

# *Divine Shepherd Lutheran Church*

*The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod*

**A BIBLICAL, CONFESSIONAL AND TRADITIONAL CONGREGATION IN THE CHICAGO REGION  
COMMITTED TO MINISTERING TO SINNERS  
WITH THE FORGIVING PRESENCE OF JESUS CHRIST.**

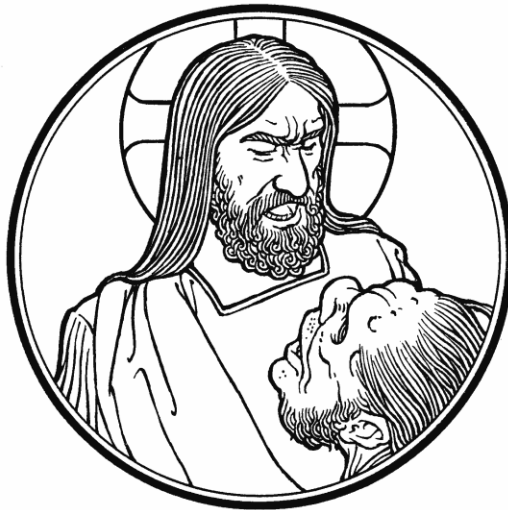
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FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

JANUARY 31, 2021

✠ DIVINE SERVICE ✠

Setting 1



**A WELCOME IN JESUS' NAME** to all who gather in the Lord's House today. You have joined with the seen and unseen host of God, around the throne of the Lamb, to be served by the Triune God through the preaching of His Word and the administration of the Holy Sacraments. Apart from these Means of Grace there are no Christians and there is no Church! Therefore the entire Liturgy places God at center stage as He acts towards His people through the Word and Sacraments to bring His gifts of life and salvation. That is why the Liturgy is called "Divine Service" - it is God's Service to His people! This service reaches its fulfillment in the Lord's Supper or Sacrament of the Altar.

As He promised, the Lord our God has raised up *“a prophet”* like Moses, namely Jesus, our brother in the flesh. *“To him you shall listen,”* because the Word of the Lord is *“in his mouth”* (Deut. 18:15–18). Indeed, He is more than a prophet and more than a scribe of the Scriptures; He is the incarnate Word, and He speaks *“a new teaching with authority”* (Mark 1:22, 27). He enters *“the synagogue”* of His Church and provides true Sabbath rest, using His authority to silence and cast out *“even the unclean spirits”* (Mark 1:21–27). By His Word of the cross, He removes the accusations of the Law and of the devil, and He cleanses our consciences before God the Father, *“from whom are all things and for whom we exist.”* Hence, we are now set free from bondage and commended to God by the one Lord, Jesus Christ, *“through whom are all things and through whom we exist”* (1 Cor. 8:6). Therefore, use your freedom to care for your brothers and sisters, neither causing them to stumble nor wounding their consciences (1 Cor. 8:9–12), but cleansing and strengthening them with the Gospel.

### ***Prayer before Worship***

Almighty and gracious God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, You have commanded us to pray that You would send forth laborers into Your harvest. Of Your infinite mercy give us true teachers and ministers of Your Word who truly fulfill Your command and preach nothing contrary to Your holy Word. Grant that we, being warned, instructed, nurtured, comforted, and strengthened by Your holy Word, may do those things which are well pleasing to You and profitable for our salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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| <b>P</b> | designates the parts of the liturgy spoken or chanted by the pastor                      |
| <b>C</b> | designates the parts of the liturgy spoken or chanted by the congregation                |
| <b>✠</b> | designates the parts of the liturgy where the sign of the cross may be made              |
| <b>△</b> | designates a hymn that ends with a Trinitarian stanza; please stand for the final stanza |

## ✠ PREPARATION ✠

### HYMN OF INVOCATION

#### 583 God Has Spoken by His Prophets



1 God has spo - ken by His proph - ets, Spo - ken His un - chang - ing Word;  
2 God has spo - ken by Christ Je - sus, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Son,  
3 God is speak - ing by His Spir - it, Speak - ing to our hearts a - gain,



Each from age to age pro - claim - ing God, the one, the righ - teous Lord.  
Bright - ness of the Fa - ther's glo - ry, With the Fa - ther ev - er one;  
In the age - less Word de - clar - ing His own mes - sage, now as then.



In the world's de - spair and tur - moil, One firm an - chor holds us fast:  
Spo - ken by the Word In - car - nate, God of God, be - fore time was;  
Through the rise and fall of na - tions One sure faith yet stand - ing fast;



God is king, His throne e - ter - nal; God the first, and God the last.  
Light of Light, to earth de - scend - ing, He re - veals our God to us.  
God a - bides, His Word un - chang - ing; God the first, and God the last.

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### INVOCATION

*Matthew 28:19-20*

*The sign of the cross (✠) may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.



## CONFESSION OF SINS

1 John 1:8-9

- 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.**



## ✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

### Introit

*Psalm 32:1–2, 5–7; antiphon: v. 10*

*The 32<sup>nd</sup> psalm is an exemplary psalm of instruction that teaches us what sin is, and how one might be freed from it and be righteous before God. Our reason does not know what sin is and tries to make satisfaction for it with works. But the psalmist says that even saints are sinners. They cannot become holy or blessed except by confessing themselves as sinners before God, knowing that they are regarded as righteous only from the grace of God, apart from any service or work.*

[Reading the Psalms with Luther, p. 78]



**A** Many are the sorrows of the | wicked,\*

but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts | in the Lord.

**C** **Blessèd is the one whose transgression is for- | given,\***  
**whose sin is | covered.**

**Blessèd is the man against whom the Lord counts no in- | iquity,\***  
**and in whose spirit there is | no deceit.**

**I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my in- | iquity;\***

**I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and you forgave the**  
**iniquity | of my sin.**

**Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you at a time when you**  
**| may be found;\***

**surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not | reach him.**

**You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from | trouble;\***  
**you surround me with shouts of de- | liverance.**

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\***

**and to the Holy | Spirit;**

**as it was in the be- | ginning,\***

**is now, and will be forever. | Amen..**

**A** Many are the sorrows of the | wicked,\*

but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts | in the Lord.

## Kyrie

Mark 10:47

- A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.
- C** (Sung) **Lord, have mercy.**
- A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
- C** (Sung) **Lord, have mercy.**
- A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.
- C** (Sung) **Lord, have mercy.**
- A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
- C** (Sung) **Lord, have mercy.**
- A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
- C** (Sung) **Amen.**

## Gloria in Excelsis

Luke 2:14; John 1:29

- P** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.
- C** (Sung) **Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:**  
**We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.**  
**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:**  
**You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**  
**You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.**  
**For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord,**  
**You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,**  
**in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

2 Timothy 4:22

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** (Sung) **And also with you.**

- P** Let us pray.  
Almighty God, You know we live in the midst of so many dangers that in our frailty we cannot stand upright. Grant strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

Sit

## Old Testament Reading

*Deuteronomy 18:15–20*

"The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers- it is to him you shall listen- <sup>16</sup>just as you desired of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, 'Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.' <sup>17</sup> And the LORD said to me, 'They are right in what they have spoken. <sup>18</sup> I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. <sup>19</sup> And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him. <sup>20</sup> But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in my name that I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that same prophet shall die.'

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Gradual

*Psalm 117:1-2a; 96:8*

**A** Praise the LORD, all | nations!\*

Extol him, all | peoples!

For great is his steadfast | love toward us,\*

and the faithfulness of the LORD endures for- | ever.

Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due his name;\*

bring an offering, and come in- | to his courts!



## Epistle

*1 Corinthians 8:1–13*

Now concerning food offered to idols: we know that "all of us possess knowledge." This "knowledge" puffs up, but love builds up. <sup>2</sup> If anyone imagines that he knows something, he does not yet know as he ought to know. <sup>3</sup> But if anyone loves God, he is known by God. <sup>4</sup> Therefore, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that "an idol has no real existence," and that "there is no God but one." <sup>5</sup> For although there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth- as indeed there are many "gods" and many "lords"- <sup>6</sup> yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist. <sup>7</sup> However, not all possess this knowledge. But some, through former association with idols, eat food as really offered to an idol, and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. <sup>8</sup> Food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. <sup>9</sup> But take care that this right of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the

weak. <sup>10</sup> For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol's temple, will he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? <sup>11</sup> And so by your knowledge this weak person is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. <sup>12</sup> Thus, sinning against your brothers and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. <sup>13</sup> Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble.

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

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

*Stand*

### **Alleluia and Verse (Sung)**

*John 6:68*

**C** **Alleluia.**

**Lord, to whom shall we go?**

**You have the words of eternal life.**

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

### **Holy Gospel**

*Mark 1:21-28*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

**C** (sung) **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

And they went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath he entered the synagogue and was teaching. <sup>22</sup> And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes. <sup>23</sup> And immediately there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, <sup>24</sup> "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are- the Holy One of God." <sup>25</sup> But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" <sup>26</sup> And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying out with a loud voice, came out of him. <sup>27</sup> And they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, "What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." <sup>28</sup> And at once his fame spread everywhere throughout all the surrounding region of Galilee.

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

**C** (sung) **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

*Sit*



## 842 Son of God, Eternal Savior



1 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, Source of life and  
 2 As You, Lord, have lived for oth - ers, So may we for  
 3 Come, O Christ, and reign a - mong us, King of love and  
 4 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, Source of life and



truth and grace, Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us  
 oth - ers live. Free - ly have Your gifts been grant - ed;  
 Prince of Peace; Hush the storm of strife and pas - sion,  
 truth and grace, Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us



Hal - lows all our hu - man race, You our Head, who, throned in  
 Free-ly may Your ser - vants give. Yours the gold and Yours the  
 Bid its cru - el dis - cords cease. By Your pa - tient years of  
 Hal - lows all our hu - man race: By Your pray - ing, by Your



glo - ry, For Your own will ev - er plead: Fill us with Your  
 sil - ver, Yours the wealth of land and sea; We but stew - ards  
 toil - ing, By Your si - lent hours of pain, Quench our fe - vered  
 will - ing That Your peo - ple should be one, Grant, O grant our



love and pit - y, Heal our wrongs, and help our need.  
 of Your boun - ty Held in sol - emn trust will be.  
 thirst of plea - sure, Stem our self - ish greed of gain.  
 hope's fru - i - tion: Here on earth Your will be done.

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## Sermon

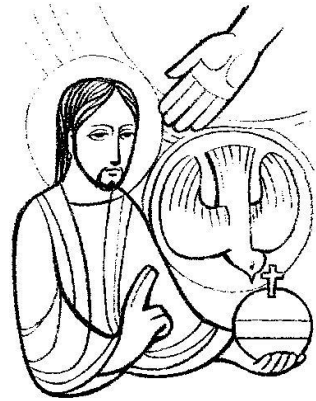
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## Nicene Creed

**☩ 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,  
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.**

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

1 Timothy 2:1-4

*After each petition:*

**P** Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C** hear our prayer.

*After the final petition:*

... one God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

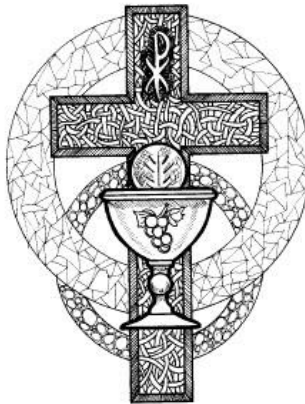
**Offering (You may place your offering in the plates in the back of the nave as you are leaving.)**

## Offertory

*Psalm 116:12-13, 17-19*

**C** (Sung) **What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?**  
**I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.**  
**I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.**  
**I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,**  
**in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.**

✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠



## Preface

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

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** (Sung) **And also with you.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** (Sung) **We lift them to the Lord.**

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** (Sung) **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary..... evermore praising You and saying:

## Sanctus

*Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*

**C** (Sung) **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:  
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.  
Hosanna. Hosanna.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He ☩ who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

## Lord's Prayer

*Matthew 6:9-13*

**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.**

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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

- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{✠}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\text{✠}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## PAX DOMINI

*John 20:19*

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**C** (Sung) **Amen.**

## Agnus Dei (Sung)

*John 1:19*

- C** **Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**  
**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**  
**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

*Sit*

**Dear Visitors and Friends:** EPIPHANY means "manifestation" or "appearance". It is a season which highlights many of the epiphanies of God in human flesh (to the wise men, at His Baptism, His miracles, His transfiguration). It is a season which also sets forth Christ as the light of the world and mission outreach to all peoples. As Christ manifests Himself today in the Lord's Supper, His forgiveness empowers us to walk in His light and witness of Him to a world sitting in darkness. God's Word teaches that doctrinal unity is central to the common reception of the Lord's Supper

For this reason, the congregations of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod have agreed to follow the Biblical and historical practice of "Closed Communion." **If you desire to receive the Lord's Supper and are not a communicant member of Divine Shepherd, or a sister congregation in the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod we respectfully ask that you not commune this morning.** Rather, we would invite you to speak with Pastor Zimmer about Holy Communion and about becoming a communicant member of this congregation. It is the sincere prayer of this congregation that our careful practice of the administration of the Lord's Supper will not be a hindrance to our fellowship with you but instead that it would lead you to appreciate the high regard we have for Christ and His Word concerning this precious gift. **Thank you for your understanding.**

**620 Jesus Comes Today with Healing**

1 Je - sus comes to - day with heal - ing, Knock - ing at my  
 2 Christ Him - self, the priest pre - sid - ing, Yet in bread and  
 3 Un - der bread and wine, though low - ly, I re - ceive the  
 4 God de - scends with heav'n - ly pow - er, Gives Him - self to  
 door, ap - peal - ing, Of - f'ring par - don, grace, and peace.  
 wine a - bid - ing In this ho - ly sac - ra - ment,  
 Sav - ior ho - ly, Blood and bod - y, giv'n for me,  
 me this hour— In this or - di - nar - y sign.  
 He Him - self makes prep - a - ra - tion, And I hear His  
 Gives the bread of life, once bro - ken, And the cup, the  
 Ver - y Lamb of God from heav - en, Who to bit - ter  
 On my tongue His pledge re - ceiv - ing, I ac - cept His  
 in - vi - ta - tion: "Come and taste the bless - ed feast."  
 pre - cious to - ken Of His sa - cred cov - e - nant.  
 death was giv - en, Hung up - on the curs - ed tree.  
 grace, be - liev - ing That I taste His love di - vine.

5 Let me praise God's boundless favor,

Whose own feast of love I savor,

Bidden by His gracious call.

Wedding garments He provides me,

With a robe of white He hides me,

Fits me for the royal hall.

6 Now have I found consolation,

Comfort in my tribulation,

Balm to heal the troubled soul.

God, my shield from ev'ry terror,

Cleanses me from sin and error,

Makes my wounded spirit whole.

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### 394 Songs of Thankfulness and Praise



1 Songs of thank - ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to Thee we raise,  
 2 Man - i - fest at Jor-dan's stream, Proph-et, Priest, and King su-preme;  
 3 Man - i - fest in mak-ing whole Pal - sied limbs and faint - ing soul;  
 4 Sun and moon shall dark-ened be, Stars shall fall, the heav'ns shall flee;  
 5 Grant us grace to see Thee, Lord, Pres - ent in Thy ho - ly Word—



Man - i - fest-ed by the star To the sa - ges from a - far,  
 And at Ca - na wed - ding guest In Thy God-head man - i - fest;  
 Man - i - fest in val - iant fight, Quell-ing all the dev - il's might;  
 Christ will then like light - ning shine, All will see His glo - rious sign;  
 Grace to im - i - tate Thee now And be pure, as pure art Thou;



Branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem In Thy birth at Beth - le - hem:  
 Man - i - fest in pow'r di - vine, Chang-ing wa - ter in - to wine;  
 Man - i - fest in gra - cious will, Ev - er bring-ing good from ill;  
 All will then the trum - pet hear, All will see the Judge ap - pear;  
 That we might be - come like Thee At Thy great e - piph - a - ny



An - thems be to Thee ad-dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.  
 An - thems be to Thee ad-dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.  
 An - thems be to Thee ad-dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.  
 Thou by all wilt be con-fessed, God in man made man - i - fest.  
 And may praise Thee, ev - er blest, God in man made man - i - fest.

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## 698 May We Thy Precepts, Lord, Fulfill

1 May we Thy pre - cepts, Lord, ful - fill And do on  
 2 So may we join Thy name to bless, Thy grace a -  
 3 Spir - it of life, of love and peace, U - nite our  
 earth our Fa - ther's will As an - gels do a - bove;  
 dore, Thy pow'r con - fess, From sin and strife to flee.  
 hearts, our joy in - crease, Thy gra-cious help sup - ply.  
 Still walk in Christ, the liv - ing way, With all Thy  
 One is our call - ing, one our name, The end of  
 To each of us the bless - ing give In Chris - tian  
 chil-dren and o - bey The law of Chris - tian love.  
 all our hopes the same, A crown of life with Thee.  
 fel - low - ship to live, In joy - ful hope to die.

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*Stand*

## DISMISSAL

**P** The eating and drinking of your Savior's sacred body and blood strengthen and preserve you in the one true Christian faith unto life everlasting. Depart in the joy of His Peace.

**C** **Amen.**

## Thank the Lord (Sung)

**C** **Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.  
 Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.  
 He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy  
 with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.**



## Post-Communion Collect

**A** Let us pray.

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.

## Benediction

*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** (Sung) Amen.



## CLOSING HYMN

### 533 Jesus Has Come and Brings Pleasure



1 Je - sus has come and brings plea - sure e - ter - nal,  
 2 Je - sus has come! Now see bonds rent a - sun - der!  
 3 Je - sus has come as the might - y Re - deem - er.  
 4 Je - sus has come as the King of all glo - ry!



Al - pha, O - me - ga, Be - gin - ning and End;  
 Fet - ters of death now dis - solve, dis - ap - pear.  
 See now the threat - en - ing strong one dis - armed!  
 Heav - en and earth, O de - clare His great pow'r,



God - head, hu - man - i - ty, u - nion su - per - nal,  
 See Him burst through with a voice as of thun - der!  
 Je - sus breaks down all the walls of death's for - tress,  
 Cap - tur - ing hearts with the heav - en - ly sto - ry;



O great Re - deem - er, You come as our friend!  
 He sets us free from our guilt and our fear,  
 Brings forth the pris - 'ners tri - um - phant, un - harmed.  
 Wel - come Him now in this fast - fleet - ing hour!



Heav - en and earth, now pro - claim this great won - der:  
 Lifts us from shame to the place of His hon - or.  
 Sa - tan, you wick - ed one, own now your mas - ter!  
 Pon - der His love! Take the crown He has for you!



Je - sus has come and brings plea - sure e - ter - nal!  
 Je - sus has come! Hear the roll of God's thun - der!  
 Je - sus has come! He, the might - y Re - deem - er!  
 Je - sus has come! He, the King of all glo - ry!

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### ✠ SOLI DEO GLORIA ✠

The Lutheran Church retains ceremonies that underscore and support the Gospel—the good news that we are saved by *grace alone* through *faith alone* in *Christ alone*. Such laudable ceremonies include making the sign of the cross in remembrance of Holy Baptism. Those places in the service where Lutherans have traditionally made the sign of the cross are marked with a cross (✠).



**Note that [the man possessed by the demon] is described with "cried out" in verse 24. Jesus' speech is introduced with the same word. The demoniac shrieked. Jesus sternly rebuked and forbade. Why did Jesus say: "Be muzzled and come out of him?" Commentators point out that Jesus would not allow demon possessed people to use His titles. Why not? Because this devil was using this title with a meaning quite the opposite of what it really means. And, lest the demon-possessed would say anything else to turn the people against Jesus, by His almighty Word Jesus absolutely forbids him to say anything else and makes the demon come out of the man. Note that in verses 23-24 the demon and the person are identified. But in verse 25 a distinction is made. Jesus is separating the two when He speaks.**

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