

# *Quinquagesima*

*Sunday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026*

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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.

**\*PLEASE NOTE\* We ask that when the Prelude is begun, conversation will cease in order that all have an opportunity to prepare for worship. Please turn off all cell phones.**

## **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.

## Special Music

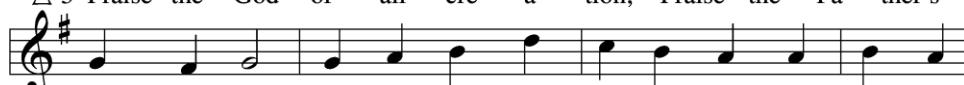
"Alleluia"

Children's Choir

### 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 - thralled 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.

## **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 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 ♪

**LSB 617 vs 1**



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!

## Alleluia! Let Praises Ring st. 4

4 Al - le - lu - ia! Let prais - es ring! Un - to our tri -  
une God we sing; Blest be His name for - ev - er!  
With an - gel hosts let us a - dore And sing His prais -  
es ev - er - more For all His grace and fa - vor!  
Sing - ing, ring - ing: Ho - ly, ho - ly, God is ho - ly;  
Spread the sto - ry Of our God, the Lord of glo - ry!

Text: Geistreiches Gesang-Buch, 1698, Darmstadt; tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941; alt. Tune: Philipp Nicolai, 1556-1608Text and tune: Public domain

## 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.

## Gradual



You are the God who works | wonders;\*  
you have made known your might among the | peoples.  
**You with your arm redeemed your | people,\*  
the children of Jacob and | Joseph.**

## 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.

### 849 Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

1 Praise the One who breaks the darkness 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.

## **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.**

## **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.**

## **Sermon "Your Faith Has Made You Well"**

### **Prayer of the Church**

### **"Hear Our Prayer"**

#### **Offering**

#### **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.**

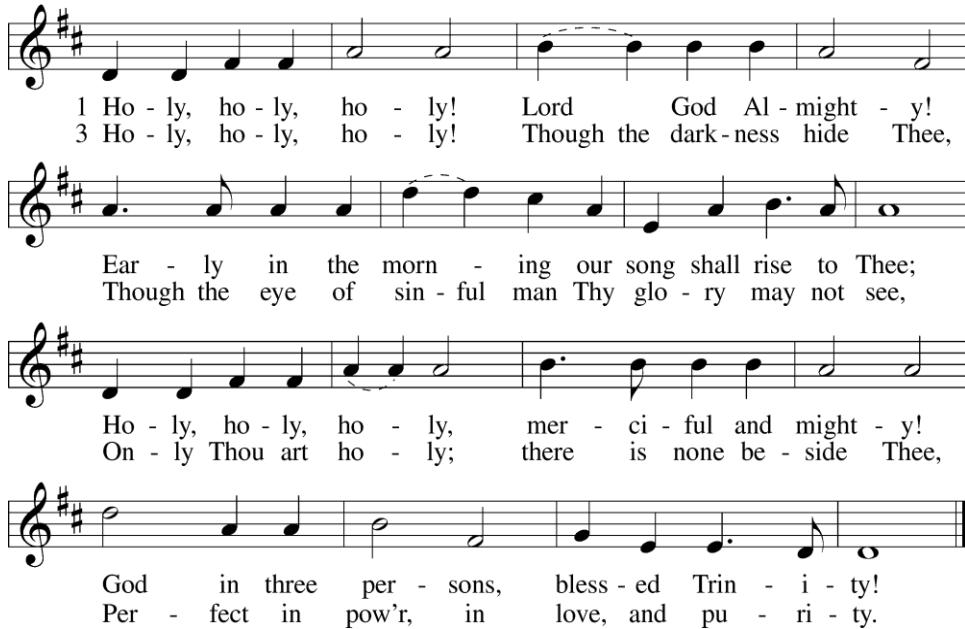
## The Lord's Prayer

**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.

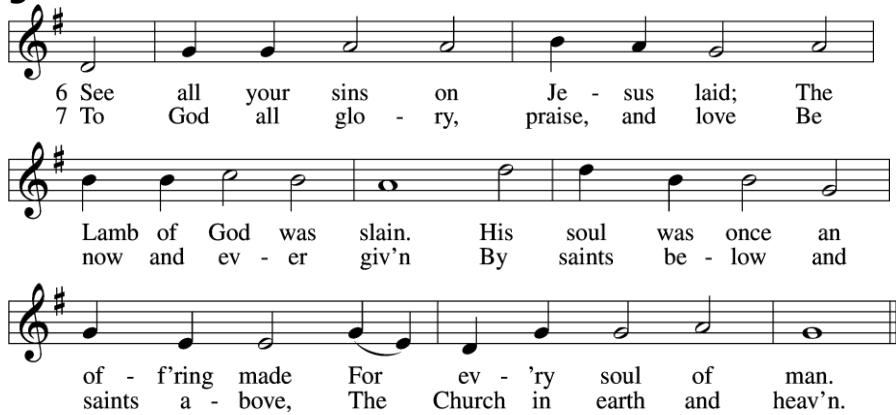
### Pax Domini

**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.

## Distribution Hymns

### 819 Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good



1 Sing praise to God, the high - est good, The au - thor of cre -  
 2 What God's al - might - y pow'r has made, In mer - cy He is  
 3 We sought the Lord in our dis - tress; O God, in mer - cy  
 4 He nev - er shall for - sake His flock, His cho - sen gen - er -  
 5 All who con - fess Christ's ho - ly name, Give God the praise and



a - tion, The God of love who un - der - stood  
 keep - ing. By morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade  
 hear us. Our Sav - ior saw our help - less - ness  
 a - tion; He is their ref - ute and their rock,  
 glo - ry. Let all who know His pow'r pro - claim



Our need for His sal - va - tion. With heal - ing balm our  
 His eye is nev - er sleep - ing. With - in the king - dom  
 And came with peace to cheer us. For this we thank and  
 Their peace and their sal - va - tion. As with a moth - er's  
 A - loud the won - drous sto - ry. Cast ev - 'ry i - dol



souls He fills And ev - 'ry faith - less mur - mur stills:  
 of His might All things are just and good and right:  
 praise the Lord, Who is by one and all a - dored:  
 ten - der hand, He leads His own, His cho - sen band:  
 from its throne, For God is God, and He a - lone:



To God all praise and glo - - ry!  
 To God all praise and glo - - ry!  
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 To God all praise and glo - - ry!

Text: Johann Jacob Schütz, 1640-90; (sts. 1-3, 5); tr. Frances E. Cox, 1812-97, adapt.; (st. 4); tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-78, adapt.  
 Tune: Melchior Vulpius, c. 1570-1615  
 Text and tune: Public domain

## 744 Amazing Grace sts. 1–5

Text (sts. 1–4): John Newton, 1725–1807, alt.; (st. 5): A Collection of Sacred Ballads, 1790, Richmond  
 Tune: Columbian Harmony, 1829, Cincinnati  
 Text and tune: Public domain

## 797 Praise the Almighty



1 Praise the Al - might - y, my soul, a - dore Him!  
 2 Trust not in rul - ers; they are but mor - - tal;  
 3 Bless - ed, oh, bless - ed are they for - ev - - er  
 4 Pen - i - tent sin - ners, for mer - cy cry - - ing,  
 △ 5 Praise, all you peo - ple, the name so ho - - ly



Yes, I will laud Him un - til death; With songs and  
 Earth - born they are and soon de - cay. Vain are their  
 Whose help is from the Lord Most High, Whom from sal -  
 Par - don and peace from Him ob - tain; Ev - er the  
 Of Him who does such won - drous things! All that has



an - thems I come be - fore Him As long as  
 coun - sels at life's last por - tal, When the dark  
 va - tion can noth - ing sev - er, And who in  
 wants of the poor sup - ply - ing, Their faith - ful  
 be - ing, to praise Him sole - ly, With hap - py



He al - lows me breath. From Him my life and  
 grave en - gulfs its prey. Since mor - tals can no  
 hope to Christ draw nigh. To all who trust in  
 God He will re - main. He helps His chil - dren  
 heart its a - men sings. Chil - dren of God, with



all things came; Bless, O my soul, His ho - ly name.  
 help af - ford, Place all your trust in Christ, our Lord.  
 Him, our Lord Will aid and coun - sel now af - ford.  
 in dis - tress, The wid - ows and the fa - ther - less.  
 an - gel host Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Johann David Heinrichs, 1672-1731; Music: J. S. Bach, 1685-1750, arr.  
 Tune: New-vernünftige Christliche Seelenkunst, 1665, Ansbach  
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## 696 O God, My Faithful God



1 O God, my faith - ful God, True foun-tain ev - er flow - ing,  
2 Grant me the strength to do With read - y heart and will - ing  
3 Keep me from say - ing words That lat - er need re - call - ing;  
4 Lord, let me win my foes With kind - ly words and ac - tions,



With - out whom noth - ing is, All per - fect gifts be - stow - ing:  
What - ev - er You com - mand, My call - ing here ful - fill - ing;  
Guard me lest i - dle speech May from my lips be fall - ing;  
And let me find good friends For coun - sel and cor - rec - tion.



Give me a health - y frame, And may I have with - in  
That I do what I should While trust - ing You to bless  
But when with - in my place I must and ought to speak,  
Help me, as You have taught, To love both great and small



A con - sci - ence free from blame, A soul un - stained by sin.  
The out - come for my good, For You must give suc - cess.  
Then to my words give grace Lest I of - fend the weak.  
And by Your Spir - it's might To live in peace with all.

5 Let me depart this life  
Confiding in my Savior;  
By grace receive my soul  
That it may live forever;  
And let my body have  
A quiet resting place  
Within a Christian grave;  
And let it sleep in peace.

6 And on that final day  
When all the dead are waking,  
Stretch out Your mighty hand,  
My deathly slumber breaking.  
Then let me hear Your voice,  
Redeem this earthly frame,  
And bid me to rejoice  
With those who love Your name.

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## Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

**C Amen.**

## Benedicamus & Benediction

A Let us bless the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**C Amen**

## 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!

## **Divine Shepherd Calendar**

### **Sunday, February 15<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 am              Divine Worship Service  
10:30 am              Bible Study, Sunday School

### **Monday, February 16<sup>th</sup>**

6:00 pm              School Board Meeting

### **Tuesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>**

6:30 pm              Adult Catechism Class

### **Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 am              Quilting Group  
5:15 pm              Family Dinner  
5:45 pm              Confirmation, Wednesday School, Bible Study  
6:30 pm              Ash Wednesday Service

### **Thursday, February 19<sup>th</sup>**

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

### **Sunday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>**

9:00 am              Divine Worship Service  
10:30 am              Bible Study, Sunday School

**Ash Wednesday Service:** February 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm

**Lent Services:** February 25<sup>th</sup>, March 4<sup>th</sup>, March 11<sup>th</sup>, March 18<sup>th</sup>, March 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm

