



# The Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd

**Holy Eucharist  
First Sunday of Lent  
February 22, 2026  
8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.**

*Today's gospel tells of Jesus' temptation in the desert. His forty-day fast becomes the basis of our Lenten pilgrimage. In the early church Lent was a time of intense preparation for those to be baptized at the Easter Vigil. This catechetical focus on the meaning of faith is at the heart of our Lenten journey to the baptismal waters of Easter. Hungry for God's mercy, we receive the bread of life to nourish us for the days ahead.*

## **Gathering**

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

### **Prelude**

### **Procession for the First Sunday in Lent**

*The assembly stands.*

### **Invocation**

**P** In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

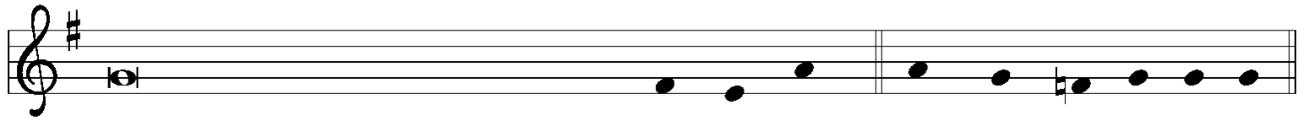
**C** Amen.

### **Apostolic Greeting**

**P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

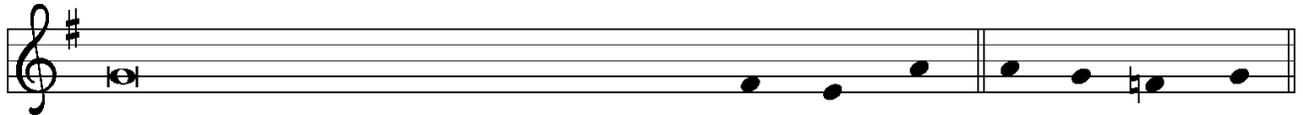
**C** And also with you.





From war, bloodshed, and violence;  
from corrupt and unjust government;  
from sedi - tion and treason: **Good Lord, de - liv - er us.**

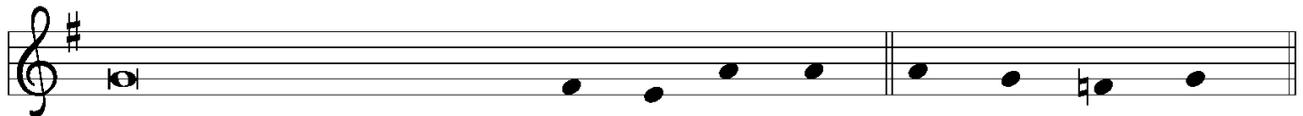
From epidemic, drought, and famine;  
from fire and flood, earthquake,  
lightning, and storm,  
and from ever - last - ing death: **Good Lord, de - liv - er us.**



By the mystery of your incarnation; by your ho - ly birth: **Help us, good Lord.**

By your baptism, fasting, and temptation;  
by your agony and bloody sweat;  
by your cross and suffering; by your death and burial: **Help us, good Lord.**

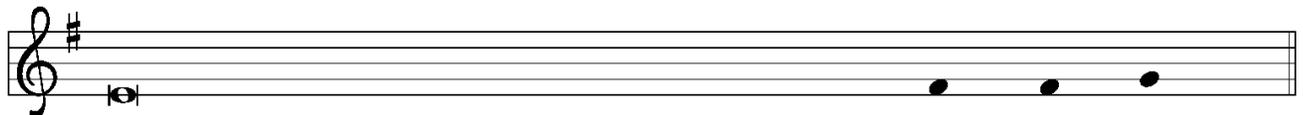
By your resurrection and ascension;  
by the gift of the Ho - ly Spirit: **Help us, good Lord.**



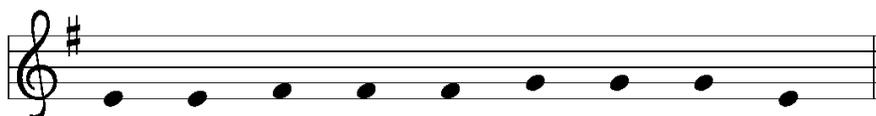
In all time of our tribulation;  
in all time of our prosperity;  
in the hour of death; and in the day of judg - ment: **Save us, good Lord.**



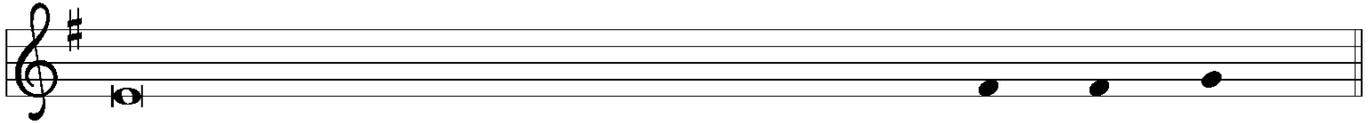
Though unworthy, we im - plore you to hear us, Lord our God.



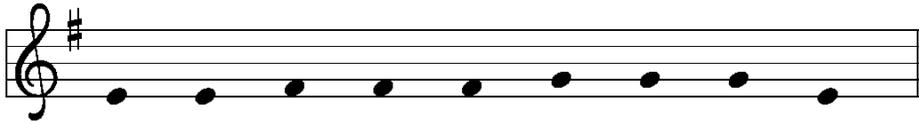
To rule and govern your holy catholic church;  
to guide all servants of your church  
in the love of your word and in holiness of life;  
to put an end to all schisms  
and causes of offense to those who would believe;  
and to bring into the way of truth all who have gone a - stray:



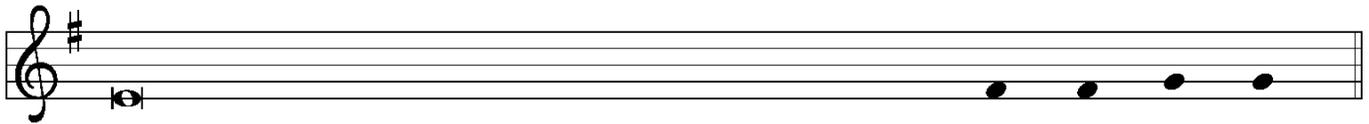
We im - plore you to hear us, good Lord.



To beat down Satan under our feet;  
to send faithful workers into your harvest;  
to accompany your word with your Spirit and power;  
to raise up those who fall  
and to strengthen those who stand;  
and to comfort and help the fainthearted and the dis - tressed:



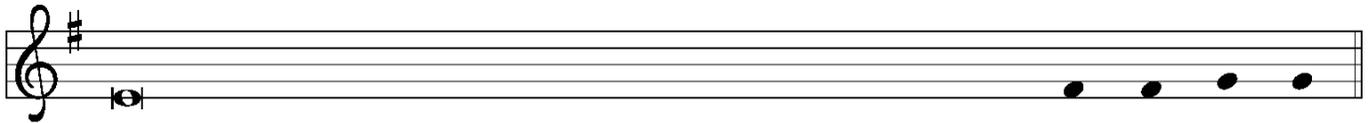
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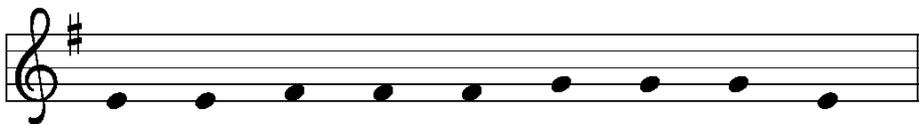
To give to all nations justice and peace;  
to preserve our country from discord and strife;  
to direct and guard those who have civil authority;  
and to bless and guide all our peo - ple:



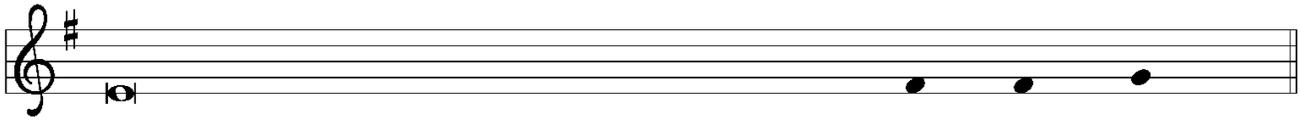
We im - plore you to hear us, good Lord.



To behold and help all who are in danger, need, or tribulation;  
to protect and guide all who travel;  
to preserve and provide for all women in childbirth;  
to watch over children and to guide the young;  
to heal the sick and to strengthen their families and friends;  
to bring reconciliation to families in discord;  
to provide for the unemployed and for all in need;  
to be merciful to all who are imprisoned;  
to support, comfort, and guide  
all orphans, widowers, and widows;  
and to have mercy on all your peo - ple:



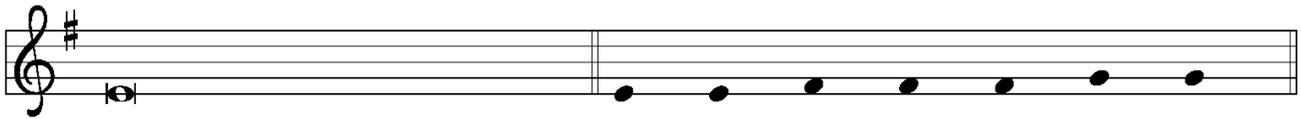
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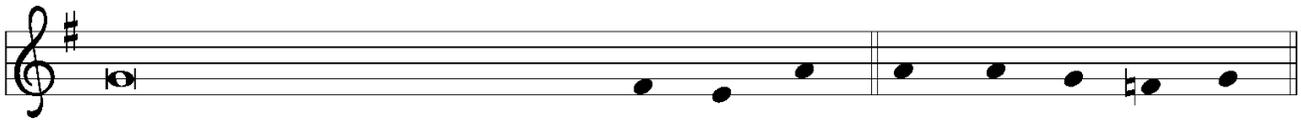
To forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers,  
 and to reconcile us to them;  
 to help us use wisely the fruits and treasures  
 of the earth, the sea, and the air;  
 and graciously to hear our prayers:



We im - plore you to hear us, good Lord.



Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, we im - plore you to hear us.



Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; give us peace. A - men.



O Christ, hear us. In mer - cy hear us.



Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.



Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.



Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

## Prayer of the Day

**P** Lord God, our strength, the struggle between good and evil rages within and around us, and the devil and all the forces that defy you tempt us with empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your word, and when we fall, raise us again and restore us through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

**C** Amen.

*The assembly may be seated.*

## Word

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

### First Reading

**Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7**

*Human beings were formed with great care, to be in relationship with the creator, Creation, and one another. The serpent's promise to the first couple that their eyes would be opened led, ironically, to the discovery only that they were naked.*

**A** A reading from Genesis

<sup>15</sup> The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. <sup>16</sup> And the LORD God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden, <sup>17</sup> but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

<sup>3:1</sup> Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?" <sup>2</sup> The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, <sup>3</sup> but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" <sup>4</sup> But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die, <sup>5</sup> for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." <sup>6</sup> So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food and that it was a delight to the eyes and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. <sup>7</sup> Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked, and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

**A** The Word of the Lord.

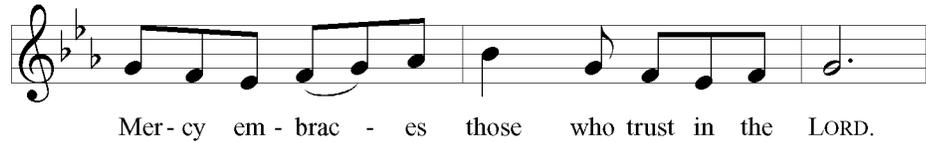
**C** Thanks be to God.

## Psalm

## Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

The refrain will be sung by the cantor and repeated by the assembly. The Psalm is sung antiphonally with congregation singing verses in bold. The refrain is then repeated as indicated **R**.

### Psalm refrain



### Psalm tone



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- <sup>1</sup> Happy are they whose transgressions <sup>1</sup> are forgiven,  
and whose sin is <sup>1</sup> put away!
- <sup>2</sup> **Happy are they to whom the LORD im- <sup>1</sup> putes no guilt,  
and in whose spirit there <sup>1</sup> is no guile!**
- <sup>3</sup> While I held my tongue, my bones with- <sup>1</sup> ered away,  
because of my groaning <sup>1</sup> all day long.
- <sup>4</sup> **For your hand was heavy upon me <sup>1</sup> day and night;  
my moisture was dried up as in the <sup>1</sup> heat of summer. R**
- <sup>5</sup> Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not con- <sup>1</sup> ceal my guilt.  
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD."  
Then you forgave me the <sup>1</sup> guilt of my sin.
- <sup>6</sup> **Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in <sup>1</sup> time of trouble;  
when the great waters overflow, they <sup>1</sup> shall not reach them.**
- <sup>7</sup> You are my hiding-place; you preserve <sup>1</sup> me from trouble;  
you surround me with shouts <sup>1</sup> of deliverance.
- <sup>8</sup> **"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that <sup>1</sup> you should go;  
I will guide you <sup>1</sup> with my eye. R**
- <sup>9</sup> Do not be like horse or mule, which have no <sup>1</sup> understanding;  
who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will <sup>1</sup> not stay near you."
- <sup>10</sup> **Great are the tribulations <sup>1</sup> of the wicked;  
but mercy embraces those who trust <sup>1</sup> in the LORD.**
- <sup>11</sup> Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice <sup>1</sup> in the LORD;  
shout for joy, all who are <sup>1</sup> true of heart. **R**

## Second Reading

Romans 5:12-19

*Through Adam's disobedience, humanity came under bondage to sin and death, from which we cannot free ourselves. In Christ's obedient death, God graciously showers on us the free gift of liberation and life.*

<sup>12</sup> Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned <sup>13</sup> for sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. <sup>14</sup> Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who did not sin in the likeness of Adam, who is a pattern of the one who was to come.

<sup>15</sup> But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. <sup>16</sup> And the gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the gift following many trespasses brings justification. <sup>17</sup> If, because of the one man's trespass, death reigned through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

<sup>18</sup> Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. <sup>19</sup> For just as through the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so through the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

A The Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God**

*The assembly stands to Welcome the Gospel.*

## Gospel Acclamation

*The cantor introduces the acclamation. The assembly will repeat the acclamation. Following the verse, the acclamation is sung again by all.*

*Verse Tone*



*Cantor*

*One does not live by | bread alone,\* but by every word that comes from  
the | mouth of God. (Matt. 4:4)*



Glo - ry and praise to you, O Lord Je - sus Christ.

**Gospel**

**Matthew 4:1-11**

*After being filled with the Holy Spirit at his baptism, Jesus is led in the wilderness. Through his responses to the temptations of the devil, he defines what it means to be called "the Son of God."*

P The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew, the fourth chapter.

C



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup> Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested by the devil. <sup>2</sup> He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was famished. <sup>3</sup> The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." <sup>4</sup> But he answered, "It is written,

'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.' "

<sup>5</sup> Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, <sup>6</sup> saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written,

'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.' "

<sup>7</sup> Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.' "

<sup>8</sup> Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory, <sup>9</sup> and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." <sup>10</sup> Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him." The the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C



Praise to you, O Christ.

*The assembly may be seated.*

## Sermon

*Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

## Hymn of the Day

*O Lord, throughout these forty days  
The assembly stands at the last stanza.*

**ELW 319**

Caithness

- 1 O Lord, throughout these forty days  
you prayed and kept the fast;  
inspire repentance for our sin,  
and free us from our past.  
You strove with Satan, and you won;  
your faithfulness endured;  
lend us your nerve, your skill, and trust  
in God's eternal word.
  
- 3 Though parched and hungry, yet you prayed  
and fixed your mind above;  
so teach us to deny ourselves  
that we may know God's love.
  
- 4 Be with us through this season, Lord,  
and all our earthly days,  
that when the final Easter dawns,  
we join in heaven's praise.

**Profession of Faith  
The Apostles' Creed**

**ELW p. 105**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**Prayers Of The People**

*Hearing the Word of God in Scripture and in Preaching moves us to pray for the whole Church, the nations, those in need, the parish, and our special concerns. The intercessor moves to stand with the assembled people of God, as a rich symbol of the petitions truly being the Prayers of the People.*

*Each portion of the prayers ends with these words:*

**A** Hear us, O God.  
**C** **Your mercy is great**

*Response at the conclusion of the prayers of the people:*

**C** **Amen.**

## **Peace**

*The words of the Peace are an ancient solemn blessing signifying the reconciliation that we have with God and, through Christ, with one another. Please do not use this time for casual greetings or conversations.*

**P** Through Christ, we have been reconciled to God, who has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Let us be reconciled with one another. The peace of the risen Christ be with you always.

**C** **And also with you.**

Greeting: Peace be with you.

Response: Peace be with you.

*The assembly may be seated.*

## **Meal**

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

### **Offering**

### **Offertory**

### **Offertory Song**

*What Shall I Render*

*The assembly stands as the ushers come forward with the gifts.*

**LBW Setting 3**

**What shall I render to the Lord for all his benefits to me?**

**I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving**

**and will call on the name of the Lord.**

**I will take the cup of salvation**

**and will call on the name of the Lord.**

**I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all his people,  
in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.**

## Offertory Prayer

P Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will be come for us the bread of life.

C **Blessed be God forever!**

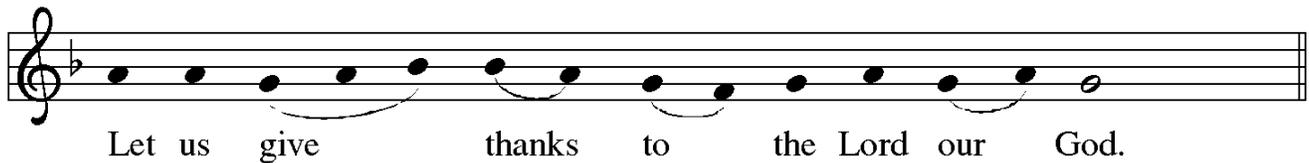
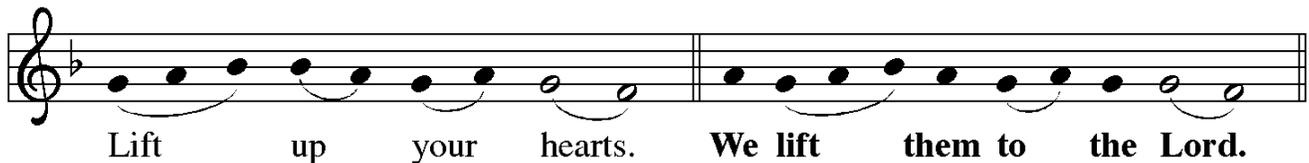
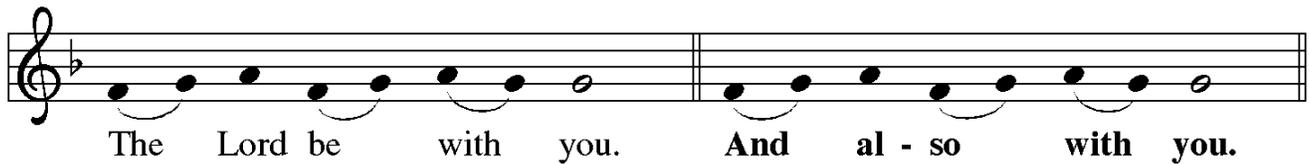
P Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become our spiritual drink.

C **Blessed be God forever!**

A O God, maker of heaven and earth, your steadfast love embraces all creation. You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty. Through these gifts of bread and wine, Draw us unto the death and life of your son, who calls us to bear witness to his saving work. We ask this in Jesus name.

C **Amen.**

## Great Thanksgiving Dialogue



## Preface

### Holy, Holy Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

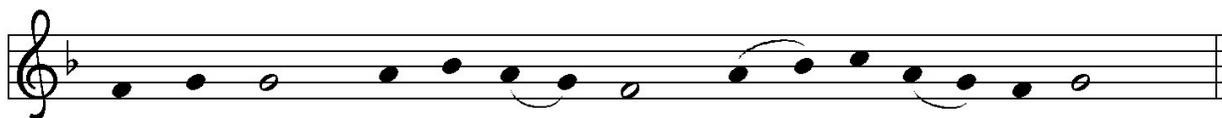


Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Eucharistic Prayer

*At the Presiding Minister's invitation, " ... Let us proclaim the mystery of faith."*

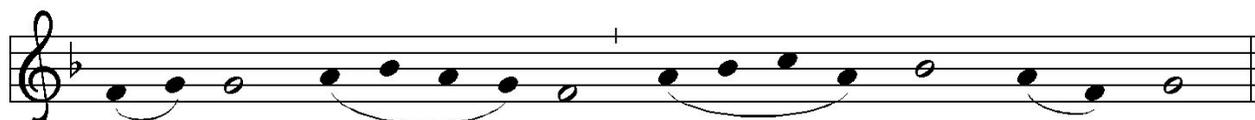
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Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

*The Eucharistic prayer concludes, "both now and forever."*

C



A - men, a - men. A - men, a - men.

## The Lord's Prayer

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C **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.**

## Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you  
take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy  
on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace. A - men.

## Invitation to Communion

P This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Happy are those who are called to his supper.

C **Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

*The assembly may be seated.*

## **Communion Of The Faithful**

*All baptized Christians are invited to share faithfully in the Holy Eucharist. In this sacrament, by the power of God's Word and the Holy Spirit, we receive the body and blood of Jesus Christ along with the bread and wine for our forgiveness and salvation, as we celebrate our unity with Christ and all the saints.*

*Please come by the center aisle as directed by the ushers.*

*When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say, "The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you," and each person may respond, "**Amen.**"*

## **Music During Distribution**

**Song After Communion**  
**Now Lord**

**ELW 201**  
*Now Lord*

Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace:  
your word has been fulfilled.  
My own eyes have seen the salvation  
which you have prepared in the sight of ev'ry people:  
a light to reveal you to the nations  
and the glory of your people Israel.  
Glory 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.

## **Prayer After Communion**

### **Sending**

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

### **Blessing**

**P** Receive the blessing of the holy Trinity: God, who calls all things into existence, Jesus Christ, who redeems us, and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains creation , through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

## Sending Song

*Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer*

**ELW 618**

Cwm Rhondda

- 1 Guide me ever, great Redeemer,  
pilgrim through this barren land.  
I am weak, but you are mighty;  
hold me with your pow'rful hand.  
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,  
feed me now and evermore,  
feed me now and evermore.
  
- 2 Open now the crystal fountain  
where the healing waters flow;  
let the fire and cloudy pillar  
lead me all my journey through.  
Strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer,  
shield me with your mighty arm,  
shield me with your mighty arm.
  
- 3 When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
bid my anxious fears subside;  
death of death and hell's destruction,  
land me safe on Canaan's side.  
Songs and praises, songs and praises,  
I will raise forevermore,  
I will raise forevermore.

## Dismissal

**A** The liturgy is ended. Go in peace. Believe the good News.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

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## **A warm welcome to our visitors in the Name of Christ.**

We seek to minister to all who become a part of our community in Christ as we worship together. We are pleased to have you share in our worship and ministry and sincerely hope you will return. Please sign the guest register in the Narthex and introduce yourself to the Pastor.

- The liturgy and worship book page numbers are printed in the worship folder. Please join in the responses as indicated. You may stand as you are able where indicated or remain seated. Hymns marked with ELW are in the red hymnal, Evangelical Lutheran Worship. Hymns marked with WOV are in the blue soft cover hymnal, With One Voice.
- A rest room is located off the Narthex.
- The guest register and devotional booklets are in the Narthex.

### **Holy Eucharist**

Saturdays at 5:00 p.m. in the Chapel  
Sundays at 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. in the Nave  
Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in the Chapel

### **Adult Sunday School**

Adult Faith Formation meets Sundays at 9:45 a.m. in the Gathering Room. Today the class will begin Jerusalem Risking Reputation.

### **Daily Readings**

M	Psalm 32, 1 Kings 19:1-8, Hebrews 2:10-18
T	Psalm 32, Exodus 34:1-9, 27-28, Genesis 4: 1-16
W	Psalm 32, Genesis 4:1-16, Hebrews 4:14 —5:10
Th	Psalm 121, Isaiah 51: 1-3, 2 Timothy 1:3-7,
F	Psalm 121, Micha 7:18-20, Romans 3:21-31
S	Psalm 121, Isaiah 51: 4-8, Luke 7:1-10
Su	Genesis 12:1-4a, Romans 4:1-5, 13-17, John 3:1-17

## This Week

Sunday February 22 1 Lent	8:30 a.m. Word and Sacrament (Nave/YouTube—link may be found at <a href="http://www.goodshepherdpxtang.com">www.goodshepherdpxtang.com</a> ) 9:45 a.m. Adult Faith Formation (Gathering Room) 11:00 a.m. Word and Sacrament (Nave)
Monday February	6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 42 (ASH)
Tuesday February 24	9:30 a.m. Workshop (St. Lydia/ASH) 10:00 a.m. Ready for School, Ready to Succeed (Sts. Peter & Paul)
Wednesday February 25	9:30 a.m. Word and Sacrament (Chapel) 5:30 p.m. Souper Supper (ASH) 7:00 p.m. Lenten Vespers (Nave/YouTube—link may be found at <a href="http://www.goodshepherdpxtang.com">www.goodshepherdpxtang.com</a> )
Friday February 26	11:00 a.m. Ready for School, Ready to Succeed (St. Peter & Paul)
Saturday February 27	5:00 p.m. Word and Sacrament (Chapel)
Sunday March 1	8:30 a.m. Word and Sacrament (Nave/YouTube—link may be found at <a href="http://www.goodshepherdpxtang.com">www.goodshepherdpxtang.com</a> ) 9:45 a.m. Adult Faith Formation (Gathering Room) 11:00 a.m. Word and Sacrament (Nave)

## Last Week

Our praise and thanksgiving to God for our many blessings reflected in our tithes and offerings each week.

Spending Proposal Per Week	\$ 4,904.00
Total Received	\$6938.00
Difference	\$2034.00



## **Worship Dedications**

The bulletins are given to the Glory of God.

The lamps are burning to the Glory of God given by Gary Wendt in memory of Clara Wendt and Paul Wendt.

## **Announcements**

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS** all those who, because of illness or infirmity, are unable to be with us for worship. Your prayers, cards, and visits to them are invited so that Christ may be glorified by the manner in which his people care for one another.

**PRAYER CHAIN:** Good Shepherd members lift up prayer requests throughout the week. If you have a prayer request you wish to share, or if you would like to receive prayer requests to include in your daily devotions, please contact Edna Hafer or Dix McCauley.

**ELECTRONIC GIVING OPTIONS AVAILABLE:** Contributions may be made via eCheck or Credit Card by scanning the QR code with your smart phone or by clicking on the GIVE NOW button on [goodshepherdpx-tang.com](http://goodshepherdpx-tang.com).



**LIVING ROOM DIALOGUE TO BEGIN NEW BOOK:** Good Shepherd's Living Room Dialogue will continue its study of a new book next Sunday, February 22, 2026 in the Gathering Room. The book is "No Wonder They Call Him Savior" by Max Lucado. It is a short book (145 pages, not counting an included study guide for aiding in the small-group discussion). The group hopes to welcome new members to expand our ranks. We meet once a month (weather permitting) to discuss a few chapters at a time as well as sharing our stories. Interested readers should contact Mary and Fred Sprunk or Phyllis and John Switaj for more information.

## **Adult Faith Formation**

Adult faith formation studies for Lent will begin on Feb 22. John Switaj will lead the six-part series using “Entering the Passion of Jesus”, A DVD program presented by Amy-Jill Levine.

Feb. 22 Jerusalem: Risking Reputation

Mar. 1 The Temple: Risking Righteous Anger

Mar. 8 Teachings Risking Challenge

Mar. 15 The First Dinner Risking Rejection

Mar. 22 The Last Supper: Risking the Loss of Friends

Mar. 29 Gethsemane: Risking Temptation

**LENTEN DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS and NAILS** (one each per family), to aid in your Lenten studies, are available in the Narthex. Please feel free to pick yours up today!

**SOUPER SUPPERS BEGIN THIS WEEK** : The Wednesday night Lenten “Souper” Suppers begin on March 12 continuing for five (5) weeks. **Supper will be at 5:30 p.m. with Lenten Vespers to be held at 7 p.m. in the Nave.** The Hospitality Committee is asking for volunteers to sign-up to bring a crockpot of soup or a loaf of bread or dessert. Volunteers are also needed to set-up or clean-up for Wednesday night supper. Sign-up sheets for soup, bread/crackers, dessert and set-up and clean-up can be found in the Narthex of the Nave. If you have any questions or comments, please see or contact Susan Master.

**WELCA TO MEET:** WELCA meets for its monthly study and fellowship on Monday March 9 at 9:30 a.m. In the Gathering Room. WELCA BOLD WOMEN'S DAY is celebrated yearly by WELCA.

### **250 TH USA ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE TEA PARTY**

Thirty people attended the 250 th USA Anniversary Committee's Patriotic Tea Party the afternoon of Sunday, Feb.1, in All Saints Hall. The room was decorated in a patriotic theme, and many people attended in colonial costumes or dressed in red, white and blue.

Nick Werner provided period music and local reenactor John Pfau talked with guests about the Revolutionary War era. The party was hosted by committee members Pastor Kathy Baker, Bill and Sandy Baum, Greg Borzok, Karen Borzok, Dix McCauley and Fred Sprunk (with much- appreciated help from Don and Georgia Rehm, Vicki Delp, John Switaj, as well as the Baums' daughter Stacy Gillispie and grandson Ryan).

Looking ahead to Flag Day on June 14, the committee will hand out small Betsy Ross Flag stickers along with a brief history of our American flag for those attending services on Saturday and Sunday. I plan to read the Declaration of Independence from the front steps of the church at noon on the Fourth of July, which is a Saturday this year. Dixie offered to be flag bearer of a Betsy Ross-style flag at the event, and the committee hopes to recruit musical accompaniment. It was suggested we make chairs and lemon orange infused water available for guests.

I will send invitations to the celebration to other area congregations. Pastor Baker will close the ceremony with a blessing and will hold a brief service of thanksgiving inside the Nave for anyone wishing to attend. Finally, the committee discussed closing the anniversary celebrations with Peace Day in September. The event is based on the Treaty of Paris of Sept. 3, 1783, which ended hostilities between the United States and England. The event will include a Peace Vigil.

**Fred Sprunk**

## *Easter Decoration Fund*

Please return this form with your contribution (any amount would be appreciated) to the church office (or in the offering plate) **by March 29, 2026** if you'd like to contribute toward this effort.

Dedications will be printed in the bulletin on Easter Sunday—April 5, 2026.

\_\_\_\_ To the Glory of God

\_\_\_\_ In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ In Celebration of: \_\_\_\_\_

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

## Serving God's People at the Liturgies

Preaching and Presiding

The Rev. Kathleen J. Baker, STM

Organist

Nicholas P. Werner

Assisting Ministers

8:30 a.m.  
11:00 a.m.

Julie McCauley  
Kirk Barbour

Cantor

Julie McCauley

Usher

8:30 a.m.  
11:00 a.m.

Fred & Mary Sprunk

### The Parish Staff

Kathleen J. Baker, STM, Pastor  
Nicholas P. Werner, Director of Music  
Beth C. Fine, Church Administrator

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