin; Let us dai - ly

be as - sured: Those who are bap - tized and be - lieve
rise with Him, Walk in the love of Christ our Lord,

Refrain

Shall be - born a - gain.
Live in the peace of God.

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OFFERING *For giving options: ShepherdHillsChurch.org/Give*

8 AM ONLY ~ CHILDREN'S CHAT *Susan Shoaf*

Children's Bulletins are available on the Usher Stands as you enter the Sanctuary.

In the Contemporary service, several young men will receive their Catechism and a blessing for the Faith Milestone: Grow in Christ. They are beginning their Confirmation program.

PRAYER

ALL: We praise and thank God for the blessing of these young men. May God bless and keep them in the one true faith. May God pour His Spirit upon them, to keep them in faith. We will pray for them. We will support them as they Grow in Christ. Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen!

SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you!

C: And also with you!

P: We pray: Almighty God, Your Son willingly endured the agony and shame of the cross for our redemption. Grant us courage to take up our cross daily and follow Him wherever He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen!

OLD TESTAMENT READING Jeremiah 15:15-21

O LORD, You know; remember me and visit me, and take vengeance for me on my persecutors. In Your forbearance take me not away; know that for Your sake I bear reproach. Your words were found, and I ate them, and Your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart, for I am called by Your name, O LORD, God of hosts. I did not sit in the company of revelers, nor did I rejoice; I sat alone, because Your hand was upon me, for You had filled me with indignation. Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable,

refusing to be healed? Will You be to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail?

Therefore thus says the LORD: "If you return, I will restore you, and you shall stand before Me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall be as My mouth. They shall turn to you, but you shall not turn to them. And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, declares the LORD. I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless."

RESPONSE

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

EPISTLE READING Romans 12:9-21

Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight. Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay, says the Lord." To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

RESPONSE

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

Please stand for the Alleluia and reading of the Gospel.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

from Psalm 37

L: Alleluia! Delight yourself in the LORD, and He will give you the desires of your heart.

C: **Commit your way to the LORD; trust in Him, and He will act.**

L: He will bring forth your righteousness as the light, and your justice as the noonday.

C: **Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for Him. Alleluia!**

ACCLAMATION

L: The Holy Gospel, according to St. Matthew, the 16th chapter.

C: **Glory to You, O Lord!**

THE HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 16:21-28

From that time Jesus began to show His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him, saying, "Far be it from You, Lord! This shall never happen to You." But Jesus turned and said to Peter, "Get behind Me, Satan! You are a hindrance to Me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man."

Then Jesus told His disciples, "If anyone would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me. For whoever would save His life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul? For the Son of Man is going to come with His angels in the glory of His Father, and then He will repay each person according to what he has done. Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in His kingdom."

RESPONSE

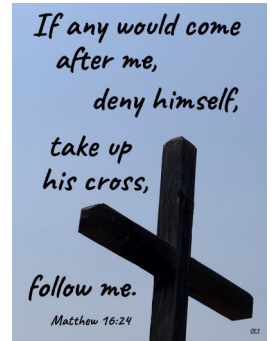
L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ!**

Please be seated.

HYMN OF THE DAY # 685 "Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus"

Let us ever walk with Jesus, follow His example pure,
Through a world that would deceive us and to sin our spirits lure.
Onward in His footsteps treading, pilgrims here, our home above,
Full of faith and hope and love, let us do the Father's bidding.
Faithful Lord, with me abide; I shall follow where You guide.



Epistle Reading:
St. Paul quotes from
Deuteronomy 32:35
and Proverbs 25:21-22

This passage is one of
many Scripture
passages that speak to
God's desire for us to
live TOGETHER in
love, forgiveness, and
service as a family of
brothers and sisters
following Christ.



Holy Gospel: For
parallels to this
passage, see Mark 8:31
-9:1 and Luke 9:22-27



The church of God on earth, we come to Him whose love has sought us, a people lost and far from home. In Christ He came and bought us. For all in faith's allegiance sworn God's new community is born to live as Jesus taught us.

And still the call of God is heard that summons all creation; He sends His Spirit and His word, the word of our salvation. And as the seed of life is sown, so love's community is known in every generation.

Within the bond of love and peace, the grace of Christ possessing, we sing the songs that never cease, our God and King confessing. Eternal praise unite our powers, for Christ's community is ours and everlasting blessing!

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Let us suffer here with Jesus and with patience bear our cross.
Joy will follow all our sadness; where He is, there is no loss.
Though today we sow no laughter, we shall reap celestial joy;
All discomforts that annoy shall give way to mirth hereafter.
Jesus, here I share Your woe; help me there Your joy to know.

Let us gladly die with Jesus.

Since by death He conquered death, He will free us from destruction, give to us immortal breath.

Let us mortify all passion that would lead us into sin;

And the grave that shuts us in shall but prove the gate to heaven.

Jesus, here with You I die, there to live with You on high.

Let us also live with Jesus.

He has risen from the dead that to life we may awaken. Jesus, You are now our head.

We are Your own living members;

Where You live, there we shall be in Your presence constantly, living there with You forever.

Jesus, let me faithful be, life eternal grant to me.

MESSAGE "Jesus' Biography" text: Romans 12:9-21



You may remain seated.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

1 Timothy 2:1-4



Preparation for Holy Communion

One should examine himself before he eats the bread and drinks the cup; one who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself. 1Corinthians 11:2-29 Since those who take Christ's body and blood without understanding His true presence do so to their harm, and since the sacrament of Holy Communion is a faith statement confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt or hold a confession differing from that of this church and the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod and wish to receive the sacrament are asked first to speak with Pastor.



Please stand.

HOLY COMMUNION ~ PREFACE

2 Timothy 4:22; Colossians 3:1; Psalm 136

P: The Lord be with you!

C: **And also with you!**

P: Lift up your hearts!

C: **We lift them to the Lord!**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

C: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise!**

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS ~ HOLY [IS THE LORD]

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9; Revelation 4:8



10:45 AM ONLY: THE LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:2-4

ALL: 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 WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19,20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

PAX DOMINI ~ PEACE OF THE LORD

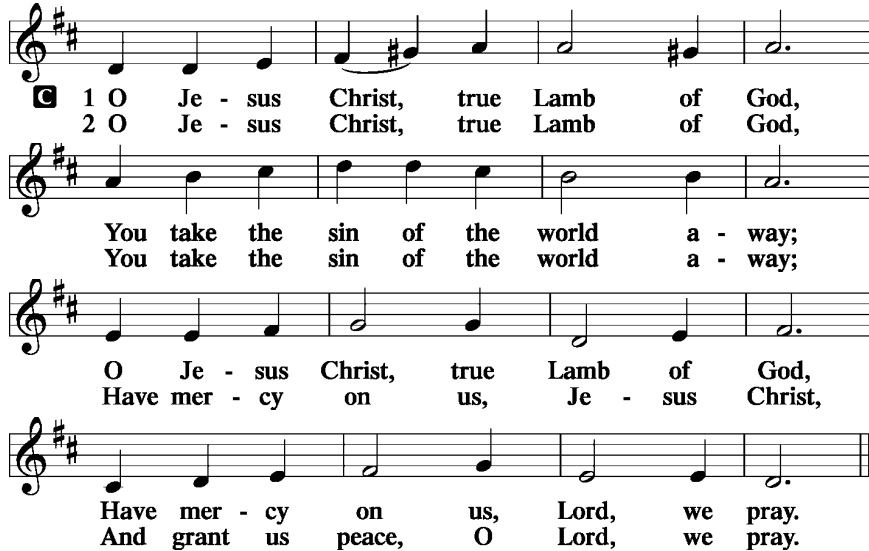
John 20:19

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always!

C: And also with you!

AGNUS DEI ~ LAMB OF GOD

John 1:29



Please be seated.

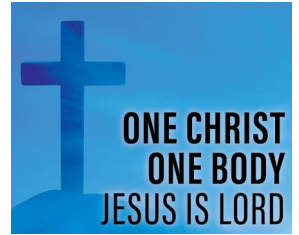
DISTRIBUTION

- ◆ You will be ushered forward for Communion.
- ◆ When receiving the bread, please extend your hand palm up.
- ◆ If you are not communing but wish to come up and receive a blessing, you may keep your hands folded.
- ◆ Wine without alcohol is in the center of each tray; you may also request a gluten-free wafer.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

547 "The Lamb"

698 "May We Thy Precepts, Lord, Fulfill"



Sanctus is Latin and means "holy is." The Sanctus is one of the highest points and has some of the grandest music in the Divine Service, because we are joining our voices not only with our own church family but with all Christians all over the world, with the saints in heaven—the great cloud of witnesses who have died in Jesus and are now in heaven, and with all the angel hosts.

Pax Domini: Latin for "Peace of the Lord"

Agnus Dei means "Lamb of God." Ancient believers ate the sacrificial lamb at the Passover. We partake of Christ, who was sacrificed for us to make full atonement for all our sins. Christ is our Good Shepherd, the Lamb of God, and the Priest who offers the sacrifice for the forgiveness of sins. Truly, Jesus is Our All!

Come, Lord Jesus,
be our Guest,
and let these gifts of
forgiveness,
renewed life,
and salvation
to us be blessed.
Amen!



In this Divine Service,
by faith the Holy Spirit
has opened our hearts
and minds to receive
His graces. We now
leave this house of
worship to share the
love of Jesus and
HIS^tory!



Lord,
lay some soul
upon my heart
and love that soul
through me;
and may I gladly
do my part
to win that soul
for Thee.
Amen!

Please stand.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P: 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: **Amen!**

BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION [GOD'S WORD OF BLESSING]

Psalms 103:1; Numbers 6:24-26

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C: **Amen!**

HYMN # 837:1, 4-6 "Lift High the Cross"

*Refrain: Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore His sacred name.*

Come, Christians, follow where our Captain trod,
Our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. *Refrain:*

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
As Thou hast promised, draw us all to Thee. *Refrain:*

Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell
Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell. *Refrain:*

So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory! *Refrain:*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

✠ TO GOD ALONE ALL GLORY! ✠

2026-2027 Theme for Shepherd of the Hills:



TOGETHER, we are Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church
and Early Learning Center.

Called into faith, as baptized and beloved children of God, **TOGETHER** we:

- + worship one God: Father, Lord, Spirit
 - + joyfully celebrate our unity
 - + willingly submit to our Creator
 - + lovingly care for one another
 - + seek to serve our community
 - + walk in hope toward heaven
- AMEN!

There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call—
one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

~Ephesians 4:4-6