



Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church

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Church Service Sundays at 9:00 a.m.

WELCOME GUESTS

*We invite you to sign our guest book and/or complete a visitor card to help us remember you. Here at Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church we celebrate Holy Communion whenever we gather, and we would like to invite you to join us, as **all** are welcome to the Lord's table here. If you are in need of any additional information in regard to our church or Synod affiliation, please contact Pastor Bill at 1-715-617-6477. Thank you for joining us.*

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Empowered by the power of the Holy Spirit and rooted in the Good News of Jesus Christ, we are a loving community that follows Jesus & seeks to hear the Word of God and practice it in our daily lives.

Recorded Services:

All Sunday services at Shepherd of the Lakes are recorded and put on You Tube.

Go to the Church website at www.shepherdofthelakeschurch.org and look for the  symbol.

Click on this symbol to take you to the Church's YouTube site.

*For those of you worshipping with us at home – You can mail your donations to:
 Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church 2903 State HWY 155, PO Box 130 Sayner, WI 54560*

Or on the church website – www.shepherdofthelakeschurch.org

You can donate through our PayPal account.

“Thank you for your continued support of our ministry together.”

Readings for March 30 , 2025 4th Sunday of Lent

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| First Reading | Joshua 5:9-12 |
| Psalm | 32 |
| Second Reading | 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 |
| Holy Gospel | Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32 |

Less Grumbling, More Humbling

Grumbling! The crowd around Jesus—the “in” crowd, that is—was grumbling. Grumbling because Jesus welcomed those who traditionally had been set apart: tax collectors and sinners. Who are those who cause us to grumble? Whose seemingly undeserved handout or unearned status change filled our hearts with resentment this week? Jesus speaks to us today because we too often see life as a game with winners and losers, points and playbooks, offense and defense. Can we open our hearts and minds to hear today’s humbling good news? God’s love is freely shared with all: we cannot earn it, we cannot deserve it. When we attend worship, we do so out of thanksgiving and praise for God’s glory, hunger and thirst for God’s word and sacrament. We do not attend worship to achieve some status within God’s kingdom. When we help a neighbor, share with a stranger, assist the afflicted, or acknowledge the overlooked we do so because Christ first did the same for us. We respond to God’s grace and mercy with our own feeble attempts to emulate God’s perfect love. It is challenging, exhausting, never-ending, perspective-altering, radically humbling work. It’s work that is impossible to do without the inspiration of Christ, the nourishment of wine and bread, and the strength of the saints who have gone before us and with whom we walk Christ’s path today. Let us find those in our world who teach us about Christ’s unending reconciliation, so that we can all celebrate and rejoice as the family of God.

CONTACT INFO:

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SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICES AT 9:00 A.M.

Holy Communion is offered at every service. All are welcome. The Sunday service will be live-streamed and recorded and available for viewing on YouTube later on Sundays.

TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday Bible Study will be held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at 3 pm. The study will again be based on “The Chosen”.

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR FEBRUARY, 2025

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| General Contributions | \$ 33,246.00 |
| Caritas | \$ 70.00 |
| Food Pantry | \$ 56.00 |
| Vilas Humane Society | \$ 466.00 |
| World Hunger | \$ 100.00 |
| Restricted – Bldg Fund | \$ 25.00 |
| Restricted - Flowers | \$ 44.00 |
| Restricted – Thrivent Choice Dollars | \$ 46.00 |
| TOTAL | \$ 34,053.00 |

CHURCH SCHOOL

Church School will be offered every Wednesday (as long as school is in session) after school. The bus will drop the children off at approximately 3:45. Lessons/project time will last until 5 pm. We welcome you to get your children - or grandchildren - involved!

ALTAR FLOWERS - INFORMATION ON HOW TO SIGN UP

Contact Person - Jo Ann Kehl Cell 715-892-0413

The Sign-Up Sheets are located in the Narthex on the shelf under the Lutheran Rose.

STEP ONE:

Sign up for the date you wish to provide the set of two altar bouquets

STEP TWO:

You can provide flowers in two ways:

1. You may purchase your own flowers and bring them to church.
2. You may contact Jo Ann Kehl and she will order them for you. Just let her know what flowers you would like and how much you would like to spend. You can then write a check to Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church for that amount and designate it as **Altar Flower Donation**. ANY QUESTIONS? Contact Jo Ann

LENTEN SERVICES

Wednesday evening services will be held after Soup Supper at 5:15 pm. Please join us for the Soup Supper and then join us for the Lenten Services at 6:00 p.m..

Holy Week Services

Thursday, April 17th

Maundy Thursday Service 6 pm

Friday, April 18th

Good Friday Service 6 pm

Saturday, April 19th

Easter Vigil 7:00 pm (St. Germain Community Church)

Sunday, April 20th

Easter Breakfast 7:30 am

Easter Worship Service 9 am

Fellowship to follow

QUILTING GROUP

The quilting group is back to meeting on the third Wednesday of each month, at 9:00 a.m. You don't have to be a quilter to join – they welcome those who can tie knots also!

WOMEN'S DAY 2025

St. Germain Community Church will be holding Women's Day 2025 on Tuesday, March 25th, from 8 am to 3 pm. "*A tend and cultivate day to Grow with the Lord.*" All women are welcome to attend and lunch is included. Please register by March 11 by calling Deb at 815-303-2854.



PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray for those dealing with current issues:

Carolyn, Beth, Shirley, John, Kim, Dick, Mary H., Evie and Doug.

(Please let us know if/when names should be removed from this “current issues” list or moved to “ongoing list”)

Pray for those with ongoing health issues:

Larry, Mary Lou, Melody, Ericka, Mike, Shelle, Sharon G., Bob B., Lynn C., and Ron

Pray for those serving in the Armed Forces:

Adam & Brittany, Brooks, Will, Sgt. Keara, Alex, Jared, Noah, Dylan, and David.

Pray for those in nursing homes or homebound:

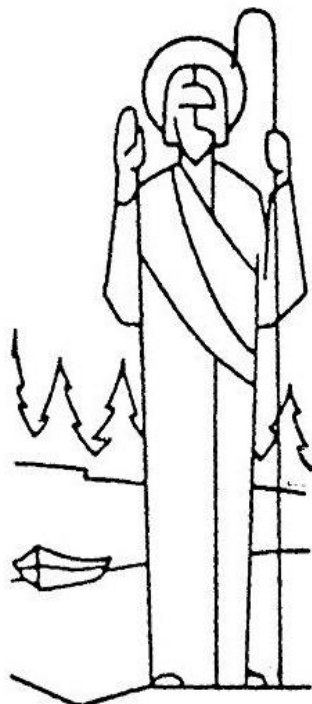
Elisabeth

Pray for peace and consoling comfort for the families of those who have passed:

Family of Bill Wheeler

Family of Charlie & Sharon Rice on the death of Sharon’s mother

Please email Bill Wendorf at pastor@SOTLsayner.com or text to 715-617-6477 or email Jean Maines at treasurer@SOTLsayner.com if you would like to be included on the prayer chain list.



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“Third Sunday In Lent March 23rd, 2025”

Greeting & Announcements

Invocation

In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Confession and Forgiveness

In these forty days, let us be honest, confess our sin, and receive God’s promise of mercy.

Gracious God,

Our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo.

Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open us to a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.

Amen.

(Book of Common Worship)

Words of Forgiveness

Beloved, God’s word never fails. The promise rests on grace: by the saving love of Jesus Christ, the wisdom and power of God, your sins are ✠ forgiven, and God remembers them no more.

Journey in the way of Jesus. **Amen.**

Gathering Song

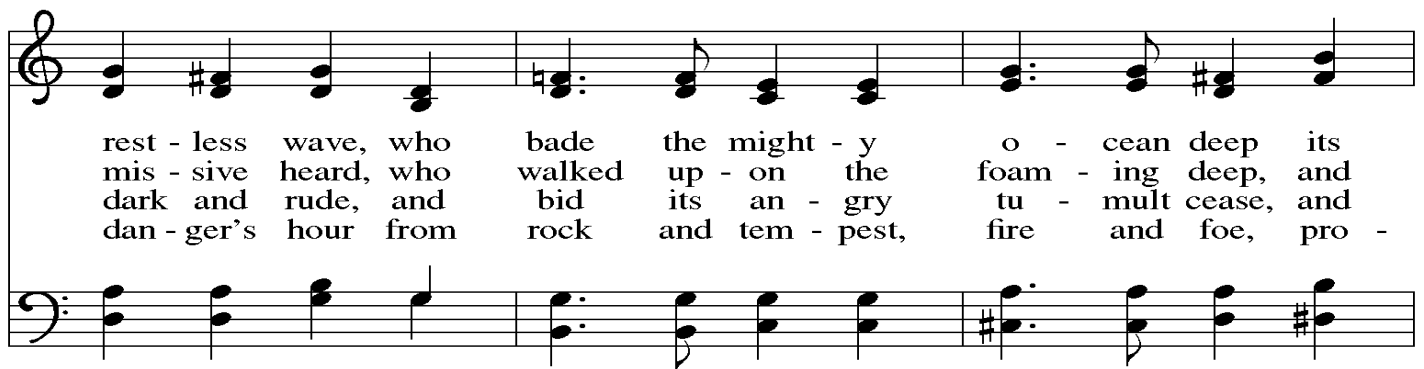
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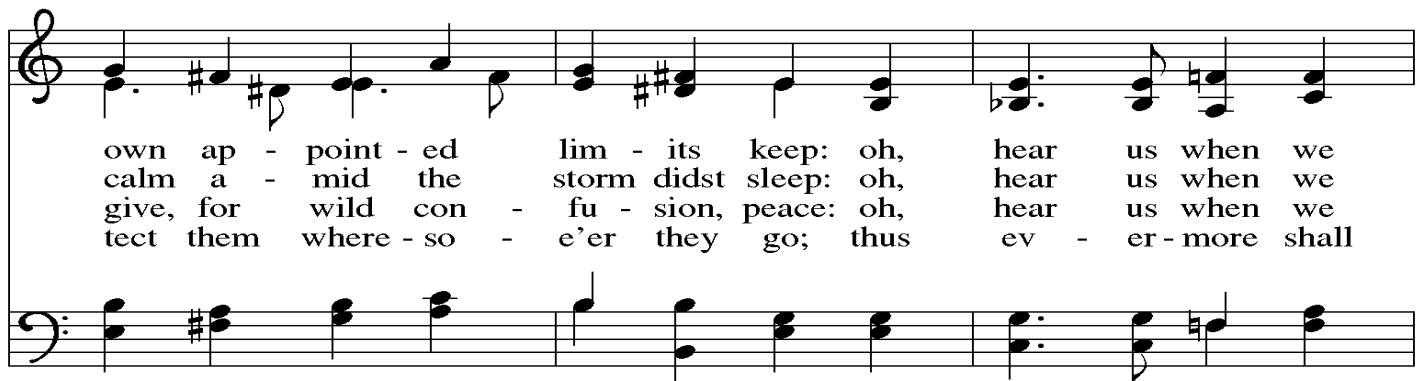
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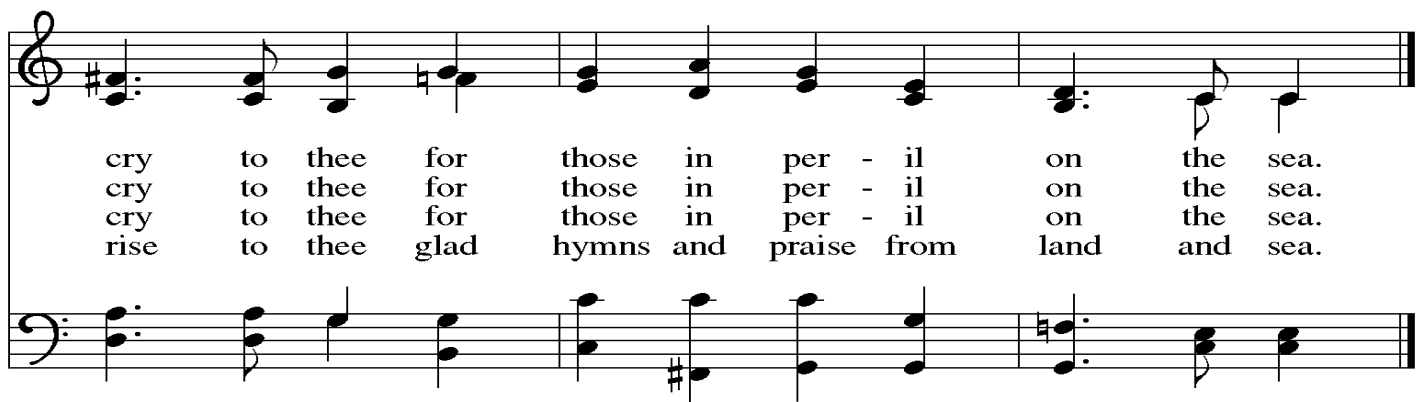
1 E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, whose arm has bound the
2 O Sav - ior, whose al - might - y word the winds and waves sub -
3 O Ho - ly Spir - it, who didst brood up - on the cha - os
4 O Trin - i - ty of love and pow'r, all trav - 'lers guard in



rest - less wave, who bade the might - y o - cean deep its
mis - sive heard, who walked up - on the foam - ing deep, and
dark and rude, and bid its an - gry tu - mult cease, and
dan - ger's hour from rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, pro -



own ap - point - ed lim - its keep: oh, hear us when we
calm a - mid the storm didst sleep: oh, hear us when we
give, for wild con - fu - sion, peace: oh, hear us when we
tect them where - so - e'er they go; thus ev - er - more shall



cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
rise to thee glad hymns and praise from land and sea.

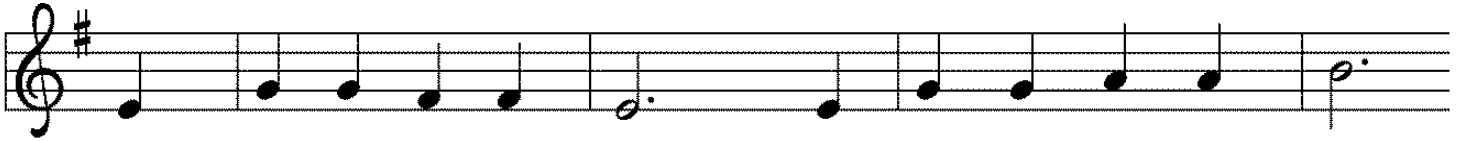
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Music: MELITA, John B. Dykes, 1823-1876

Apostolic Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

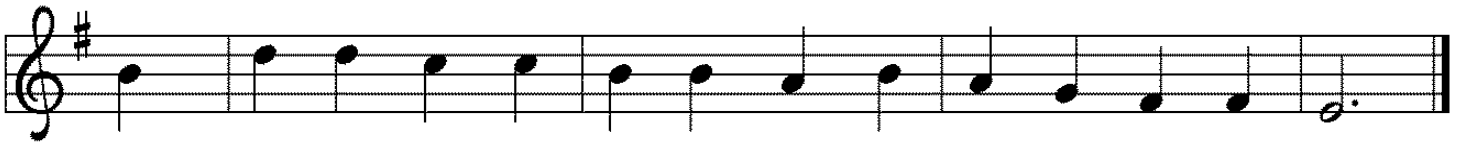
Kyrie (sung by all)



1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.

2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.

3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.

Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.

Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Eternal Lord,

Your Kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your Word and obey it, so that we become instruments of your redeeming love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.....**And also with you.**

(Please greet your neighbor as you and your neighbor are comfortable, then be seated)

First Reading

Isaiah 55:1-9

The Word of the Lord...

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 63:1-8

¹ O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you,
my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

² **Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place,
that I might behold your power and your glory.**

³ For your steadfast love is better than life itself;
my lips shall give you praise.

⁴ **So will I bless you as long as I live
and lift up my hands in your name.**

⁵ My spirit is content, as with the richest of foods,
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,

⁶ **when I remember you upon my bed,
and meditate on you in the night watches.**

⁷ For you have been my helper,
and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.

⁸ **My whole being clings to you;
your right hand holds me fast.**

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

The Word of the Lord...

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclimation

(Please stand as you are comfortable)



We are turn - ing, Lord, to hear you; you are mer - ci - ful and kind -



slow to an - ger, rich in bless - ing, and with love to us in - clined.

The Holy Gospel According to....
Glory to you, O Lord.

Luke 13:1-9

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

“Jesus, Still Lead On” ELW 624

(Please remain seated)

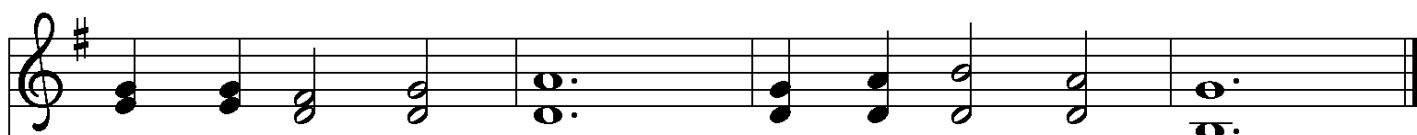
Jesus, Still Lead On



1 Je - sus, still lead on, till our rest be won; and, al-though the
2 If the way be drear, if the foe be near, let no faith - less
3 When we seek re - lief from a long-felt grief, when temp-ta - tions
4 Je - sus, still lead on, till our rest be won; heav'n-ly lead - er,



way be cheer - less, we will fol - low, calm and fear - less;
fears o'er - take us, let not faith and hope for - sake us;
come al - lur - ing make us pa - tient and en - dur - ing;
still di - rect us, still sup - port, con - sole, pro - tect us,



guide us by your hand to the prom - ised land.
safe - ly past the foe to our home we go.
show us that bright shore where we weep no more.
till we safe - ly stand in the prom - ised land.



Text: Nicolaus L. von Zinzendorf, 1700–1760; tr. Jane L. Borthwick, 1813–1897, alt.
Music: SEELENBRÄUTIGAM, Adam Drese, 1620–1701

Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen

Prayers of the Church

Offering

(As we receive our offering, our Lord's table is prepared)

Prayer

(Please stand as you are comfortable)

God of mercy and grace,

The eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord.

Amen.

Holy Communion

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.

In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son,
that all those who believe in him should not perish,
but have eternal life.

We give thanks to you

for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.

Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts,
that we may receive our Lord with a living faith
as he comes to us in his holy supper.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Words of Institution

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.

Invitation

As often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. All is ready, all are welcome, our Lord and Savior invites us.

Communion Distribution

Please come forward as the ushers direct, receive the bread in your hand and then receive the wine by dipping the host into the wine (chalice). Grape juice is also offered as an alternative to the wine in the crystal Chalise. We also have gluten free wafers for those in need, simply ask for them when you come forward. Small children and others that wish not to commune may come forward for a blessing.

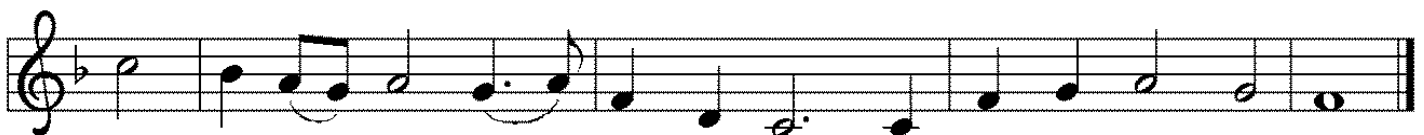
ALL ARE WELCOME TO THE LORD'S TABLE.

(Please be seated)

Lamb of God



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

O Lord, Hear My Prayer *The Lord Is My Song*

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: when I call, an - swer me.
OR *The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: all my hope comes from God.*

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: come and lis - ten to me.
The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: God, the well-spring of life.

The musical score consists of two systems, each with a vocal line in treble clef and a piano accompaniment in bass clef. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The first system includes two lines of lyrics, with the second line in italics. The second system also includes two lines of lyrics, with the second line in italics.

Text: Psalm 102:1-2; Taizé Community, adapt.
Music: HEAR MY PRAYER, Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994
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Come and Fill Our Hearts *Confitemini Domino*

Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no quo - ni - am bo - nus.
Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord, are ho - ly.

Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no. Al - le - lu - ia!
Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Al - le - lu - ia!

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Bless the Lord

p $\text{♩} = 76$ Dm G Dm B \flat C F A

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name.

p Dm G Dm B \flat C Dm

Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life.

Jesus, Remember Me

Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.

Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.

Post Communion Blessing

(Please stand as you are comfortable)

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which you have now received, strengthen and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

O God,

You made us from the dust of the earth. Now filled and nourished with the body and blood of your Son, raise us up and help us turn toward you with open hearts, beholding your glory, that by your grace we may receive everlasting life.

Amen.

Blessing

May almighty God,
Father, Son, † and Holy Spirit bless you all,
now and forever.

Amen

Sending Hymn

“Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer” ELW 618
 Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer

1 Guide me ev - er, great Re - deem - er, pil - grim through this
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain where the heal - ing
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land. I am weak, but you are might - y; hold me
 wa - ters flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me
 fears sub - side; death of death and hell's de - struc - tion, land me

with your pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
 all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer, strong de - liv - 'rer,
 safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs and prais - es, songs and prais - es

feed me now and ev - er - more, ev - er - more, feed me now and ev - er - more.
 shield me with your might - y arm, might - y arm, shield me with your might - y arm.
 I will raise for - ev - er - more, ev - er - more, I will raise for - ev - er - more.

Text: William Williams, 1717–1791; tr. William Williams and Peter Williams, 1722–1796, alt.
 Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873–1932

Dismissal

Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

**Please join us for coffee and fellowship after the service.
Second Sunday of each month join us for brunch after the service.**

Calendar for Week of March 24 to March 30, 2025

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| Tuesday | March 25, 2025 | Bible Study “The Chosen” | 3:00 p.m. |
| Wednesday | March 26, 2025 | Church School | 3:45 p.m. |
| Wednesday | March 26, 2025 | Soup Supper | 5:15-6 p.m. |
| Wednesday | March 26, 2025 | Mid-Week Lenten Service | 6:00 p.m. |
| Thursday | March 27, 2025 | Text Study | 9:00 a.m. |
| Sunday | March 30, 2025 | Worship Service | 9:00 a.m. |

Next Council Meeting:

Today, March 23, 2025 at 10:30 a.m.

Upcoming Events:

- St. Germain Comm. Church - Women’s Day 2025 on Tuesday, March 25th, from 8 am to 3 pm.

Check our calendar of events on the church website for times and dates of events and worship services.

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