

# ***Quinquagesima***

***Sunday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025  
Divine Service 1, Page 151***



***Divine Shepherd Lutheran Church & School  
7308 Wedgewood Drive  
Black Hawk, SD 57718***

*"We are baptized children of God, forgiven and redeemed by Jesus. We are His family, called together to receive His gifts and serve others."*

***Pastor Randy Sturzenbecher  
Pastor Dennis Mercer***

Office 605-787-6438      Pastor S. Cell 605-391-0428  
Pastor M. Cell 443-980-7338  
ECC 605-791-1131

**Email: [dslcpsturz@divineshep.org](mailto:dslcpsturz@divineshep.org)  
[dslcpmercer@divineshep.org](mailto:dslcpmercer@divineshep.org)  
[dslcsecretary@divineshep.org](mailto:dslcsecretary@divineshep.org)**

## **Greetings to all in the Name of the Risen Lord!**

May our worship this glorious morning celebrate the joy and hope, peace and presence, of our Lord Jesus Christ, raised to life for us. We welcome all, especially our guests. If you do not have a church home, please consider Divine Shepherd. We would love to have you as part of our family. Please take a minute and sign our guest book.

### **A prayer before Worship**

This is the day you have made, O Lord Jesus, a day of new life and eternal celebration! The stone is moved; death is defeated; heaven is open. As Your disciples first saw and believed Your victory over the tomb, so give us joy in the promise You made and keep for us: because You live, we live also! Amen.

### **The Lord's Supper**

The Lord's Supper is celebrated by us this morning in the confession and gladness that, as our Lord says, He gives into our mouth not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord Jesus invites to His table those who trust His Words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.



Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the blood of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. (1 Cor 11:28 ESV) Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar. Any who holds a confession differing from that of the Holy Scriptures or are not a member in good standing with the LC-MS, are asked to speak with Pastor Sturzenbecher.

**556 Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice sts. 1, 4, 8**



1 Dear Chris-tians, one and all, re - joice, With ex - ul - ta - tion  
 4 But God had seen my wretch-ed state Be - fore the world’s foun-  
 8 “Though he will shed My pre-cious blood, Me of My life be -



spring-ing, And with u - nit - ed heart and voice And ho - ly  
 da - tion, And mind - ful of His mer - cies great, He planned for  
 reav - ing, All this I suf - fer for your good; Be stead - fast



rap - ture sing - ing, Pro - claim the won - ders God has done, How  
 my sal - va - tion. He turned to me a fa - ther’s heart; He  
 and be - liev - ing. Life will from death the vic - t’ry win; My



His right arm the vic - t’ry won. What price our ran - som cost Him!  
 did not choose the eas - y part But gave His dear - est trea - sure.  
 in - no - cence shall bear your sin, And you are blest for - ev - er.

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Richard Massie, 1800–87, alt.  
 Tune: Etlich Cristlich liden, 1524, Wittenberg  
 Text and tune: Public domain

**Invocation & Exhortation**

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

C **Amen.**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

## Confession of Sins

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

## Absolution

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

**Introit** *Psalm 31:1, 5, 9, 16; antiphon: vv. 2b–3*



Be a rock of ref- | uge for me,\*  
a strong fortress to | save me!

**For you are my rock and my | fortress;\***  
**and for your name's sake you lead me and | guide me.**

In you, O Lord, do I take refuge; let me never be | put to shame;\*  
in your righteousness de- | liver me!

**Into your hand I commit my | spirit;\***  
**you have redeemed me, O Lord, | faithful God.**

Be gracious to me, O Lord, for I am | in distress;\*  
my eye is wasted from grief; my soul and my body | also.

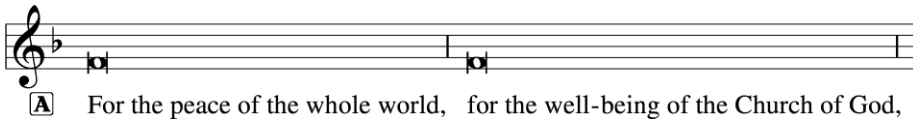
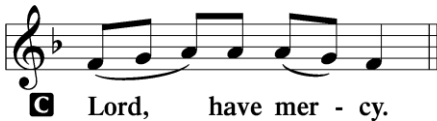
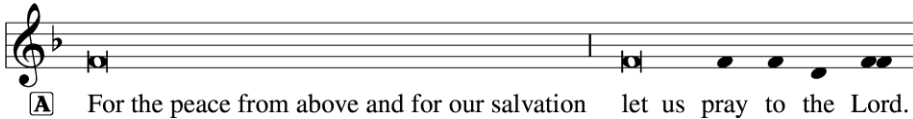
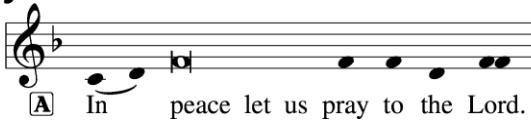
**Make your face shine on your | servant;\*  
save me in your | steadfast love!**

**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.**

Be a rock of ref- | uge for me,\*  
a strong fortress to | save me!

**For you are my rock and my | fortress;\*  
and for your name's sake you lead me and | guide me.**

## Kyrie

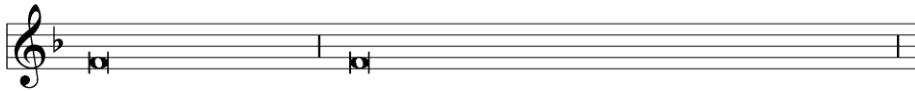




and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



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



let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



**C** A - men.

## This Is the Feast

*Refrain*



**C** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 — Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and  
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and  
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to  
 5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*  
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*  
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*  
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*  
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

*Final Refrain*

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**Salutation and Collect of the Day**

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

O Lord, mercifully hear our prayers and having set us free from the bonds of our sins deliver us from every evil; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

## **Old Testament Reading**      *Isaiah 35:3–7*

<sup>3</sup>Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. <sup>4</sup>Say to those who have an anxious heart, "Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you." <sup>5</sup>Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; <sup>6</sup>then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy. For waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; <sup>7</sup>the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; in the haunt of jackals, where they lie down, the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

## **Catechetical Review**

### **The Sacrament of the Altar**

*What is the Sacrament of the Altar?*

**It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ Himself for us Christians to eat and to drink.**

*What is the benefit of this eating and drinking?*

**These words, "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins," show us that in the Sacrament forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation are given us through these words. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.**

*How can bodily eating and drinking do such great things?*

**Certainly not just eating and drinking do these things, but the words written here: "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." These words, along with the bodily eating and drinking, are the main thing in the Sacrament. Whoever believes these words has exactly what they say: "forgiveness of sins."**



## Epistle      *1 Corinthians 13:1–13*

<sup>1</sup>If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup>And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. <sup>3</sup>If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing. <sup>4</sup>Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant <sup>5</sup>or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; <sup>6</sup>it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. <sup>7</sup>Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. <sup>8</sup>Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. <sup>9</sup>For we know in part and we prophesy in part, <sup>10</sup>but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. <sup>11</sup>When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. <sup>12</sup>For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known. <sup>13</sup>So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

## Alleluia and Verse



The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a common time signature (C) and contains the melody for the first line of the verse. The second staff continues the melody for the second line of the verse. The lyrics are written below the notes.

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

## **Holy Gospel**      *Luke 18:31–43*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the eighteenth chapter.

### **C Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>31</sup>Taking the twelve, [Jesus] said to them, "See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written about the Son of Man by the prophets will be accomplished. <sup>32</sup>For he will be delivered over to the Gentiles and will be mocked and shamefully treated and spit upon. <sup>33</sup>And after flogging him, they will kill him, and on the third day he will rise." <sup>34</sup>But they understood none of these things. This saying was hidden from them, and they did not grasp what was said. <sup>35</sup>As he drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging. <sup>36</sup>And hearing a crowd going by, he inquired what this meant. <sup>37</sup>They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by." <sup>38</sup>And he cried out, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" <sup>39</sup>And those who were in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" <sup>40</sup>And Jesus stopped and commanded him to be brought to him. And when he came near, he asked him, <sup>41</sup>"What do you want me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, let me recover my sight." <sup>42</sup>And Jesus said to him, "Recover your sight; your faith has made you well." <sup>43</sup>And immediately he recovered his sight and followed him, glorifying God. And all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

### **C Praise to You, O Christ.**

## **Children's Message**

## 849 Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness



1 Praise the One who breaks the dark - ness With a lib - er -  
2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren With a strong, yet  
3 Let us praise the Word In - car - nate, Christ, who suf - fered



at - ing light; Praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners,  
gen - tle, word; Praise the One who drove out de - mons  
in our place. Je - sus died and rose vic - to - rious



Turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight. Praise the One who preached the  
With the pierc - ing, two - edged sword. Praise the One who brings cool  
That we may know God by grace. Let us sing for joy and



Gos - pel, Heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease, Calm - ing  
wa - ter To the des - ert's burn - ing sand; From this  
glad - ness, See - ing what our God has done; Let us



storms, and feed - ing thou - sands With the ver - y Bread of peace.  
Well comes liv - ing wa - ter, Quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.  
praise the true Re - deem - er, Praise the One who makes us one.

Text: Ruby Edwards, 1985.  
Score: The Sacred Harp, 1844, Philadelphia.  
Text: © 1987 Hope Publishing Co. Used by permission. LHM hymn license no. 13006822.  
Score: Public domain.

## Sermon

### 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 + of the world to come. Amen.

## Prayer of the Church

## "Hear Our Prayer"

### Offering

### Offertory



What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to



me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will



call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-



va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my



vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the



courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

## Preface



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al - so with you.



**P** Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them to the Lord.



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



**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

## Sanctus



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -

san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

### 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

#### Pax Domini

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.

**C** A - men.

#### Agnus Dei

**C** 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.

## Distribution Hymns

### 573 Lord, 'Tis Not That I Did Choose Thee

1 Lord, 'tis not that I did choose Thee; That, I know, could  
2 It was grace in Christ that called me, Taught my dark - ened  
3 Praise the God of all cre - a - tion; Praise the Fa - ther's  
nev - er be; For this heart would still re - fuse Thee Had Thy  
heart and mind; Else the world had yet en - thrall - ed me, To Thy  
bound - less love. Praise the Lamb, our ex - pi - a - tion, Priest and  
grace not cho - sen me. Thou hast from the sin that stained me  
heav'n - ly glo - ries blind. Now I wor - ship none a - bove Thee;  
King en - throned a - bove. Praise the Spir - it of sal - va - tion,  
Washed and cleansed and set me free And un - to this  
For Thy grace a - lone I thirst, Know - ing well that,  
Him by whom our spir - its live. Un - di - vid - ed  
end or - dained me, That I ev - er live to Thee.  
if I love Thee, Thou, O Lord, didst love me first.  
ad - o - ra - tion To the great Je - ho - vah give.

Text: Johann Crüger, 1700-1855, alt.  
Tune: 18th-century, Manuscript from Christian-Schütz, 1716, alt.  
Text and tune: Public domain

## 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



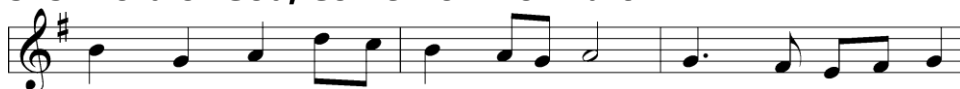
dark - ness, for He is the way. Glad - ly I fol - low, my  
 doubt - ing, for He is the truth. Grant me to trust Him; though  
 hold me, for He is the life. Nor dark - ness nor doubt - ing nor



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.

Text: Timothy Dudley-Smith, 1926-2024  
 Tune: 1918/1919 © 1964 renewed 1992 by Harper Publishing Co. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License no. 11080482  
 Tune Public domain

## 545 Word of God, Come Down on Earth



1 Word of God, come down on earth, Liv - ing rain from  
 2 Word e - ter - nal, throned on high, Word that brought to  
 3 Word that caused blind eyes to see, Speak and heal our  
 4 Word that speaks God's ten - der love, One with God be -



heav'n de - scend - ing; Touch our hearts and bring to birth  
 life cre - a - tion, Word that came from heav'n to die,  
 mor - tal blind - ness; Deaf we are: our heal - er be;  
 yond all tell - ing, Word that sends us from a - bove,



Faith and hope and love un - end - ing. Word al - might - y,  
 Cru - ci - fied for our sal - va - tion, Sav - ing Word, the  
 Loose our tongues to tell Your kind - ness. Be our Word in  
 God the Spir - it, with us dwell - ing, Word of truth, to





we re - vere You; Word made flesh, we long to hear You.  
world re - stor - ing, Speak to us, Your love out - pour - ing.  
pit - y spo - ken, Heal the world, by sin now bro - ken.  
all truth lead us; Word of life, with one bread feed us.

Text: James Quinlan, 1989-2018  
Text: Richard B. Kuhn, 1954-1971, as  
Text © 1989-2018 by permission: US Synch License No. 11004832  
Text: Public domain

## Nunc Dimittis



Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been ful-



filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va-tion which You have pre-



pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re -



veal You to the na-tions and the glo-ry of Your peo-ple Is - ra - el.



Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir-it;



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.

## Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

**C Amen.**

# Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you...

**C Amen.**

## Special Music (8:00)

## “God Loves Me Dearly”

*Children’s Choir*

### 795 Voices Raised to You We Offer



1 Voic - es raised to You we of - fer; Tune them, God, for  
 2 All cre - a - tion joins to praise You; Earth and sky Your  
 3 Christ, the song of Love in - car - nate, Touch - ing earth with  
 4 Spir - it, flam - ing through cre - a - tion, Kin - dle faith with -  
 5 How can an - y praise we of - fer Mea - sure all the



songs of praise. Hearts and hands we bring in trib - ute  
 works dis - play. Art and mu - sic, gifts You lend us,  
 heav - en’s grace, For Your liv - ing, suf - f’ring, dy - ing,  
 in each heart. Lift our voic - es high in cho - rus;  
 thanks we owe? Take our hearts and hands and voic - es—



For Your gifts through all our days. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 We re - turn to You to - day. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 For Your ris - ing, hear our praise! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Through our hands Your love im - part. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Gifts of love we can be - stow. Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Tri - une God, to You we sing!  
 Al - le - lu - ia! God, Cre - a - tor, source of life!  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Christ, Re - deem - er, Lord of life!  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Spir - it, Help - er, breath of life!  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Tri - une God, to You we sing!

© 2011 by the American Baptist Church, Inc. All rights reserved.

Thank you!

**Pastor Dennis and Joni Mercer would like to say thank you for all your prayers and meals you have provided for them through Joni's recovery!**

## NEW BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES



- Thursday Ladies Bible Study at 9:30 am

We are starting a new study on Timothy and Philemon lead by Pastor Dennis on March 6th!

- Wednesday Season of Lent Women's Bible Study at 6:00 pm

Through the season of Lent, we will be doing a Bible Study using the "40 Days with Jesus" study guide. This will be lead by Danni Reher. The first day will be March 12th between the meal and midweek service.

## **Important Dates and Information**

All new members will be installed on **March 23<sup>rd</sup> at the second service! New Members, if you have not already, please send the secretary a short bio and picture for the newsletter! [dslcsecretary@divineshep.org](mailto:dslcsecretary@divineshep.org)**

Ash Wednesday is **March 5<sup>th</sup>**. There will only be one service on Ash Wednesday at **6:00 pm**. There will be no classes or meal that night. Lent Services will continue the following week on Wednesdays at 11:00 am and 7:15 pm.

There will be a fundraiser for Greg and Amy Roling on **March 8<sup>th</sup> from 8am-10am** here at the church! A breakfast meal will be served.

There is a church council meeting on **Tuesday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm!**

The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual For the Kids Legacy Banquet is scheduled for **March 22<sup>nd</sup> from 5:00 pm-8:00 pm** at Angel's Catering and Receptions in Summerset. If you would like to donate desserts or baskets for this event, please see the flyers posted on the church office door, the easel near the entrance, or on the bulletin board. Tickets can be purchased in the church office, with Katie A, or any school board member.

The LWML Prayer Service will be held at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Custer, SD on **March 29<sup>th</sup>**. More info on the flyers around the church!

The Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be **April 12<sup>th</sup> starting at 10:00 am!** See the flyers on the bulletin board for more info and for candy donations!

On **May 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm**, Pastor Randy will be installed as the SD LCMS District President! The service will take place here at Divine Shepherd! All are welcome to attend.

**May 11<sup>th</sup>** will be Pastor Randy's last Sunday at Divine Shepherd. There will be **one service at 9:30 am** with a meal afterwards. Stay after the service to say farewell to Pastor Randy and Vonda!