



### ✠ IN THE NAME OF JESUS ✠

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

#### PRELUDE

#### INVOCATION

*Divine Service, Setting 1 ~ LSB p. 151; Matthew 28:19b*

Pastor (P): In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation (C): Amen!

#### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION ~ FORGIVENESS OF SINS

*1 John 1:8-9; John 20:19-23*

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.** *(silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination)*

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father:

C: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen!

#### KYRIE ~ LORD [HAVE MERCY]

*Mark 10:47*

A: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

A: For the peace from above and for our salvation; for the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all; for this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

A: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

ALL: Amen!

#### HYMN OF PRAISE ~ THIS IS THE FEAST

*Revelation 5:12, 13; 19:5-9*

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

1 — Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
2 Pow-er, rich-es, wis-dom, and strength, and  
3 Sing with all the peo-ple of God, and  
4 Bless-ing, hon-or, glo-ry, and might be to  
5 For the Lamb who was slain has be-

blood set us free to be peo-ple of God. *Refrain*  
hon-or, bless-ing, and glo-ry are His. *Refrain*  
join in the hymn of all cre-a-tion: *Stanza 4*  
God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men. *Refrain*  
gun His reign. Al-le-lu-ia. *Final Refrain*



#### CONNECT CARDS

Guests and members, please:

- ♦ fill out a Connect card, or
- ♦ scan the QR code to connect with us online

Cards are in the pew racks in front of you. These methods include a space to share prayer requests with our pastors.

We look forward to praying for and connecting personally with YOU!

#### Serving Today...

Message:

Pastor Ben Oesch

Liturgist:

8:00 Pastor Stoltenow

Worship Assistant:

10:45 David Renner

Organist:

Gail Black

**PRAYING**  
with an  
**OPEN HEART**

Philippians 4:6-7

**PSALM OF THE DAY:**  
**PSALM 119:169-176**

Let my cry  
come before You,  
O LORD;  
give me understanding  
according to Your word!  
Let my plea  
come before You;  
deliver me  
according to Your word.  
My lips  
will pour forth praise,  
for You teach me  
Your statutes.  
My tongue  
will sing of Your word,  
for all  
Your commandments  
are right.  
Let Your hand be ready  
to help me,  
for I have chosen  
Your precepts.  
I long for Your salvation,  
O LORD,  
and Your law  
is my delight.  
Let my soul live  
and praise You,  
and let Your rules  
help me.  
I have gone astray  
like a lost sheep;  
seek Your servant,  
for I do not forget  
Your commandments.

Samuel the prophet  
said, "If you are  
returning to the LORD  
with all your heart,  
then...direct your heart  
to the LORD and serve  
Him only, and He will  
deliver you....  
The LORD thundered  
with a mighty sound that  
day against the  
Philistines and threw  
them into confusion,  
and they were routed  
before Israel. Then  
Samuel took a stone  
and set it up and called  
its name Ebenezer  
[which means stone of  
help], for he said, "Till  
now the LORD has  
helped us."  
~from 1 Samuel 7



**SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY**

*Philippians 4:6-7 WEB*

P: The Lord be with you!

C: **And also with you!**

P: We pray: Lord Jesus, You are the Good Shepherd, without whom nothing is secure. Rescue and preserve us that we may not be lost forever but follow You, rejoicing in the way that leads to eternal life; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen!**

P: In nothing be anxious, but in everything, by prayer and petition with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God.

C: **And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard our hearts and our thoughts in Christ Jesus.**

**GUESTS AND MEMBERS CONNECT**

*Let's get to know each other better!*  
*Please fill out the Connect Card, either by hand or with the QR code.*  
*Thank you!*



**CHILDREN'S CHAT** *Pastor Ben*

+ Children's Bulletins are available on the Usher Stands +

**OFFERING AND PRAYER** *For giving options: [ShepherdHillsChurch.org/Give](http://ShepherdHillsChurch.org/Give)*

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** Ezekiel 34:11-24

For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I Myself will search for My sheep and will seek them out. As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. I Myself will be the shepherd of My sheep, and I Myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice.

As for you, My flock, thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and male goats. Is it not enough for you to feed on the good pasture, that you must tread down with your feet the rest of your pasture; and to drink of clear water, that you must muddy the rest of the water with your feet? And must My sheep eat what you have trodden with your feet, and drink what you have muddied with your feet?

Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: Behold, I, I Myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad, I will rescue My flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. And I will set up over them one shepherd, My servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the LORD, will be their God, and My servant David shall be prince among them. I AM the LORD; I have spoken.

**RESPONSE**

A: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** # 686:1-2 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

Come, Thou Fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.  
While the hope of endless glory fills my heart with joy and love,  
Teach me ever to adore Thee; may I still Thy goodness prove.

Here I raise my Ebenezer, hither by Thy help I've come;  
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God;  
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed His precious blood.

#### EPISTLE READING 1 Timothy 1:5-17

The aim of our charge is love that issues from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith. Certain persons, by swerving from these, have wandered away into vain discussion, desiring to be teachers of the law, without understanding either what they are saying or the things about which they make confident assertions.

Now we know that the law is good, if one uses it lawfully, understanding this, that the law is not laid down for the just but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and sinners, for the unholy and profane, for those who strike their fathers and mothers, for murderers, the sexually immoral, men who practice homosexuality, enslavers, liars, perjurers, and whatever else is contrary to sound doctrine, in accordance with the gospel of the glory of the blessed God with which I have been entrusted.

I thank Him who has given me strength, Christ Jesus our Lord, because He judged me faithful, appointing me to His service, though formerly I was a blasphemer, persecutor, and insolent opponent. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display His perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in Him for eternal life. To the King of ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

#### RESPONSE

A: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

#### ALLELUIA AND VERSE

*Luke 15:10; John 6:68*

A: Alleluia! I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents!

C: Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia!

#### ACCLAMATION

A: The Holy Gospel, according to St. Luke, the 15th chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord!

#### THE HOLY GOSPEL Luke 15:1-10

Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear [Jesus]. And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, "This man receives sinners and eats with them."

So Jesus told them this parable: "What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it? And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance."

"Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and seek diligently until she finds it? And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

#### RESPONSE

A: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ!

#### HYMN OF THE DAY # 686:3-4 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be;  
Let that grace now like a fetter bind my wand'ring heart to Thee:  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above.

Oh, that day when freed from sinning, I shall see Thy lovely face;  
Clothed then in the blood-washed linen, how I'll sing Thy wondrous grace!  
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry; take my ransomed soul away;  
Send Thine angels soon to carry me to realms of endless day.

Prone to wander,  
Lord, I feel it,  
Prone to leave  
the God I love,  
Here's my heart,  
O take and seal it,  
Seal it for Thy  
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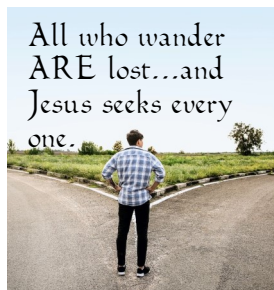
COME, THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING



**The Holy Gospel:** The charge against Jesus was always the same—

He keeps the wrong company. But Jesus has come for sinners, and if you are not a sinner, He does not have anything for you. To emphasize why He has come, our Lord tells the stories of ninety-nine sheep left behind to find one who is lost and a woman who rejoices over finding one lost coin.

You and I are that lost sheep and that lost coin for whom Christ has come and in whom heaven rejoices. Jesus has come for you and for me. For you and for me He has offered Himself upon the cross and been laid in the tomb. This is the heavenly joy of the angels above, and it is our earthly joy as well. Christ came for us!



By Christ's wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

~1 Peter 2:24b-25

A **Creed** is a statement of faith and can be a great outline for sharing **HIST**ory with others!

The **Nicene Creed** is historically connected with the celebration of the Lord's Supper, because it stresses more fully the Biblical teaching that Jesus Christ is true God, which is intimately connected with Christ's true body and blood being present in Holy Communion.

## MESSAGE "The Ultimate Seeker" text: Luke 15:1-10

Jesus seeks the lost: those who grieve, those who resist, and we who wander.



*Please stand.*

## STATEMENT OF FAITH ~ THE NICENE CREED

**ALL:** 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!

*You may be seated for the prayers.*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

*1 Timothy 2:1-4*

In our September prayers, we Pray with an Open Heart for teachers and students.



## 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 11:28-29*

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 desire to receive the sacrament are asked first to speak with a pastor.



## 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!

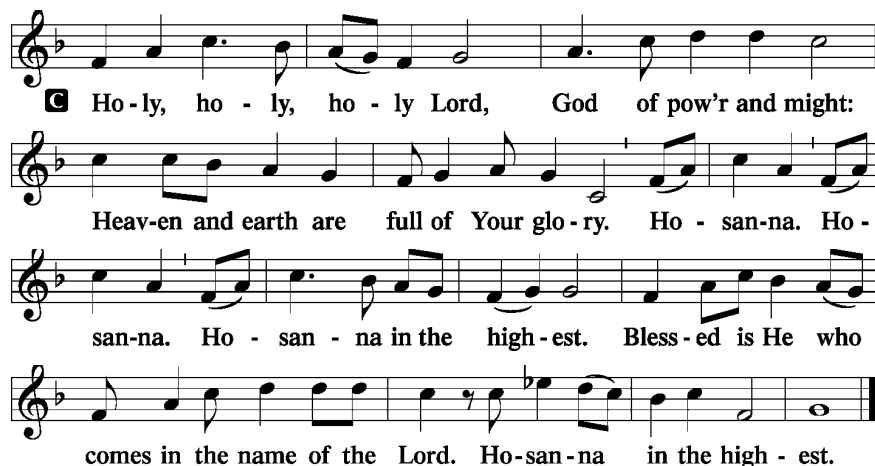
C: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise!**

## COMMON PREFACE

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. 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

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



## 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

Mt 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-24; Lk 22:19,20; 1 Cor 11:23-25

## PAX DOMINI ~ THE PEACE OF THE LORD

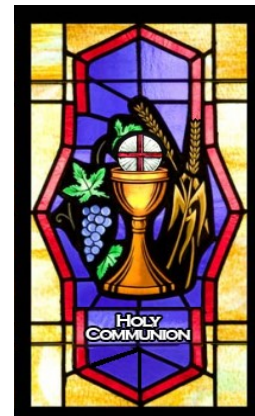
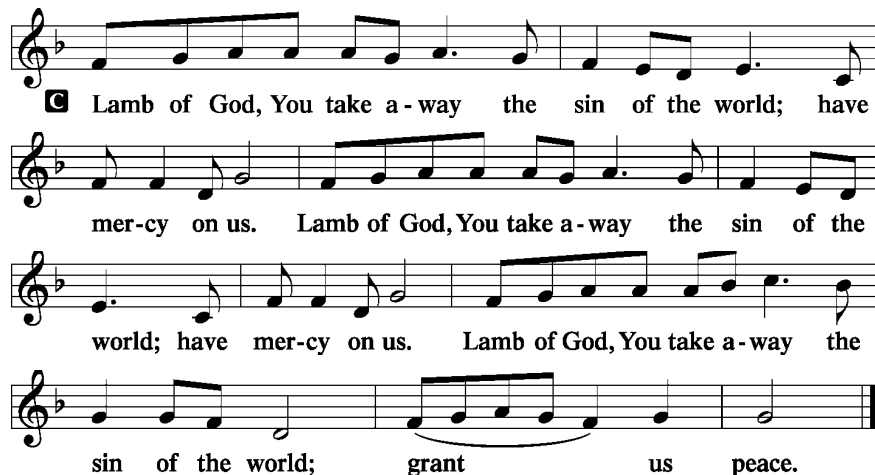
John 20:19

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

C: **And also with you!**

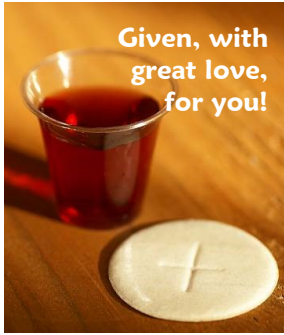
## AGNUS DEI ~ LAMB OF GOD

John 1:29



**Sanctus** is Latin and means "holy is." The Sanctus is a hymn of praise to the Trinity; very often we see words repeated three times to emphasize this. 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.

**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!



Given, with  
great love,  
for you!

We are more than conquerors through Christ, who loved us. For I am certain beyond all doubt: nothing else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

~from Romans 8:37-39



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<sup>t</sup>ory!

**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!**

## DISTRIBUTION

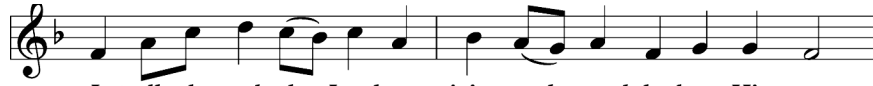
- ♦ You will be ushered forward for Communion.
- ♦ When receiving the bread, please extend your hand palm up.
- ♦ If you are not communing but wish to come up and receive a blessing, you may keep your hands folded.
- ♦ Wine without alcohol is in the center of each tray; you may also request a gluten-free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

## DISTRIBUTION HYMN # 609 "Jesus Sinners Doth Receive"

### POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE (SONG)



☐ Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P: God the Father, fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen!

## BENEDICTION ~ GOD'S GOOD-CREATING WORD OF BLESSING

*Numbers 6:24-26*

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 # 922 "Go, My Children, with My Blessing"

Go, My children, with My blessing, never alone.

Waking, sleeping, I am with you; you are My own.

In My love's baptismal river I have made you Mine forever.

Go, My children, with My blessing—you are My own.

Go, My children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.

Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.

Here you heard My dear Son's story; here you touched Him, saw His glory.

Go, My children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.

Go, My children, fed and nourished, closer to Me;

Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.

Here My Spirit's power filled you; here His tender comfort stilled you.

Go, My children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.

I the Lord will bless and keep you and give you peace;

I the Lord will smile upon you and give you peace:

I the Lord will be your Father, Savior, Comforter, and Brother.

Go, My children; I will keep you and give you peace.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## POSTLUDE

✠ TO GOD ALONE ALL GLORY! ✠