

"I was glad when they said to me Let us go to the house of the Lord" Psalm 122:1

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Should I Take Communion Today?

In the sacrament of the Lord's Supper (also known as Holy Communion), our Lord Jesus Christ gives us his own body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins. His living presence brings salvation and strength for the new life in Him. As Christians partake of this sacrament together, they make a solemn public confession of Christ and of unity in the truth of His Gospel. We therefore invite all who share the confession of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod to participate in the blessings of the Lord's Supper and make this public confession with us. All who plan to come to the Lord's Table should examine themselves as the apostle Paul urges in 1 Corinthians 11. We are to see whether:

- we are sorry for our sins
- we believe in our Savior Jesus and in His words in the Sacrament
- we plan, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to change our sinful lives

Our desire is not to exclude anyone from this sacrament, but to make a witness to our unity in the true faith. For that reason, we respectfully request that you would <u>refrain</u> from participating in the Lord's Supper today if you:

- are not sure what it means
- are unforgiving, refusing to be reconciled with someone
- have not been instructed in the Lutheran faith
- hold to the teachings of another denomination

We make such a request because we are concerned for your well-being. The Bible teaches that "anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself" (1 Corinthians 11: 27—29). In Christian love for our neighbor, we do not want anyone to participate in this sacrament to his or her spiritual harm. In the Lutheran Church, we are united in the belief that when Jesus says, "This is my body...This is my blood" (Matthew 26: 26, 28), He is speaking the truth. In faith we "recognize the body of the Lord." To participate without doing so is spiritually damaging.

Holy Scripture also records Jesus saying, "If you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins" (Matthew 6: 15). We are not allowed to help ourselves to God's forgiveness while planning to withhold it from our neighbor. This attitude reveals that one does not really believe that God has granted forgiveness in Jesus Christ.

Further, the Bible informs us that "Whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes" (1 Corinthians 11: 26). While the Lord's Supper is a personal matter, it is not private. Participation in the Lord's Supper at this altar is a public act. By participating, one says, "I believe as you believe." In order to say that with integrity, it is necessary to know Lutheran teaching. Our pastor would be happy to assist you in gaining this knowledge through classes or in personal instruction in the Word of God.

Finally, denominational and doctrinal differences matter. The Bible teaches that the earliest Christians "devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer" (Acts 2: 42). Communicating the message of Jesus Christ correctly was a top priority of the early Church. It is a sad reality that today there are serious divisions within the Christian Church over matters of doctrine. We cannot pretend to judge the hearts of individual Christians. Neither can we pretend that differences in denominational teaching are unimportant. These doctrinal differences have real-life consequences in faith and practice. Again, our desire is not to exclude anyone from this sacrament, but to make a witness to our unity in the true faith.

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 7 & 8, 2022

Divine Service, Setting Three (Lutheran Service Book, p. 184)

OPENING HYMN

710 LSB "The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want"



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

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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.
- **C** 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.
- 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.

INTROIT (spoken responsively)

I am the good shepherd.

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

He chose David his servant and took him from the sheepfolds; from following the nursing ewes he brought him to shepherd Jacob his people, Israel his inheritance.

With upright heart he shepherded them and guided them with his skillful hand.

But we your people, the sheep of your pasture, will give thanks to you forever;

from generation to generation we will recount your praise. I am the good shepherd.

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

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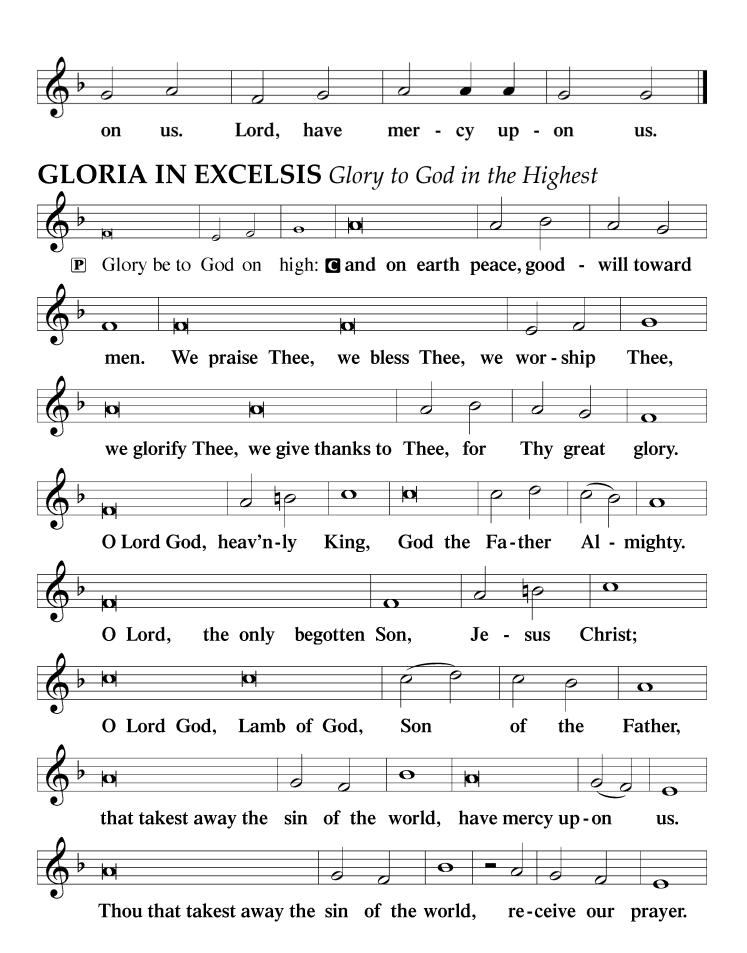


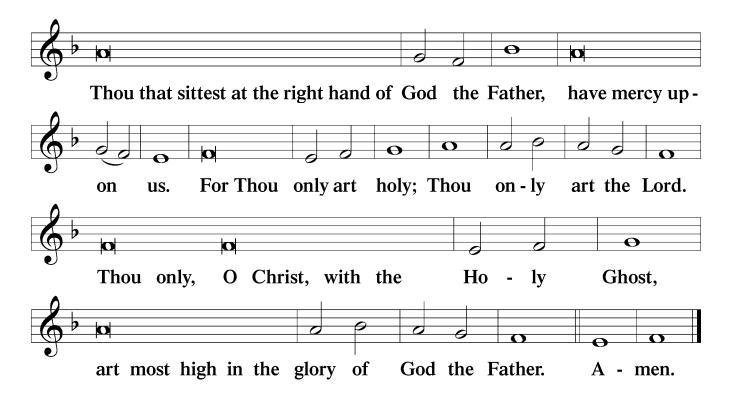
as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

KYRIE Lord, Have Mercy



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





COLLECT (prayer) **OF THE DAY**

P The Lord be with you.



- **P** Let us pray:
- 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.



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FIRST READING Acts 20:17–35

¹⁷Now from Miletus [Paul] sent to Ephesus and called the elders of the church to come to him. ¹⁸And when they came to him, he said to them:

"You yourselves know how I lived among you the whole time from the first day that I set foot in Asia, ¹⁹serving the Lord with all humility and with tears and with trials that happened to me through the plots of the Jews; ²⁰how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you in public and from house to house, ²¹testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. ²²And now, behold, I am going to Jerusalem, constrained by the Spirit, not knowing what will happen to me there, ²³except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and afflictions await me. ²⁴But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God. ²⁵And now, behold, I know that none of you among whom I have gone about proclaiming the kingdom will see my face again. ²⁶Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all of you, ²⁷ for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God. ²⁸Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for

the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood. ²⁹I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; ³⁰and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them. ³¹Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish everyone with tears. ³²And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. ³³I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. ³⁴You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities and to those who were with me. ³⁵In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

- **R** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING Revelation 7:9–17

⁹After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" ¹¹And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom

and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" ¹⁴I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵"Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.

¹⁶They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat.

¹⁷For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

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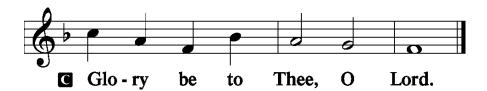
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ALLELUIA AND VERSE



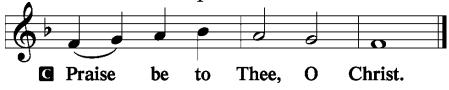
HOLY GOSPEL READING John 10:22–30

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 10th Chapter.



²²At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon. ²⁴So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly." ²⁵Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name bear witness about me, ²⁶but you do not believe because you are not part of my flock. ²⁷My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. ³⁰I and the Father are one."





NICENE CREED

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

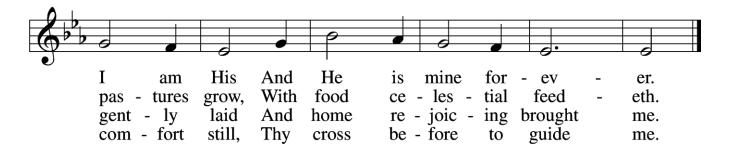
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven

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

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SERMON HYMN 709 LSB "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"





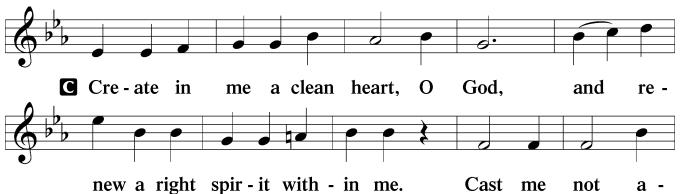
- 5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight; Thine unction grace bestoweth; And, oh, what transport of delight From Thy pure chalice floweth!
- 6 And so through all the length of daysThy goodness faileth never;Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praiseWithin Thy house forever!

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MESSAGE "Hearing the Shepherd" *John* 10:22-30 Pastor Paul Sundbom

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OFFERTORY





PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

(Each petition concludes)

- **P** Lord, in your Mercy.
- C Hear our prayer.

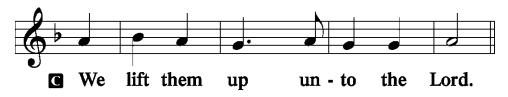
SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT:

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.



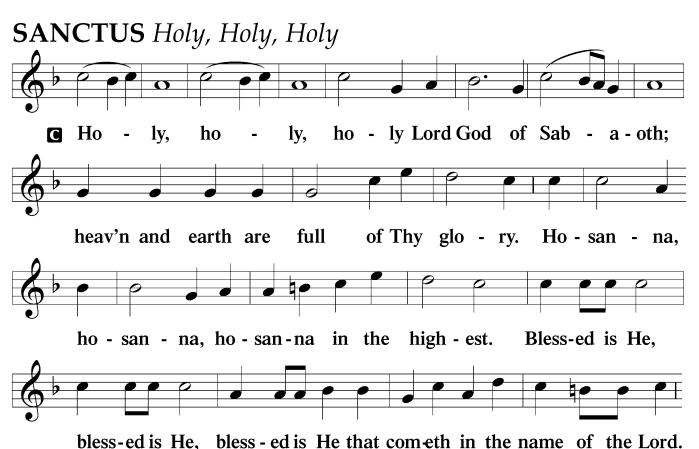
P Lift up your hearts.



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



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:





Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

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 The Peace of the Lord

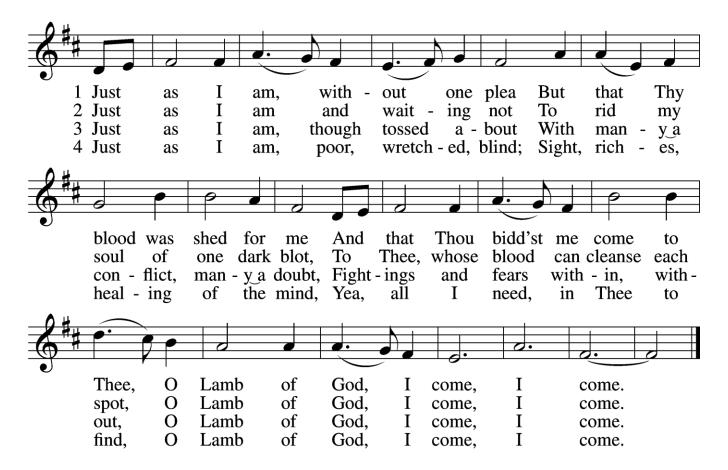
P The peace of the Lord be with you always



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DISTRIBUTION

HYMN 570 LSB "Just as I Am, without One Plea"

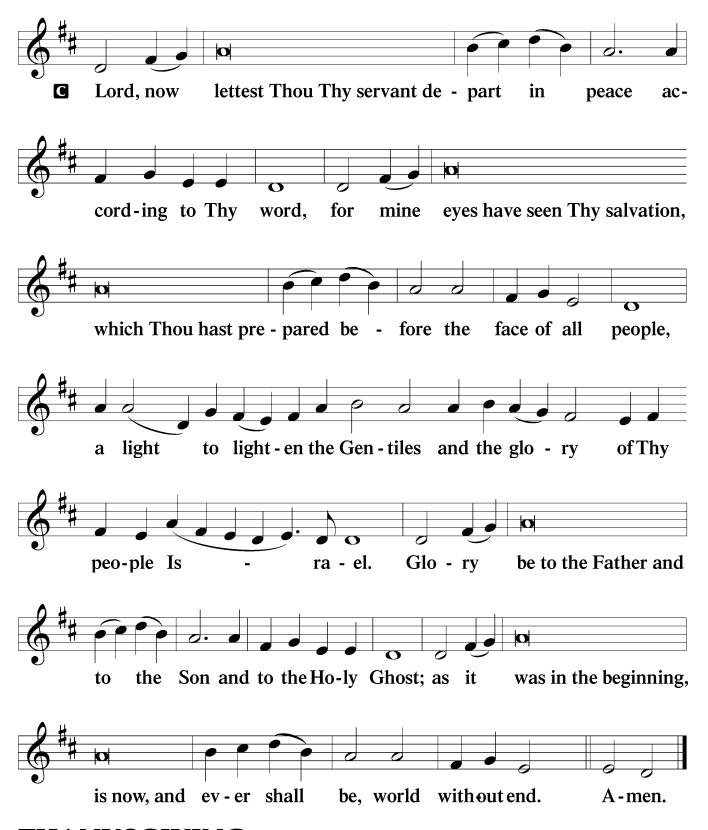


- 5 Just as I am, Thou wilt receive, Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve; Because Thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- 6 Just as I am; Thy love unknown Has broken ev'ry barrier down; Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Text: Charlotte Elliott, 1789–1871 Tune: William B. Bradbury, 1816–68 Text and tune: Public domain

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NUNC DIMITTIS Song of Simeon



THANKSGIVING

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



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.



SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS

P The Lord be with you.



P Bless we the Lord.



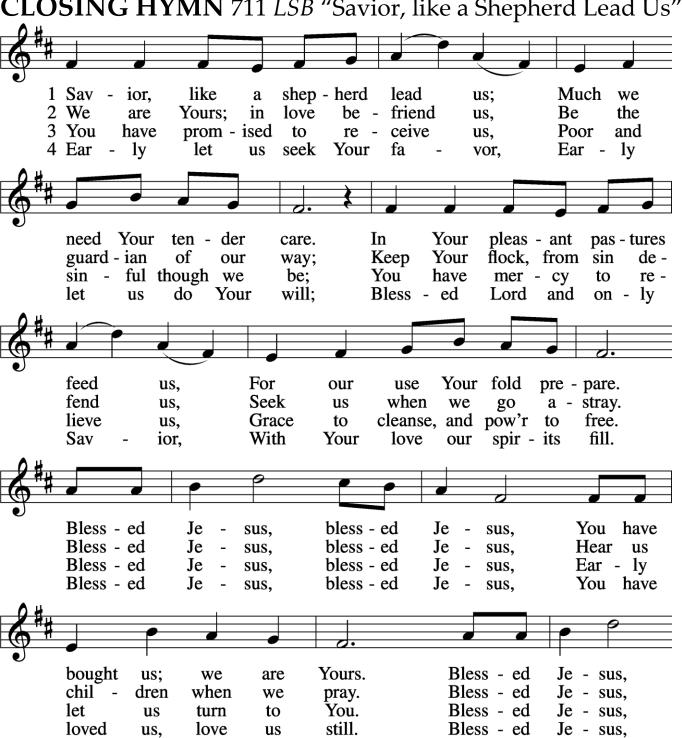
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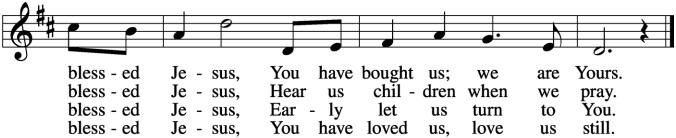
P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.



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CLOSING HYMN 711 LSB "Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us"





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SILENT PRAYER

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Those Who Serve This Weekend

Proclaimer: Pastor Paul Sundbom

Organist: Matt Chaffe **Greeter:** Gayle Morgan

Counters: Tom Cardina, Craig McConnell, Kristi McConnell

In Our Prayers This Week

Audrey Butzin, Harold & Margie (Pete) Dennison, Casey DeRito, Cheryl deWit, David Fekete, Becky Janouskocev, Family of Andy Kujala, Eddie Kujala, Judy Ladany, Brenda Lawson, Kay Lucas, Harriett McConnell, Bradley and Lisa Miller, Gayle Morgan, Diane Rothaermel, Marie Rusnak, Norm Salminen, Marlyss Sekki, Michelle Szoradi, Shut-ins: Noel Benoit

Attendance & Contributions

Worship Attendance (Apr 23 & 24, 2022): 44

Weekly Financial Update:	Budget	Actual	Over / (Under)
Last Week (May 1)	3,400	1,340	(2,060)
Year-to-date (44 Weeks)	149,600	148,807	(793)

Calendar for the Week of May 9 - 15

Wednesday 11 – Women's Bible Study 6:30 pm Elder's Meeting 6:30 pm

Thursday 12 – Virtual Bible Study 7:00 pm Confirmation Class 8:00 pm

Saturday 14 – Worship Service 6:00 pm

Sunday 15 – Worship Service 9:30 am

Annual Congregation Meeting 10:45 am

Announcements

OUR SHEPHERD GOLF OUTING

The annual golf outing fundraiser is scheduled for Saturday, June 11, 2022. Registration forms and information should be available at your church, at the school and on the school website - www.oslpainesville.org, if you would like to golf in the event. If you are not a golfer we invite congregation members to be a sponsor or make any monetary donation to offset the cost of outing. This is the only major fundraiser of the year for Our Shepherd. We are raising money for a new sound system to be used for the talent show, fine arts program and chapel services. We thank you for your prayers and support. For questions or more information email jdrake@oslpainesville.org.

Annual Congregational Meeting

Please reserve time on May 15th 2022 at 10:45am to attend the St. Paul's Congregational Meeting. We value every members thoughts, ideas, and opinions, and we need Congregation participation to ensure we have a quorum in order to pass our minutes and resolutions. Also please prayerfully consider running for a position on the Church Council. The following positions are up for election this May: President, Vice President, Secretary, Financial Secretary, Stewardship, Education, Preschool Chairmen, 2 Pre-School Board positions. If you are willing to serve in one of these positions please contact Aaron Lindrose or any Board Member.

2022-2023 Preschool Registration

Registration for the 2022-2023 preschool year is open and classes are filling up fast. Registration forms can be found in the magazine rack at the back of the sanctuary by the double doors. If you know someone who may be interested in classes at St. Paul's Preschool please take a registration form and pass it along. If you have any questions please contact preschool director Amy Marizek at 440-354-3000.

Church Grounds Cleanup

Come and help clean up the St. Paul's inside and out on Saturday, May 21st from 9am to noon. We will be raking and weeding the yards, trimming the bushes, spreading mulch and cleaning the windows inside and out. Please bring your own gardening tools.