

# *Welcome to Worship*



**Church of the Good Shepherd**

*"Where God Works In and Through You"*

**February 23, 2025**



# NEWS FOR THE PEWS

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## ON THE CALENDAR

- **Morning Prayer:** Via Zoom Wednesdays at 8:00 AM. A link is sent by email to parishioners. Also feel free to contact the church office for the link: [office.gscmd@gmail.com](mailto:office.gscmd@gmail.com)
- **Men's Breakfast at the Rectory:** Saturday, March 1, at 9:00 AM.
- **Annual Parish Meeting:** Sunday, March 2, following the worship service, gather at the Rectory. Join us for a fellowship lunch and consideration of parish annual reports and business. **Note: Take note of this new date!**
- **Ladies:** Meet Saturday, March 8, at 9:00 AM at the rectory to make jump ropes for missions.
- **Lenten Calendar:** *All services at the Bethany Chapel*
  - Ash Wednesday:** 12:00 PM and 6:00 PM, March 5
  - Maundy Thursday:** 6:00 PM, April 17
  - Good Friday:** 6:00 PM, April 18

## WOMEN'S MINISTRIES NEWS

Ladies. Gather at the rectory Saturday, March 8, at 9:00 AM for jump rope making for missions. Bring "fabric cutting scissors," and T-shirts. RSVP so that room set-up and supplies can be properly prepared.



## NEED PRAYER?

Those desiring prayers may come to the altar following the closing of the service (after the candles are extinguished) to receive prayer from our prayer team.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for: Holy Trinity Parish, Hillsdale, Michigan; The Ven. Alan Crippen; Church Administrators & Staff of ADLW; Other ministries and chaplaincies; The Rev. Canon Henry Jansma.

## DID YOU KNOW?

Our church web site serves as a virtual church office. You can find everything from the church calendar to a guide for daily prayer, a link to submit prayer requests, watching online services, sermon archives, our Bishop's Bible studies, and much more! [www.GSCmd.org](http://www.GSCmd.org)

## SERVING TODAY

Lector	Joelene Ackerman
Greeters	Jan Ballew; Cheryl Workman
Sacristy	Mary Courtney, Eslyn Hinmon, Sue Sexton
Intercessor	Jan Ballew, Loretta Knox

## “AFTER SERVICE FELLOWSHIP”

You are invited to stay after service for refreshments. Location: Side room off the hallway. (Available until 11:00 AM.)

## TWO WAYS TO HELP ANNUAL MEETING FELLOWSHIP LUNCH?

1. See -Ellen to sign up to bring a needed food item.
2. See -Ellen to make a contribution towards items needed to be purchased.



# THE WORSHIP SERVICE

7th Sunday of Epiphany

*The Service Begins on p. 123 in the Prayer Book.*

Your Responses in Bold Print. (Music Licenses: SongSelect-CCLI # 2350972))

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

**PROCESSION**, p. 123 (*see insert*)

*The People Stand*

**THE ACCLAMATION**, p. 123, 145

*The People Stand*

*Celebrant* I will make you as a light for the nations.

**People** That my salvation may reach the end of the earth.

**THE COLLECT FOR PURITY**, p. 124

*The People Seated*

**All** Almighty God, to You all hearts are open, all desires known, and from You no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You, and worthily magnify Your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW**, p. 124

*The People Seated*

*Celebrant* Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets. *Matthew 22:37-40*

**KYRIE**, p. 124

*The People Stand*

*Celebrant* Lord, have mercy upon us.

**People** Christ, have mercy upon us.

*Celebrant* Lord, have mercy upon us.

**THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS, p. 125**

*The People Stand - (Sung)*

**Glory to God**

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to His people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,**

**we worship You; we give You thanks,  
we praise You for Your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,**

**You take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;**

**You are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.**

**For You alone are the Holy One,**

**You alone are the Lord,**

**You alone are the Most High,**

**Jesus Christ,**

**with the Holy Spirit,**

**in the glory of God, the Father. Amen.**

**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY, pp. 125, 603**

*The People Seated*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you

***People* And with your spirit**

*Celebrant* Let us pray

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in You: mercifully accept our prayers, and because, through the weakness of our mortal nature, we can do no good thing without You, grant us the help of Your grace, that in keeping Your commandments we may please You both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**WORSHIP IN SONG (see insert)**

*The People Stand*

*O Lord, open our lips; And our mouth shall proclaim Your praise.*

*Service Book p. 4*

## THE FIRST LESSON, p. 126

### *The People Seated*

*Lector* A Reading from Genesis 45:3-11, 21-28

<sup>3</sup>And Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph! Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, for they were dismayed at his presence.

<sup>4</sup>So Joseph said to his brothers, "Come near to me, please." And they came near. And he said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. <sup>5</sup>And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life. <sup>6</sup>For the famine has been in the land these two years, and there are yet five years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. <sup>7</sup>And God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. <sup>8</sup>So it was not you who sent me here, but God. He has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. <sup>9</sup>Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me; do not tarry. <sup>10</sup>You shall dwell in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, and your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. <sup>11</sup>There I will provide for you, for there are yet five years of famine to come, so that you and your household, and all that you have, do not come to poverty.'

<sup>21</sup>The sons of Israel did so: and Joseph gave them wagons, according to the command of Pharaoh, and gave them provisions for the journey. <sup>22</sup>To each and all of them he gave a change of clothes, but to Benjamin he gave three hundred shekels of silver and five changes of clothes. <sup>23</sup>To his father he sent as follows: ten donkeys loaded with the good things of Egypt, and ten female donkeys loaded with grain, bread, and provision for his father on the journey. <sup>24</sup>Then he sent his brothers away, and as they departed, he said to them, "Do not quarrel on the way."

<sup>25</sup>So they went up out of Egypt and came to the land of Canaan to their father Jacob. <sup>26</sup>And they told him,

*O Lord, open our lips; And our mouth shall proclaim Your praise.*

*Service Book p. 5*

“Joseph is still alive, and he is ruler over all the land of Egypt.” And his heart became numb, for he did not believe them. <sup>27</sup> But when they told him all the words of Joseph, which he had said to them, and when he saw the wagons that Joseph had sent to carry him, the spirit of their father Jacob revived. <sup>28</sup> And Israel said, “It is enough; Joseph my son is still alive. I will go and see him before I die.”

*After the Reading*

*Lector* The Word of the Lord

**People Thanks be to God**

**THE PSALTER:** Psalm 37:8-17 pp. 126, 314-315

*The People Seated*

*Noli æmulari*

<sup>8</sup> Refrain from wrath, and let go of anger; \*  
fret not yourself, lest you be moved to do evil.

<sup>9</sup> **For evildoers shall be rooted out, \***  
**but those who wait patiently for the Lord, they shall inherit the land.**

<sup>10</sup> Yet a little while, and the ungodly shall be clean gone; \*  
you shall look for their place, and they shall not be there.

<sup>11</sup> **But the meek-spirited shall possess the land \***  
**and shall be refreshed with an abundance of peace.**

<sup>12</sup> The ungodly plot against the just \*  
and gnash at them with their teeth.

<sup>13</sup> **The Lord shall laugh at them in scorn, \***  
**for he sees that their day is coming.**

<sup>14</sup> The ungodly have drawn out the sword and have bent their bow \*  
to cast down the poor and needy, and to slay those who walk aright.

<sup>15</sup> **Their sword shall go through their own heart, \***  
**and their bow shall be broken.**

<sup>16</sup> The little that the righteous has \*  
is better than great riches of the ungodly.

<sup>17</sup> **For the arms of the ungodly shall be broken, \***  
**but the Lord upholds the righteous.**

## THE SECOND LESSON, p. 126

*The People Seated*

*Lector* A Reading from 1 Corinthians 15:35-49

<sup>35</sup> But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" <sup>36</sup> You foolish person! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. <sup>37</sup> And what you sow is not the body that is to be, but a bare kernel, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. <sup>38</sup> But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. <sup>39</sup> For not all flesh is the same, but there is one kind for humans, another for animals, another for birds, and another for fish. <sup>40</sup> There are heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of the heavenly is of one kind, and the glory of the earthly is of another. <sup>41</sup> There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for star differs from star in glory.

<sup>42</sup> So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable. <sup>43</sup> It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness; it is raised in power. <sup>44</sup> It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body. <sup>45</sup> Thus it is written, "The first man Adam became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. <sup>46</sup> But it is not the spiritual that is first but the natural, and then the spiritual. <sup>47</sup> The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. <sup>48</sup> As was the man of dust, so also are those who are of the dust, and as is the man of heaven, so also are those who are of heaven. <sup>49</sup> Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the man of heaven.

*After the Reading*

*Lector* The Word of the Lord

**People Thanks be to God**

**THE GRADUAL** (see insert)

*The People Stand*



## **THE GOSPEL, p. 126**

*The People Stand*

*Priest* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 6:27-38.

### **People Glory to You, Lord Christ**

<sup>27</sup> “But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, <sup>28</sup> bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. <sup>29</sup> To one who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from one who takes away your cloak do not withhold your tunic either. <sup>30</sup> Give to everyone who begs from you, and from one who takes away your goods do not demand them back. <sup>31</sup> And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them.

<sup>32</sup> “If you love those who love you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. <sup>33</sup> And if you do good to those who do good to you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. <sup>34</sup> And if you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to get back the same amount. <sup>35</sup> But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil. <sup>36</sup> Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.

<sup>37</sup> “Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven; <sup>38</sup> give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you.”

*After the Gospel*

*Priest* The Gospel of the Lord

### **People Praise to You, Lord Christ**

## **THE GRADUAL CONCLUDES (see insert)**

*The People Stand*

## **THE SERMON. p. 126**

*The People Seated*

*O Lord, open our lips; And our mouth shall proclaim Your praise.*

*Service Book p. 8*

**THE NICENE CREED**, pp. 126-127

*The People Stand*

*Celebrant* Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

**All We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, visible and invisible.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the  
Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the  
dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father [and the Son],  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and  
glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of  
sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, pp. 128-129**

*The People Seated*

*Intercessor* Offers the Prayers. Lord, in Your mercy...

**People Hear our prayer**

## **THE CONFESSION OF SIN, pp. 129-130**

*The People Seated*

*Celebrant* We pray to You also for the forgiveness of our sins.

**All Most merciful God, we confess that 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 are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in Your will, and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your Name. Amen.**

*Priest* Offers the Absolution, p. 130

## **THE COMFORTABLE WORDS, pp. 130-131**

*The People Seated*

*Celebrant* (Shares the Comfortable words)

## **THE PEACE, p. 131**

*The People Stand*

*Celebrant* The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People And with your spirit.**

## **LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

### **OFFERTORY; DOXOLOGY (Traditional)**

### **PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERINGS, pp. 131, 149**

*The People Stand*

*Celebrant* Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for everything in heaven and on earth is Yours; Yours is the Kingdom, O Lord, and You are exalted as Head above all. All things come from You, O Lord.

**People And of Your own have we given You.**

**SURSUM CORDA**, pp. 132, 153

*The People Stand*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

**People And with your spirit.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

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

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

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

*Celebrant* It is right, our duty and our joy always and everywhere to give thanks to You, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

*(Preface: Epiphany), p. 153*

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who took on our mortal flesh to reveal His glory; that He might bring us out of darkness and into His own glorious light.

Therefore, we praise You, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of Your Name.

**SANCTUS**, p. 132

*The People Stand - (Sung)*

**All Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

**THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION**, pp. 132-133

*The People Stand*

*Celebrant* The Priest Consecrates the Bread and the Wine.

*After elevating the cup...*

*Celebrant* Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**All Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**, p. 134

*The People Seated*

*Celebrant* And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

**All Our Father, Who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,**

*O Lord, open our lips; And our mouth shall proclaim Your praise.*

*Service Book p. 11*

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,  
the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

**THE FRACTION, p. 135**

*The People Seated*

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed,  
once for all upon the cross.

***People* Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

**THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS, p. 135**

*The People Seated*

***People* We do not presume to come to this Your table, O  
merciful Lord,  
Trusting in our own righteousness,  
But in Your abundant and great mercies.  
We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs  
under Your table;  
But You are the same Lord whose character is always  
to have mercy.  
Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord,  
So to eat the flesh of Your dear Son JESUS CHRIST, and  
to drink His Blood,  
That our sinful bodies may be made clean by His Body,  
And our souls washed through His most precious  
Blood,  
And that we may evermore dwell in Him, and He in us.  
Amen.**

**THE AGNUS DEI, p. 136**

*The People Seated*

*Celebrant* Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;

***People* Have mercy on us.**

*Celebrant* Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;

***People* Have mercy on us.**

*O Lord, open our lips; And our mouth shall proclaim Your praise.*

*Service Book p. 12*

*Celebrant* Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;  
**People** Grant us Your peace.

**THE MINISTRATION OF COMMUNION, p. 136**

*The People Seated*

*All Baptized Christians are Welcome - Communion by dipping the bread in the cup ("intinction") is also available. Gluten free bread is available. You may receive a blessing instead of communion - - Cross your arms over your chest and the priest or eucharistic minister will offer a blessing.*

**THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER, p. 137**

*The People Seated*

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

**People** Heavenly Father, we thank You for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of Your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of Your Son, and heirs of Your eternal kingdom.

And now, Father, send us out to do the work You have given us to do, to love and serve You as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.

To Him, to You, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

**THE BLESSING, p. 137**

*The People Stand*

*(Celebrant Offers the Blessing)*

**RECESSIONAL, 137**

*The People Stand*

**THE DISMISSAL, p. 138**

*The People Stand*

*Celebrant* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**People** Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

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