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In Christ the Cornerstone...Living His Word, Sharing His Love



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AS WE GATHER -

Many people in the world are deaf to God's presence and certainly to His Word. Some people refused to believe when they physically met Jesus, as in today's Gospel. Paul had to warn church leaders that opposition might even come from within, from wolves in sheep's clothing. But by the grace of God in Scripture, we hear our Good Shepherd speaking to us about His grace and mercy. John's vision of the Lamb's eternal victory lets us hear the eternal praises of saints and angels in heaven. Today is an opportunity to tell one another in word and song about our faith, asking our brothers and sisters if they also are hearing all the good news about our Shepherd. We leave to ask our friends and neighbors the same question. What joy when they may say with us, "The Lord is my shepherd too!"

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Opening Greetings!



Opening Hymn: #605 Father Welcomes

Invocation

LSB 151

Introit

Psalm 78:70-72; John 10:14

P I am the good shepherd.
C I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life for the sheep.

P He chose David his servant and took him from the sheepfolds;
C from following the nursing ewes he brought him to shepherd Jacob his people, Israel his inheritance.

P With upright heart he shepherded them
C and guided them with his skillful hand.

P But we your people, the sheep of your pasture, will give thanks to you forever;
C from generation to generation we will recount your praise.

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.
C I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life for the sheep.

Kyrie (sung)

LSB 152

This is the Feast (sung)

LSB 155

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.

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.

First Reading

Acts 29:17-35

Paul Speaks to the Ephesian Elders

¹⁷Now from Miletus [Paul] sent to Ephesus and called the elders of the church to come to him. ¹⁸And when they came to him, he said to them:

“You yourselves know how I lived among you the whole time from the first day that I set foot in Asia, ¹⁹servicing the Lord with all humility and with tears and with trials that happened to me through the plots of the Jews; ²⁰how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you in public and from house to house, ²¹testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance

toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. ²²And now, behold, I am going to Jerusalem, constrained by the Spirit, not knowing what will happen to me there, ²³except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and afflictions await me. ²⁴But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God. ²⁵And now, behold, I know that none of you among whom I have gone about proclaiming the kingdom will see my face again. ²⁶Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all of you, ²⁷for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God. ²⁸Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood. ²⁹I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; ³⁰and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them. ³¹Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish everyone with tears. ³²And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. ³³I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. ³⁴You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities and to those who were with me. ³⁵In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'

- P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Revelation 7:9-17

A Great Multitude from Every Nation

⁹After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" ¹¹And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" ¹⁴I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵"Therefore they are before the throne of God,
and serve him day and night in his temple;
and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.

¹⁶They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore;
the sun shall not strike them,
nor any scorching heat.

¹⁷For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of living water,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

- P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

Common Alleluia and Verse (Sung) LSB 156

Timothy 1:10b

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the tenth chapter.
C Glory to You, O Lord.

I and the Father Are One

²²At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon. ²⁴So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly.” ²⁵Jesus answered them, “I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name bear witness about me, ²⁶but you do not believe because you are not part of my flock. ²⁷My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father’s hand. ³⁰I and the Father are one.”

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C Praise to You, O Christ.

Children's Message

Sermon Hymn: #671 Sing with All the Saints in Glory

Sermon

Nicene Creed

(Inside back cover of LSB)

Prayer of the Church

Following each petition:

- P** let us pray to the Lord:
C Lord, have mercy.

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- P** All this we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C Amen.

Lord's Prayer (spoken here during noncommunion service)

Inside back cover of LSB

OFFERING/Hymn: #740 I Am Jesus' Little Lamb

(sung during noncommunion service)

+ Service of the Sacrament +
LSB 160 - Divine Service I

Preface
Sanctus
Prayer of Thanksgiving
Lord's Prayer
Words of Our Lord
Pax Domini
Agnus Dei
Distribution Hymns*
Thank The Lord (Canticle)
Post Communion Prayer

*** Distribution Hymns:**

#740 I Am Jesus' Little Lamb
#735 Have No Fear, Little Flock
#676 Behold a Host, Arrayed in White

Benediction

LSB 166

Closing Hymn: #838 The Saints in Christ Are One in Every Place

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