



## Regarding the Lord's Supper

We believe that the Lord's Supper is one of the greatest gifts God gives to His church on earth. It is our Lord's meal of grace, in which He bestows the forgiveness of sins to troubled souls; and for that reason, we want all who are able to receive the Lord's Supper.

We also believe, however, that this sacrament *can* be received to our spiritual detriment, because we receive with the bread and wine the real body and blood of a holy God who died to redeem the world. The scriptures tell us:

*"Therefore, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself." (1 Corinthians 11:27-29)*

Because we want to be good stewards of this precious and mysterious gift of the Lord's Supper, we lovingly restrict its distribution to those who are able properly to examine themselves and recognize the body and blood of Christ in the meal.

To assist all of our worshippers in examining themselves, we offer the following questions for your reflection and affirmation:

- ✘ Do I believe that I am a sinner without hope of eternal life, except for God's mercy offered through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ? (*1 John 1:8-10; 4:10; John 3:16*)
- ✘ Am I sorry for my sins, and do I believe Christ's promise that in His body and blood is forgiveness, life and salvation? (*Proverbs 28:13; Matthew 26:26-28; Luke 22:19-20; John 6:51*)
- ✘ Do I believe that with the bread and wine I receive the body and blood of Jesus Christ, not just a symbol of it? (*1 Corinthians 10:16; Mark 14:22-24*)
- ✘ Do I intend, with the help of God, to live a life that is pleasing to God? (*Ephesians 4:22-24*)

If you can answer "yes" to these questions, then come with a repentant heart to join us in the blessing of Christ's true body and blood for the forgiveness of your sins and the strengthening of your faith. If you hold a belief that differs from the beliefs of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, we kindly ask that you refrain from communing at our altar at this time. We also ask that children, under the age of 15, who have not been instructed in the faith, also refrain from communing. If you have any questions we invite you to speak to one of our pastors after the service. May God bless our worship together!

**“Under the Cloud”**  
Third Sunday in Lent  
Our Shepherd Lutheran Church  
Homecoming Sunday  
**March 7, 2010**



✠ **AS WE GATHER** ✠

Welcome to Our Shepherd Lutheran Church. A special welcome to our guests! God's people travel under the cloud. He shields and protects us with his grace, but because we are under the cloud, we can't see everything ahead, except what is in the Word. God bless your worship with us today.

**So that everyone can worship without distraction:** please turn off all cell phones and pagers, and please feel free to take your child(ren) to the staffed nursery or out to the narthex if they become restless during the service. Thank you for your cooperation.

**ORDER of WORSHIP** – Lutheran Service Book, Divine Service setting 1, p. 151 ff.

**PRESERVICE MUSIC**.....“Christ Be My Leader” ~ *Raney, Vogt, Helvey*

✠ **PREPARATION** ✠

**WELCOME & SHARING of PEACE**

**OPENING HYMN**                      “Christ Be My Leader”                      Hymn 861

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION** (*Page 151*)

✠ **SERVICE OF THE WORD** ✠

**KYRIE** (*Page 152-153, sung responsively*)

**SALUTATION & COLLECT OF THE DAY** (Page 156)

P: O God whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**.....Ezekiel 33:7-20

*(Turn from your wicked ways and live!)*

<sup>7</sup> "Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel; so hear the word I speak and give them warning from me. <sup>8</sup> When I say to the wicked, 'O wicked man, you will surely die,' and you do not speak out to dissuade him from his ways, that wicked man will die for his sin, and I will hold you accountable for his blood. <sup>9</sup> But if you do warn the wicked man to turn from his ways and he does not do so, he will die for his sin, but you will have saved yourself. <sup>10</sup> "Son of man, say to the house of Israel, 'This is what you are saying: "Our offenses and sins weigh us down, and we are wasting away because of them. How then can we live?" ' <sup>11</sup> Say to them, 'As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign LORD, I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that they turn from their ways and live. Turn! Turn from your evil ways! Why will you die, O house of Israel?' <sup>12</sup> "Therefore, son of man, say to your countrymen, 'The righteousness of the righteous man will not save him when he disobeys, and the wickedness of the wicked man will not cause him to fall when he turns from it. The righteous man, if he sins, will not be allowed to live because of his former righteousness.' <sup>13</sup> If I tell the righteous man that he will surely live, but then he trusts in his righteousness and does evil, none of the righteous things he has done will be remembered; he will die for the evil he has done. <sup>14</sup> And if I say to the wicked man, 'You will surely die,' but he then turns away from his sin and does what is just and right- <sup>15</sup> if he gives back what he took in pledge for a loan, returns what he has stolen, follows the decrees that give life, and does no evil, he will surely live; he will not die. <sup>16</sup> None of the sins he has committed will be remembered against him. He has done what is just and right; he will surely live. <sup>17</sup> "Yet your countrymen say, 'The way of the Lord is not just.' But it is their way that is not just. <sup>18</sup> If a righteous man turns from his righteousness and does evil, he will die for it. <sup>19</sup> And if a wicked man turns away from his wickedness and does what is just and right, he will live by doing so. <sup>20</sup> Yet, O house of Israel, you say, 'The way of the Lord is not just.' But I will judge each of you according to his own ways."

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**MUSICAL RESPONSE**.....“Christ Be My Leader” ~ *arr. Leavitt*

**EPISTLE READING**.....1 Corinthians 10:1-13

*(A warning about temptations)*

<sup>1</sup> For I do not want you to be ignorant of the fact, brothers, that our forefathers were all under the cloud and that they all passed through the sea. <sup>2</sup> They were all baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea. <sup>3</sup> They all ate the same spiritual food <sup>4</sup> and drank the same spiritual drink; for they drank from the spiritual rock that accompanied them, and that rock was Christ. <sup>5</sup> Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them; their bodies were scattered over the desert. <sup>6</sup> Now these things occurred as examples to keep us from setting our hearts on evil things as they did. <sup>7</sup> Do not be idolaters, as some of them were; as it is written: "The people sat down to eat and drink and got up to indulge in pagan revelry." <sup>8</sup> We should not commit sexual immorality, as some of them did—and in one day twenty-three thousand of them died. <sup>9</sup> We should not test the Lord, as some of them did—and were killed by snakes. <sup>10</sup> And do not grumble, as some of them did—and were killed by the destroying angel. <sup>11</sup> These things happened to them as examples and were written down as warnings for us, on whom the fulfillment of the ages has come. <sup>12</sup> So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall! <sup>13</sup> No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL VERSE** *(for Lent, page 157, - sung by all)*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 13<sup>th</sup> chapter.



**G** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

**GOSPEL READING**.....Luke 13:1-9

*(The parable of the fruitless fig tree)*

<sup>1</sup> Now there were some present at that time who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices. <sup>2</sup> Jesus answered, "Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans because they suffered this way? <sup>3</sup> I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish. <sup>4</sup> Or those eighteen who died when the tower in Siloam fell on them—do you think they were more guilty than all the others living in Jerusalem? <sup>5</sup> I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish." <sup>6</sup> Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree, planted in his vineyard, and he went to look for fruit on it, but did not find any. <sup>7</sup> So he said to the man who took care of the vineyard, 'For three years now I've been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and haven't found any. Cut it down! Why should it use up the soil?' <sup>8</sup> 'Sir,' the man replied, 'leave it alone for one more year, and I'll dig around it and fertilize it. <sup>9</sup> If it bears fruit next year, fine! If not, then cut it down.' "

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord.



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

**NICENE CREED** *(Page 158 – spoken by all)*

**HYMN OF THE DAY** "Go To Dark Gethsemane" Hymn 436

**SERMON** "Under the Cloud" 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

**OFFERING**

*(As our offerings are being gathered, we ask that each of you sign the Rite of Fellowship Folder located in each pew. If you are visiting with us please include your full name, mailing address, & phone number. After all have signed it please pass it back to the center aisle.)*

**MUSICAL OFFERING**....."O God, My Faithful God" ~ Peeters

**OFFERTORY** *(pages 159-160 – sung by all)*

## **PRAYERS of the CHURCH**

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

(Petitions) P: Lord, in your mercy,  
C: **hear our prayer.**

P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

## ✠ **SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT** ✠

**Regarding the Lord's Supper:** *We are celebrating the sacrament of Holy Communion, which we believe to be a great gift from our loving God. If you desire to participate with us in this sacred part of our service, please refer to our communion policy on the inside front cover of the bulletin. Thank you.*

**Communion Distribution:** *We will commune this morning in "tables," at the foot of the chancel. The ushers will direct each pew to come forward by the side aisle. You will return to your seat by the center aisle. Please place individual cups in the basket in front of the first pew.*

**PREFACE** (Page 160 – sung responsively)

**SANCTUS** (Page 161 – sung by all)

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING** (Page 161)

**LORD'S PRAYER** (Page 162, right column, spoken by all)

**THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**

**PAX DOMINI** (Page 163, sung responsively)

**AGNUS DEI** (Page 163 – sung by all)

**DISTRIBUTION & HYMNS** Hymn 421, "Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing"  
Hymn 696, "O God, My Faithful God"

**POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE** “Nunc Dimittus” (Page 165 – sung by all)

**POST-COMMUNION COLLECT** (Page 166 – left column, sung responsively)

**BENEDICTION** (Page 166 – sung responsively)

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CLOSING HYMN** “Jesus, Lead Thou On” Hymn 718

**POSTLUDE**.....“Jesus, Lead Thou On” ~ Manz

**THIS WEEK’S INDEPENDENT BIBLE READING**.....Genesis 20-21, Romans 7

**SERVING US TODAY . . .**

**Preacher:** Pastor Roger Eden

**Liturgist:** Pastor Phil Rigdon

**Elder:** Jim Clear

**Organist:** Joyce Zimmerman

**Communion Assistants:**

**8:00** Joe Solari

**10:30** Andy Jipp

**Acolytes:** **8:00** Daniel Eichelberger

**10:30** Brian Flannery

**Ushers:** **8:00** Ron Homeier

**10:30** David Godby

Rick Rosebrough

Rolla Pruett

Eric Rosebrough

Luke Karnick

Ryan Rosebrough

Fred Thate

Larry Whybrew

Kyle Thate

Don Brewer

Drew Davis

Eric Brauer

Keith Lehman

**Nursery Attendants:**

**8:00** Karen Staman

**10:30** Kim Devlin

Isaiah Mears

Kourtney Williams