

Twenty-Second Sunday after Trinity

Sunday, November 16th, 2025

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Divine Shepherd Lutheran Church & School

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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 Mercer.

Members and guests of DSLC and School we stream our services through Facebook Live. With this stream we do publish this to our Facebook page which means your face may end up on our Facebook page. If you are not comfortable with this please talk to Pastor to address this concern. -Thank you, The AV Team.

621 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence



1 Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence And with fear and
 2 King of kings yet born of Mar - y, As of old on
 3 Rank on rank the host of heav - en Spreads its van - guard
 4 At His feet the six - winged ser - aph, Cher - u - bim with

trem - bling stand; Pon - der noth - ing earth - ly - mind - ed,
 earth He stood, Lord of lords in hu - man ves - ture,
 on the way As the Light of Light, de - scent - ing
 sleep - less eye, Veil their fac - es to the pres - ence

For with bless - ing in His hand Christ our God to earth de -
 In the bod - y and the blood, He will give to all the
 From the realms of end - less day, Comes the pow'rs of hell to
 As with cease - less voice they cry: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

scent - ing Comes our hom - age to de - mand.
 faith - ful His own self for heav'n - ly food.
 van - quish As the dark - ness clears a - way.
 lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

Text: Liturgy of St. James, 5th cent.; v. General Modula, 1829-35; alt.
 Tune: French, 17th cent.
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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 and 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 130:1–2, 7–8*



If you, O Lord, should mark in- | iquities,*

O Lord, | who could stand?

**But with you there is for- | giveness,*
that you | may be feared.**

Out | of the depths*

I cry to you, | O Lord!

O Lord, | hear my voice!*

Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for | mercy!

O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is | steadfast love,*

and with him is plentiful re- | demption.

And he will redeem | Israel*

from all his in- | iquities.

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.

If you, O Lord, should mark in- | iquities,*

O Lord, | who could stand?

**But with you there is for- | giveness,*
that you | may be feared.**

Kyrie

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

Gloria in Excelsis

Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory. O Lord God, heav'n - ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up -

on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Let us pray.

O God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, hear the devout prayers of Your Church, especially in times of persecution, and grant that what we ask in faith we may obtain; 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 *Micah 6:6–8*

⁶"With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old?

⁷Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" ⁸He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

**Pastor will chant the 1st verse, congregation will chant the 2nd verse*

Gradual



Behold, how good and pleas- | ant it is*
when brothers dwell in | unity!

**For the Lord has commanded the | blessing,*
life for- | evermore.**

Epistle *Philippians 1:3–11*

³I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, ⁴always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, ⁵because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. ⁷It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. ⁸For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. ⁹And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, ¹⁰so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, ¹¹filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

Alleluia



☐ Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel *Matthew 18:21–35*

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

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

²¹Peter came up and said to [Jesus], "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" ²²Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven. ²³"Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. ²⁵And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. ²⁶So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' ²⁷And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, 'Pay what you owe.' ²⁹So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' ³⁰He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. ³¹When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. ³²Then his master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' ³⁴And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. ³⁵So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

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 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.

611 Chief of Sinners Though I Be



1 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Je - sus shed His
 2 Oh, the height of Je - sus' love, High - er than the
 3 On - ly Je - sus can im - part Balm to heal the
 4 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Christ is all in
 5 O my Sav - ior, help af - ford By Your Spir - it



blood for me, Died that I might live on high,
 heav'ns a - bove, Deep - er than the depths of sea,
 wound - ed heart, Peace that flows from sin for - giv'n,
 all to me; All my wants to Him are known,
 and Your Word! When my way - ward heart would stray,



Lives that I might nev - er die. As the branch is
 Last - ing as e - ter - ni - ty! Love that found me—
 Joy that lifts the soul to heav'n, Faith and hope to
 All my sor - rows are His own. He sus - tains the
 Keep me in the nar - row way; Grace in time of



to the vine, I am His, and He is mine.
 won - drous thought! Found me when I sought Him not.
 walk with God In the way that E - noch trod.
 hid - den life Safe with Him from earth - ly strife.
 need sup - ply While I live and when I die.

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 Tune: William Hallmark, 1820-1891
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Sermon "How Often Shall I Be Forgiven?"

Offertory



C Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

Offering, Special Music

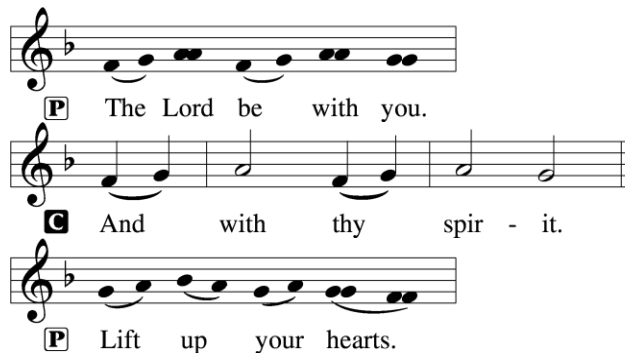
"Grace and Thanksgiving"

Adult Bell Choir

Prayer of the Church

"Hear Our Prayer"

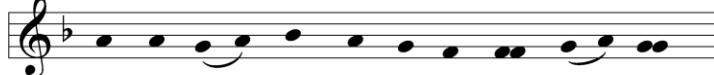
Preface



P The Lord be with you.
C And with thy spir - it.
P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them up un - to the Lord.



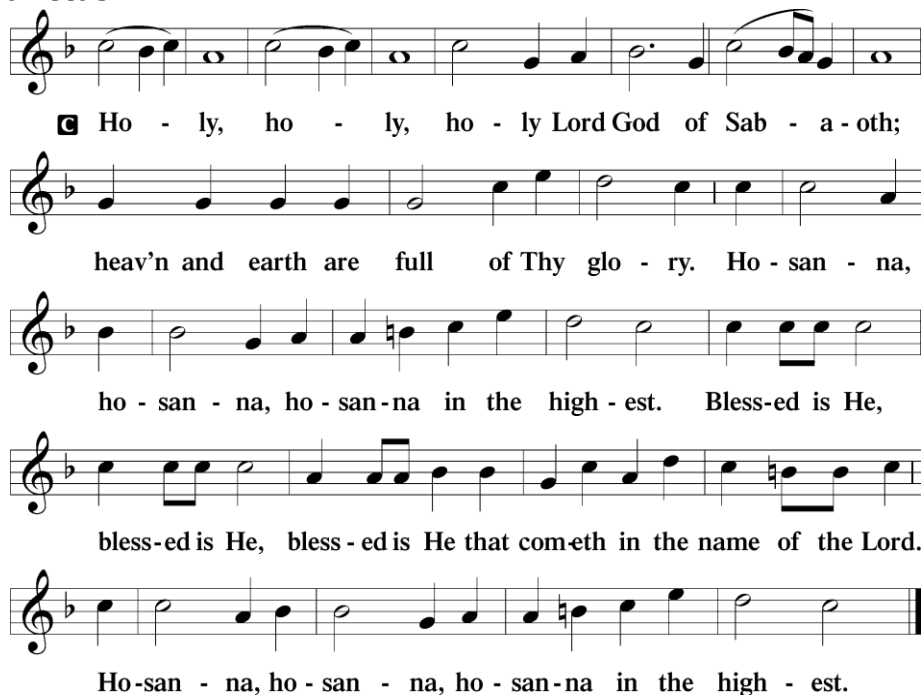
P Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.



C It is meet and right so to do.

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, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. 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



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,
ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,
bless-ed is He, bless - ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.
Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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.

The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini



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



A - men.

Agnus Dei



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

Distribution Hymns

592 Dearest Jesus, We Are Here



1 Dear - est Je - sus, we are here, Glad - ly Your com-
 2 Your com-mand is clear and plain, And we would o -
 3 There-fore we have come to You, In our arms this
 4 Gra - cious Head, Your mem - ber own; Shep - herd, take Your
 5 Now in - to Your heart we pour Prayers that from our



mand o - bey - ing; With this child we now draw near
 bey it du - ly: "You must all be born a - gain,
 in - fant bear - ing. Tru - ly here Your grace we view;
 lamb and feed it; Prince of Peace, make here Your throne;
 hearts pro - ceed - ed. Our pe - ti - tions heav'n - ward soar;



In re - sponse to Your own say - ing That to You it
 Heart and life re - new - ing tru - ly, Born of wa - ter
 May this child, Your mer - cy shar - ing, In Your arms be
 Way of Life, to heav - en lead it; Pre - cious Vine, let
 May our hearts' de - sires be heed - ed! Write the name we



shall be giv - en As a child and heir of heav - en.
 and the Spir - it, And My king-dom thus in - her - it."
 shield-ed ev - er, Yours on earth and Yours for - ev - er.
 noth - ing sev - er From Your side this branch for - ev - er.
 now have giv - en; Write it in the book of heav - en!

Text: Benjamin Schmick, 1672-1737; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-78, alt.
 Tune: Johann Rudolph Ahle, 1625-73, alt.
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788 Forgive Us, Lord, for Shallow Thankfulness

1 For - give us, Lord, for shal - low thank - ful - ness,
 2 Teach us to thank You, Lord, for love and grace,
 3 For - give us, Lord, for self - ish thanks and praise,
 4 Teach us, O Lord, true thank - ful - ness di - vine,

For dull con - tent with warmth and shel - tered care,
 For life and vi - sion, for a pur - pose clear,
 For words that speak at var - i - ance with deeds;
 That gives as Christ gave, nev - er count - ing cost,

For songs of praise for food and har - vest press,
 For Christ Your Son, and for each hu - man face
 For - give our thanks for walk - ing pleas - ant ways
 That knows no bar - ri - er of "yours" and "mine,"

While of Your rich - er gifts we're un - a - ware:
 That shows Your mes - sage ev - er new and near.
 Un - mind - ful of a bro - ken broth - er's needs:
 As - sured that on - ly what's with - held is lost.

5 Forgive us, Lord, for feast that knows not fast,
 For joy in things that meanwhile starve the soul,
 For walls and wars that hide Your mercies vast
 And blur our vision of the Kingdom goal:

6 Open our eyes to see Your love's intent,
 To know with minds and hearts its depth and height;
 May thankfulness be days in service spent,
 Reflection of Christ's life and love and light.

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728 How Firm a Foundation



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,
 2 "Fear not! I am with you, O be not dis - mayed,
 3 "The soul that on Je - sus has leaned for re - pose
 4 "When through fi - ery tri - als your path - way will lie,
 5 "Through - out all their life - time My peo - ple will prove

Is laid for your faith in His ex - cel - lent Word!
 For I am your God and will still give you aid;
 I will not, I will not, de - sert to his foes;
 My grace, all - suf - fi - cient, will be your sup - ply.
 My sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;

What more can He say than to you He has said
 I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
 That soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,
 The flames will not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign
 And then, when gray hairs will their tem - ples a - dorn,

Who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?
 Up - held by My righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
 I'll nev - er, no nev - er, no nev - er, for - sake!
 Your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine.
 Like lambs they will still in My bos - om be borne."

Text: A Selection of Hymns, 1787, London, alt.
 Tune: Genuine Church Music, 1832, Winchester
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766 Our Father, Who from Heaven Above



1 Our Fa - ther, who from heav'n a - bove Bids all of us to
 2 Your name be hal - lowed. Help us, Lord, In pu - ri - ty to
 3 Your king - dom come. Guard Your do - main And Your e - ter - nal
 4 Your gra - cious will on earth be done As it is done be -



live in love As mem - bers of one fam - i - ly And
 keep Your Word, That to the glo - ry of Your name We
 righ - teous reign. The Ho - ly Ghost en - rich our day With
 fore Your throne, That pa - tient - ly we may o - bey Through -



pray to You in u - ni - ty, Teach us no thought-less words to
 walk be - fore You free from blame. Let no false teach - ing us per -
 gifts at - ten - dant on our way. Break Sa - tan's pow'r, de - feat his
 out our lives all that You say. Curb flesh and blood and ev - 'ry



say But from our in - most hearts to pray.
 vert; All poor de - lud - ed souls con - vert.
 rage; Pre - serve Your Church from age to age.
 ill That sets it - self a - gainst Your will.

5 Give us this day our daily bread,
 And let us all be clothed and fed.

Save us from hardship, war, and strife;

In plague and famine, spare our life,

That we in honest peace may live,

To care and greed no entrance give.

6 Forgive our sins, Lord, we implore,
That they may trouble us no more;
We, too, will gladly those forgive
Who hurt us by the way they live.
Help us in our community
To serve each other willingly.

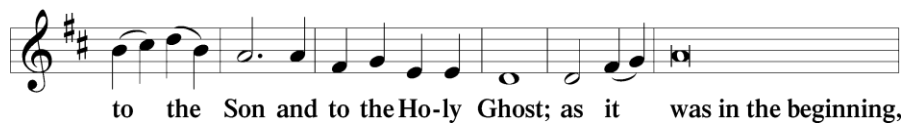
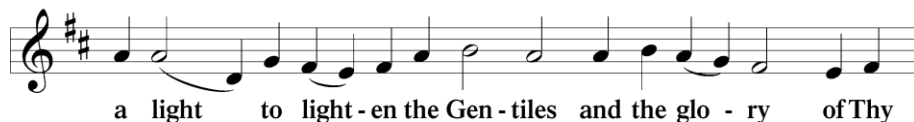
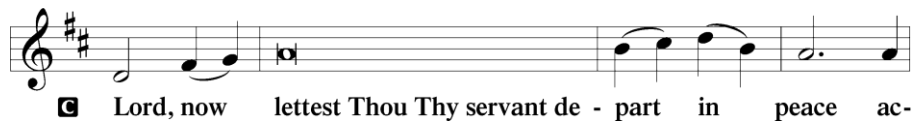
7 Lead not into temptation, Lord,
Where our grim foe and all his horde
Would vex our souls on ev'ry hand.
Help us resist, help us to stand
Firm in the faith, a mighty host,
Through comfort of the Holy Ghost.

8 From evil, Lord, deliver us;
The times and days are perilous.
Redeem us from eternal death,
And, when we yield our dying breath,
Console us, grant us calm release,
And take our souls to You in peace.

9 Amen, that is, so shall it be.
Make strong our faith in You, that we
May doubt not but with trust believe
That what we ask we shall receive.
Thus in Your name and at Your Word
We say, "Amen, O hear us, Lord!"

Text: Martin Luther, 1483-1546; (chs. 1, 6, 8-10) 10 The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941; (chs. 2-5, 7) 10 7. Sanctus Leonis, 1919-2011; (ch.
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Nunc Dimittis



Thanksgiving



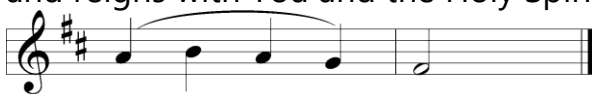
A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



G and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

P Let us pray.

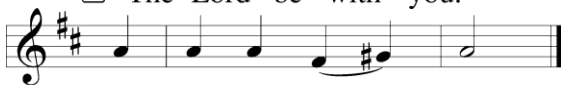
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



G A - men.



P The Lord be with you.



G And with thy spir - it.

Benedicamus

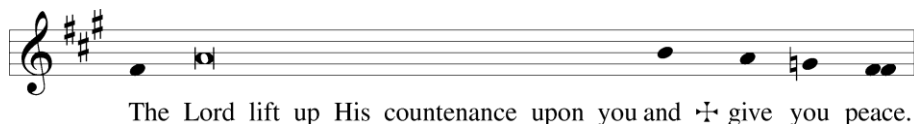
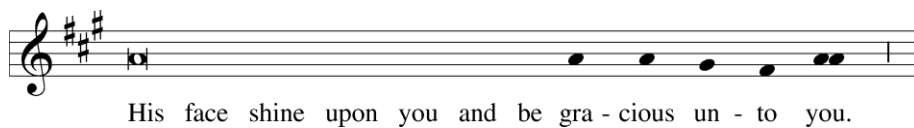
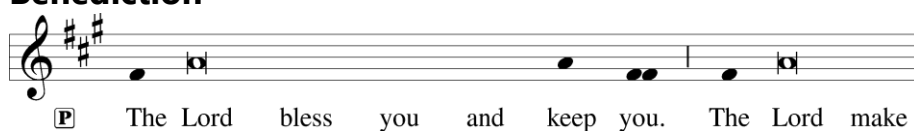


A Bless we the Lord.

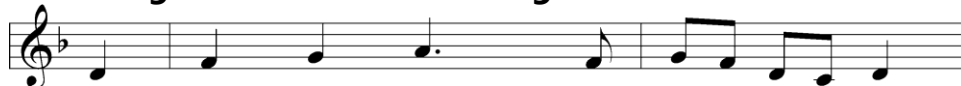


G Thanks be to God.

Benediction



843 "Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive"



- 1 "For - give our sins as we for - give,"
- 2 How can Your par - don reach and bless
- 3 In blaz - ing light Your cross re - veals
- 4 Lord, cleanse the depths with - in our souls



You taught us, Lord, to pray; But You a - lone can
 The un - for - giv - ing heart That broods on wrongs and
 The truth we dim - ly knew: What triv - ial debts are
 And bid re - sent - ment cease; Then, bound to all in



grant us grace To live the words we say.
 will not let Old bit - ter - ness de - part?
 owed to us, How great our debt to You!
 bonds of love, Our lives will spread Your peace.

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Important Dates and Information

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.

Thanksgiving Eve Service is Wednesday, November 26th at 6:30 pm. There will be no meal or classes this night.

Advent & Christmas Service Schedule

Wednesday, December 3rd: 6:30 pm

Wednesday, December 10th: 6:30 pm

Wednesday, December 17th: 6:30 pm

Christmas Eve Service: 6:30 pm

Christmas Day Service: 9:00 am

Christmas Caroling

Please join us for Christmas Caroling on **December 20th**! We will meet at the church at 9:45 am and leave by 10:00 am. A lunch will be provided. Please let Joni Mercer know if you plan to come.

LWML Christmas Cards

The LWML will have Christmas cards for sale in the fellowship hall next to the membership picture wall. There are boxes or you may purchase individual cards. There are special 5 panel cards for \$3 each or 2 for \$5. These cards include Luke 2 and the salvation message for someone special in your life. There are also a variety of sympathy and occasion cards.

Poinsettias

Poinsettias will be ordered soon. If you would like to purchase a poinsettia in memory or honor of a loved one, please sign up on the sheet that is on the bulletin board. They will be \$15 each.