

# *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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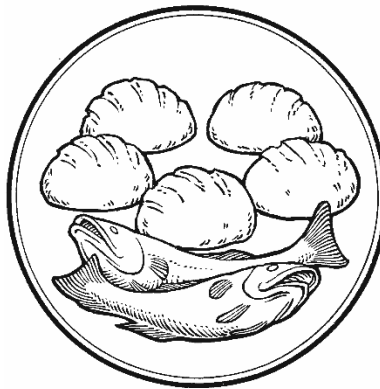
## THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

PROPER 11B

JULY 4, 2021

✠ 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 Lord rebukes and removes *“the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep”* (Jer. 23:1). He gathers the flock, brings them back to the fold, and sets *“shepherds over them who will care for them”* (Jer. 23:3–4). He raises up the Son of David, the great Good Shepherd, to *“reign as king and deal wisely”* (Jer. 23:5). He is *“our righteousness,”* in whom we *“dwell securely”* (Jer. 23:6). He has compassion on all of us, who were *“like sheep without a shepherd”* (Mark 6:34). Not only does He teach us many things, but taking the bread, He blesses and breaks and gives it to the disciples *“to set before the people”* (Mark 6:41). He abundantly provides for His Church on earth, so that everyone is fed and fully satisfied in body and soul. He preaches peace *“to you who were far off,”* and *“by the blood of Christ,”* He brings you near (Eph. 2:13, 17). Though you were *“separated from Christ”* by your sin, *“having no hope and without God in the world”* (Eph. 2:12), now *“you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God”* (Eph. 2:19).

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

Almighty and everlasting God, You would have all to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. By Your almighty power and unsearchable wisdom break and hinder all the counsels of those who hate Your Word and who, by corrupt teaching, would destroy it. Enlighten them with the knowledge of Your glory that they may know the riches of Your heavenly grace and, in peace and righteousness, serve You, the only true God; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

- P** designates the parts of the liturgy spoken or chanted by the pastor
- C** 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

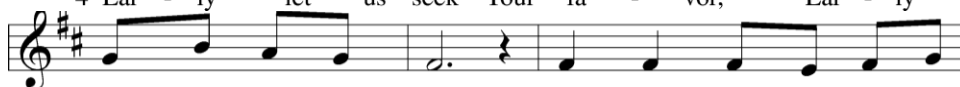
## ✠ Preparation ✠

### OPENING HYMN

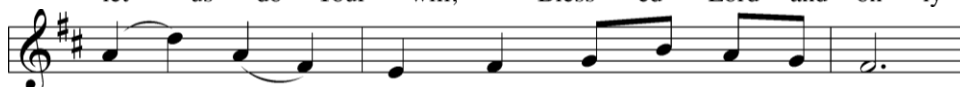
#### 711 Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us



1 Sav - ior, like a shep - herd lead us; Much we  
 2 We are Yours; in love be - friend us, Be the  
 3 You have prom - ised to re - ceive us, Poor and  
 4 Ear - ly let us seek Your fa - vor, Ear - ly



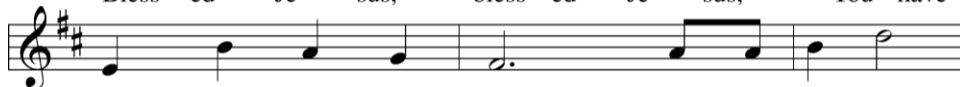
need Your ten - der care. In Your pleas - ant pas - tures  
 guard - ian of our way; Keep Your flock, from sin de -  
 sin - ful though we be; You have mer - cy to re -  
 let us do Your will; Bless - ed Lord and on - ly



feed us, For our use Your fold pre - pare.  
 fend us, Seek us when we go a - stray.  
 lieve us, Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.  
 Sav - ior, With Your love our spir - its fill.



Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, You have  
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, Hear us  
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, Ear - ly  
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, You have



bought us; we are Yours. Bless - ed Je - sus,  
 chil - dren when we pray. Bless - ed Je - sus,  
 let us turn to You. Bless - ed Je - sus,  
 loved us, love us still. Bless - ed Je - sus,



bless - ed Je - sus, You have bought us; we are Yours.  
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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

Hebrews 10:22; Psalm 124:8; 32:5

**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,

**C** **who made heaven and earth.**

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** **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,

**C** **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.

**C** Amen.

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

INTROIT

*Psalm 147:7–11; antiphon: Psalm 145:16*

*The 147<sup>th</sup> psalm is a psalm of thanks for various kindness and mighty works of God – first, toward Israel and Jerusalem, then to all who thirst. He gives rain and water to all creatures and does not let the least little bird go hungry, even the most useless raven. How much more then shall He care for us, especially those who trust in His goodness and not in human strength or horses?*

*[ Reading the Psalms with Luther, p. 348]*



**A** You open | your hand;\*  
you satisfy the desire of every | living thing.

**C** **Sing to the LORD with thanks- | giving;\*  
make melody to our God | on the lyre!**

**He covers the heavens with clouds; he prepares rain | for the earth;\*  
he makes grass grow | on the hills.**

**He gives to the | beasts their food,\*  
and to the young ravens | that cry.**

**His delight is not in the strength | of the horse,\*  
nor his pleasure in the legs | of a man,**

**but the LORD takes pleasure in those who | fear him,\*  
in those who hope in his | steadfast love.**

**C** **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** You open | your hand;\*  
you satisfy the desire of every | living thing.

**KYRIE** — *Lord, Have Mercy*

Mark 10:47

- C** (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:
- C** (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.
- C** (sung) **And with thy spirit.**
- P** Heavenly Father, though we do not deserve Your goodness, still You provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your gifts, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; 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.**

*Sit*

## Old Testament Reading

*Jeremiah 23:1–6*

“Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture!” declares the Lord. <sup>2</sup>Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who care for my people: “You have scattered my flock and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. Behold, I will attend to you for your evil deeds, declares the Lord. <sup>3</sup>Then I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. <sup>4</sup>I will set shepherds over them who will care for them, and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall any be missing, declares the Lord. “Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>6</sup>In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by which he will be called: ‘The Lord is our righteousness.’”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Gradual

*Psalm 145:3, 5b, 6b*



**A** Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowl- | edge of God!\*  
How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable | his ways!.  
For from him and through him and to him are | all things.\*  
To him be glory forever. | Amen.

### Epistle

*Ephesians 2:11–22*

Remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called “the uncircumcision” by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands— <sup>12</sup>remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. <sup>13</sup>But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. <sup>14</sup>For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility <sup>15</sup>by abolishing the law of commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, <sup>16</sup>and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. <sup>17</sup>And he

came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. <sup>18</sup>For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. <sup>19</sup>So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, <sup>20</sup>built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, <sup>21</sup>in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. <sup>22</sup>In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

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

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

*Stand*

**ALLELUIA**

*John 6:68*

**C** (sung) **Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

**Holy Gospel**

*Mark 6:30-44*

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

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

The apostles returned to Jesus and told him all that they had done and taught. <sup>31</sup>And he said to them, "Come away by yourselves to a desolate place and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. <sup>32</sup>And they went away in the boat to a desolate place by themselves. <sup>33</sup>Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they ran there on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. <sup>34</sup>When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. And he began to teach them many things. <sup>35</sup>And when it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, "This is a desolate place, and the hour is now late. <sup>36</sup>Send them away to go into the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat." <sup>37</sup>But he answered them, "You give them something to eat." And they said to him, "Shall we go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread and give it to them to eat?" <sup>38</sup>And he said to them, "How many loaves do you have? Go and see." And when they had found out, they said, "Five, and two fish." <sup>39</sup>Then he commanded them all to sit down in groups on the green grass. <sup>40</sup>So they sat down in groups, by hundreds and by fifties. <sup>41</sup>And taking the five loaves and the two fish he looked up to heaven and said a blessing and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples to set before the people. And he divided the two fish among them all. <sup>42</sup>And they all



ate and were satisfied. <sup>43</sup>And they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish.  
<sup>44</sup>And those who ate the loaves were five thousand men.

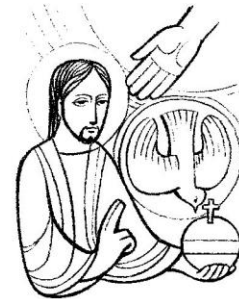
**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## Nicene Creed

**C** 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  $\otimes$  of the world to come. Amen.

## HYMN OF THE DAY

## 644 The Church's One Foundation



1 The Church's one foun - da - tion Is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;  
 2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, Yet one o'er all the earth;  
 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der The world sees her op - pressed,  
 4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion And tu - mult of her war  
 5 Yet she on earth has u - nion With God, the Three in One,



She is His new cre - a - tion By wa - ter and the Word.  
 Her char - ter of sal - va - tion: One Lord, one faith, one birth.  
 By schisms rent a - sun - der, By her - e - sies dis - tressed,  
 She waits the con - sum - ma - tion Of peace for - ev - er - more  
 And mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion With those whose rest is won.



From heav'n He came and sought her To be His ho - ly bride;  
 One ho - ly name she bless - es, Par - takes one ho - ly food,  
 Yet saints their watch are keep - ing; Their cry goes up, "How long?"  
 Till with the vi - sion glo - rious Her long - ing eyes are blest,  
 O bless - ed heav'n - ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by Your grace



With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.  
 And to one hope she press - es With ev - 'ry grace en - dued.  
 And soon the night of weep - ing Shall be the morn of song.  
 And the great Church vic - to - rious Shall be the Church at rest.  
 That we, like saints be - fore us, May see You face to face.

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## Sermon

Stand

## OFFERTORY

*Psalm 51:10-12*

**C** (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.**

## OFFERING

### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

*1 Timothy 2:1-4*

*After each petition:*

*After the final petition:*

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

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

## ✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠



## PREFACE

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

**P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** (sung) **And with thy spirit.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.  
**C** (sung) **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

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

- C** (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.

- C** (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*

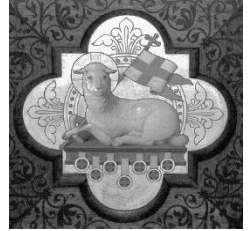
*John 20:19*

- 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*

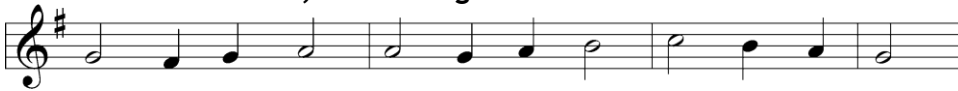
**Dear Visitors and Friends:** As the first Christians devoted themselves to the Lord's Supper, they also devoted themselves to the Apostles' Doctrine (Acts 2:42). The two went hand in hand. As we devote ourselves to the Lord's Supper today, we also want to be faithful to the Apostles' Doctrine

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*

## 625 Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, life - giv - ing bread, May I in grace  
2 To pas - tures green, Lord, safe - ly guide, To rest - ful wa -  
3 O bread of heav'n, my soul's de - light, For full and free  
4 I do not mer - it fa - vor, Lord, My weight of sin



pos - sess You. Let me with ho - ly food be fed,  
ters lead me; Your ta - ble well for me pro - vide,  
re - mis - sion I come with prayer be - fore Your sight  
would break me; In all my guilt - y heart's dis - cord,



In hun - ger I ad - dress You. Pre - pare me well  
Your wound - ed hand now feed me. Though wea - ry, sin -  
In sor - row and con - tri - tion. Your righ - teous - ness,  
O Lord, do not for - sake me. In my dis - tress



for You, O Lord, And, hum - bly by my prayer im - plored,  
ful, sick, and weak, Ref - uge in You a - lone I seek,  
Lord, cov - er me That I re - ceive You wor - thi - ly,  
this com - forts me That You re - ceive me gra - cious - ly,

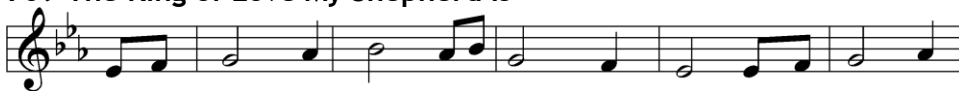


Give me Your grace and mer - cy.  
To share Your cup of heal - ing.  
As - sured of Your full par - don.  
O Christ, my Lord of mer - cy!

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## 709 The King of Love My Shepherd Is



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, Whose good - ness  
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, My ran - somed  
 3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, But yet in  
 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill With Thee, dear



fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if  
 soul He lead - eth And, where the ver - dant  
 love He sought me And on His shoul - der  
 Lord, be - side me, Thy rod and staff my



I am His And He is mine for - ev - er.  
 pas - tures grow, With food ce - les - tial feed - eth.  
 gent - ly laid And home re - joic - ing brought  
 com - fort still, Thy cross be - fore to guide me.

- 5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;  
 Thine unction grace bestoweth;  
 And, oh, what transport of delight  
 From Thy pure chalice floweth!
- 6 And so through all the length of days  
 Thy goodness faileth never;  
 Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise  
 Within Thy house forever!

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## 642 O Living Bread from Heaven



1 O liv - ing Bread from heav - en, How well You  
 2 My Lord, You here have led me To this most  
 3 You gave me all I want - ed; This food can  
 4 Lord, grant me then, thus strength - ened With heav'n - ly



feed Your guest! The gifts that You have giv - en  
 ho - ly place And with Your - self have fed me  
 death de - stroy. And You have free - ly grant - ed  
 food, while here My course on earth is length - ened,



Have filled my heart with rest. Oh, won - drous food of  
 The trea - sures of Your grace; For You have free - ly  
 The cup of end - less joy. My Lord, I do not  
 To serve with ho - ly fear. And when You call my



bles - sing, Oh, cup that heals our woes! My heart, this  
 giv - en What earth could nev - er buy, The bread of  
 mer - it The fa - vor You have shown, And all my  
 spir - it To leave this world be - low, I en - ter,



gift pos - sess - ing, With prais - es o - ver - flows.  
 life from heav - en, That now I shall not die.  
 soul and spir - it Bow down be - fore Your throne.  
 through Your mer - it, Where joys un - min - gled flow.

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## 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.



- C** (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,  
**C** (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*

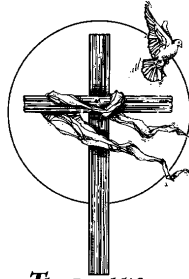
- P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** (sung) **And with thy spirit.**
- P** Bless we the Lord.  
**C** (sung) **Thanks be to God.**

*Psalm 103:1*

## 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 ✠ give you peace.
- C** (sung) **Amen, amen, amen.**



*The Lord lift up  
His countenance  
upon you  
and give you peace.*  
—Numbers 6:26

## CLOSING HYMN

### 861 Christ Be My Leader



1 Christ be my Lead - er by night as by day; Safe through the  
2 Christ be my Teach - er in age as in youth, Drift - ing or  
3 Christ be my Sav - ior in calm as in strife; Death can - not



dark - ness, for He is the way. Glad - ly I fol - low, my  
doubt - ing, for He is the truth. Grant me to trust Him; though  
hold me, for He is the life. Nor dark - ness nor doubt - ing nor



fu - ture His care, Dark - ness is day - light when Je - sus is there.  
shift - ing as sand, Doubt can - not daunt me; in Je - sus I stand.  
sin and its stain Can touch my sal - va - tion; with Je - sus I reign.

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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 (✠).

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**The great need of the disciples on this occasion was that, though they could think and figure, they did not believe or realize what kind of Lord they had in Christ. And that is the universal need even today, not only when we need food but also when we realize all sorts of necessities. We know how to figure and calculate carefully so that our needs might be filled. But when help does not come immediately as we would like it, we get nothing out of our careful figuring and calculating except sorrow and loss of spirit. It would be much better for us to commend the whole matter to God and not think so much about our needs.**

✠ **Martin Luther** ✠