



Welcome to this Divine Service. We gather in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Please sign the attendance card in pew and place in offering plate.



Prelude and Ringing of the Bell

Anthem “God Is My Shepherd” **Adult Choir**

Hymn “Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia” **466**

Confession and Absolution 151

Introit **Ps. 78:70-72; 79:13; antiphon: John 10:14, 15b**

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;

© 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 **152-3**

Hymn of Praise “Gloria in Excelsis” **154**

Salutation and Collect of the Day 156

P The Lord be with you. **C** *(sung)* 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 (*sung*) Amen.

First Reading

Acts 20:17–35 ESV

¹⁷ Now from Miletus [Paul] sent to Ephesus and called the elders of the church to come to him. ¹⁸ And 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, ¹⁹ serving the Lord with all humility and with tears and with trials that happened to me through the plots of the Jews; ²⁰ how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you in public and from house to house, ²¹ testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. ²² And now, behold, I am going to Jerusalem, constrained by the Spirit, not knowing what will happen to me there, ²³ except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and afflictions await me. ²⁴ But 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. ²⁵ And now, behold, I know that none of you among whom I have gone about proclaiming the kingdom will see my face again. ²⁶ Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all, ²⁷ for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God. ²⁸ Pay 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. ²⁹ I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; ³⁰ and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them. ³¹ Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish every one with tears. ³² And 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. ³³ I coveted no one’s silver or gold or apparel. ³⁴ You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities and to those who were with me. ³⁵ In 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.

Gradual

adapt. from Matt. 28:7; Heb. 2:7; Ps. 8:6

P Christ has risen from the dead.

C God the Father has crowned him with glory and honor,

P He has given him dominion over the works of his hands;

C he has put all things under his feet.

Epistle

Revelation 7:9–17 ESV

⁹ After 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, ¹⁰ and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

¹¹ And 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, ¹² saying, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

¹³ Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?” ¹⁴ I 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.

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

¹⁷ For 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.

Alleluia and Verse

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Holy Gospel

St. John 10:22–30 ESV

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

C (*sung*) Glory to You, O Lord.

²² At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³ and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon. ²⁴ So 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.”

²⁵ Jesus answered them, “I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name bear witness about me, ²⁶ but you do not believe because you are not among my sheep. ²⁷ My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹ My 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. ³⁰ I and the Father are one.”

[P] This is the Gospel of the Lord. **[C]** *(sung)* **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Apostles’ Creed **159**

Hymn “The King of Love My Shepherd Is” **709**

Sermon “Jesus Keeps His Flock” **Acts 20:17-35**

Prayer of the Church

Gracie Stoltenburg, Richard Polz, Mike Youngblood (Paula Hakes’s brother-in-law), Theo Pietrowski, Marge Russenberger, Karen Temple, Helen Mekosch, Sharon Henning, Jane Henning, Ron Kloos, Barney Olson, Travus Mekosch. We remember in our prayers the family of Lois Kilburn (Pastor’s mother-in-law), who recently passed away.

Petitions conclude:

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

Final petition concludes:

[P] one God, now and forever.

[C] **Amen.**

Offering and Offertory **159-160**

The Lord’s Prayer

Hymn “God’s Own Child, I Gladly Say It” **594**

Collect

Benediction **166**

Closing Hymn “Our Paschal Lamb, That Sets Us Free” **473**

Postlude



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