



## GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

*A Mission & Ministry of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod that is...  
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### Maundy Thursday

*April 2nd, 2026*



*Jesus . . . rose from supper. He laid aside His outer garments,  
and taking a towel, tied it around His waist. Then He poured  
water into a basin . . . From John 13:3-5*



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### *As We Gather...*

*Greetings People of the Good Shepherd! It's a privilege and honor to worship our Crucified, Risen, Ascended & Glorified Good Shepherd, Jesus, with you this Holy Thursday Evening, this Maundy Thursday. We're all glad to have **you** here! As always, make yourself at home, you are among family!*

*As part of our Holy Week worship life, we are observing an ancient custom of the Early Christian Church. The services, held beginning with the evening worship tonight, continue through Good Friday, and culminate on Easter Sunday--these three days of worship are thought of as one long, continuous service called the Triduum.*

*Even though we go home to rest and carry out our necessary responsibilities, we're encouraged to remember that at least in spirit, we're still worshiping and remembering the events of Holy Week.*

*There is no benediction at the end of this service, which indicates the thought that the service continues until Easter morning.*

*On Maundy Thursday, we gather not just to remember the Passover, but to receive its fulfillment in Jesus, the true Lamb of God. What began as a meal of rescue in Egypt now becomes the New Covenant feast, where Christ gives His own body and blood for the forgiveness of sins. This is not merely a symbol or memory, but a living gift—delivering life, salvation, and freedom from sin once and for all. In this sacred meal, the past, present, and future come together: Christ has died, Christ is given now, and Christ will bring us to the eternal feast to come. We are not distant observers, but honored guests, invited to come, receive, and live in Him.*

### *Service Notes...*

**In preparation for worship:** Please take some time to greet the people you are worshiping with! The order of worship for today is printed for you below, you may want to take a few minutes to look it over and mark the songs; **762, 445, 550, & 439** in the Lutheran Service Book (*LSB*) as you prepare to receive the gifts of God and

sing His praises. **Reminder:** If you have a smart phone, and you're on Facebook, please "check in" at *Good Shepherd* Lutheran Church...then turn the sound off! May our Good and Gracious Shepherd bless your worship this day...this NEW day of salvation!

**To Stand or Sit:** There are certain parts of the service where you will be invited to stand. Sometimes, "wrestling" with kids, or a personal health condition makes standing uncomfortable... please know: **It is okay to either stand or sit. Both are appropriate!** So please, make yourself comfortable, receive the gifts God loves to give and **BOLDLY** sing His praises!

**Children:** We are blessed to have a lot of young families and young children here at *Good Shepherd*. We take Jesus' words very seriously when He says, "Let the little children come to me..." We also know how difficult it can be to keep children sitting quietly for any period of time, much less an hour long church service! For your convenience, "Quiet Bags" have been provided for young worshippers. They are located in the narthex to your right (on the "Noah's Ark" wall mounting, next to the big bulletin board) when exiting the sanctuary. Also, for your convenience, a "Crying Room" is located at the back of the sanctuary for use during those "difficult" times.

**Guests, Visitors & The Offering:** If you are our guest today, you are **not** expected to contribute monetarily to God's work at *Good Shepherd* ... you are our guest! Please take this service as our gift to you! But please do take a minute to check in at one of our kiosks in the atrium and sign the guestbook so we can thank you for your visit...and come soon to see us again! If you choose to give an offering, know this: **The gifts we give back to God are used by His church to transform lives.** (*The offering plate is located at the entrance to the Sanctuary*)

**The Lord's Supper:** Today, *Good Shepherd* joyfully celebrates the Lord's Supper, and we do that in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another *Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25*. **Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes** *Matthew 5:23; 18:15-35*. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm *1 Corinthians 11:27-29* and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession *Matthew 10:32* differing from that of this congregation and the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor. Because Scripture says we ought "examine ourselves" before receiving the Holy Meal *1 Corinthians 11:28*, it is recommended that we review the "Christian Questions with Their Answers" section of the *LSB* before communion (pg. 329), please take a few moments before the service or during the offering to do so. Thank you! **Please note: There are two or three cups at the center of each tray that are non-alcoholic wine for those who prefer such for personal or medical reasons (The wine containing alcohol is white, the non-alcohol is red/pink).**

### *Pre-Service Prayer...*

*O Holy Spirit, on this dearest and best of all nights, the night our Lord gave us His Holy Communion, guard our hearts from unbelief! Preserve us from all wavering and all doubt, in order that we each may firmly believe the Word and promise Jesus spoke to all Christians at His final meal before His crucifixion: "This is my body, and this is My blood, given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." Amen.* (From *Portals of Prayer*)

*Prelude...*

(6:30 pm service: *Cello Solo; "Wondrous Love"*)

*Words of Welcome...*

*The Invocation & Opening Verses*

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. *Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]*

**All: Amen.**

Pastor: For everything there is a season,

**All: and a time for every matter under heaven:**

Pastor: a time to be born,

**All: and a time to die;**

Pastor: a time to love,

**All: and a time to hate;**

Pastor: a time for war,

**All: and a time for peace.** *Ecclesiastes 3:1-2a, 8*

*We Sing: "There Is a Time for Everything"*

*(LSB pg. 762; verses 1 & 2)*

*We Pray...*

*(A Prayer is spoken)*

**+ We Hear God's Word +**

*Jeremiah 31:31-34 (A new covenant God will make with His people and He will forgive their iniquity and remember their sin no more.)*

"The time is coming," declares the LORD, "when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah. <sup>32</sup> It will not be like the covenant I made with their forefathers when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they broke my covenant, though I was a husband to<sup>e</sup> them,<sup>f</sup>" declares the LORD. <sup>33</sup> "This is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel after that time," declares the LORD. "I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. <sup>34</sup> No longer will a man teach his neighbor, or a man his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest," declares the LORD. "For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more." This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

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<sup>e</sup> Hebrew; Septuagint and Syriac / and I turned away from  
<sup>f</sup> Or was their master

*Hebrews 10:15-25 (We have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus Christ.)*

The Holy Spirit also testifies to us about this. First he says: <sup>16</sup> “This is the covenant I will make with them after that time, says the Lord. I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds.”<sup>b</sup> <sup>17</sup> Then he adds: “Their sins and lawless acts I will remember no more.”<sup>c</sup> <sup>18</sup> And where these have been forgiven, there is no longer any sacrifice for sin. <sup>19</sup> Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, <sup>20</sup> by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, <sup>21</sup> and since we have a great priest over the house of God, <sup>22</sup> let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. <sup>23</sup> Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. <sup>24</sup> And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. <sup>25</sup> Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching. This is the Word of the Lord...

**All: Thanks be to God. “He entered the Most Holy Place once for all by his own blood, having obtained eternal redemption. *Heb. 9:12a* For this reason Christ is the mediator of a new covenant, that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance. *Heb. 9:15a* He provided redemption for his people; he ordained his covenant forever— holy and awesome is his name. *Psalm 111:9a***

*(6:30 pm service: The Good Shepherd Choir Sings: “Jesus In Gethsemane”*

*- J. Paul Williams & Douglas Nolan)*

*Jesus in Gethsemane, praying ‘neath the olive trees,  
falling there on bended knee, crying out in agony.*

*Our Lord, in deepest grief, filled with humanity,  
poured out His soul into the night.*

*Father, take this cup from me. Take this cup from me.  
There, in that quiet place, He felt death’s cold embrace  
and lifted high the cup of grace,*

*Father, take this cup from me. Take this cup from me.  
Father, Father, Father.*

*Jesus in Gethsemane, reaching for His destiny,  
lays aside His majesty, freely choosing Calvary.  
There inside the garden wall, as the night begins to fall,  
God’s Son surrenders all for love.*

*Father, let Thy will be done Let Thy will be done.  
Father, Father.*

*Jesus in Gethsemane. Jesus in Gethsemane. Gethsemane.*

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<sup>b</sup> Jer. 31:33  
<sup>c</sup> Jer. 31:34

*Luke 22:7-20 (St. Luke records the preparations and eating of the Passover where Jesus sets apart bread to be His body and wine His blood.)*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-second chapter.

**All: Glory to You, O Lord.**

Then came the day of Unleavened Bread on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. <sup>8</sup> Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, “Go and make preparations for us to eat the Passover.” <sup>9</sup> “Where do you want us to prepare for it?” they asked. <sup>10</sup> He replied, “As you enter the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him to the house that he enters, <sup>11</sup> and say to the owner of the house, ‘The Teacher asks: Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?’ <sup>12</sup> He will show you a large upper room, all furnished. Make preparations there.” <sup>13</sup> They left and found things just as Jesus had told them. So they prepared the Passover. <sup>14</sup> When the hour came, Jesus and his apostles reclined at the table. <sup>15</sup> And he said to them, “I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. <sup>16</sup> For I tell you, I will not eat it again until it finds fulfillment in the kingdom of God.” <sup>17</sup> After taking the cup, he gave thanks and said, “Take this and divide it among you. <sup>18</sup> For I tell you I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.” <sup>19</sup> And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me.” <sup>20</sup> In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you. This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

*We Sing: “When You Woke That Thursday Morning”*

*(LSB pg. 445 vs. 1, 3 & 5)*

*The Message: “The Feast Awaits!”*

*(Sermon Application...)*

What did God teach you in His Law today *(What you should do, or have failed to do for God)?*

What did God teach you in His Gospel today *(What God has done for you through Christ)?*

What is the main thing you’re taking home from this message today?

*Have a comment or question about today’s message? Have **any** questions about any of this Jesus/Christian stuff? Text the Pastor at 763-913-8445 or email him at [pastor@oshkoshgoodshepherd.org](mailto:pastor@oshkoshgoodshepherd.org). If you’d like to hear this message again, or share it with a friend, it posts on our Facebook page and/or Website by 10 am on Monday...*



## *The Prayer of the Church* [1 Timothy 2:1-4]

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. For those who, in this time, are rejoicing in the gift of new life entrusted to them, praising God for renewed love in their lives, and giving thanks for continued life, health, and peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**All: We give You thanks, gracious God.**

Pastor: For those who, in this time, are living with chronic pain or sorrow or are coping with crisis or terminal illness, let us pray to the Lord.

**All: Grant them peace, joy, and comfort merciful Lord.**

Pastor: For those who, in this time, are planting, sowing, reaping harvest, and managing God's good creation, let us pray to the Lord.

**All: Grant them good weather, strength and health, Lord Jesus.**

Pastor: For those who, in all times and seasons, spend countless hours of service in clinics and hospitals, in ambulances and fire trucks, in police stations, and military outposts, in jails and prisons, and in pastoral visitations, let us pray to the Lord.

**All: Use the gifts You have given them to protect, defend, heal, counsel, and restore Your sons and daughters, heavenly Father.**

Pastor: For the leaders of the nations, who in this time, are burdened with the need to be thoughtful and decisive potentially affecting the lives of countless citizens, let us pray to the Lord.

**All: Lord, grant them courage and wisdom to strive for a time of peace and justice within and beyond their borders.**

Pastor: For those who, in this time, are shrouded in darkness and uncertainty, not knowing the grace and forgiveness of Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

**All: Open doors of opportunity for clergy and laity to boldly confess the mercy of Christ who loves us to the end.**

Pastor: These and any other things You would have us ask of You, heavenly Father, grant to us for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

## *We Confess Our Sinfulness* [1 John 1:8-9]...

Pastor: Having heard the Word of God, let us confess our sins to our heavenly Father, imploring Him for the sake of His Son, Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

*(Silence for reflection on the Word of God and for self-examination.)*

Pastor: O almighty God, merciful Father,

**All: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess to You all my sins in thought, word, and deed with which I have offended You.**

*(Continued...)*

**Although I justly deserve Your punishment in time and eternity, I am truly sorry for them and sincerely repent of them. In Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, forgive me all my sins, and direct me to walk in Your loving ways.**

Pastor: God be merciful to you and strengthen your faith.

**All: Amen.**

Pastor: Do you believe that the forgiveness I speak is not my forgiveness but God's?

**All: Yes.**

*We Hear God's Forgiveness* [John 20:19-23] . . .

Pastor: Let it be done for you as you believe...In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen.**

Pastor: Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it. *1 Thessalonians 5:23-24* The peace of the Lord be with you always. *Matthew 5:22-24; Ephesians 4:1-3*

**All: Amen.**

*Psalms 116:12-19*

Pastor: What shall I render to the LORD for all His benefits to me?

**All: I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD,**

Pastor: I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all His people.

**All: Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of His saints.**

Pastor: O LORD, I am Your servant; I am Your servant, the son of Your maidservant. You have loosed my bonds.

**All: I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call on the name of the LORD.**

Pastor: I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all His people,

**All: in the courts of the house of the LORD, in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the LORD!**

*+ The Holy Supper +*

Pastor: The Lord be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*

**All: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts. *Colossians 3:1*

**All: We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *Psalms 136*

**All: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

*(Continued...)*

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who in the fullness of time became one of us to die for us and, when it was His time, gave Himself into death so that we might have eternal life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

*We Sing: "There Is a Time for Everything"*  
(LSB pg. 762; Verses 3 & 4)

*Eternal Lord, Your wisdom sees  
And fathoms all life's tragedies;  
You know our grief, You hear our sighs—  
In mercy, dry our tear-stained eyes.  
From evil times, You bring great good;  
Beneath the cross, we've safely stood.  
Though dimly now life's path we trace,  
One day we shall see face to face.*

*Before all time had yet begun,  
You, Father, planned to give Your Son;  
Lord Jess Christ, with time-less grace,  
You have redeemed our time-bound race;  
O Holy Spirit, Par-a-clete,  
Your timely work in us complete;  
Blest Trinity, Your praise we sing—  
There is a time for ev-'ry-thing!*

### *Prayer of Thanksgiving...*

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**All: Amen.**

## *The Words of Our Lord...*

*(Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25)*

### *The Proclamation of Christ*

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.  
*1 Corinthians 11:26*

**All: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.** *Revelation 22:20*

### *The Lord's Prayer*—*Matthew 6:9-13...*

**All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, 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 and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

### *Pax Domini ~ The Peace of the Lord* *(John 20:19)*

Pastor: The peace of the Lord + be with you always.

**All: Amen.**

### *The Distribution...*

*We come forward to receive the Body & Blood of Christ in, with and under the bread and wine for remembrance; for forgiveness, for strengthening of faith. The ushers will assist you. You may sit and sing while you wait for the Holy Meal.*

### *Sung During the Distribution:*

*(6:30 pm service the Good Shepherd Bell Choir plays): "Go To Dark Gethsemane"*

*We Sing* — *(during the distribution)* "Lamb of God" (LSB pg. 550)

&

"O Dearest Jesus" (LSB pg. 439 vs. 1-5)

*(After communion...)*

### *We Pray...*

*(A Prayer is spoken)*

## + *The Stripping of the Altar* +

Pastor: Jesus said, "Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in Him," (*John 13:31b*). After the Last Supper, less than twenty-four hours before our Lord was crucified, events moved rapidly: prayer in Gethsemane, betrayal by Judas, arrest, mock trial, painful beating, the trudge to Golgotha and execution. Christ's offered body and His shed blood have been given to us in, with, and under the bread and wine in this Holy Mystery.

**All: As He was removed from us in the grave, so we remove the elements and vessels of this Holy Sacrament.**

*(Communion vessels are removed)*

Pastor: The cross is where Jesus took on our punishment to be able to give us the gift of heaven.

**All: When John the Baptist saw Jesus, he said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"** *John 1:29*

*(The altar cross is removed)*

Pastor: Jesus said, "I am the Light of the world. Whoever follows Me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." *John 8:12*

**All: The events of Golgotha snuffed out the human life of Jesus, the Light of the world.**

*(Candles are extinguished and removed)*

Pastor: The altar is the place where our Lord Jesus serves us as both host and meal at His banquet feast. The coverings and paraments are made of fine linens; materials appropriate for feasting with our King.

**All: As our King's body was stripped in crucifixion, so our altar is stripped of its coverings.**

*(The altar cloths are removed)*

***(All may leave the church in silence while Psalm 22 is read...Our worship continues tomorrow on Good Friday, at 12:30 and/or 6:30 p.m. With Tenebrae; The Service of Darkness.)***

*Thank you for worshiping with us today. It's better with YOU here!*

### **Holy Week Worship Schedule:**

*Good Friday: 12:30 and/or 6:30 p.m.*

*Easter Sunday: 6:30 a.m., 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.*

*Come! And bring a friend or two...*

### ***To God Alone all Glory Goes!***

**Questions about the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod? Check out, [www.lcms.org](http://www.lcms.org)**

## *Psalm 22 (NIV)*

- My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me,  
so far from my cries of anguish?
- <sup>2</sup>My God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer, by night, but I find no rest.<sup>[b]</sup>
- <sup>3</sup>Yet you are enthroned as the Holy One; you are the one Israel praises.<sup>[c]</sup>
- <sup>4</sup>In you our ancestors put their trust; they trusted and you delivered them.
- <sup>5</sup>To you they cried out and were saved; in you they trusted and were not put to shame.
- <sup>6</sup>But I am a worm and not a man, scorned by everyone, despised by the people.
- <sup>7</sup>All who see me mock me; they hurl insults, shaking their heads.
- <sup>8</sup>“He trusts in the LORD,” they say, “let the LORD rescue him. Let him deliver him,  
since he delights in him.”
- <sup>9</sup>Yet you brought me out of the womb; you made me trust in you, even at my mother’s breast.
- <sup>10</sup>From birth I was cast on you; from my mother’s womb you have been my God.
- <sup>11</sup>Do not be far from me, for trouble is near and there is no one to help.
- <sup>12</sup>Many bulls surround me; strong bulls of Bashan encircle me.
- <sup>13</sup>Roaring lions that tear their prey open their mouths wide against me.
- <sup>14</sup>I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint. My heart has turned to wax; it has  
melted within me.
- <sup>15</sup>My mouth<sup>[d]</sup> is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; you lay me in  
the dust of death.
- <sup>16</sup>Dogs surround me, a pack of villains encircles me; they pierce<sup>[e]</sup> my hands and my feet.
- <sup>17</sup>All my bones are on display; people stare and gloat over me.
- <sup>18</sup>They divide my clothes among them and cast lots for my garment.
- <sup>19</sup>But you, LORD, do not be far from me. You are my strength; come quickly to help me.
- <sup>20</sup>Deliver me from the sword, my precious life from the power of the dogs.
- <sup>21</sup>Rescue me from the mouth of the lions; save me from the horns of the wild oxen.
- <sup>22</sup>I will declare your name to my people; in the assembly I will praise you.
- <sup>23</sup>You who fear the LORD, praise him! All you descendants of Jacob, honor him! Revere him, all  
you descendants of Israel!
- <sup>24</sup>For he has not despised or scorned the suffering of the afflicted one; he has not hidden his face from  
him but has listened to his cry for help.
- <sup>25</sup>From you comes the theme of my praise in the great assembly; before those who fear you<sup>[f]</sup> I will  
fulfill my vows.
- <sup>26</sup>The poor will eat and be satisfied; those who seek the LORD will praise him—  
may your hearts live forever!
- <sup>27</sup>All the ends of the earth will remember and turn to the LORD, and all the families of the nations will  
bow down before him,
- <sup>28</sup>for dominion belongs to the LORD and he rules over the nations.
- <sup>29</sup>All the rich of the earth will feast and worship; all who go down to the dust will kneel before him—  
those who cannot keep themselves alive.
- <sup>30</sup>Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord.
- <sup>31</sup>They will proclaim his righteousness, declaring to a people yet unborn:

*He has done it!*