Divine Shepherd Lutheran Church

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

■ DIVINE SERVICE ▼

Setting 3



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.

The outcome of sin is death, "but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Rom. 6:23). He has set you free from the slavery of sin and has brought you "from death to life" (Rom. 6:13). No longer are you under the condemnation of the Law, but you live "under grace" (Rom. 6:14). Such is your courage in the face of "those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul" (Matt. 10:28). For though "you will be hated by all" and maligned by the world for the name of Christ (Matt. 10:22, 25), you abide in the care of your Father in heaven, who numbers "even the hairs of your head" and values you more "than many sparrows" (Matt. 10:30-31). By the Word of Christ, you have become like Him, your Teacher and Master in whom you endure to the end, and "will be saved" (Matt. 10:22, 25). For He is with you "as a dread warrior," who has overcome your enemies (Jer. 20:11). By the righteousness of faith, He delivers your heart, mind, body and life "from the hand of evildoers," and He brings you into the land of the living (Jer. 20:12-13).

Prayer before Worship

Almighty and everlasting God, since You govern and sanctify the whole Christian Church by Your Holy Spirit, hear our prayers for all her members, and mercifully grant that by Your grace we may serve You in true faith; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

- **P** designates the parts of the liturgy spoken or chanted by the pastor
- designates the parts of the liturgy spoken or chanted by the congregation
- designates the parts of the liturgy where the sign of the cross may be made
- △ designates a hymn that ends with a Trinitarian stanza; please stand for the final stanza

♣ Preparation ♣

HYMN OF INVOCATION



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.

- P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- who made heaven and earth.
- P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being.

HOLY ABSOLUTION

John 20:19-23

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and 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.



G Amen.

▼ Service of the Word ▼

Introit

Psalm 56:3-4, 10-11; antiphon: v.13

The 56th psalm is a Psalm of prayer in which David Laments over Saul and his men, who forced David to flee out of the land of the Philistines. They pressed him so hard that he had nowhere to safely go. But David had the comfort of God's Word and the promise and right of the kingship, though they daily assailed it and opposed or even denied it, saying that he shall never be king, but rather Saul and his heirs.

[Reading the Psalms with Luther, p. 138]

For you have delivered my soul from death, yes, my feet from | falling,*

that I may walk before God in the | light of life.

When I am afraid,*
I put my trust in you.

In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust; I shall not | be afraid.*

What can flesh | do to me?

In God, whose word I praise,*
in the LORD, whose word I praise,

in God I trust; I shall not | be afraid.*
What can man | do to me?

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 For you have delivered my soul from death, yes, my feet from falling,*

that I may walk before God in the | light of life.

(sung) Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS — Glory to God in the Highest Luke 2:14; John 1:29

- P Glory be to God on high:
- (sung) And on earth peace, good will toward men.

We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,

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

O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

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

That takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

2 Timothy 4:22

- P The Lord be with you.
- (sung) And with thy spirit.
- P O God, because Your abiding presence always goes with us, keep us aware of Your daily mercies that we may live secure and content in Your eternal love; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C (sung) Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 20:7-13

O LORD, you have deceived me, and I was deceived; than I. and stronger you have I have become a laughingstock all the day; everyone mocks me. ⁸For whenever I speak, I cry out, I shout, "Violence and destruction!" For the word of the LORD has become for me a reproach and derision all day long. 9If I say, "I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name," there is in my heart as it were a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot. ¹⁰For I hear many whispering. Terror is on every side! "Denounce him! Let us denounce him!" say all my close friends, watching for my fall. "Perhaps he will be deceived; then we can overcome him and take our revenge on him." 11But the LORD is with me as a dread warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble; they will not overcome me. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonor will never be forgotten. O LORD of hosts, who tests the righteous, who sees the heart and the mind, let me see your vengeance upon them, for to you have I committed my cause. Sing to the LORD; praise the LORD! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hand of evildoers.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Psalm 145:3, 5b, 6b

A Great is the LORD, and greatly | to be praised,*



and his greatness is un- | searchable.

On your wondrous works, I will | meditate,*

and I will declare your | greatness.

Epistle

Romans 6:12-23

Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. ¹³Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as

those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. ¹⁴For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

What then? Are we to sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, ¹⁸and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. ¹⁹I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification.

When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? The end of those things is death. ²²But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. ²³For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

Stand

ALLELUIA

(sung) Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 10:5a, 21–33

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the tenth chapter.
- (sung) Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, . . .

²¹"Brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death, ²²and you will be hated by all for my name's sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. ²³When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next, for truly, I say to you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.

²⁴"A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. ²⁵It is enough for the disciple to be like his teacher, and the servant like his master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household.

²⁶"So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. ²⁷What I tell you in the dark, say in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. ²⁸And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. ³⁰But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. ³¹Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. ³²So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, ³³but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven."

- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- (Sung) Praise to You, O Christ.



Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down
from heaven

and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary

and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures

and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,

whose kingdom will have no end.

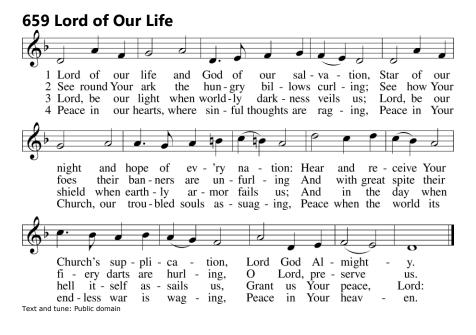
And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,

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 \pm of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn of the Day



Sermon

Stand

OFFERTORY Psalm 51:10-12

(sung) Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation; and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

Sit

OFFERING (YOU MAY PLACE YOUR OFFERING IN THE PLATES IN THE BACK OF THE NAVE AS YOU ARE LEAVING.)

Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

1 Timothy 2:1-4

After each petition: After the final petition:

P Lord, in Your mercy: ... one God, now and forever.

C Hear our prayer. Amen.

▼ Service of the Sacrament ▼

PREFACE

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

- P The Lord be with you.
- (sung) And with thy spirit.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- (sung) We lift them up unto the Lord.
- **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.
- (sung) It is meet and right so to do.

PROPER PREFACE

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

SANCTUS — Holy, Holy, Holy

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

(sung) Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth; Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory; Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, blessed is № He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest. LORD'S PRAYER Matthew 6:9-13

P 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.

(sung) 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 — The Peace of the Lord

John 20:19

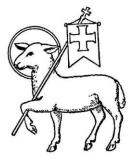
- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C (sung) Amen.

AGNUS DEI — Lamb of God

John 1:29

(sung) O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

Sit



Dear Visitors and Friends: As the first Christians devoted themselves to the Lord's Supper, they also devoted themselves to the Apostles' Doctrine (Acts 2:42). The two went hand in hand. As we devote ourselves to the Lord's Supper today, we also want to be faithful to the Apostles' Doctrine.

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.

DISTRIBUTION

hymns are sung as needed

Your hands.





God can ac - com-plish vast - ly more Than what we think could be.

- 5 O grant, most blessèd Lord, That earth and hell combined May not about this sacrament Raise doubt within my mind.
- 6 Oh, may I never fail To thank You day and night For Your true body and true blood, O God, my peace and light.

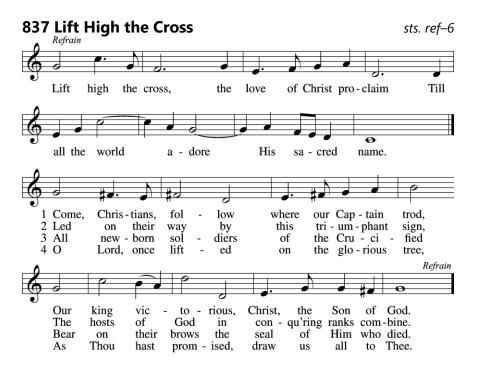
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- 5 Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell. Refrain
- 6 So shall our song of triumph ever be:
 Praise to the Crucified for victory! Refrain

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Stand

DISMISSAL

- P The body and blood of our Lord strengthen and preserve you steadfast in the true faith unto life everlasting.
- G Amen.

NUNC DIMITTIS — Song of Simeon

Luke 2:29-32

(sung) Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy Word,

for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou has prepared before the face of all people, a Light to lighten the Gentiles and the Glory of Thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

THANKSGIVING Psalm 107:1

P Oh, give thanks unto the Lord for He is good,

(sung) and His mercy endureth forever.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

- 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, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C (sung) Amen.

SALUTATION and BENEDICAMUS

2 Timothy 4:22

- P The Lord be with you.
- **C** (sung) And with thy spirit.
- P Bless we the Lord.
- (sung) Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION Numbers 6:24-26

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

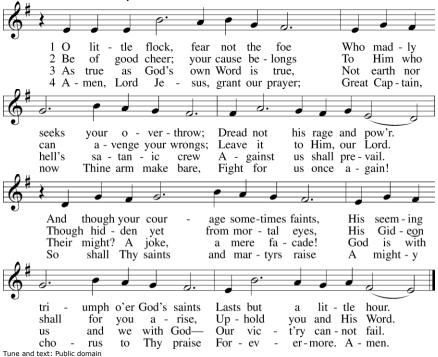
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and \blacksquare give you peace.

c (sung) Amen, amen, amen.

CLOSING HYMN





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The Lutheran Church has always retained ceremonies that 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 (*).

But since God cares for and observes us so much and so diligently, and since He is very close to us, what is there that could greatly disturb us or make us downcast? For this example teaches that He guards us and cares for us not only when we are awake and work but does so even in our sleep, when we do nothing and do not know that we are alive. Then He observes our dreams; He counts all the worries and sobs, even of those who are asleep. Although I really hate my flesh because I know that this is true, yet I am not seriously affected by it. For whom would such great care and solicitude of God on our behalf not move? He counts not only the hairs of our head (Matt. 10:30) but even our tears, and gathers them into a bottle, as Ps. 56:8 attests: "Thou hast kept count of my tossings; put Thou my tears in Thy bottle! Are they not in Thy book? (56:8.)" No little tear must be shed in vain; it is recorded with large, mighty letters in heaven.

- Martin Luther

