



# The Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd

**Holy Eucharist  
Fifth Sunday of Lent  
March 22, 2026  
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.*

## Gathering

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

**Prelude**

**Silent Procession**

**Gathering Song**

*Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus*

**ELW 802**

LASSET UNS 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 here- after.  
Jesus here I share your woe;  
help me there you 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 to 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.*

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.**

## Kyrie

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

*The leader sings Christe, Christe, eleison. The assembly repeats.*

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



Musical score for the Kyrie. The score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef, in G major (one sharp) and 2/4 time. The melody is: Ky-ri-e, Ky-ri-e, e-le-i-son. The score ends with a double bar line and a fermata, marked (fine).

## 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 .

<sup>1</sup> The 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. <sup>2</sup> He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. <sup>3</sup> He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." <sup>4</sup> Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. <sup>5</sup> Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. <sup>6</sup> I 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."

<sup>7</sup> So 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. <sup>8</sup> I 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. <sup>9</sup> Then 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." <sup>10</sup> I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

<sup>11</sup> Then 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.' <sup>12</sup> Therefore 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. <sup>13</sup> And you shall know that I am the Lord when I open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people. <sup>14</sup> I 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

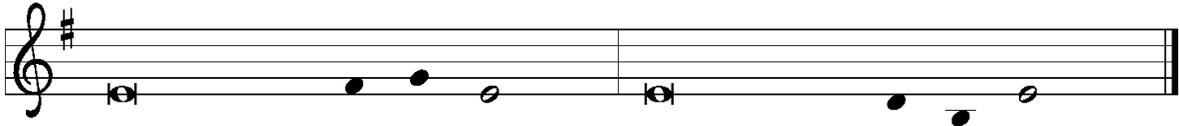
## Psalm 130

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



### Psalm tone



<sup>1</sup>Out of the depths

I cry to you, O LORD;

**<sup>2</sup>O LORD, hear my voice!**

**Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.**

<sup>3</sup>If you were to keep watch over sins,  
O LORD, who could stand?

**<sup>4</sup>Yet with you is forgiveness,  
in order that you may be feared. R**

<sup>5</sup>I wait for you, O LORD; my soul waits;  
in your word is my hope.

**<sup>6</sup>My soul waits for the Lord more than those who keep watch for the  
morning,  
more than those who keep watch for the morning.**

<sup>7</sup>O Israel, wait for the LORD, for with the LORD there is steadfast love;  
with the LORD there is plentiful redemption.

**<sup>8</sup>For the LORD shall redeem Israel  
from all 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.

<sup>6</sup>To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. <sup>7</sup>For 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, <sup>8</sup>and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

<sup>9</sup>But 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. <sup>10</sup>But if Christ is in you, then the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. <sup>11</sup>If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

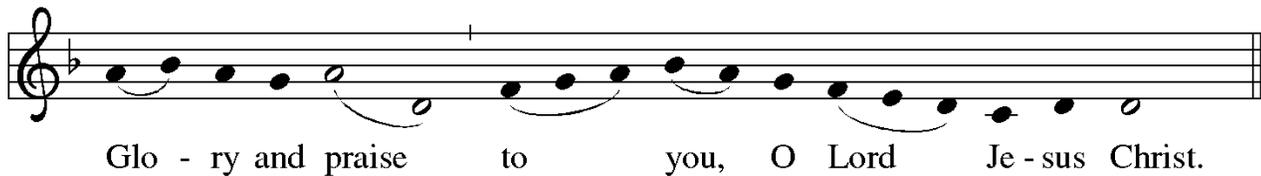
A The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

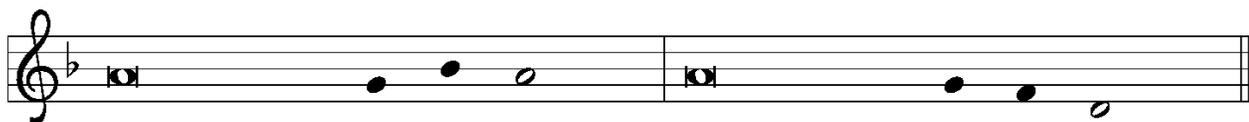
*The assembly stands to welcome the Gospel.*

## Gospel Acclamation

*The people will stand as the cantor introduces the acclamation. The assembly will repeat the acclamation.*



*Verse tone*



*Cantor*

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



<sup>24</sup> Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." <sup>25</sup> Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, <sup>26</sup> and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" <sup>27</sup> She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

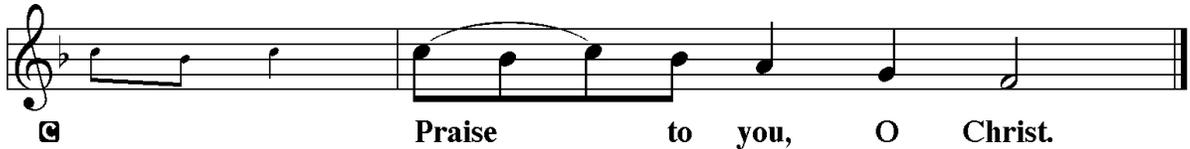
<sup>28</sup> When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." <sup>29</sup> And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. <sup>30</sup> Now Jesus had not yet come to the village but was still at the place where Martha had met him. <sup>31</sup> The 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. <sup>32</sup> When 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." <sup>33</sup> When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. <sup>34</sup> He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." <sup>35</sup> Jesus began to weep. <sup>36</sup> So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" <sup>37</sup> But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

<sup>38</sup> Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. <sup>39</sup> Jesus 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." <sup>40</sup> Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" <sup>41</sup> So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. <sup>42</sup> I 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." <sup>43</sup> When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" <sup>44</sup> The 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."

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

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C



*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.*

**ELW 666**

**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** 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 and 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 Lord be with you always.

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

*Please share some sign (a handshake, an embrace, etc.) with one another as you exchange the greeting of peace.*

*Greeting: Peace be with you.*

*Response: And also with you.*

## **Meal**

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

## **Offering**

### **Offertory**

*Offering plates are located by the font and inside the West Nave entrance.*



## **Offertory Song**

*Abide with Me* (vs. 1-3)

**ELW 629**  
**EVENTIDE**

**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.**

**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.**

## 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!**

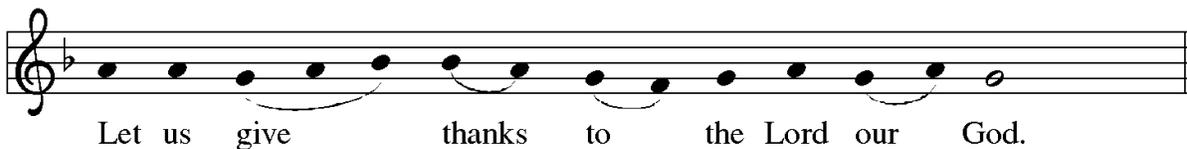
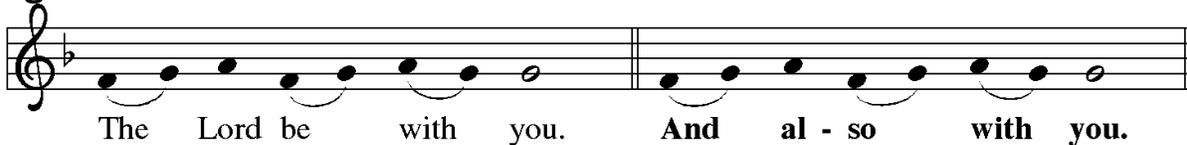
A O God, maker of heaven and earth, your steadfast love embraces all creation. You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty. Through these gifts of bread and wine, draw us into the death and life of your Son, who calls us to bear witness to his saving work. We ask this in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

C **Amen.**

## The Great Thanksgiving

### Dialogue

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## Preface

### Holy, Holy, Holy

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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."*

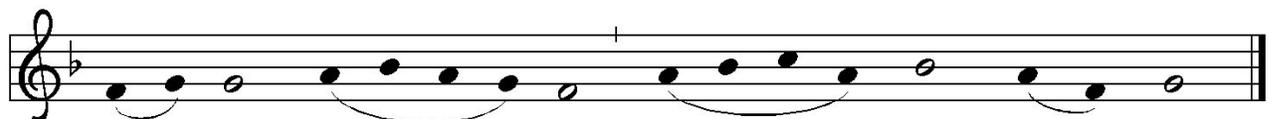
C



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

*The Presiding Minister continues the prayer, and 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 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

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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**

### **Song After Communion**

*Abide with Me (vs. 4 & 5)*  
*The assembly stands.*

**ELW 629**  
**EVENTIDE**

**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'ns 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** 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, ✠ bless you now and always.

**C** Amen.

### Sending Song

*You Are the Way*

**ELW 758**  
**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. Believe the good news.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Postlude

Material from the following sources is acknowledged: Graphic, Introduction, Great Litany, Prayer of the Day, First Reading, Second Reading, Psalm, Gospel Acclamation, Gospel, Prayers of Intercession, Offertory Song, Offertory Prayer, Holy, Lamb of God, Blessing, Dismissal from [SundaysAndSeasons.com](http://SundaysAndSeasons.com). Copyright 2026 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved. Reprinted by Permission under Augsburg Fortress Liturgies Annual License #SAS000731.

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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

### **Lenten Vespers Service**

Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. in the Nave during the Lenten season

### **Adult Faith Formation**

Adult Faith Formation meets Sundays at 9:45 a.m. in the Gathering Room.

Today the class continues a video-aided Lenten study of “Entering the Passion of Jesus” This Sunday’s topic is The First Dinner: Risking Rejection. John Switaj leads the class, all are welcome!

## **This Week**

Sunday March 22 5 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 March 23	6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 42 (ASH)
Tuesday March 24	9:30 a.m. Workshop (St. Lydia/ASH) 10:00 a.m. Ready for School, Ready to Succeed (St. Peter & Paul)
Wednesday March 25	9:30 a.m. Word and Sacrament (Chapel) 10:45am Mission & Ministry (Gathering Room) 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> ) Choir Rehearsal
Friday March 27	11:00 a.m. Ready for School, Ready to Succeed (St. Peter & Paul)
Saturday March 28	8:30 am Spring Cleanup 5:00 p.m. Word and Sacrament (Chapel)
Sunday March 29 Passion/Palm Sunday	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)

## **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, Matthew 22: 23-33, Psalm 143
T	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 Or Matthew 27: 11-54, Psalm 31: 9-16



## Worship Dedications

The bulletins are given to the Glory of God by Greg and Karen Borzok in memory of Patrick Henry, Founding Father.

The lamps are burning to the Glory of God by Gary Wendt in celebration of Andrea Mack's birthday.

## 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	4280.55
Difference	(623.45)

## 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 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 [goodshepherdpxtang.com](http://goodshepherdpxtang.com) .



**ON THE LENTEN SEASON:** Lent is more somber than other seasons of the Church Year. The liturgical color is purple, representing solemnity and penitence. Crosses and crucifixes are covered with veils to emphasize how sin separates us from God. The “Alleluia” is removed from our liturgy – not to return until the celebration of the resurrection. In keeping with the penitent nature of Lent, worshippers will come forward to the rail and kneel or stand to receive Holy Communion.

**ADULT FAITH FORMATION LENTEN STUDY:** The class is currently studying “Entering the Passion Of Jesus”, a DVD program presented by Amy-Jill Levine. The schedule of topics is as follows:

March 22            The Last Supper: Risking the Loss of Friends

March 29            Gethsemane: Risking Temptation

John Switaj is teaching the class.

**GIVING ENVELOPES:** We received notice that delivery might be delayed. If needed, please kindly use a spare envelope for your offering until your new ones arrive. Thank you.

**OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR:** We are searching for a part time (20 hour/week) office administrator. The posting is on Indeed and also on our Facebook page. Please prayerfully consider passing the post along to qualified candidates. Questions can be directed to Marcia Freed-Dankman or to Pastor Baker. Thank you.

**SPRING CLEAN-UP:** Volunteers are invited to help spruce up Good Shepherd’s grounds ahead of Easter. Spring Clean-Up will be held on Saturday, March 28, beginning at 8:30 a.m. (weather permitting). Coffee, donuts, and water will be provided. Please be in touch with Bill Baum with any questions.

**HOLY WEEK SERVICES:** In these final days of Lent, three important and unique worship services will be offered, each beginning at 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday (April 2) will include Laying on of Hands for anyone who wishes to come forward for a personal forgiveness of sins. While the congregation sings, anyone who wishes to participate in Footwashing is invited to have their feet washed in the same way as Jesus, modeling the servanthood that Jesus asks of each of us. At the conclusion of the service, everything that adorns our worship space is removed. The Stripping of the Altar reminds us of how Jesus was stripped of his power. The church is stripped in preparation for the solemnity of Good Friday. On Good Friday (April 3), our worship tells the story of the crucifixion of Jesus through scripture and song. A cross is carried up the aisle and placed on the Chancel steps. Worshippers may offer a sign of reverence by touching, kneeling, or bowing at the cross. The Great Vigil of Easter (April 4) begins outside at the entrance to the Nave with the Blessing of the New Fire and climaxes with the First Eucharist of the Resurrection. Come for one, two, or all three services of the Triduum – the most important liturgy of the year for the Christian Church.

**AGAPE MEAL ON MAUNDY THURSDAY:** An Agape Meal will be shared on Maundy Thursday—April 2—at 5:30 p.m. in All Saints Hall. Lentil soup with all the trimmings will be served. If you wish to contribute soup for the meal, contact Susan Master.

## **From the Broader Church and Community**

**SUMMER CAMP 2026 REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!** To register for upcoming events and for more information about Summer Camp 2026, go to [LutheranCamping.org](http://LutheranCamping.org) or, contact Good Shepherd's Camp Person, Phyllis Switaj. As our Camp Person, Phyllis' participation at the annual training meeting gets every member of Good Shepherd \$20 off of registration.

## Easter Decoration Fund

We only spend funds designated for seasonal decorations—nothing is ever spent from the general 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 and Cantor

Nicholas P. Werner

Assisting Ministers

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

Julie McCauley  
Susan Master

Ushers

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

Fred and Mary Sprunk  
Greg Borzok and Bill Baum

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

Kester T. Sobers III, Pastor Emeritus  
Herbert O. Fowler, Cantor Emeritus

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