
February 16, 2020 at 9:30 am

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Welcome to worship at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

We would like everyone to fill out the Friendship Pad at the end of the pews and pass it along for all to fill out. Please also mark the names of all in the family who are receiving Communion. If you are visiting, please include your address and phone number.

Nursery: Our nursery is located out the north entrance of the sanctuary.

Please feel free to use the nursery anytime during the service.

Children's Worship Bulletins are available at both entrances.

We are delighted to have you.



In today's reading from Deuteronomy we are called to choose life by loving and obeying God. Much of today's gospel reading echoes portions of the Ten Commandments. Jesus' instructions to the crowd reveal a pattern of behavior that honors both God and the neighbor, resulting in life and health for the whole community. We too are invited to embrace these commandments, not out of fear of retribution, but because God has promised that to do so means life for us.

*Liturgy for the season of Epiphany is God Give Us Life.
Today we sing it all.*

WELCOME

Let us prepare our hearts for worship.

PRELUDE

Tena Rackow

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Assembly may stand.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

ELW p. 94

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

"O GOD OF LOVE, O KING OF PEACE"

ELW#749

1 O God of love, O King of peace, make wars through -
 2 Re - mem - ber, Lord, your works of old, the won - ders
 3 Whom shall we trust but you, O Lord? Where rest but
 4 Where saints and an - gels dwell a - bove all hearts are

out the world to cease; our greed and sin - ful wrath re - strain.
 that our el - ders told; re - mem - ber not our sins' deep stain.
 on your faith - ful word? None ev - er called on you in vain.
 knit in ho - ly love; oh, bind us in that heav'n - ly chain.

Give peace, O God, give peace a - gain.

INVOCATION

(L) In the name of God the Cre - a - tor of the world, In the name of Christ the

Son, In the name of the Ho - ly Spr - it (C) A - men, A - men.

GATHERING SONG

Refrain



Make a joy - ful noise to the Lord, en - ter in with sing - ing.



Join the fes - ti - val of love, al - le - lu - ias ring - ing!



Born of the wa - ter we re - call death de - feat - ed, life for all.



In the bod - y of the ris - en Son wel - come ev - 'ry - one. *Refrain*

KYRIE:

(Assisting Minister: regular print, C: Bold)



Let us pray to God with peace in our hearts: **God of love, have mer - cy.**



For the peace from a - bove, let us pray to our God: **God of love, have mer - cy.**



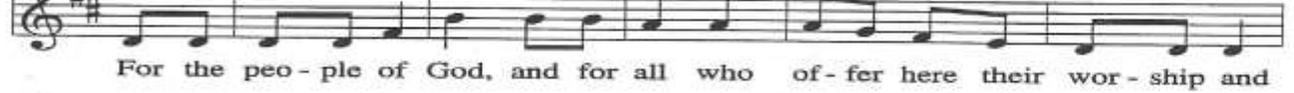
For the peace of the world, for the health of the church, for the



u - ni - ty of all peo - ple, pray to our God:



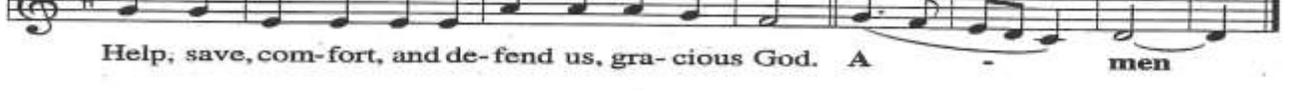
God of love, have mer - cy. God of love, have mer - cy.



For the peo - ple of God, and for all who of - fer here their wor - ship and



praise, let us pray to our God: **God of love, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, com - fort, and de - fend us, gra - cious God. **A - men**

SONG OF PRAISE

“GLORY TO GOD”

(Refrain)

(Women) Glo - ry to God! (Men) Glo - ry to God!

(All) Glo - ry to God in the high - est. Glo - ry, glo - ry,

Glo - ry to God a - bove. Glo - ry to God in the

high - est: Glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry to the God of Love. (Fine)

(Verses)

(L) 1. Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom and strength and
 (L) 2. Sing with all the peo - ple of God and
 Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and praise: be to

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
 hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are God's. (To Refrain)
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion.
 God and the Lamb for ev - er and ev - er. (To Refrain)

SALUTATION

(L) May God be with you. (C) And with you, too.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

C: O God, the strength of all who hope in you, because we are weak mortals we accomplish nothing good without you. Help us to see and understand the things we ought to do, and give us grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Assembly may be seated.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**EPISTLE READING: 1 Corinthians 3:1-9**

Human leaders in the church are not the ones who control ministry. Rather they are coworkers who belong to God, the one who truly controls and continuously empowers the ministry of the church.

L: A reading from Corinthians.

¹Brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. ²I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, ³for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? ⁴For when one says, "I belong to Paul," and another, "I belong to Apollos," are you not merely human? ⁵What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. ⁶I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. ⁷So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. ⁸The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. ⁹For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

From the full - ness of God have we
all re - ceived: grace up - on grace, peace up - on peace.

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:21-37

P: The holy gospel according to Matthew.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus exhorts his followers to embrace standards of righteousness that exceed legal requirements and traditional expectations.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ²¹“You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not murder’; and ‘whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.’ ²²But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, ‘You fool,’ you will be liable to the hell of fire. ²³So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, ²⁴leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. ²⁵Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. ²⁶Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny. ²⁷“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ ²⁸But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. ²⁹If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. ³⁰And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell. ³¹“It was also said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ ³²But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery. ³³“Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.’ ³⁴But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, ³⁵or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. ³⁶And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. ³⁷Let your word be ‘Yes, Yes’ or ‘No, No’; anything more than this comes from the evil one.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

"IN ALL OUR GRIEF"

ELW#615



1 In all our grief and fear we turn to you.
 2 Help us to put a - side the an - gry word,
 3 You did not e - ven spare your on - ly Son.
 4 God, when we suf - fer all that we can bear,



O God, you know all that we think or do,
 the clen - ch - ing fist, the wish and will to hurt.
 He lived our griefs and bore all e - vil done,
 then let us know that you in truth are near



you know the pain we put each oth - er through.
 Teach us the way in which love best is served.
 but through his cross, re - demp - tion has been won.
 and will not leave us lost in all our fear.



Refrain
 Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, grant us peace.

CREED

A: God has made us God's people through our baptism into Christ. Let us profess our faith in the word of the Apostles' Creed.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen.

THE PRAYERS

After each petition: WA: Hear us, O God **C: Your mercy is great.**

WA: Trusting that God hears us, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence

WA: Shepherding God, you protect and guide us with your word. Lead your church into ever closer relationship with you, that we might better know your commands, hold fast to your decrees, and live in your law. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

WA: God of the cosmos, heaven and earth bear witness to the splendor of all you have created. Bless the ground, trees, waterways, and skies with abundant life. Restore synergy between humankind and the natural world, that we may live in harmony with the world you have made. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

WA: God of peace, you show solidarity with all who suffer. Bring an end to violence, war, discrimination, and all other forms of deadly hate, that we may experience your love through the power of justice. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

WA: God of growth, you nurture this community. Cultivate in us a spirit of service to one another, and bless us in the ministry we share. We especially lift our friends and family members in our prayer: **Bob and Lynn Lyvers, Dick Johnson, Delbert Scheider, Jerry, Sheridan Brinker, Gene Hesselbacher, Fern Harnish, Connor Stadermann, Jaden, Jon Forsythe, Brooke, Diane, Deb Lindeman Harder, Cindy Tessoroff, Randy, Brian, Don Hoge, the Heimann family, Dave Heinkel, Janet, Paul Heller, Lori, J.T., Dan and Sue White, Irene, Jeff and Deb, Ryse Stone, Harry Perra Jr. Nicole, Meghan, Hailey Bettenhauser, Mary Schick, Kyle, Dave Lartz, and Brian Gobeli.** Give strength and courage and your blessing this week to **Lois Paulsen.** Pray for love, peace, comfort, and resurrection hope for the family and friends of Vicar Mike Reibel. Surround them with your unconditional love. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

WA: God of our ancestors, Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebecca, Jacob and Leah and Rachel, we give you thanks for our forebears in the faith who now rest in your eternal grace and love. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

P: Confident that you are able to accomplish more than we even dare to ask, we bring these prayers before you, believing in your saving grace revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.**

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

Please greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

What is offering? Offering is our response to God's blessings and abundant grace given to us.

Offerings can take various forms such as prayer, voices, time, fruit from the land, money, and being the hands and feet of God's works in the world. Give thanks to our Lord!

HANDBELLS**“SONGS OF WORSHIP AND PRAISE”****OFFERING SONG**

The following hymn is sung during the presentation of gifts:



Come, bring them to the ta - ble— bring the gifts of bread and
 wine, the hopes and dreams of all the peo-ple, the
 of - f'ring of our lives, the of - f'ring of our lives.

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray. **C:** God of wonder, you formed us in our mother's womb, and from mother earth you bring forth this bread and wine. We place them on your table, together with our lives and all that you have made. Open the heavens to us and pour out your Spirit. We wait for your mercy; we long for your peace; we hunger and thirst for Jesus Christ, our banquet of life. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING**EUCCHARISTIC PRAYERS**

P: Living God, Risen Christ, you make yourself known to us in the breaking of bread and the pouring of wine. Refresh us once again with this reality of your healing presence in all the world.

C: We break bread today and remember the brokenness throughout all the world
 We pour wine today and remember the blood being shed throughout all the world.

P: Living God, Risen Christ, through eating of this bread and the drinking of this wine, may our eyes and our hands be opened to the needs of others, and our hearts to the sharing of your gifts in all the world.

C: Amen.

P: In the night which he was betrayed,..... Do this in remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

C: 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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

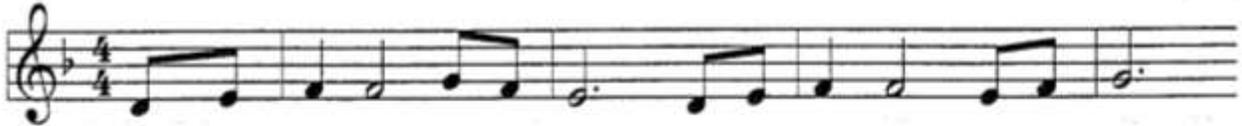
Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! Come to the table of mercy and joy.

We practice open Communion —Christ invites us to the table. All baptized Christians are welcome to partake the body and blood of Jesus Christ. If you wish to receive a blessing, you may come forward. Holy Communion will be celebrated by intinction (dip the bread into the chalice). The gold chalices have wine; the chrome chalices have grape juice. You will be ushered down the center aisle and return to your pew by way of the side aisles. If you need assistance, please let an usher know.



COMMUNION SONG

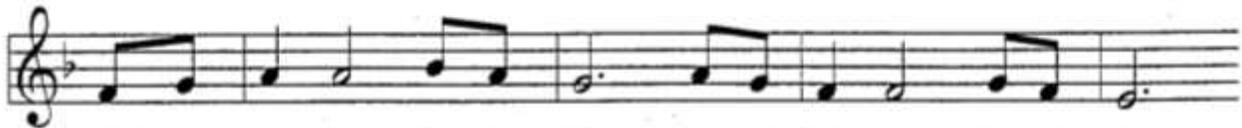
“CHRIST, HAVE MERCY ON US ALL”



1 Christ, have mer-cy on us all. Keep us stead-fast e'er we fall.
 2 God, be with us at the feast. Grant us wis-dom, give us peace.
 3 Ho-ly Spir-it, breathe a-gain. Light the dark-ness, be our friend.



Break the bread, pour the wine. Come and dine.



4 Bake a great loaf; give it time; choose the best grapes from the vine.



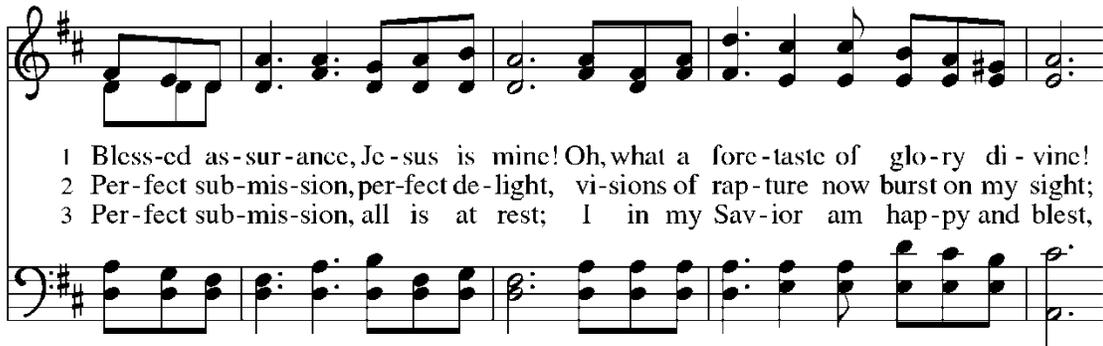
Break the bread, pour the wine. Come and dine.



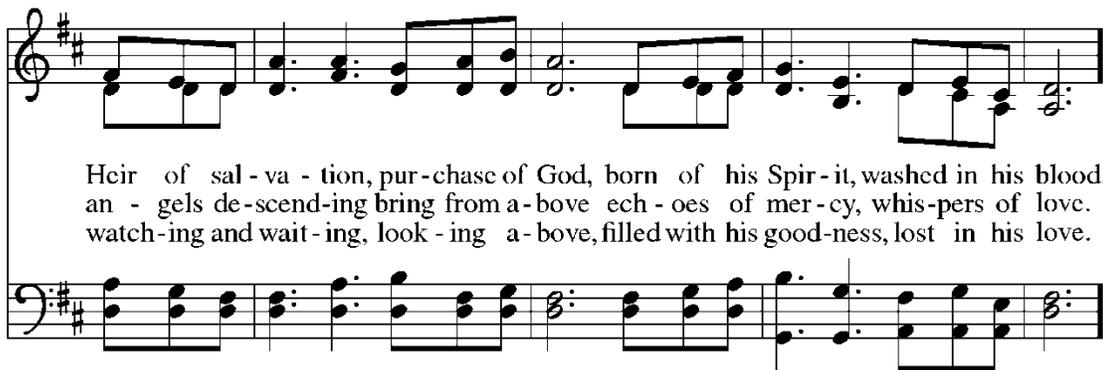
COMMUNION SONG

"BLESSED ASSURANCE"

ELW #638

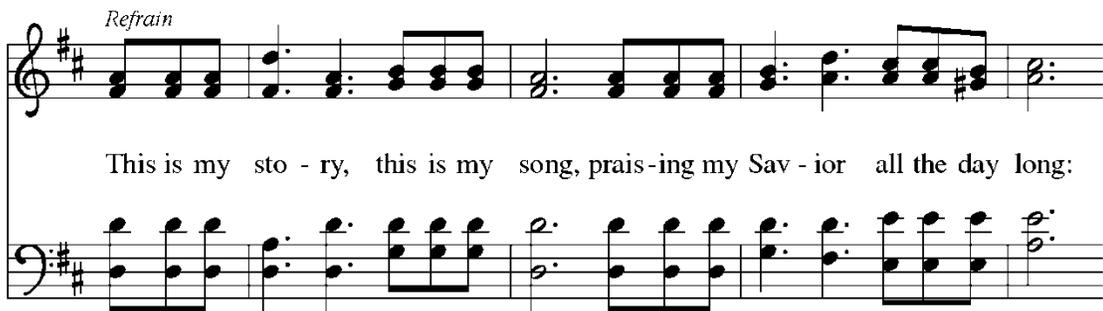


1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
 2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
 3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,



Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.
 an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.
 watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

Refrain



This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long:



this is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.

COMMUNION BLESSING

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE “NOW THE BODY BROKEN”


1 Now the bod - y bro - ken; now the blood is shed;
 now the eyes are o - pen to the liv - ing Bread:
 Bread of life, Bread of hope, Bread of peace.

2 Now with wills u - nit - ed, now with o - pen hands,
 now with hearts de - light - ed hear our God's com - mand:
 "Share the life, share the hope; share the life, share the
 hope; share the life, share the hope, share the peace."

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Faithful God, you have kept your promise to us in this meal, nourishing us with the gift of salvation. Now send your servants forth in peace, that we may testify to your goodness and share the hope that is ours in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen.**

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS & CELEBRATIONS**BLESSING**

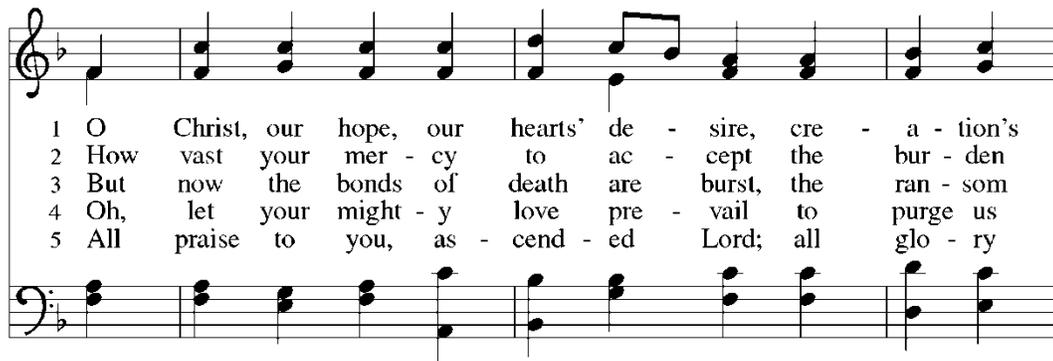
P: May Christ, the source of our life, love us dearly, keep us in his peace, and accompany us in our journeys, And the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the ☩ Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with us always. **C: Amen.**



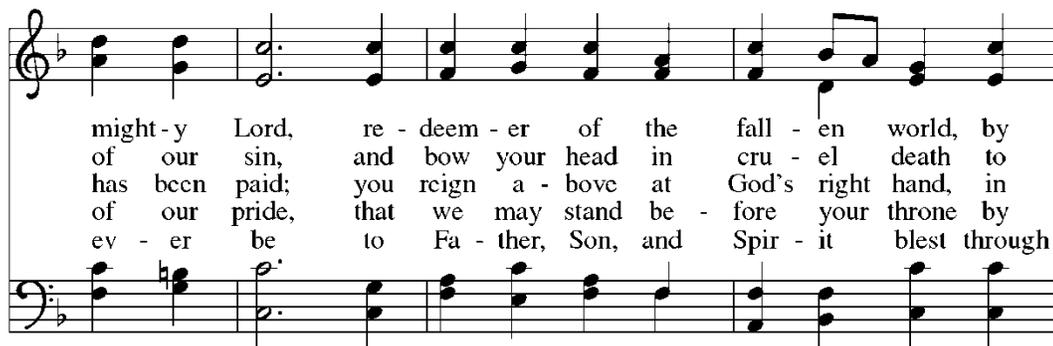
SENDING SONG

"O CHRIST, OUR HOPE"
(verses 1, 3, & 5)

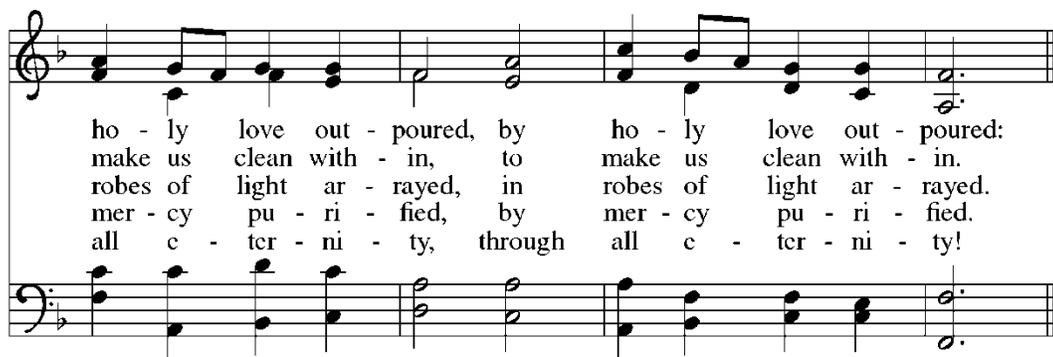
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1 O Christ, our hope, our hearts' de - sire, cre - a - tion's
2 How vast your mer - cy to ac - cept the bur - den
3 But now the bonds of death are burst, the ran - som
4 Oh, let your might - y love pre - vail to purge us
5 All praise to you, as - cend - ed Lord; all glo - ry



might - y Lord, re - deem - er of the fall - en world, by
of our sin, and bow your head in cru - el death to
has been paid; you reign a - bove at God's right hand, in
of our pride, that we may stand be - fore your throne by
ev - er be to Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it blest through



ho - ly love out - poured, by ho - ly love out - poured:
make us clean with - in, to make us clean with - in.
robes of light ar - rayed, in robes of light ar - rayed.
mer - cy pu - ri - fied, by mer - cy pu - ri - fied.
all c - ter - ni - ty, through all c - ter - ni - ty!

DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Let your light shine. C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Tena Rackow

Worship Assistants

Pastor Miho Yasukawa
Choir Director/Accomp: Janis Kurth and Tena Rackow
Pianist: Tena Rackow and Sarah Baker Organist: Karen Niemeier

Lector: Anna Patterson
Assisting Minister: Jay Andrews
Worship Assistant: Sheila Keene
Acolyte: Lucas Fye
Greeters: Bill and Jean Engel
 Troy and Krista Keene
Ushers: Paul and Shirley Fox
 Virgil and Joanne Martin

Communion Set-up: Vivian Hesselbacher
Communion Assistant: Shirley Fox and Marybeth Brinker
Communion Ushers: Jim Swain and Denny Luke
Sound System: Troy Doubler and open
Elevator Operator: Anna Patterson

THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD

February 16th through February 23rd, 2020

Today:	Worship Service	9:30am
	Fellowship	10:30am
	Sunday School	10:45 am
	Choir Practice	11:00am
	Confirmation Class	11:00am
	Chime Practice	12:00pm
	GS at Lena Living Center Service	2:30pm
Tuesday:	Pr. Miho at PLC meeting, Synod Office, Rockford	9:30am-11:30am
Wednesday:	“Piece Corps” Quilting Group	8:00am-11:30am
Thursday:	Friendship Center, Devotions and Dessert	1:00pm
	Worship Committee Meeting	6:30pm
Saturday:	Volunteer day at Le-Win Food Pantry	
Next Sunday:	Worship Service-Transfiguration Sunday	9:30am
	Fellowship	10:30am
	Sunday School	10:45 am
	Choir Practice	11:00am
	Chime Practice	12:00pm

Attendance: February 9th - 35

Total Offering 02/09/2020 - \$1163.00 amount needed; \$2567.20



Go and Cheer!

We are your “grandparents
February 13th -March 4th Art Exhibit @ Highland.
If your games, concerts, plays, etc. are coming up, please share with the church office.
We will go and cheer!

Derinda Trinity Lutheran Church Chili Supper

Come celebrate heritage and fellowship with the handmade filled noodles and homemade chili, salads, and fresh baked desserts that will be at Trinity’s annual Chili and Filled Noodle Supper. Come dine in or pick up from 4-7 pm on Sunday evening, March 1st at Trinity Lutheran Church, 8393 Derinda Road, Elizabeth, IL. Adults \$8; children 5-12 \$6; children under 5 eat free! There will be fun for all ages with the snack/cake walk as well! We hope to see you then!

Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday is a solemn day of prayer that begins the season of Lent. Ash Wednesday worship service includes confession of our sin in a litany of repentance, imposition of ashes, and communion. You are welcome to join this year's Ash Wednesday joint service with Lena UMC. Afternoon service will be at 1pm at Lena UMC, and evening service will be at 7pm at Good Shepherd. All are welcome.

Lenten Lunch Schedule

Theme: Picture of Bread

February 26 at Lena UMC hosted by Lena UMC/ McConnell UMC

March 4 at Good Shepherd

March 11 at E-Free

March 18 at Synergy hosted by Synergy/ Beloved

March 25 at St. John's

April 1 at St. Joseph

April 8 at Lena UMC hosted by Salem UCC.

Lunch starts at noon followed by short devotion. Free will offering will be accepted.

Lenten Devotion Book—*Wondrous Love*

Wondrous Love provides a devotion for each day from Ash Wednesday to the Vigil of Easter (traditionally known as Holy Saturday). Devotions begin with an evocative image and a brief passage from the Gospel of Matthew. The writers then bring their unique voices and pastoral wisdom to the Matthew texts with quotations to ponder, reflect, and prayer. (p3 *Wondrous Love*)

Both regular print and large prints are available at the rack.