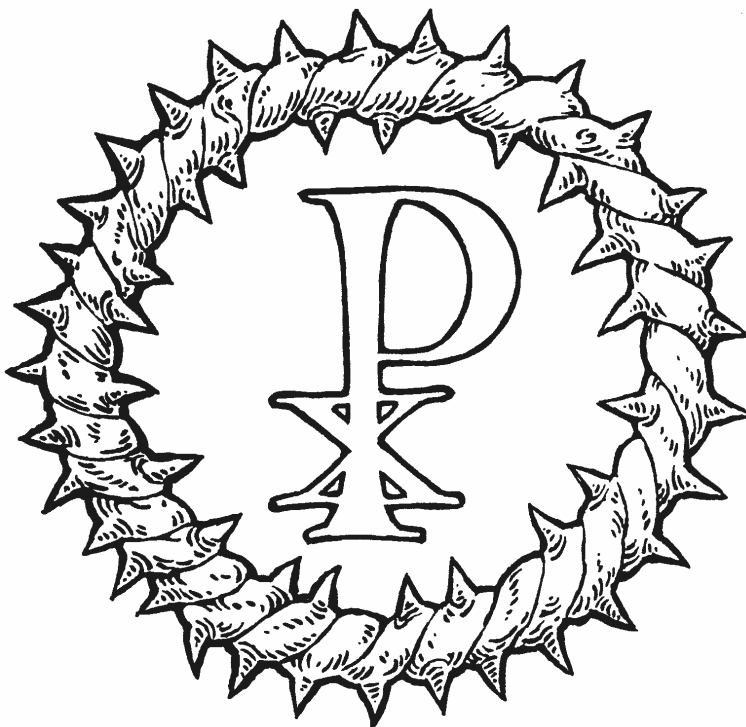


Lenten Midweek Service

Wednesday, April 2nd, 2025

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Divine Shepherd Lutheran Church & School

7308 Wedgewood Drive

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

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Greetings to all in the Name of the Risen Lord!

May our worship 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 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 or Pastor Mercer.

Invocation & Exhortation

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,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Confession & Absolution

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.

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 *Psalm 122:1–2, 6, 8*



Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be | glad for her,*
all you who | love her;

that you may nurse and be | satisfied*
from her con- | soling breast.

I was glad when they | said to me,*
“Let us go to the house | of the Lord!”

Our feet have been | standing*
within your gates, O Je- | rusalem!

Pray for the peace of Je- | rusalem!*

May they be secure who | love you!

For my brothers and com- | panions' sake*
I will say, “Peace be with- | in you!”

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.

Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be | glad for her,*
all you who | love her;

that you may nurse and be | satisfied*
from her con- | soling breast.

Kyrie



1 O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and a - dore Thee,



In thanks - giv - ing bow be - fore Thee. Thou with Thy



bod - y and Thy blood didst nour - ish Our weak souls that



they may flour - ish: O Lord, have mer - cy!



May Thy bod - y, Lord, born of Mar - y, That our



sins and sor - rows did car - ry, And Thy blood for us plead



In all tri - al, fear, and need: O Lord, have mer - cy!

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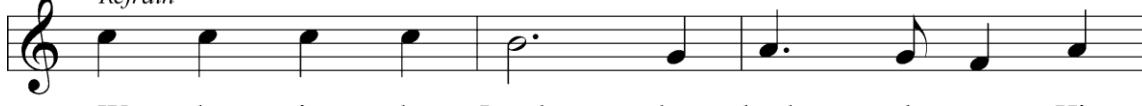


4 He sighs, He dies, He takes my sin and wretch - ed - ness.



He lives, for - gives, He gives me His own righ - teous - ness.

Refrain



Wor - thy is the Lamb whose death makes me His



own! The Lamb is reign - ing on His throne!

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Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, 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 Amen.

IV. The Praetorium

When they had bound Jesus, they led him from Caiaphas to the hall of judgment and gave him over to Pontius Pilate, the governor. It was early. They themselves did not go into the judgment hall, so that they might not be defiled, but might eat the Passover. Pilate then went out to them, and said, "What charge do you bring against this man?"

They answered and said to him, "If he were not a criminal, we would not have handed him over to you."

Then Pilate said to them, "Take him, then, and judge him according to your law."

The Jews said to him, "It is not lawful for us to put any man to death." So the word of Jesus was fulfilled, signifying by what death he should die. The charges they brought against him were: "We found this fellow perverting the nation, and forbidding us to pay taxes to Caesar, and saying that he himself is Christ, a king." Then Pilate entered into the judgment hall again, and called Jesus, and said to him, "Are you the King of the Jews?"

Jesus answered him, "Do you say this for yourself, or did others say it to you about me?"

Pilate answered, "Do you take me for a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have given you over to me. What have you done?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world; if my kingdom were of this world, then my servants would have fought that I should not be given over to the Jews; but now my kingdom is not of this world."

Pilate therefore said to him, "Are you a king then?"

Jesus answered, "You say rightly that I am a king. I was born and I came into the world that I should bear witness to the truth. Everyone that is of the truth hears my voice."

Pilate said to him, "What is truth?"

After he had said this, he went out again to the Jews and said to them, "I find no fault in this man." The chief priests kept laying one charge after another against him, but he

answered not a word. Pilate questioned him again, saying, "Do you answer nothing? See how many charges they lay against you." Jesus answered him not a word. Pilate was utterly amazed. He said to the chief priests and the crowd, "I find no case against this man." They pressed their charges more vehemently: "He stirs up the people, teaching throughout all Judaea, beginning from Galilee to this place."

When Pilate heard of Galilee, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. When he learned that he belonged in Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him on to Herod, who was also in Jerusalem for those days. When Herod saw Jesus, he was delighted, for he had long wished to see him because of what he had heard of him, and he hoped to see him do a miracle. He questioned Jesus repeatedly, but he gave him no answer. The chief priests and scribes stood there and vehemently accused him. Herod and his soldiers mocked him. They put a splendid robe on him and sent him back to Pilate.

Herod and Pilate became friends with each other that same day, for before this they had been at enmity with each other. Pilate then called together the chief priests and the rulers and the people, and said to them, "You have brought this man before me as one subverting the people. See now, I have examined him before you and have found nothing in

this man guilty of any of your charges against him, and neither did Herod, for he sent him back to us. Mark this, he has done nothing worthy of death. I will have him punished and release him." Now at the feast it was the governor's custom to release to the crowd any one prisoner whom they asked for. They had then a notorious prisoner named Barabbas. He was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection in the city. Pilate knew that it was out of malice that the chief priests handed Jesus over. Therefore he said to them, "Do you want me to release for you Barabbas or Jesus who is called Christ?" The chief priests and elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and destroy Jesus. Pilate asked them again, "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?"

And they cried out all together, saying, "Away with this man, and release for us Barabbas." While Pilate was sitting in the judgment seat, his wife sent him a message: "Do not have anything to do with that man; I have suffered much over him today in a dream." Again Pilate addressed them, for he wished to release Jesus. He said to them, "What shall I do then with Jesus who is called Christ? What shall I do with him whom you call the King of the Jews?"

They all cried out, "Crucify him!"

Pilate said to them, "Why, what evil has he done? I have found no guilt worthy of death in him; I will therefore punish him and let him go."

They cried out all the louder, "Crucify him! Crucify him!" Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged. The soldiers of the governor led him away into the praetorium. They gathered the whole band of soldiers around him. They stripped him and put a purple robe on him. When they had woven a crown of thorns, they put it on his head and a reed in his right hand, and they knelt before him and mocked him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" They spat on him and took the reed and struck him on the head. They knelt down and did him homage. Pilate went out again and said to them, "See, I bring him out to you that you may know I find him not guilty." So Jesus came out wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, "Behold the man!" When the chief priests and officers saw him, they cried, "Crucify him! Crucify him!"

Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and crucify him, for I do not find him guilty."

The Jews answered him, "We have a law, and by that law he ought to die, because he made himself the Son of God." When Pilate heard this, he was more afraid and went again into the judgment hall and said to Jesus, "Where are you

from?" Jesus gave him no answer. Then Pilate said to him, "Do you refuse to speak to me? Do you not know that I have power to crucify you, and I have power to release you?"

Jesus answered, "You would not have any power at all over me, unless it had been given to you from above. For that reason he who handed me over to you has the greater sin." This prompted Pilate to go on trying to release him, but the Jews cried out, "If you let this man go, you are no friend of Caesar. Everyone who makes himself a king sets himself against Caesar."

When Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus out and sat down in the judgment seat in a place that is called the Pavement or, in Hebrew, *Gabbatha*. It was the Preparation of the Passover, about the sixth hour. He said to the Jews, "Behold your king!" They cried out, "Away with him, away with him, crucify him!"

Pilate said unto them, "Shall I crucify your king?"

The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar." When Pilate saw that he was getting nowhere, but rather a riot was under way, he took water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of the blood of this man; see to it yourselves."

Then all the people responded, "His blood be on us and on our children." Then Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd,

gave sentence that it should be as they demanded. He released to them Barabbas for whom they asked, the man who had been thrown into prison for insurrection and murder. He had Jesus flogged and then gave him over to their will to be crucified. The soldiers mocked him, stripped him of the purple robe, put his own clothes on him, and led him out to crucify him.

Catechetical Review

The Third Commandment

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not despise preaching and His Word, but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it.

The Eighth Commandment

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not tell lies about our neighbor, betray him, slander him, or hurt his reputation, but defend him, speak well of him, and explain everything in the kindest way.

419 Savior, When in Dust to Thee



1 Sav - ior, when in dust to Thee Low we bow the a -
2 By Thy help - less in - fant years, By Thy life of
3 By Thine hour of dire de - spair, By Thine ag - o -
4 By Thy deep ex - pir - ing groan, By the sad se -



dor - ing knee; When, re - pen - tant, to the skies
want and tears, By Thy days of deep dis - tress
ny of prayer, By the cross, the nail, the thorn,
pul - chral stone, By the vault whose dark a - bode



Scarce we lift our weep - ing eyes; O, by all Thy
In the sav - age wil - der - ness, By the dread, mys -
Pierc - ing spear, and tor - turing scorn, By the gloom that
Held in vain the ris - ing God, O, from earth to



pains and woe Suf - fered once for us be - low, Bend - ing
te - rious hour Of the in - sult - ing tempt - er's pow'r, Turn, O
veiled the skies O'er the dread - ful sac - ri - fice, Lis - ten
heav'n re - stored, Might - y, re - as - cend - ed Lord, Bend - ing



from Thy throne on high, Hear our pen - i - ten - tial cry!
turn a fa - v'ring eye; Hear our pen - i - ten - tial cry!
to our hum - ble sigh; Hear our pen - i - ten - tial cry!
from Thy throne on high, Hear our pen - i - ten - tial cry!

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 ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the
dead.**

**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.**

Sermon

Prayer of the Church

“Hear Our Prayer”

Preface

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also 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.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and

given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. Grant us Your Spirit, gracious Father, that we may give heed to the testament of Your Son in true faith and, above all, firmly take to heart the words with which Christ gives to us His body and blood for our forgiveness. By Your grace, lead us to remember and give thanks for the boundless love which He manifested to us when, by pouring out His precious blood, He saved us from Your righteous wrath and from sin, death, and hell. Grant that we may receive the bread and wine, that is, His body and blood, as a gift, guarantee, and pledge of His salvation. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

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

Sanctus

LSB 507 vs 1&3



1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide Thee,



Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to Thee;
Though the eye of sin - ful man Thy glo - ry may not see,



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!
On - ly Thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side Thee,



God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
Per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pu - ri - ty.

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

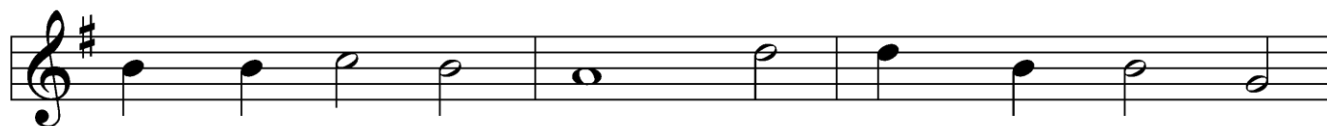
C Amen.

Agnus Dei

LSB 528 vs 6&7



6 See all your sins on Je - sus laid; The
7 To God all glo - ry, praise, and love Be



Lamb of God was slain. His soul was once an
now and ev - er giv'n By saints be - low and



of - f'ring made For ev - 'ry soul of man.
saints a - bove, The Church in earth and heav'n.

Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

C Amen.

Benedicamus

A Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C Amen.

424 O Christ, You Walked the Road



- 1 O Christ, You walked the road Our wan-d'ring feet must go.
- 2 No bread of earth a-lone Can fill our hun-g'ring hearts.
- 3 No blind-ing sign we ask, No won-der from a-bove.
- 4 When lures of eas-y gain With prom-ise bright-ly shine,
- 5 O Christ, You walked the road Our wan-d'ring feet must go.



You faced with us temp-ta-tion's pow'r And fought our an-cient foe.
Lord, help us seek Your liv-ing Word, The food Your grace im-parts.
Lord, help us place our trust a-lone In Your un-swerv-ing love.
Lord, help us seek Your king-dom first; Our wills with Yours a-lign.
Stay with us through temp-ta-tion's hour To fight our an-cient foe.

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Divine Shepherd Calendar

Sunday, March 30th

- 8:00 am Divine Worship Service, Presentation of Quilts to Confirmands
- 9:15 am Coffee & Cookies
- 9:30 am Adult Bible Study, Faith Builders, Sunday School
- 10:30 am Divine Worship Service

Wednesday, April 2nd

- 11:00 am Lenten Morning Midweek Service
- 5:30 pm Family Dinner
- 6:00 pm Confirmation, Adult Bible Study, Wednesday School
- 7:15 pm Lenten Midweek Service

Thursday, April 3rd

- 9:30 am Ladies Bible Study
- 5:30 pm Adult Bell Choir
- 6:30 pm Adult Choir

Sunday, April 6th

- 8:00 am Divine Worship Service
- 9:15 am Coffee & Cookies
- 9:30 am Adult Bible Study, Faith Builders, Sunday School
- 10:30 am Divine Worship Service

Three Ways to support Divine Shepherd



**We still take checks
and cash!**



**Let us know if you would like
envelopes**

Important Dates and Information

The Annual Easter Egg Hunt and Food Drive will be **April 12th starting at 10:00 am!** Kids can bring in a canned food item to donate and be entered into a drawing for an Easter basket! If you are willing to donate candy for this, please choose small individually wrapped items. They must be able to fit in a standard Easter egg. Place donated candy in box by church office. Thank you for your support- Evangelism Committee

The Academy is having an open house on **April 15th at 5:00 pm.** If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about the Academy and would like to meet the teacher and headmaster, please stop by and spread the word!

Lent Services will continue this week on Wednesday at 11am and 7:15pm.

The sign up sheet for Easter Lilies is near the entryway. The cost for each lily is \$15. Payments can be dropped off in the church office.

Book Fair

Paperpie (formerly Usborne Books & More) Book Fair is coming to Divine Shepherd Lutheran Church & School **from April 2nd-April 6th.** Divine Shepherd will receive 50% back in free books from the total sales (online and in-person). Thank you for helping us earn free books and encouraging reading in your families! Questions? Text Shayla at 605-641-3144

Shopping link: <https://paperpie.com/brandpartner/C14150/event/4057762>

Walking with God This Lent

Lent is upon us, a season of reflection, renewal, and drawing closer to God. If you are considering a meaningful commitment this season, why not try walking—for both your physical and spiritual well-being?

The Prayer Walk at Divine Shepherd Lutheran Church & School offers a peaceful way to connect with God while enjoying His creation. As you walk, take time to pray, meditate on Scripture, and appreciate the beauty around you. Whether alone or with others, this simple practice can deepen your faith and refresh your spirit. Join us in embracing this Lenten journey—one step at a time!

You are invited to

**Rev. Randy Sturzenbecher's
Installation as District President**

Sunday, May 4, 2025
7 pm Worship Service

At

Divine Shepherd Lutheran Church and School
7308 Wedgewood Dr., Black Hawk, SD 57718

Please join us to celebrate our new District President
as he starts his new Adventure!
Hors d'oeuvres will be provided
from 4:30-6:30 pm for fellowship time.

Please RSVP to Divine Shepherd by April 21, 2025 at
605-787-6438 or email at
dslcsecretary@divineshep.org



You are invited to

**Rev. Randy and Vonda's
Celebration and send off lunch**

Sunday, May 11, 2025
following the

9:30 am Worship Service
In the Fellowship Hall at

Divine Shepherd Lutheran Church and School.
A Catered Meal will be provided.

Please join us to celebrate our new District President
and his wife as they set out on their New Adventure!

Please RSVP to Divine Shepherd by May 1, 2025 at
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dslcsecretary@divineshep.org

Read God's Word Every Day

<p>Sunday, March 30th</p>	<p>Psalm 60:1, 9-12 Genesis 41:28-57 Mark 11:20-33</p>
<p>Monday, March 31st</p>	<p>Psalm 3 Genesis 42:1-34, 38 Mark 12:1-12</p>
<p>Tuesday, April 1st</p>	<p>Psalm 37:16-20 Genesis 43:1-28 Mark 12:13-27</p>
<p>Wednesday, April 2nd</p>	<p>Psalm 26:1-7 Genesis 44:1-18, 32-34 Mark 12:28-44</p>
<p>Thursday, April 3rd</p>	<p>Psalm 82 Genesis 45:1-20, 24-28 Mark 13:1-23</p>
<p>Friday, April 4th</p>	<p>Psalm 77:11-15 Genesis 47:1-31 Mark 13:24-37</p>
<p>Saturday, April 5th</p>	<p>Psalm 44:1-4 Genesis 49:29-50:7, 14-26 Mark 14:1-11</p>