

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

FEBRUARY 23, 2025

8:30 AM Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church warmly welcomes people of any age, race, nationality, sexual orientation, life circumstance, and physical or mental capability.

*You are invited to stand

GATHERING

PRELUDE

“Canzonetta”

Chase Petersen

-Margaretha Christina de Jong

WELCOME

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life. **C Amen.**

P Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Merciful God,

C **you speak blessing and compassion into the world. Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference. We ignore the needs of our neighbors; we resist your call to oppose injustice; we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume the worst about one another. Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp. Show us your lovingkindness. Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may live in Christ’s ways. Amen.**

P God proclaims these words of assurance: “Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine.” In † Christ, you are forgiven. In the Spirit, you are made free. Refreshed by the waters of mercy, live anew as beloved children of God. **C Amen.**

***GATHERING HYMN “Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us”**

ELW #707

***GREETING**

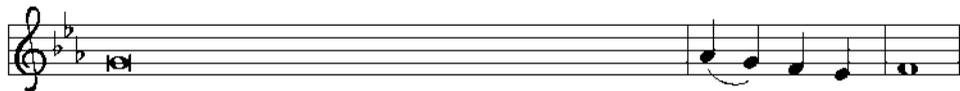
P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C And also with you.**



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



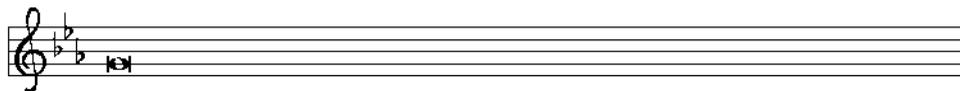
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



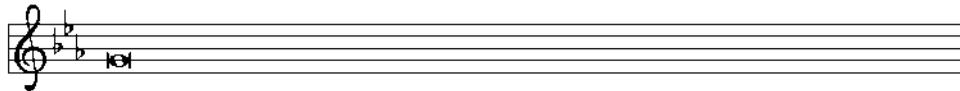
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



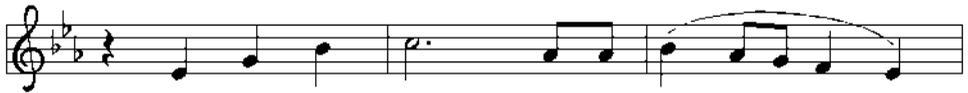
Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

***CANTICLE OF PRAISE** (*Sung*)

front of ELW pg. 99



Glo - ry to God in the high -



est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and



Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we



praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus



Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

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world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a -



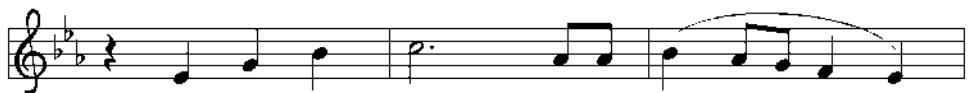
lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,



Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of



God the Fa - ther. A - men.



Glo - ry to God in the high -



est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** Let us pray. O Lord Jesus, make us instruments of your peace, that where there is hatred, we may sow love, where there is injury, pardon, and where there is despair, hope. Grant, O divine master, that we may seek to console, to understand, and to love in your name, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **G Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING

- L** A reading from Genesis.

Genesis 45:3-11, 15

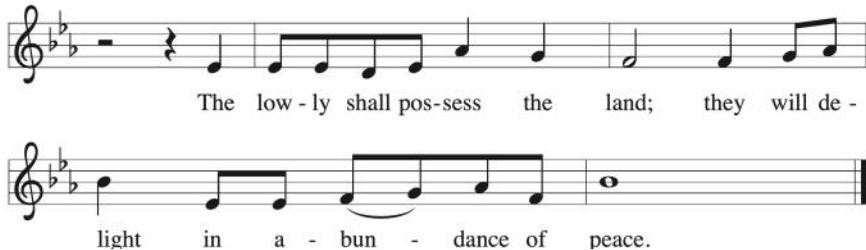
At conclusion of reading

Pew Bible, Page 41

- L** The Word of the Lord. **G** Thanks be to God.

PSALM 37:1-11, 39-40 (*Sung responsively, R indicates Refrain to be sung by all.*)

REFRAIN



The low - ly shall pos - sess the land; they will de -
light in a - bun - dance of peace.

- A** Do not be provoked by ¹ evildoers;
do not be jealous of those ¹ who do wrong.
- G** For they shall soon wither ¹ like the
grass,
and like the green grass ¹ fade away.
- A** Put your trust in the LORD ¹ and do good;
dwell in the land and ¹ find safe pasture.
- G** Take delight ¹ in the LORD,
who shall give you your ¹ heart's
desire. **R**
- A** Commit your way to the LORD; put your
trust ¹ in the LORD,
and see what ¹ God will do.
- G** The LORD will make your vindication as
clear ¹ as the light
and the justice of your case like
the ¹ noonday sun.
- A** Be still before the LORD and
wait ¹ patiently.
Do not be provoked by the one who
prosper, the one who succeeds in ¹ evil
schemes.
- G** Refrain from anger, leave ¹ rage alone;
do not be provoked; it leads on - ¹ ly to
evil. **R**
- A** For evildoers shall ¹ be cut off,
but those who hope in the LORD shall pos -
¹ sess the land.
- G** In a little while the wicked shall ¹ be no
more;
even if you search out their place, they
will ¹ not be there.
- A** But the lowly shall pos - ¹ sess the land;
they will delight in abun - ¹ dance of peace.
- G** But the deliverance of the righteous
comes from ¹ you, O LORD;
you are their stronghold in ¹ time of
trouble.
- A** You, O LORD, will help them and ¹ rescue
them;
you will rescue them from the wicked and
deliver them, because in you ¹ they seek
refuge. **R**

SECOND READING

L A reading from 1 Corinthians .

At conclusion of reading

1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50

Pew Bible, Page 1049

L The Word of the Lord. **C** **Thanks be to God**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** (*Sung*)

front of ELW pg. 102

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Repeat alleluia
Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

*GOSPEL READING

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Luke 6:27-38

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Pew Bible, Page 939

At conclusion of reading

L The gospel of the Lord. **C** **Praise to you, O Christ**

MEDITATION

Pastor Karen Boda

***HYMN OF THE DAY** “Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive”

ELW #605

*APOSTLES' CREED

C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The Assisting Minister will close each petition with the words, "God of grace," worshippers respond with the words, "**hear our prayer.**"

*PEACE

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

(Please greet one another with a friendly word or gesture of God's peace.)



OFFERING

The "Who's Who in the Pew" pads are passed as the offering is received. For online giving, see the QR code on the back page.

OFFERTORY

"God of Mercy, We Implore Thee"

Chancel Choir

-Hal Hopson

*OFFERING HYMN

"What Feast of Love"

ELW #487

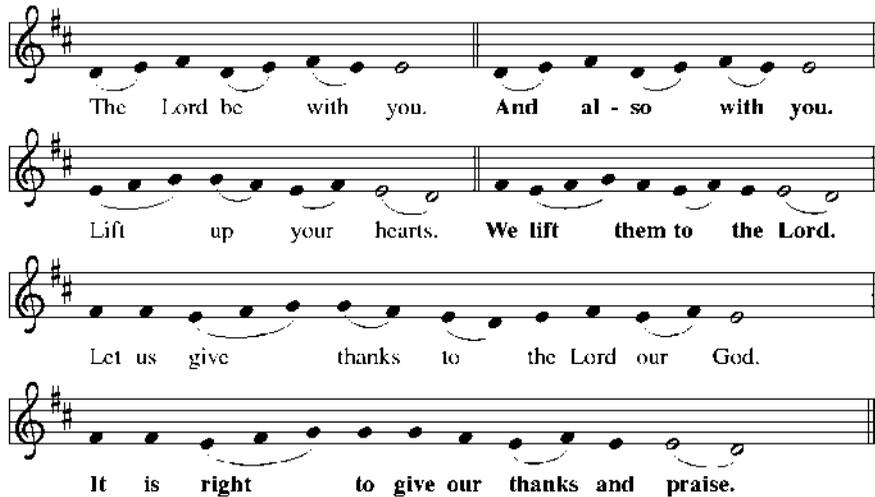
*OFFERING PRAYER

A Let us pray. God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always.

C Amen.

*GREAT THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

Front of ELW pg. 107



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

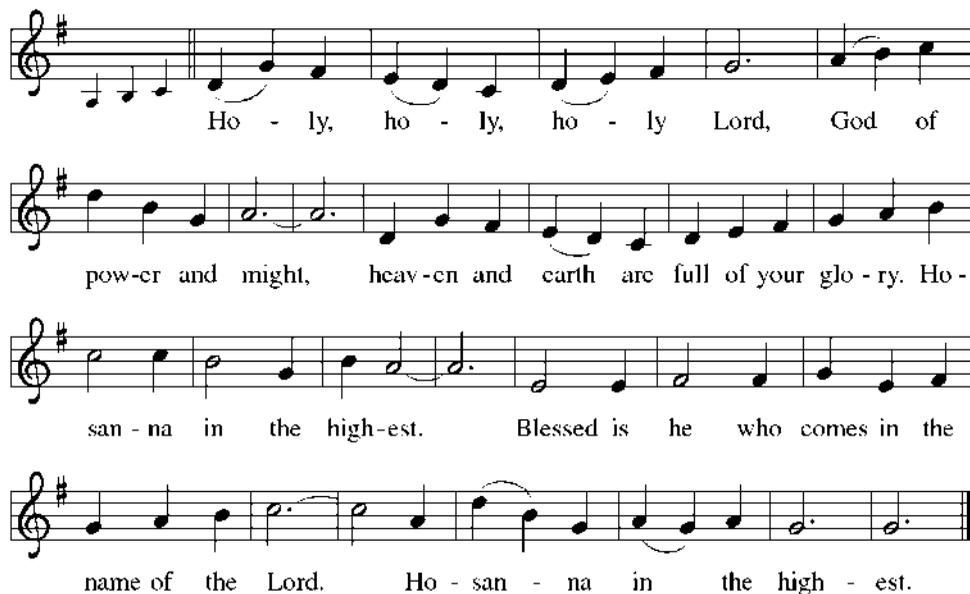
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

Front of ELW pg. 108



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

***WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

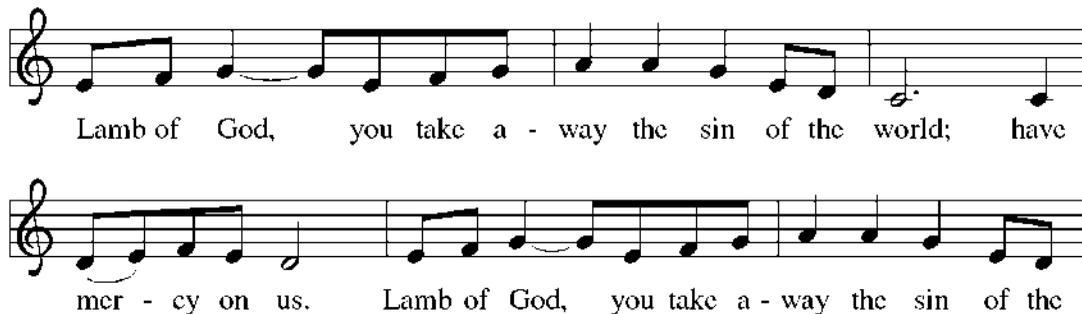
***LORD'S PRAYER**

☒ 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.

***INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

LAMB OF GOD *(Sung)*

Front of ELW pg. 112



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
 way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMNS

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

ELW #656

“I Come With Joy”

ELW #482

***POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

P May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **A** Amen.

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

A Let us pray. Nourishing God, at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink. Strengthen us for service, and send us out to embody your good news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world. In the name of Christ we pray, **A** Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING

***BLESSING**

P The Spirit of the triune God † bless you with joy, anoint you with compassion, and send you in love.

***SENDING HYMN**

“Oh, Praise the Gracious Power”

ELW #651

***DISMISSAL**

A Go in peace. Live in hope.

A Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“Toccata”
 -François Couperin

Chase Petersen

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