#### TODAY WE CELEBERATE THE LORD'S SUPPER

Today at Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church, we will be celebrating the Lord's Supper. This sacrament was instituted by Christ. Through this sacrament, in the giving of bread and wine, we remember His sacrificial death on the cross on our behalf, and we, by faith, and through the Spirit, find Him to be our source of spiritual renewal, nourishment and life. We invite all today who are trusting in Christ alone for their salvation, and who are seeking to walk before him in humble repentance and new obedience, to join us in this holy sacrament. During this time of worship, reflection and examination, we encourage you to draw near to Christ, to come to Him with all your sin and brokenness, to repent, and to receive His mercies anew for your spiritual joy, nourishment and growth in grace.

We also believe that Christ has ordained the church to administer this sacrament, and so we believe that all who participate should be in good standing with this, or some other Christian church, or if not, have sought prior approval from the Elders. Although we each may be at various stages of development in our commitment to and participation in church, each of us as Christians, whether adult or child, is encouraged to publicly profess faith before a local Christian congregation and to benefit from the mutual encouragement and fellowship that Christ's church provides.

Since the Bible does give a warning that one should not participate in the Lord's Supper in an unworthy manner, we ask those who are not trusting in Christ, or not walking before Him in humble repentance, to refrain from partaking of the elements this morning. We do, however, encourage you to ponder deeply the things you have heard today in this worship service and to seek the Lord, that He may give you faith and understanding to appreciate and receive His great work of redemption that is represented in this sacrament. The pastor or any of the elders would be glad to answer any questions you may have about this sacrament or about what it means to be a Christian.

We use wine in the Lord's Supper (wine colored cups); however, for those who prefer, grape juice is provided in the outer ring of the tray (clear cups).

Let us draw near to the love of Christ on this special day of celebration and spiritual renewal.

#### February 2, 2025

This is the day that the LORD has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Psalm 118:24

**Prelude** 

I Need Thee Every Hour

(Arr. Robert D. Vandall)

#### **Welcome and Announcements**

Introit

Day by Day and With Each Passing Moment

\*Call to Worship

Rom. 11:33-36

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! "For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?" "Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?" For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

\*Hymn of Praise

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

No. 379

#### \*Prayer of Invocation & Adoration

**Reading of the Law** 

**Exodus 20:13** 

(Pew pg. 61/LP pg. 77)

### **Prayer of Confession**

Gracious Heavenly Father, We acknowledge our sins are ever before us. Our hearts are prone to wander away from you and we confess that we feel the pull of the world, the flesh, and the devil. Have mercy upon us and pardon us all of our sins, not because of who we are, but because of the atoning sacrifice of your Son, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Restore to us the joy of your salvation, and renew our hearts within us. Build us up as your people and give us greater faith that we might move mountains in this world all for the good and the glory of your Heavenly Kingdom. Move us now, we pray, in the strong name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

## **Assurance of Pardoning Grace**

Rom. 8:5-8

"For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. 6 For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. 7 For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. 8 Those who are in the flesh cannot please God."

\*Hymn of Thanksgiving Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing No. 429
(Hymn of the Month)

**Scripture Reading** 

1 Sam. 16:14-23

(Pew pg. 239/LP pg. 300)

#### **Westminster Shorter Catechism**

pg. 970

### Q. 27. Wherein did Christ's humiliation consist?

A. Christ's humiliation consisted in his being born, and that in a low condition, made under the law, undergoing the miseries of this life, the wrath of God, and the cursed death of the cross; in being buried, and continuing under the power of death for a time.

#### **Prayer of Intercession**

**Offering** 

Jesus Loves Me, This I Know

\*Doxology No. 567

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below:

Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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## \*Prayer of Thanksgiving

#### \*Hymn of Preparation

Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

Verse 1 What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy my righteousness and freedom
My steadfast love my deep and boundless peace

To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to his
Oh how strange and divine I can sing all is mine
Yet not I but through Christ in me

Verse <sup>2</sup> The night is dark but I am not forsaken For by my side the Saviour he will stay I labour on in weakness and rejoicing For in my need his power is displayed

To this I hold my Shepherd will defend me Through the deepest valley he will lead Oh the night has been won and I shall overcome Yet not I but through Christ in me

Verse <sup>3</sup> No fate I dread I know I am forgiven The future sure the price it has been paid For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon And he was raised to overthrow the grave

To this I hold my sin has been defeated Jesus now and ever is my plea Oh the chains are released I can sing I am free Yet not I but through Christ in me

- 1. Seeds of Expansion
- 2. Evangelizing the word

3. Samaria and Beyond

#### **Questions:**

- 1. Why is persecution such an effective tool for church growth? Explain.
- 2. Why did Philip go to Samaria and not some other city? Explain your answer.
- 3. What are some common hindrances to you sharing your faith with others? How can you learn to get past some of these obstacles?
- 4. Are you a joyful Christian? How do you know? How can we be continually striving for joy in the Christian life, and how do we know when we attain that joy?

## The Lord's Supper

(wine in the wine-colored cups and grape juice in the clear cups)

Sursum Corda

Leader: Lift up your hearts!

People: We lift them up to the Lord!

Music

Rock of Ages Nothing But The Blood of Jesus

#### \*Benediction

\*Gloria Patri No. 572

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

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**Postlude** Blessed Assurance

MusicianChris EricksonIntercessory PrayerJim Martin

## **Weekly Calendar**

SUN 02/02	9:20 AM	Sunday School	
	10:30 AM	Worship AM Service	
		The Lord's Supper	
	4:30 PM	Hymn Sing	
	5 PM	Worship PM Service	
<b>TUES 2/4</b>	4:30 PM	Women's Evening Study	
WED 2/5	6 PM	Family Night	
<b>THURS 2/6</b>	9:30 AM	Women's Morning Study	
FRI 2/7	6 PM	"An Evening Out"	
SUN 02/9	9:20 AM	Sunday School	
	10:30 AM	Worship AM Service	
		<b>Shepherding Groups</b> (No PM Service)	

<sup>\*</sup> Congregation: Please stand as able.

**Serving the Lord** 

	02/02/2025	02/09/2025	02/16/2025
Nursery During Sunday School	Karen Carleton	Andrea Tummond	Felicia Armstrong
Nursery During AM Service	Andrea Tummond & Lily Goodman	Grace Martin & Lorrie Martin	Cordie Armstrong & Kathleen Gretzinger
Nursery During PM Service	Kathleen Gretzinger	N/A	Grace Martin
Greeters	Connie Eenigenburg	Martha Lietchy	Jane Erspamer
Treats/ Clean	N/A	N/A	N/A
Audio	Ed Ross	Ben Armstrong	Grayden Lash
Elder	Jim Martin	Andrew Gretzinger	Chris Erickson
Deacon	Craig Curtis	Jason Lash	Ken Erickson
Communion Prep	Chris Erickson	N/A	N/A
Officer on Duty	Yon Lindborg	Craig Curtis	Jim Martin

#### **Announcements**

- ➤ Heart City Church in Elkhart is becoming a particular church, that is, they are no longer a church plant but will from here on out be a self-sufficient PCA church. Good Shepherd has supported this work for the past 5 years and so we want to invite you to join Heart City on Sunday, February 9 at 2pm (Chicago time) to a special particularization service, 303 S 3rd St, Elkhart, IN 46516. Praise the Lord for his provision, direction, and work to build His church!
- Family Night: Wednesday February 5<sup>th</sup>, Sign up at the welcome desk
- ➤ Marriage and Growth Month: Friday Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> "An Evening Out". Sign up sheet is at the Welcome Desk
- ➤ **February Hymn Sing:** Join us tonight for our monthly hymn sing as we discuss and learn to sing our hymn of the month, along with taking a couple of requests from those gathered. We look forward to lifting our voices together!

## **EVENING WORSHIP**

# 5:00 p.m.

Prelude	"Let Us Love And Sing And Wonder"
Call to Worship	
+Hymn 429	. "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"
+Prayer of Invocation	
Scripture Reading	Psalm 14
+Hymn 14	"The Fool Speaks in His Heart"
Prayer of Intercession	Elder led
Reading of God's Word	
Preaching of God's Word	Rev. Andrew Gretzinger
+Hymn 409	"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"
+Benediction	
*Doxology	
Postlude	"The Church's One Foundation"

<sup>+</sup>The congregation will stand at these times