

Lamb Of God Lutheran Church

April 25, 2021



4th Sunday
of Easter

*The Good
Shepherd*



Communion Statement

We will be celebrating Holy Communion at this service

We consider this to be a family meal partaken in and with the Real Presence of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The term "Communion" describes the relationship between the participants, certainly between each person and our Savior whose meal it is, but also with all who come together to consume Christ's body and blood in and with the bread and wine. To properly celebrate Communion all participants should be in communion; sharing the same confession of faith as is taught by the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (LCMS). **We welcome all those who regularly confess this faith as members or regular attenders of Lamb of God. Those who belong to another LCMS congregation and wish to join with us as fellow family members are asked to speak to an Elder prior to the beginning of service. Those who are visiting but not members of an LCMS congregation may approach the communion rail and receive a blessing with their arms folded in front of their chest, or remain seated.**

This has been the practice of the Church from the beginning, which according to earliest records would dismiss all those not baptized and confirmed before the Lord's Supper was celebrated. We are celebrating this Sacrament in keeping with this tradition. If you are from outside the LCMS confession, please know that we are not judging you or your faith. We are not implying that you are not a Christian or worthy of the gifts Christ won for you on the cross. We are simply acknowledging that since you do not have the same confession as we do you are not "in communion" with us. If you still desire to participate in Holy Communion in the future at Lamb of God please speak with Pastor Mark after the service. Thank you for honoring our celebration of Holy Communion.

*** Note: For those concerned about consuming alcohol-the individual cups in the center of each tray contain diluted wine. (1 drop of wine in water) There is gluten free wafers.*

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*Empowered by Christ's Sacraments to be His witness in
Friendship/Fellowship/and Faith.*

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Divine Service III

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Pre-Service Music

Welcome and Announcements

Easter Acclamation

- [P]** Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- [C]** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Salutation

- [P]** The Peace of the Lord be with you always
- [C]** And also with you.

*Please share the Peace of Christ with a wave of your hand from
where you sit.*

709 The King of Love My Shepherd Is [sts. 1-2]
A Lamb of God Favorite



fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
soul He lead - eth And, where the ver - dant

I am His And He is mine for - ev - er.
pas - tures grow, With food ce - les - tial feed - eth.

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Confession and Absolution

Please stand as you are able

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

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

C Amen.

Exhortation *LSB 184*

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.

Confession of Sins *LSB 184*

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.

Absolution *LSB 185*

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.



709 The King of Love My Shepherd Is [sts. 3-4] A Lamb of God Favorite

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

love He sought me And on His shoul - der
Lord, be - side me, Thy rod and staff my

gent - ly laid And home re - joic - ing brought me.
com - fort still, Thy cross be - fore to guide me.

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Service of the Word

Introit

- P** I am the good shepherd.
I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down
my life for the sheep.
- C** **The LORD is my shepherd;
I shall not want.**
- P** He makes me lie down in green pastures.
- C** **He leads me beside still waters.**
- P** He restores my soul.
- C** **He leads me in paths of righteousness for his
name's sake.**

P Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me;

C **your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

P You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

C **you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.**

P Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

C **and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

P I am the good shepherd.

I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life for the sheep.

Kyrie *LSB 186*

C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Easter Acclamation

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Please be seated

First Reading: Acts 4:1-12

¹As they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them, ²greatly annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. ³And they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. ⁴But many of those who had heard the word believed, and the number of the men came to about five thousand.

⁵On the next day their rulers and elders and scribes gathered together in Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas the high priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷And when they had set them in the midst, they inquired, “By what power or by what name did you do this?” ⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, ¹⁰let it be known to

all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by him this man is standing before you well. ¹¹This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. ¹²And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading: 1 John 3:13-24

¹³Do not be surprised, brothers, that the world hates you. ¹⁴We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brothers. Whoever does not love abides in death. ¹⁵Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him.

¹⁶By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. ¹⁷But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? ¹⁸Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

¹⁹By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; ²⁰for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything. ²¹Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; ²²and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. ²³And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴Whoever keeps his commandments abides in him, and he in them.

And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

740 I Am Jesus' Little Lamb
A Lamb of God Favorite

1 I am Je - sus' lit - tle lamb, Ev - er glad at
2 Day by day, at home, a - way, Je - sus is my
3 Who so hap - py as I am, E - ven now the

heart I am; For my Shep - herd gent - ly guides me,
staff and stay. When I hun - ger, Je - sus feeds me,
Shep - herd's lamb? And when my short life is end - ed,

Knows my need and well pro - vides me, Loves me ev - 'ry
In - to pleas - ant pas - tures leads me; When I thirst, He
By His an - gel host at - tend - ed, He shall fold me

day the same, E - ven calls me by my name.
bids me go Where the qui - et wa - ters flow.
to His breast, There with - in His arms to rest.

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Please stand as you are able

Easter Acclamation

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Alleluia *LSB 190*

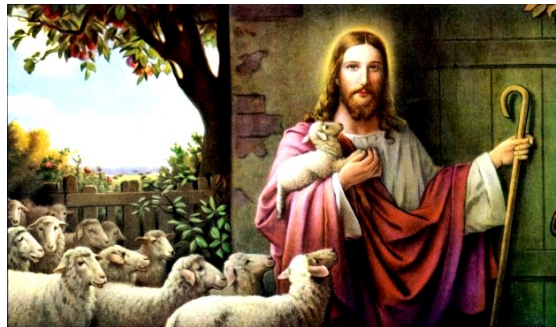


Holy Gospel: John 10:11-18

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the tenth chapter.

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

¹¹[Jesus said:] “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This have I received from my Father.”



P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead.

He as-
cended into
heaven
and sits
the right
hand of God
Father Al-
mighty.

From
thence He
come to judge the living and the dead.



at
the
will

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,

**the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.**

Please be seated

Children's Message

*Children-with their parent's permission, may depart for
Children's Church*

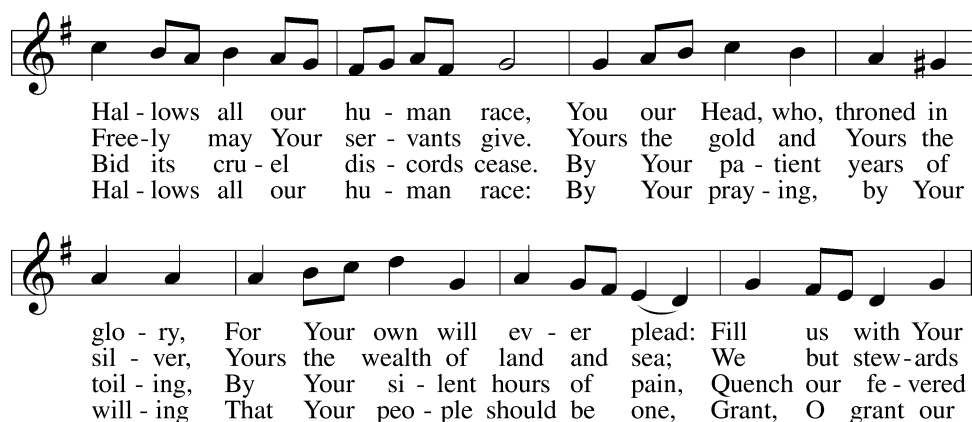
842 Son of God, Eternal Savior



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

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Easter Acclamation

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Sermon 1 John 3:16-18

Votum

P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

C Amen.

Offering and Prayers

Offering:

P Please fulfill your obligation as a member to support the ministry that is still on-going despite the Pandemic

restrictions. Please mail in your offering, give on-line at our website, or drop your offering envelope off in the lobby in the offering box across from the Church Office Monday – Friday 9 am-1 PM

Offering Verse: 1 John 3:18

¹⁸Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

Please stand as you are able

Offertory LSB 192



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

Please be seated

Prayer of the Church

P Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Shepherd of Israel, in Your Son, Jesus Christ, You have sought out Your sheep and gathered us with them into Your flock. Keep us always in Your fold, and guard us from every wolf and snare. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P . . . Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Lord God, out of Your fatherly goodness You have remembered us poor, miserable sinners and given Your beloved Son to be our Shepherd — not only to nourish us by His Word, but also to defend us from sin, death and the devil. Grant us Your Holy Spirit, that even as this Shepherd knows us and helps in every affliction, we also may know Him, trust Him, seek help and comfort in Him, heartily obey His voice and obtain eternal salvation; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Please stand as you are able

Service of the Sacrament

Easter Acclamation

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Preface *LSB 194*

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them up unto the Lord.

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

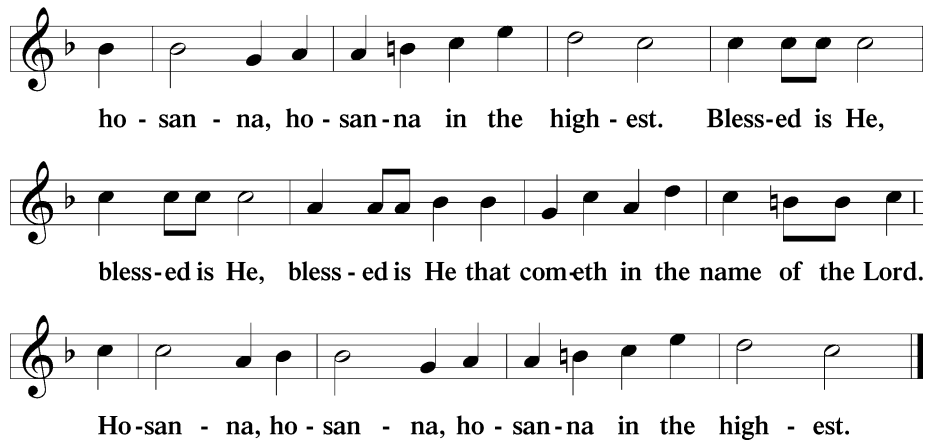
C It is meet and right so to do.

Proper Preface (Full)

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus *LSB 195*





ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,
 bless-ed is He, bless - ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.
 Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer *LSB 241*

- P** Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold 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 heav-
 en;
 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 *LSB 197*

- 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 ✠ 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 ✠ 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 *LSB 197*

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei *LSB 198*

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

Please be seated

Distribution

The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive, saying:

Right Column *LSB 199*

The true body of Christ, given for you.

Amen.

The true blood of Christ, shed for you.

Amen.

In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

Table Dismissal

P Depart now in His joy and peace, knowing that all of your sins have been forgiven.



864 Shepherd of Tender Youth



1 Shep - herd of ten - der youth, Guid - ing in
 2 You are the ho - ly Lord, O all - sub -
 3 You are the great High Priest; You have pre -
 4 O ev - er be our guide, Our shep - herd,
 5 So now, and till we die, Sound we Your



love and truth Through de - vious ways; Christ, our tri -
 du - ing Word, Heal - er of strife. Your - self You
 pared the feast Of ho - ly love; And in our
 and our pride, Our staff and song. Je - sus, O
 prais - es high And joy - ful sing: In - fants and



um - phant king, We come Your name to sing
 did a - base That from sin's deep dis - grace
 mor - tal pain None calls on You in vain;
 Christ of God, By Your en - dur - ing Word
 all the throng, Who to the Church be - long,



And here our chil - dren bring To join Your praise.
 You so might save our race And give us life.
 Our plea do not dis - dain; Help from a - bove.
 Lead us where You have trod; Make our faith strong.
 U - nite to swell the song To Christ, our king!

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625 Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread (Sung to the tune from LSB #622)

1 Lord Jesus Christ, life-giving bread,
 May I in grace possess You.
 Let me with holy food be fed,
 In hunger I address You.
 Prepare me well for You, O Lord,
 And, humbly by my prayer implored,
 Give me Your grace and mercy.


- 2 To pastures green, Lord, safely guide,
 To restful waters lead me;
 Your table well for me provide,
 Your wounded hand now feed me.
 Though weary, sinful, sick, and weak,
 Refuge in You alone I seek,
 To share Your cup of healing.
- 3 O bread of heav'n, my soul's delight,
 For full and free remission
 I come with prayer before Your sight
 In sorrow and contrition.
 Your righteousness, Lord, cover me
 That I receive You worthily,
 Assured of Your full pardon.
- 4 I do not merit favor, Lord,
 My weight of sin would break me;
 In all my guilty heart's discord,
 O Lord, do not forsake me.
 In my distress this comforts me
 That You receive me graciously,
 O Christ, my Lord of mercy!

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618 I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table



1 I come, O Sav - ior, to Thy ta - ble, For weak and
 2 Thy heart is filled with fer - vent yearn - ing That sin - ners
 3 Un - wor - thy though I am, O Sav - ior, Be - cause I
 4 Wea - ry am I and heav - y lad - en; With sin my
 5 What high - er gift can we in - her - it? It is faith's



wea - ry is my soul; Thou, Bread of Life, a -
 may sal - va - tion see Who, Lord, to Thee in
 have a sin - ful heart, Yet Thou Thy lamb wilt
 soul is sore op - pressed; Re - ceive me gra - cious -
 bond and sol - id base; It is the strength of



lone art a - ble To sat - is - fy and make me whole:
 faith are turn - ing; So I, a sin - ner, come to Thee.
 ban - ish nev - er, For Thou my faith - ful shep - herd art:
 ly and glad - den My heart, for I am now Thy guest.
 heart and spir - it, The cov - e - nant of hope and grace.

Refrain



Lord, may Thy bod - y and Thy blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

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The Dismissal *LSB 199*

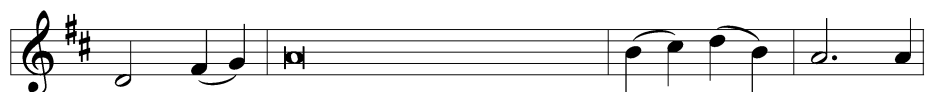
P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen
 and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting.

Depart ✠ in peace.

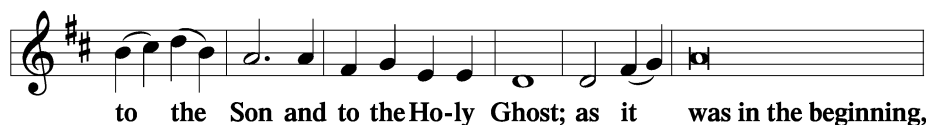
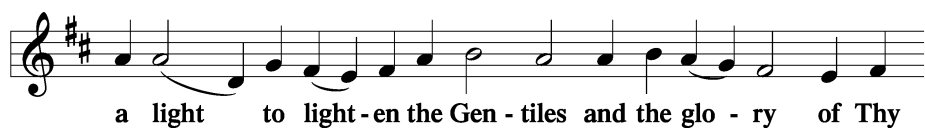
C Amen.

Please stand as you are able

Nunc Dimittis *LSB 199*



C Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -



Thanksgiving *LSB 200*

P O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
C and His mercy endureth forever.

Post-Communion Collect

P 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.

Salutation *LSB 201*

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

Benedicamus *LSB 202*

P Bless we the Lord.

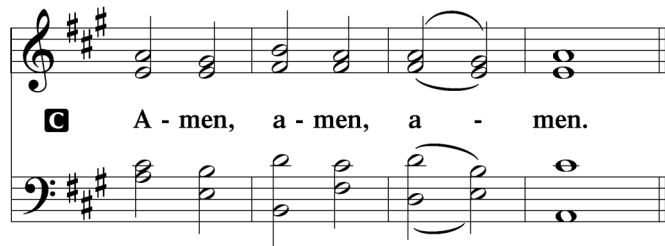
C Thanks be to God.

Benediction *LSB 202*

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.



709 The King of Love My Shepherd Is [sts. 5-6]
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5 Thou spreadst a ta - ble in my sight; Thine unc - tion
 6 And so through all the length of days Thy good - ness

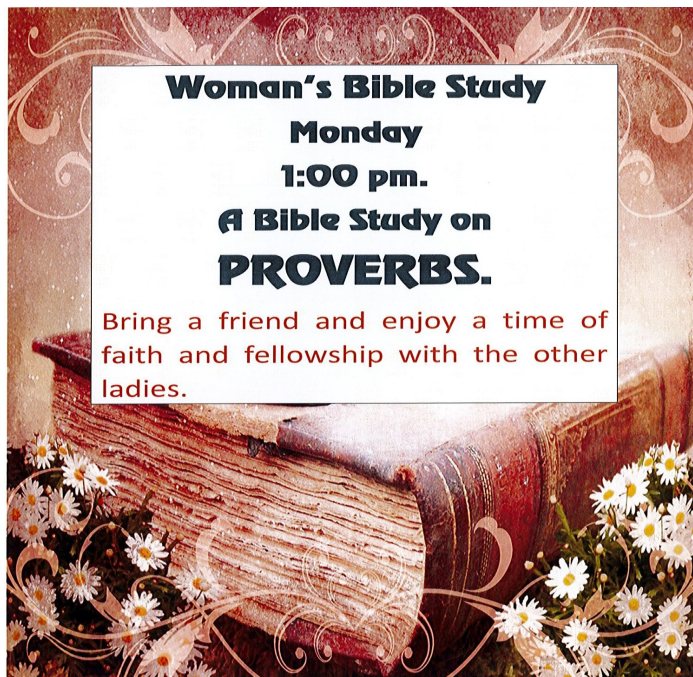
grace be - stow - eth; And, oh, what trans - port
 fail - eth nev - er; Good Shep - herd, may I



out these gifts upon those around you who need to hear
 the Gospel from your lips and by the work of your hands.
 In doing so we serve in the world as His Church.

Closing Peace

- P** Go in peace, serve the Lord
- C** Thanks be to God

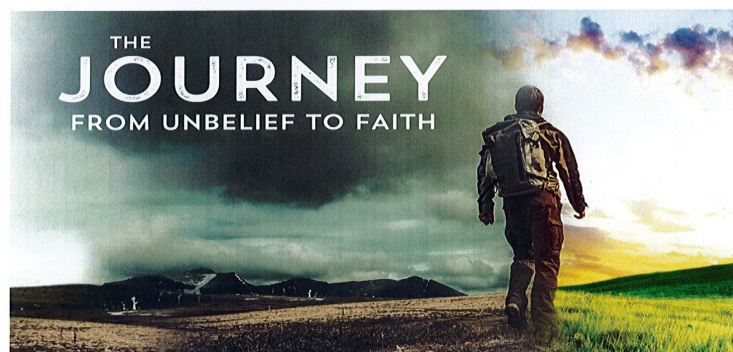
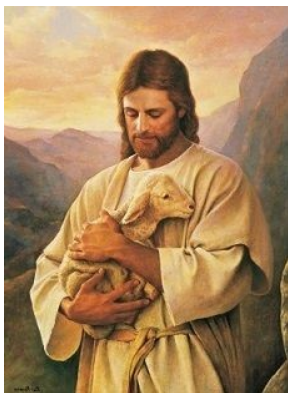


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Wednesday at 7:00 PM
Join us in person or
Zoom.

