

# The Order of Service

## The Greeting

**P** This is the day that the Lord has made.

**C** Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**P** We are transformed in Christ

**C** to share the hope of eternal life.

## Welcome

## The Sharing of the Peace

**Opening Hymn • 864** ..... **“Shepherd of Tender Youth”**

## The Invocation

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## Opening Sentences

*1 John 3:16-18*

**P** By this, we know love, that He laid down His life for us,

**C** and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers.

**P** But if anyone has the world’s goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him,

**C** how does God’s love abide in him?

**P** Little children, let us not love in word or talk—

**C** but in deed and in truth.

**P** Jesus, our Good Shepherd, has laid down His life for the sheep, and He calls us to lay down our lives in service to our neighbors. Though we are loved and redeemed, we still struggle to love others. Our sinful nature closes our hearts to the Lord’s commands and to the needs of others. We say the right things but fail to do the right things. We need our Lord to open again our hearts. For this reason, we declare:

## Confession and Absolution

1 John 1:8-9; John 20:19-23

- 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.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father:
- C** **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.**
- 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.**

## The Introit

*Psalm 23; antiphon: John 10:14, 15b*

- P** The Lord is my shepherd;
- C** **I shall not want.**
- P** He makes me lie down in green pastures.
- C** **He leads me beside still waters.**
- P** He restores my soul.
- C** **He leads me in paths of righteousness for His name's sake.**
- P** Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
- C** **I will fear no evil,**
- P** for You are with me;
- C** **Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.**
- P** You prepare a table before me
- C** **in the presence of my enemies;**

**P** You anoint my head with oil;

**C** **my cup overflows.**

**P** Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

**C** **and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

**C** **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**P** I am the good shepherd. I know my own, and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father;

**C** **and I lay down my life for the sheep.**

## **The Kyrie**

*based on Isaiah 40, John 10*

**P** O Lord, as You tend Your flock like a shepherd,

**C** **have mercy upon us.**

**P** O Christ, as You laid down Your life for the sheep,

**C** **have mercy upon us.**

**P** O Lord, as You call us to love in deed and truth,

**C** **have mercy upon us.**

## **Hymn of Praise • 709 ..... "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"**

### **The Salutation**

*2 Timothy 4:22*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

### **The Prayer of the Day**

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit, that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd, we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

*(Peter and John are brought before the Jerusalem Council.)*

And as they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them, <sup>2</sup>greatly annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. <sup>3</sup>And they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. <sup>4</sup>But many of those who had heard the word believed, and the number of the men came to about five thousand.

<sup>5</sup>On the next day, their rulers and elders and scribes gathered together in Jerusalem, <sup>6</sup>with Annas the high priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. <sup>7</sup>And when they had set them in the midst, they inquired, “By what power or by what name did you do this?” <sup>8</sup>Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders, <sup>9</sup>if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, <sup>10</sup>let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by him, this man is standing before you well. <sup>11</sup>This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. <sup>12</sup>And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**The Epistle****1 John 3:16-24**

*(Followers of Christ are called to love in deed and in truth.)*

<sup>16</sup>By this, we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. <sup>17</sup>But if anyone has the world’s goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God’s love abide in him? <sup>18</sup>Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

<sup>19</sup>By this, we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; <sup>20</sup>for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything. <sup>21</sup>Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; <sup>22</sup>and whatever we ask, we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. <sup>23</sup>And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. <sup>24</sup>Whoever keeps his

commandments abides in God, and God in him. And by this, we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Verse

*Romans 6:9; John 10:14*

**P** Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him.

**C** Alleluia. I am the good shepherd. I know My own, and My own know Me. Alleluia.

## The Holy Gospel

**John 10:11-18**

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

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

*(Jesus prays for and about His disciples.)*

<sup>11</sup>I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. <sup>13</sup>He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. <sup>14</sup>I am the good shepherd. I know my own, and my own know me, <sup>15</sup>just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup>And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. <sup>17</sup>For this reason, the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. <sup>18</sup>No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

## The Children’s Message

**Sermon Hymn • 683 ..... “Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me”**

## The Sermon

## The Creed

## The First Article

**P** As our Good Shepherd leads us, even so our heavenly Father hears the prayers of His people. Assured of His fatherly care, let us speak together the words of the Apostles' Creed regarding the First Person of the Holy Trinity.

**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

**P** What does this mean?

**C** I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them.

He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life.

He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this, it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.

This is most certainly true.

## The Offering

**Offertory Hymn • 782** ..... "Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings"

*Please stand on the final verse as the offering is brought forward.*

## The Prayer of the Church

*After each petition of the prayers:*

**P** Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

# Service of the Sacrament

## The Preface

**P** The Lord be with you.

*2 Timothy 4:22*

**C** And also with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

*Colossians 3:1*

**C** We lift them to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*Psalms 136*

**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

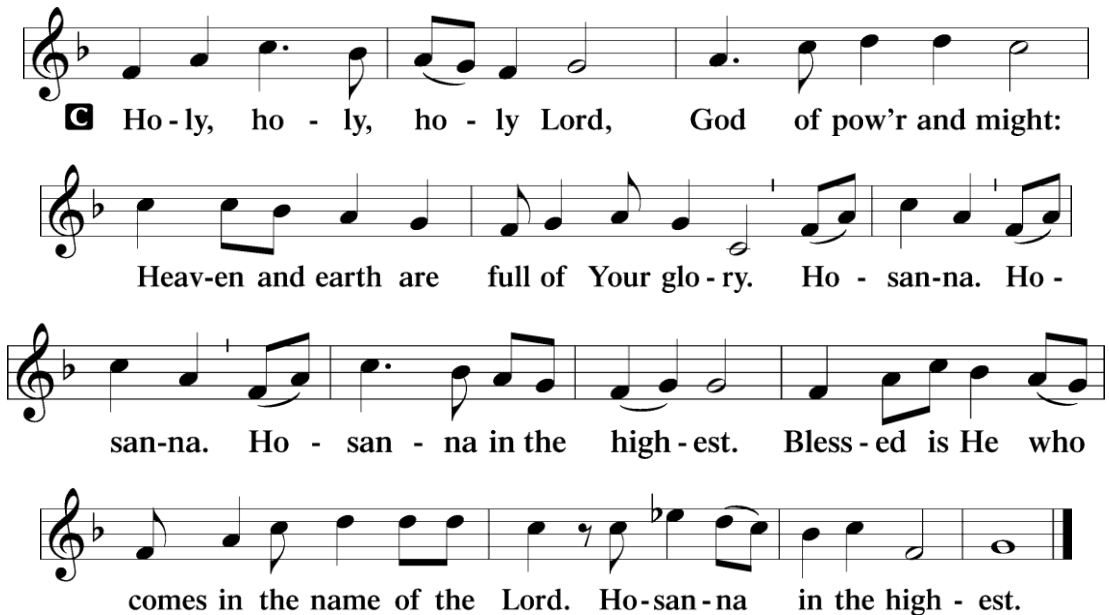
## The Proper Preface

**P** It is truly good, right, and proper that we should give thanks to You, heavenly Father, for in Jesus Christ, You have shown Your saving power and Your great compassion. In amazing love, our Good Shepherd shed His blood and laid down His life for the forgiveness of our sins. His unending love leads Him to intercede for us as, aided by the Holy Spirit, He brings our cares to Your throne of grace. Grant that we may live in humility, honoring our Savior in all that we do and rejoicing that we are granted a foretaste of the heavenly banquet. Pour out Your Holy Spirit upon us, that we may rejoice in the gifts before us and praise You with thankful hearts.

**C** Amen.

## The Sanctus ∞ *Holy, Holy, Holy*

*Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -  
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

## **The Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**P** Blessed are You, O Lord eternal, and blessed be Your name. In Your great love, You sent Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be the promised Savior, whose power was shown in humble care and whose life of service fulfilled Your will and completed the work of our salvation. With thankfulness, we receive the blessings He has obtained for us. Gather into one, we pray You, all Your people who now join at Your Holy Table. Bless and nourish us, so that all we who partake of Christ's holy body and blood may be strengthened to serve You and our neighbor, as You would have us do. To You, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in Your holy church, forever and ever.

**C** Amen.

## **The Words of Our Lord**

*Matthew 26:26-28*

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{✠}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\text{✠}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## **The Proclamation of Christ**

*1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20*

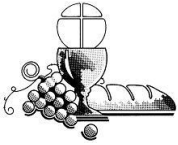
**P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

**C** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

**P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:







**The Distribution of Holy Communion** • The Bible teaches that Jesus gives us His very body and blood along with bread and wine. We believe the Lord's Supper is a means of grace in that it provides forgiveness of sins and strengthening of our faith. The Bible also teaches us to examine ourselves prior to receiving the meal.

Participants are encouraged to ask these questions: Do I believe that I am a sinner and am truly sorry for my sins? Do I believe Jesus Christ is my Savior and that it is His true body and blood given to me along with the bread and wine? Do I intend with the help of God to repent of sin as I seek to follow Him?

If you have not been instructed in this teaching on Holy Communion, are in doubt, or hold to a different confession of faith, please come forward and cross your arms to indicate that you would like a blessing.

**Communion Hymn • 641** ..... **"You Satisfy the Hungry Heart"**

**Communion Hymn • 666** ..... **"O Little Flock, Fear Not the Foe"**

**Communion Hymn • 845** ..... **"Where Charity and Love Prevail"**

**The Post-Communion Canticle**

**"Thank the Lord"**



**C** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

## **The Post-Communion Thanksgiving**

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, we thank You for having fed us with the body and blood of our Savior, Jesus Christ, assuring us thereby that we are truly members of His Body, the church. And we ask You to help us by Your Holy Spirit, that we may continue in this fellowship and do the good works which You desire us to do; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

**C** Amen.

## **The Benediction**

*Numbers 6:24-26*

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

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

**C** Amen.

**Closing Hymn • 711 ..... "Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us"**

## **Announcements**

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## Jesus, our Good Shepherd

Psalm 23, our psalm of trust in the Lord, our Shepherd, also reminds us of the holiness and majesty of God's name. For the sake of God's holy name, acting out of His self-sacrificing love, Jesus our Shepherd laid down His life for us. Baptized, we are raised to new life and now bear the holy name of the Triune God. Sins that bring harm to both our Lord's

reputation and our own are washed away in His blood and, in exchange, He clothes us in His righteousness. Our crucified and risen Shepherd leads us "in paths of righteousness for His name's sake." We walk in His steps, following a path of humility and holiness that honors the name of Jesus.

The righteous path will one day lead us into "the valley of the shadow of death," a valley where our Shepherd has already walked. But even in those frightening shadows, we are safe, guarded by Jesus' forgiving love and comforted by the promises of His Word. When this earthly path comes to its end, we will once again—and for all eternity—be marked with the holy name: "The one who conquers, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God. Never shall he go out of it, and I will write on him the name of My God and the name of the city of My God, the new Jerusalem, which comes down from My God out of heaven, and My own new name" (Revelation 3:12).