

Serving God's People At The Liturgies

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Holy Eucharist
Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 26, 2023
8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

In today's gospel Jesus reveals his power over death by raising Lazarus from the dead. The prophet Ezekiel prophesies God breathing new life into dry bones. To those in exile or living in the shadows of death, these stories proclaim God's promise of resurrection. In baptism we die with Christ that we might also be raised with him to new life. At the Easter Vigil we will welcome the newly baptized as we remember God's unfailing promise in our baptism.

Prelude

Silent Procession

Gathering Song

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus
The assembly stands.

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LASSET UNS MIT JESU ZIEHEN

- 1 Let us ever walk with Jesus,
follow his example pure,
through a world that would deceive us
and to sin our spirits lure.
Onward in his footsteps treading,
trav'lers here, our home above,
full of faith and hope and love,
let us do our Savior's bidding.
Faithful Lord, with me abide;
I shall follow where you guide.**

- 2** Let us suffer here with Jesus,
and with patience bear our cross.
Joy will follow all our sadness;
where he is there is no loss.
Though today we sow no laughter,
we shall reap celestial joy:
all discomforts that annoy
shall give way to mirth hereafter.
Jesus, here I share your woe;
help me there your joy to know.
- 3** Let us gladly die with Jesus.
Since by death he conquered death,
he will free us from destruction,
give to us immortal breath.
Let us mortify all passion
that would lead us into sin;
and the grave that shuts us in
shall but prove the gate of heaven.
Jesus, here with you I die,
there to live with you on high.
- 4** Let us also live with Jesus.
He has risen from the dead
that to life we may awaken.
Jesus, you are now our head,
we are your own living members;
where you live, there we shall be
in your presence constantly,
living there with you forever.
Jesus, let me faithful be;
life eternal grant to me.

Invocation

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

C Amen.

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.

Confession and Forgiveness

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart, and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching him, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

The assembly kneels or sits.

C I confess to God almighty, before the whole company of heaven, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

P The almighty and merciful God grant unto you, being penitent, pardon and remission of all your sins, time for amendment of life, and the grace and comfort of his Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

The assembly stands.

Entrance Antiphon

P Give me justice, O God, and defend my cause against the wicked;

C rescue me from deceitful and unjust men. You, O God, are my refuge.
(Psalm 423:1-2)

Kyrie

The leader sings Kyrie, Kyrie, eleison. The assembly repeats.

The leader sings Christe eleison. The assembly repeats.

The leader sings Kyrie, Kyrie, eleison. The assembly repeats.



The image shows a musical score for the Kyrie antiphon. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 2/4. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass clef staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are: "Ky-ri-e, Ky-ri-e, e-le-i-son. (fine)". The word "fine" is written above the final note of the melody. The score ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

Prayer of the Day

P Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ and serve you in righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

The assembly may be seated.

Word

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

First Reading

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Ezekiel's vision of the valley of dry bones is a promise that Israel as a nation, though dead in exile, will live again in their land through God's life-giving spirit. Three times Israel is assured that through this vision they will know that "I am the LORD."

A A reading from Ezekiel.

¹The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ²He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. ³He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." ⁴Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. ⁵Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD."

⁷So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. ⁹Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." ¹⁰I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

¹¹Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' ¹²Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. ¹³And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD."

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 130

*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

I wait for you, O LORD; in your word is my hope.

Psalm tone:

- ¹Out ¹of the depths
I cry to ¹you, O LORD;
- ²**O LORD, ¹hear my voice!**
Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my ¹supplication.
- ³If you were to keep watch ¹over sins,
O LORD, ¹who could stand?
- ⁴**Yet with you ¹is forgiveness,**
in order that you ¹may be feared. R
- ⁵I wait for you, O LORD; ¹my soul waits;
in your word ¹is my hope.
- ⁶**My soul waits for the Lord more than those who keep watch ¹for the morning,**
more than those who keep watch ¹for the morning.
- ⁷O Israel, wait for the LORD, for with the LORD there is ¹steadfast love;
with the LORD there is plen- ¹teous redemption.
- ⁸**For the LORD shall ¹redeem Israel**
from ¹all their sins. R

Second Reading

Romans 8:6-11

For Paul, Christian spirituality entails living in the reality of the Holy Spirit. The driving force behind our actions and values is not our sinful desire for self-satisfaction but the very Spirit by which God raised Jesus from the dead and will also raise us from the dead.

A A reading from Romans.

⁶To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God’s law—indeed it cannot, ⁸and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

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.

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

Verse tone

Cantor

I am the resurrection ¹ and the life; whoever believes in me will ¹ never die. (John 11:25, 26)*

Gospel

John 11: 1-45

Jesus is moved to sorrow when his friend Lazarus falls ill and dies. Then, in a dramatic scene, he calls his friend out of the tomb and restores him to life.

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



¹Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ²Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. ³So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." ⁴But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." ⁵Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, ⁶after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

⁷Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." ⁸The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" ⁹Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. ¹⁰But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them." ¹¹After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." ¹²The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." ¹³Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. ¹⁴Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. ¹⁵For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." ¹⁶Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

¹⁷When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, ¹⁹and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. ²⁰When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. ²¹Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²²But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." ²³Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." ²⁴Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." ²⁵Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, ²⁶and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" ²⁷She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

²⁸When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, “The Teacher is here and is calling for you.” ²⁹And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. ³⁰Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. ³¹The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. ³²When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” ³³When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” ³⁵Jesus began to weep. ³⁶So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” ³⁷But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”

³⁸Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.” ⁴⁰Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?” ⁴¹So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴²I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.” ⁴³When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” ⁴⁴The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

⁴⁵Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

P The Gospel of the Lord.



The assembly may be seated.

Sermon

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

Hymn of the Day

What Wondrous Love Is This

The assembly stands at last stanza.

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WONDROUS LOVE

- 1 **What wondrous love is this,
O my soul, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this
that caused the Lord of bliss
to bear the dreadful curse
for my soul, for my soul,
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul?**

- 2 **When I was sinking down,
sinking down, sinking down,
when I was sinking down, sinking down,
when I was sinking down
beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside his crown
for my soul, for my soul,
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul.**

- 3 **To God and to the Lamb
I will sing, I will sing;
to God and to the Lamb I will sing;
to God and to the Lamb,
who is the great I AM,
while millions join the theme,
I will sing, I will sing,
while millions join the theme, I will sing.**

- 4 **And when from death I'm free,
I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;
and when from death I'm free,
I'll sing God's love for me,
and through eternity
I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
and through eternity I'll sing on.**

Profession of Faith
The Apostles' Creed

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**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 Merciful God,
C receive our prayer.

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.

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.

Worshippers will stay in place, speaking a word of peace, nodding, smiling, using the peace sign, using American Sign Language, touching their hearts, etc.

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

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Abide with Me (verses 1 and 2)

EVENTIDE

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

- 1 Abide with me, fast falls the eventide.
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
help of the helpless, oh, abide with me.**
- 2 Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;
change and decay in all around I see;
O thou who changest not, abide with me.**

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 become 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.

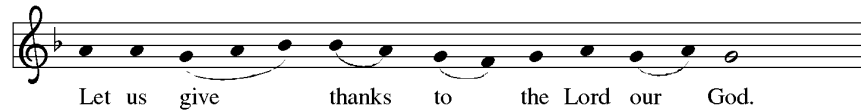
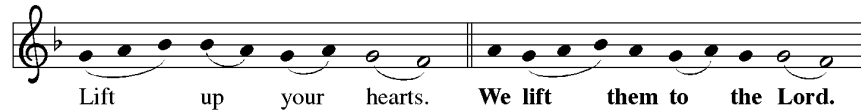
C **Blessed be God forever!**

A God of good gifts, receive these and all our offerings as we present them in faithful service for the sake of your gospel. Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal as you pour out your very presence through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life.

C **Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving Dialogue

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Preface

Holy, Holy, Holy

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C

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 Presiding Minister's invitation: "Let us proclaim the mystery of faith."

C

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.

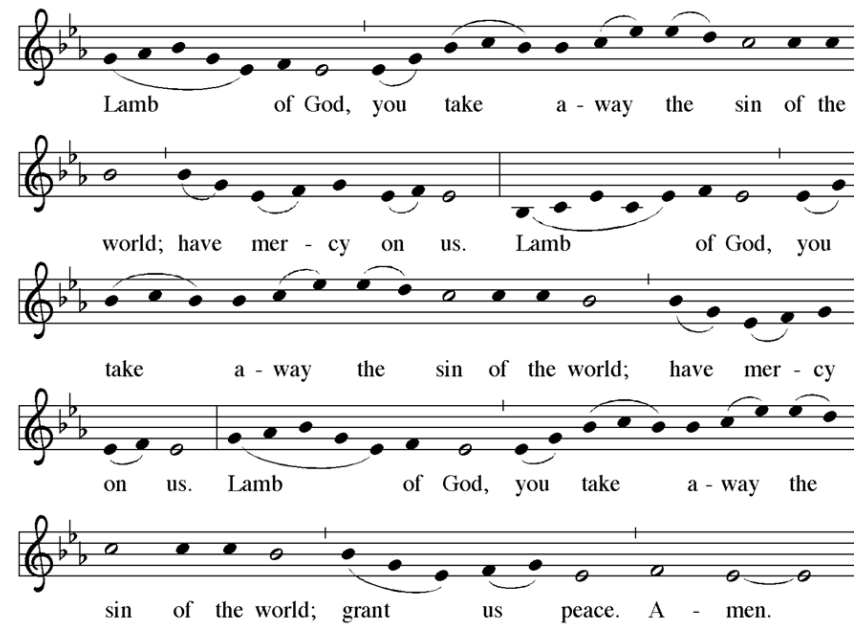
The Lord's Prayer

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

**C Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed by 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 to the rail and kneel or stand.

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

Jesus is a Rock in a Weary Land

WEARY LAND

Song After Communion

*Abide with Me (verses 3 through 5)
The assembly stands.*

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EVENTIDE

- 3** I need thy presence ev'ry passing hour;
what but thy grace can foil the tempter's pow'r?
Who like thyself my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, oh, abide with me.
- 4** I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;
ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, if thou abide with me!
- 5** Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes,
shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;
heav'n's morning breaks,
and earth's vain shadows flee;
in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

Prayer After Communion

Sending

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

Blessing

P God, the giver of love, † Christ, the resurrection and the life, and the Holy Spirit of rebirth bless you in this Lenten journey.

C Amen.

Sending Song

You Are the Way

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DUNDEE

- 1 You are the way; to you alone
from sin and death we flee;
all those who search for God, you find
and by your grace set free.**

- 2 You are the truth; your word alone
true wisdom can impart;
you only can inform the mind
and purify the heart.**

- 3 You are the life; the rending tomb
proclaims your conqu'ring arm;
and those who put their trust in you
not death nor hell shall harm.**

- 4 You are the way, the truth, the life;
grant us that way to know,
that truth to keep, that life to win,
whose joys eternal flow.**

Dismissal

A The liturgy is ended. Go in peace. Serve in love.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Material from the following sources is acknowledged: Graphic, Introduction, Invocation, Greeting, Prayer of the Day, First Reading, Psalm Refrain, Psalm Tone, Psalm, Second Reading, Glory to you, Praise to you, Gospel, Offering Prayer, Blessing, Dismissal, and Hymn Texts from SundaysAndSeasons.com. Copyright 2023 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved. Reprinted by Permission under Augsburg Fortress Liturgies Annual License #20731. New Revised Standard Version Bible, copyright 1989, Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America. Used by permission. All rights reserved. Any not listed are public domain.

This Week

Sunday March 26 5 Lent	8:30 a.m. Word and Sacrament (Nave/live streamed— link at www.goodshepherdpxtang.com) 9:45 a.m. Adult Faith Formation (The Gathering Room) 11:00 a.m. Word and Sacrament (Nave) 6:30 p.m. Living Room Dialogue (The Gathering Room)
Monday March 27	6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 42 (ASH)
Tuesday March 28	9:30 a.m. Workshop (St. Lydia and ASH) 10:00 a.m. Ready for School, Ready to Succeed (Sts. Peter and Paul)
Wednesday March 29	9:30 a.m. Word and Sacrament (Chapel) 6:00 p.m. Souper Supper (ASH) 7:00 p.m. Lenten Vespers (Nave/live streamed— link at www.goodshepherdpxtang.com) 7:30 p.m. Keystone Concert Band (ASH)
Friday March 31	11:00 a.m. Ready for School, Ready to Succeed (Sts. Peter and Paul)
Saturday April 1	8:30 a.m. Spring Clean-up (Church Grounds) 5:00 p.m. Word and Sacrament (Chapel)
Sunday April 2 Palm Sunday	FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY 8:30 a.m. Word and Sacrament (Nave/live streamed— link at www.goodshepherdpxtang.com) 9:45 a.m. Adult Faith Formation (The Gathering Room) 11:00 a.m. Word and Sacrament (Nave)

Daily Readings

M	1 Kings 17: 17-24, Acts 20: 7-12, Psalm 143
T	2 Kings 4: 18-37, Ephesians 2: 1-10, Psalm 143
W	Jeremiah 32: 1-9, 36-41; Matthew 22: 23-33, Psalm 143
Th	1 Samuel 16: 11-13, Philippians 1: 1-11, Psalm 31: 9-16
F	Job 13: 13-19, Philippians 1: 21-30, Psalm 31: 9-16
Sa	Lamentations 3: 55-66, Mark 10: 32-34, Psalm 31: 9-16
Su	Matthew 21: 1-11, Isaiah 50: 4-9a, Philippians 2: 5-11, Matthew 26: 14-27: 66



Worship Dedications

The bulletins are given to the Glory of God
and in celebration of their son, Terry's birthday
by Dix and Larry McCauley.

The lamps, Chapel and Nave, are burning to the Glory of God
and are given in honor of Andrea Mack's 30th birthday
by Gary Wendt.

Sunday School

Today, Adult Faith Formation continues its Lenten study,
Witness at the Cross: A Beginner's Guide to Holy Friday, led by John Bricker.
This week's session focuses on *The Women*.
Adult Faith Formation meets at 9:45 a.m. in The Gathering Room.

Last Week

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

Spending Proposal Per Week	\$ 4,812.00
Total Received	3,417.00
Difference	-1,395.00

Announcements

THROUGHOUT THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC, Good Shepherd has done well caring for our neighbors. Currently, for indoor gatherings, the recommendation is to wear a mask to reduce the risk of being infected with variants and possibly spreading it to others. At this time, Pastor will be masked and will sanitize prior to distribution of Holy Communion. Thank you.

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.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED to help with this year's Spring Clean Up Day—Saturday, April, 1 beginning at 8:30 a.m. Work will include cleaning up around the building and grounds and spreading mulch on the landscape beds. We will need 4 wheelbarrows, scoop shovels, and garden and leaf rakes. Coffee, donuts and water will be available. Please contact Bill Baum if you can help.

CLOSED CAPTIONING is now available for Good Shepherd's streamed services, available on our YouTube channel. The link may be found on the church webpage: goodshepherdpxtang.com

PERSONAL CARE KITS NEEDED: Lutheran World Relief has reached out to local congregations concerning the urgent need for Personal Care Kits. Each **Personal Care Kit** consists of: **1 light-weight bath towel** (20" X 40" to 27" X 50"—dark color recommended) , **2 or 3 bath-size bars of soap equaling 8-9 ounces** (any brand in original wrapping), **1 sturdy comb** (no picks or fine-toothed combs), and **1 pair of metal nail clippers** (attached file optional). **Money to help cover shipping costs** may be placed in an envelope marked **Personal Care Kits** and placed in the offering plate. Items may be placed in the designated tubs in the Breezeway or the Narthex. The deadline for donations will be Easter Sunday—April 9. The kits will be packed and will be picked up for immediate delivery. Thank you for your support of this Lenten project!

LENTEN APPEAL: In addition to collecting items for **Personal Care Kits** for Lutheran World Relief, we are also requesting **gift cards from Target and Walmart for Swatara Middle School**. The school uses the gift cards for students who need clothing and/or school supplies. The ones we have donated in the past have been very much appreciated! Gift cards may be placed in an envelope marked Swatara Middle School and placed in the offering plate or taken to the church office. Thank you!

MISSING ITEMS FROM YOUR KITCHEN? Please collect any kitchen utensils or containers you may have left behind from the church kitchen.

USHER SIGN-UP: A new usher sign-up sheet for March, April, and May is in the Narthex. If you are interested in serving Good Shepherd in this important way, please sign up.

ASSISTING MINISTERS NEEDED: Please contact Marcia Freed-Dankman or Pastor Baker for more information.

APRIL BIRTHDAY PARTY AT OAK HILL (FORMERLY FREY) VILLAGE: This year's April Birthday Party will be for 11 residents (5 women and 6 men). The party will be held April 19. At this time, we will only be allowed to drop off gift bags. Donations of the following items would be welcome: men's socks, small stuffed animals, small hand or body lotion, small hand sanitizers, and individually-wrapped cookies, candies, and puddings. All donations may be dropped off in the Breezeway in the bag labeled "Oak Hill Village." Questions may be directed to Sylvia McAnnaney.

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 goodshepherdpxtang.com.



From the Broader Church and Community

CD EAST PROM APPEAL: The Central Dauphin East High School Community Committee is requesting your help! The committee was formed to enhance the overall school culture and climate at Central Dauphin East High School. For the fourth year, the committee plans to recognize students who have positively influenced our school community by displaying Grit, Respect, Excellence, Accountability, and Thoughtfulness. Selected students will be surprised with the gift of Prom tickets. Prom tickets cost \$65.00 per person, and individuals or groups willing to sponsor a student or couple are being sought. Checks may be made payable to "CD East High PBIS" and mailed to Central Dauphin East High School, Attn: Tamira Howard, 626 Rutherford Road, Harrisburg, PA 17109.

EARTHQUAKE RELIEF DONATIONS INVITED: On February 6, two powerful earthquakes hit the southern region of Turkey and neighboring Syria, collapsing thousands of buildings and severely damaging infrastructure. To assist Lutheran Disaster Response and its partners in assisting those affected, make checks payable to the "ELCA" and please include the designation "Middle East Crisis" on the memo line and mail to: Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, P.O. Box 1809, Merrifield, VA 22116-8009.

A LUTHERAN CAMPING SUMMER CAMP OPEN HOUSE will be held April 16 at Kirchenwald, Nawakwa, and The Wittel Farm Growing Project. For more information: LutheranCamping.org.

THE LUTHERAN CAMPING CORPORATION is now hiring summer staff to help make this the best summer ever for our campers and guests. Counselors, lifeguards, kitchen staff, maintenance workers, and craft staff are needed. Serve others, grow in community, and have a blast working at camp this summer. Learn more and apply online: LutheranCamping.org/employment.

Easter Decoration Fund

Please return this slip with your contribution
(any amount) to the church office,
to be put toward the Easter Decoration Fund.

Dedications will be printed in the bulletin on
Easter Sunday—April 9.

Thank You!

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