## Twenty-First Sunday after Trinity

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### 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."

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#### **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.



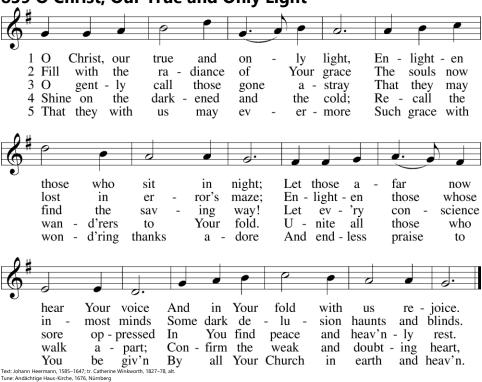
Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the blood of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord.

(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 Mercer.

#### Prelude "Will the Circle Be Unbroken?", "This Little Light of Mine"

Children's Bell Choir





#### **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.
- 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.



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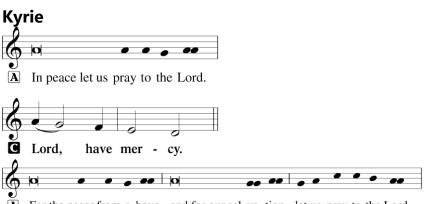
Oh sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done | marvelous things!\*
His right hand and his holy arm have worked salva- | tion for him.

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, | all the earth;\* break forth into joyous song and sing | praises!

With trumpets and the sound | of the horn\*
make a joyful noise before the | King, the Lord!

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.

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For the peace from a-bove and for our sal-va-tion let us pray to the Lord.





#### **Salutation and Collect of the Day**

P The Lord be with you.

#### C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

O Lord, keep Your household, the Church, in continual godliness that through Your protection she may be free from all adversities and devoutly given to serve You in good works; 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** *Genesis 1:1—2:3*

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. <sup>2</sup>The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. <sup>3</sup>And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. <sup>4</sup>And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup>God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. <sup>6</sup>And God said, "Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." <sup>7</sup>And God made the expanse and separated the waters that were under the expanse from the waters that were above the expanse. And it was so. 8And God called the expanse Heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day. 9And God said, "Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. <sup>10</sup>God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. <sup>11</sup>And God said, "Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind, on the earth." And it was so. 12The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding

seed according to their own kinds, and trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. <sup>13</sup>And there was evening and there was morning, the third day. <sup>14</sup>And God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and years, <sup>15</sup> and let them be lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth." And it was so. <sup>16</sup>And God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. <sup>17</sup>And God set them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth, <sup>18</sup>to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. <sup>19</sup>And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day. <sup>20</sup>And God said, "Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the heavens." <sup>21</sup>So God created the great sea creatures and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. <sup>22</sup>And God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." <sup>23</sup>And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day. <sup>24</sup>And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds—livestock and creeping things and beasts of the earth according to their kinds." And it was so. <sup>25</sup>And God made the beasts of the earth according to their kinds and the livestock according to their kinds, and everything that creeps on the ground according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. <sup>26</sup>Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." <sup>27</sup>So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. <sup>28</sup>And God blessed them. And God said to them,

"Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth." <sup>29</sup>And God said, "Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food. <sup>30</sup>And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. <sup>31</sup>And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day. <sup>1</sup>Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. <sup>2</sup>And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done. <sup>3</sup>So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation.

#### **Gradual**



Lord, you have been our | dwelling place\* in all gener- | ations.

Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth | and the world,\*

from everlasting to everlasting | you are God.

#### **Epistle** *Ephesians 6:10–17*

<sup>10</sup>Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. <sup>11</sup>Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. <sup>12</sup>For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. <sup>13</sup>Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. <sup>14</sup>Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, <sup>15</sup>and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. <sup>16</sup>In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; <sup>17</sup>and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

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

#### Holy Gospel John 4:46–54

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

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

<sup>46</sup>[Jesus] came again to Cana in Galilee, where he had made the water wine. And at Capernaum there was an official whose son was ill. <sup>47</sup>When this man heard that Jesus had come from Judea to Galilee, he went to him and asked him to come down and heal his son, for he was at the point of death. <sup>48</sup>So Jesus said to him, "Unless you see signs and wonders you will not believe." <sup>49</sup>The official said to him, "Sir, come down before my child dies." <sup>50</sup>Jesus said to him, "Go; your son will live." The man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him and went on his way. <sup>51</sup>As he was going down, his servants met him and told him that his son was recovering. <sup>52</sup>So he asked them the hour when he began to get better, and they said to him, "Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him." <sup>53</sup>The father knew that was the hour when Jesus had said to him, "Your son will live." And he himself believed, and all his household. <sup>54</sup>This was now the second sign that Jesus did when he had come from Judea to Galilee. P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.



5 Give us lips to sing Thy glory,
Tongues Thy mercy to proclaim,
Throats that shout the hope that fills us,
Mouths to speak Thy holy name.
Alleluia, alleluia!
May the light which Thou dost send
Fill our songs with alleluias,
Alleluias without end!

D6 God the Father, light-creator,
To Thee laud and honor be.
To Thee, Light of Light begotten,
Praise be sung eternally.
Holy Spirit, light-revealer,
Glory, glory be to Thee.
Mortals, angels, now and ever
Praise the holy Trinity!

Sermon

#### **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.

#### **Prayer of the Church**

#### "Hear Our Prayer"

#### Offering, Special Music

#### "Amazing Grace"

Women's Choir, Audrey Andelt, soloist





P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who accomplished the salvation of mankind by the tree of the cross that, where death arose, there life also might rise again and that the serpent who overcame by the tree of the garden might likewise by the tree of the cross be overcome. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

#### Sanctus

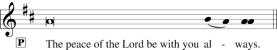


#### **Lord's Prayer**

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.

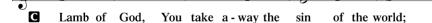
#### The Words of Our Lord









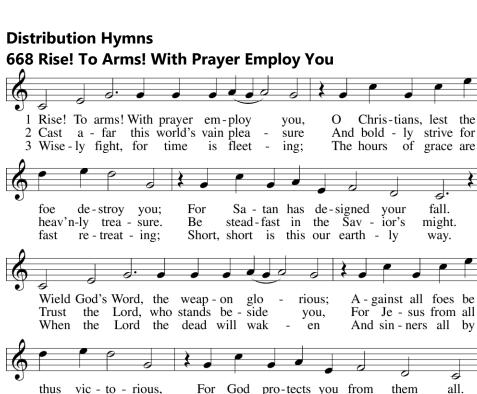












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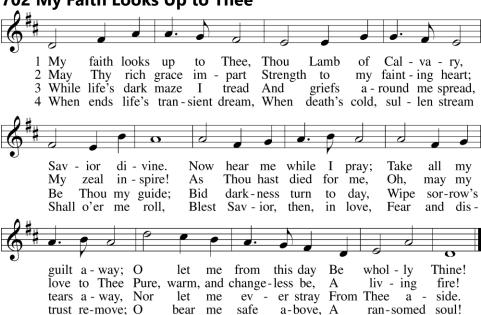
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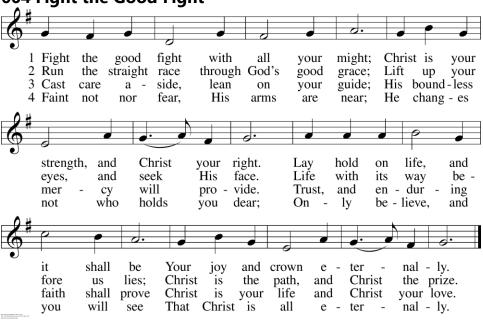
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Lord Al - might - y.

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5 Though reason cannot understand,
Yet faith this truth embraces:
Your body, Lord, is even now
At once in many places.
I leave to You how this can be;
Your Word alone suffices me;
I trust its truth unfailing.

6 Lord, I believe what You have said; Help me when doubts assail me. Remember that I am but dust, And let my faith not fail me. Your supper in this vale of tears Refreshes me and stills my fears And is my priceless treasure.

7 Grant that we worthily receive Your supper, Lord, our Savior, And, truly grieving for our sins, May prove by our behavior That we are thankful for Your grace And day by day may run our race, In holiness increasing.

8 For Your consoling supper, Lord, Be praised throughout all ages! Preserve it, for in ev'ry place The world against it rages. Grant that this sacrament may be A blessèd comfort unto me When living and when dying.



#### **Post-Communion Collect**

A 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.



#### **Benediction**



P The Lord bless you and keep you.

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





#### **Important Dates and Information**

The Harvest Dinner is scheduled for November 15th from 4:30 pm-7:00 pm.



A sign up sheet has been posted to volunteer and donate food items! We still need helpers and turkeys. Please consider donating your time or a turkey for the dinner!

A Special Meeting of the Divine Shepherd Congregation is scheduled for **Sunday, November 23rd, 2025, at 1:30 PM MST**, in the sanctuary. This meeting is open to all confirmed members of Divine Shepherd Lutheran Church and School, Black Hawk South Dakota. The meeting agenda is the single business item of calling a pastor.

#### **Advent & Christmas Service Schedule**

Wednesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>: 6:30 pm Wednesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>: 6:30 pm Wednesday, December 17<sup>th</sup>: 6:30 pm

Christmas Eve Service: 6:30 pm Christmas Day Service: 9:00 am

#### **Used Christmas Tree Wanted!**

Do you have an old or unused Christmas tree taking up space at home? This year, the Academy will be decorating their own Christmas tree. We currently do not have one for the classroom and are looking for someone who is willing to part with an old or unused Christmas tree. Please call or email the office if you can help us out. Thank you! 605-787-6438 dslcsecretary@divineshep.org

#### **INVITING ALL WOMEN!!**

The quilting "mission" group of Divine Shepherd has started up for the Fall on Wednesdays from 9:00-12:00 Can't sew...no worries! We need people to pin, tie quilts together with yarn, iron, and cut out squares. And, if nothing else, we have great fellowship and fun. We are a mission group sewing quilts to send to the Orphan Grain Train and school uniforms for girls in Africa. These aren't fancy quilts as they would be sold on the black market, but they are practical, useful quilts for wall dividers or bedding. Come to serve Him! (Some of our workers are Janell M, Leota Q, Connie R, Sharon J, Cindy F, Kellie H.

#### **Prayer Requests**

**To those sick or suffering:** Wade Geigle, Dale Heidelberger, Lyle Larson We are updating our prayer list. If you have a specific prayer request you would like to include here and in the Prayer of the Church, please reach out to the church office. <a href="mailto:dslcsecretary@divineshep.org">dslcsecretary@divineshep.org</a> 605-787-6438

Thank you- Pastor Bauman

Our shut-ins: Jerry Nelson, Laura Felkey, and Candice Thorson.

**Our Ministries & Missionaries**: The ministry of Evergreen Lutheran on the Pine Ridge Reservation, Barb Rebenstisch in Taiwan, Rev. Dan Jastram & family in Asia, and Divine Shepherd Schools.

All those serving in the military: Connor McLane (Pastor Randy & Vonda's nephew), Jaden Weber, Col. Robert Grass (Son of Rob Grass), Eric Tobin, Tyson Freeman (Dale & Mary Heidelberger Grandson), Matt Steiner (Marilyn Suckut's Grandson), Nicholas Carver (Leota Quam's grandson), Chris Brandt (Doug & Cheryl's son), Cody Horton (Mel & Bobbi Geidel Grandson), Mike Reiprich, and Brad Halvorson (Nate's son)

\*Please contact the church office if any information needs to be updated Prayer Chain Coordinator-

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# Read God's Word Every Day

| Sunday, November 9th     | Psalm 147:1-11<br>Jeremiah 22:1-23<br>Matthew 25:1-13   |
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| Monday, November 10th    | Psalm 24<br>Jeremiah 23:1-20<br>Matthew 25:14-30        |
| Tuesday, November 11th   | Psalm 143:1-10<br>Jeremiah 23:21-40<br>Matthew 25:31-46 |
| Wednesday, November 12th | Psalm 137<br>Jeremiah 25:1-18<br>Matthew 26:1-19        |
| Thursday, November 13th  | Psalm 116:12-19<br>Jeremiah 26:1-19<br>Matthew 26:20-35 |
| Friday, November 14th    | Psalm 53<br>Jeremiah 29:1-19<br>Matthew 26:36-56        |
| Saturday, November 15th  | Psalm 51:10-19<br>Jeremiah 30:1-24<br>Matthew 26:57-75  |