



# The Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd

**Holy Eucharist  
Fourth Sunday of Lent**

**March 15, 2026  
8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.**

*Baptism is sometimes called enlightenment. The gospel for this Sunday is the story of the man born blind healed by Christ. "I was blind, now I see," declares the man. In baptism God opens our eyes to see the truth of who we are: God's beloved children. As David was anointed king of Israel, in baptism God anoints our head with oil, and calls us to bear witness to the light of Christ in our daily lives.*

## **Gathering**

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

**Prelude**

**Silent Procession**

**Gathering Song**

*Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death  
The assembly stands.*

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**1 Awake, O sleeper, rise from death,  
and Christ shall give you light;  
so learn his love, its length and  
breadth,  
its fullness, depth, and height.**

**2 To us on earth he came to bring  
from sin and fear release,  
to give the Spirit's unity,  
the very bond of peace.**

**3 There is one body and one hope,  
one Spirit and one call,  
one Lord, one faith, and one baptism,  
one God who made us all.**

**4 Then walk in love as Christ has loved,  
who died that he might save;  
with kind and gentle hearts forgive  
as God in Christ forgave.**

**5 For us Christ lived, for us he died,  
and conquered in the strife.  
Awake, arise, go forth in faith,  
and Christ shall give you life.**

## 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 Rejoice, Jerusalem! Be glad for her, you who love her;

C **rejoice with her, you who mourned for her, and you will find contentment at her consoling breasts. (Isaiah 66:10-11)**

## 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 Kyrie, Kyrie, eleison. The score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef, in G major (one sharp) and 2/4 time. The melody is simple and repetitive, with the lyrics "Ky-ri-e, Ky-ri-e, e-le-i-son." written below the notes. The piece ends with a double bar line and a fermata, marked "(fine)".

## Prayer of the Day

**P** Bend your ear to our prayers, Lord Christ, and come among us. By your gracious life and death for us, bring light into the darkness of our hearts, and anoint us with your Spirit, for you live and reign with the Father 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

**1 Samuel 16:1-13**

*Samuel anointed David even though he was the eighth-oldest son of Jesse and did not match his brothers in height or other physical characteristics. With the anointing came endowment with the Spirit of the Lord, designating David as the Lord's chosen successor to Saul.*

A A reading from 1 Samuel.

<sup>1</sup>The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." <sup>2</sup>Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.'" <sup>3</sup>Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do, and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." <sup>4</sup>Samuel did what the Lord commanded and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling and said, "Do you come peaceably?" <sup>5</sup>He said, "Peaceably. I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

<sup>6</sup>When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely his anointed is now before the Lord." <sup>7</sup>But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him, for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." <sup>8</sup>Then Jesse called Abinadab and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." <sup>9</sup>Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." <sup>10</sup>Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen any of these." <sup>11</sup>Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him, for we will not sit down until he comes here." <sup>12</sup>He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was handsome. The Lord said, "Rise and anoint him, for this is the one." <sup>13</sup>Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

A The Word of the Lord.

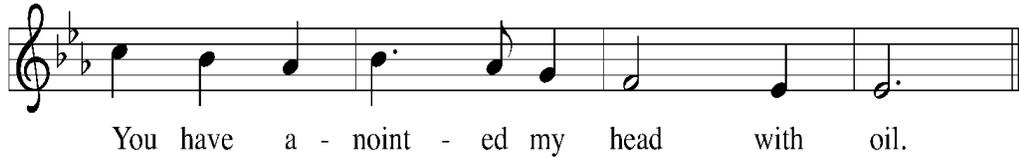
**C Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm

## Psalm 23

*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> The Lord | is my shepherd;  
I shall not | be in want.
- <sup>2</sup> **The Lord makes me lie down | in green pastures  
and leads me be- | side still waters.**
- <sup>3</sup> You restore my | soul, O Lord,  
and guide me along right pathways | for your name's sake.
- <sup>4</sup> **Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall | fear no evil;  
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they | comfort me. R**
- <sup>5</sup> You prepare a table before me in the presence | of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is | running over.
- <sup>6</sup> **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days | of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the | Lord forever. R**

## Second Reading

Ephesians 5:8-14

*Because we now live in the divine light which is Jesus Christ, we conduct our lives ways that reflect the light of Christ, so that our activity is truly pleasing to God.*

A A reading from Ephesians.

<sup>8</sup> Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Walk as children of light<sup>9</sup> for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. <sup>10</sup> Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. <sup>11</sup> Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness; rather, expose them. <sup>12</sup> For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly, <sup>13</sup> but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, <sup>14</sup> for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

“Sleeper, awake!

Rise from the dead,  
and Christ will shine on you.”

A The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*The assembly stands to welcome the Gospel.*

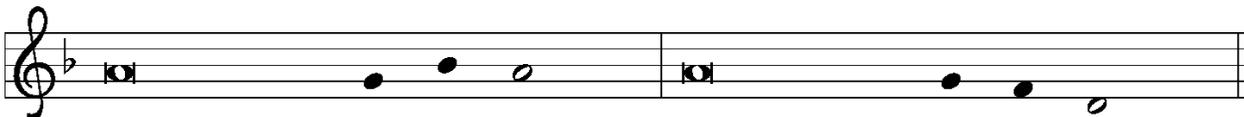
## Gospel Acclamation

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



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

*Verse tone*



*Cantor*

*Jesus says, I am the light | of the world;\* whoever follows me will have the | light of life. (John 8:12)*

## Gospel Reading

John 9:1-41

*Jesus heals a man born blind, provoking a hostile reaction that he regards as spiritual blindness to the things of God.*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 9th chapter.



As [Jesus] walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. <sup>2</sup> His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” <sup>3</sup> Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God’s works might be revealed in him. <sup>4</sup> We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. <sup>5</sup> As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” <sup>6</sup> When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man’s eyes, <sup>7</sup> saying to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. <sup>8</sup> The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” <sup>9</sup> Some were saying, “It is he.” Others were saying, “No, but it is someone like him.” He kept saying, “I am he.” <sup>10</sup> But they kept asking him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” <sup>11</sup> He answered, “The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ Then I went and washed and received my sight.” <sup>12</sup> They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.”

<sup>13</sup> They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. <sup>14</sup> Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. <sup>15</sup> Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, “He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see.” <sup>16</sup> Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not observe the Sabbath.” Others said, “How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?” And they were divided. <sup>17</sup> So they said again to the blind man, “What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened.” He said, “He is a prophet.”

<sup>18</sup> The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight <sup>19</sup> and asked them, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?” <sup>20</sup> His parents answered, “We know that this is our son and that he was born blind, <sup>21</sup> but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.” <sup>22</sup> His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. <sup>23</sup> Therefore his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.”

<sup>24</sup> So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, “Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner.” <sup>25</sup> He answered, “I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.” <sup>26</sup> They said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?” <sup>27</sup> He answered them, “I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?” <sup>28</sup> Then they reviled him, saying, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. <sup>29</sup> We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.” <sup>30</sup> The man answered, “Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, yet he opened my eyes. <sup>31</sup> We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. <sup>32</sup> Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. <sup>33</sup> If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.” <sup>34</sup> They answered him, “You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?” And they drove him out.

<sup>35</sup> Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” <sup>36</sup> He answered, “And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.” <sup>37</sup> Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.” <sup>38</sup> He said, “Lord, I believe.” And he worshiped him. <sup>39</sup> Jesus said, “I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see may see and those who do see may become blind.” <sup>40</sup> Some of the Pharisees who were with him heard this and said to him, “Surely we are not blind, are we?” <sup>41</sup> Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, ‘We see,’ your sin remains.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C

The musical notation is on a single staff with a treble clef and a common time signature (C). The melody consists of the following notes: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), D5 (quarter), E5 (quarter), F5 (quarter), G5 (quarter), F5 (quarter), E5 (quarter), D5 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter). A slur covers the notes from C5 to F5. The lyrics 'Praise to you, O Christ.' are written below the staff, aligned with the notes.

*The assembly may be seated.*

### **Sermon**

*Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

### **Hymn of the Day**

*Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*

*The assembly stands at last stanza.*

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- 1** Amazing grace! how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me  
I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.
- 2** 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;  
how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!
- 3** Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come;  
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
- 4** The Lord has promised good to me; his word my hope secures;  
he will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.
- 5** When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

**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**

*O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate (verses 1-2)*

**ELW 722**

**ELLACOMBE**

- 1 O Christ, your heart, compassionate, bore every human pain.  
Its beating was the pulse of God; its breadth, God's vast domain.  
The heart of God, the heart of Christ combined in perfect rhyme  
to write God's love in human deeds, eternity in time.**
  
- 2 As once you welcomed those cast down and healed the sick, the blind,  
so may all bruised and broken lives through us your help still find.  
Lord, join our hearts with those who weep that none may weep alone,  
and help us bear another's pain as though it were our own.**

## 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!**

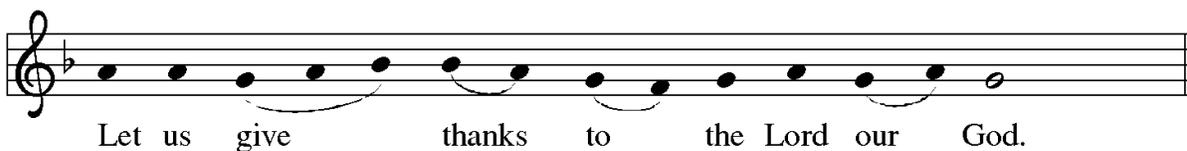
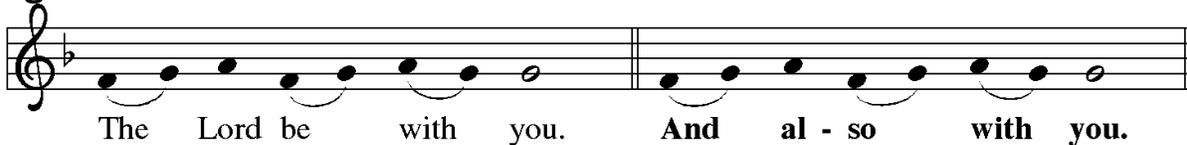
A O God, maker of heaven and earth, your steadfast love embraces all creation. You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty. Through these gifts of bread and wine, draw us into the death and life of your Son, who calls us to bear witness to his saving work. We ask this in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

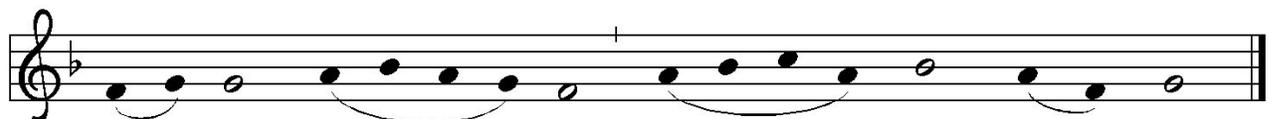
C



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**

*O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate (verses 3-4)*  
*The assembly stands.*

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**ELLACOMBE**

**3 O Christ, create new hearts in us that beat in time with yours,  
that, joined by faith with your great heart, become love's open doors.  
We are your body, risen Christ; our hearts, our hands we yield  
that through our life and ministry your love may be revealed.**

**4 O Love that made the distant stars, yet marks the sparrow's fall,  
whose arms stretched wide upon a cross embrace and bear us all:  
come, make your church a servant church that walks your servant ways,  
whose deeds of love rise up to you, a sacrifice of praise!**

## **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

*In the Cross of Christ I Glory*

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**RATHBUN**

- 1 In the cross of Christ I glory, tow'ring o'er the wrecks of time.  
All the light of sacred story gathers round its head sublime.**
- 2 When the woes of life o'ertake me, hopes deceive, and fears annoy,  
never shall the cross forsake me; lo, it glows with peace and joy.**
- 3 When the sun of bliss is beaming light and love upon my way,  
from the cross the radiance streaming adds more luster to the day.**
- 4 Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure, by the cross are sanctified;  
peace is there that knows no measure, joys that through all time  
abide.**

### 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 15 4 Lent <b>April Call</b> Deadline	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 16	6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 42 (ASH)
Tuesday March 17	9:30 a.m. Workshop (St. Lydia/ASH) 10:00 a.m. Workshop/Prayer Shawl Open House 10:00 a.m. Ready for School, Ready to Succeed (St. Peter & Paul)
Wednesday March 18	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 March 20	11:00 a.m. Ready for School, Ready to Succeed (St. Peter & Paul)
Saturday March 21	5:00 p.m. Word and Sacrament (Chapel)
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)

## **Daily Readings**

M	Isaiah 59:9-19, Acts 9:1-20, Psalm 146
T	Isaiah 42:14-21, Colossians 1:9-14, Psalm 146
W	Isaiah 60:17-22, Matthew 9:27-34, Psalm 146
T	Ezekiel 1:1-3;2:8-3:3, Revelation 10:1-1, Psalm 130
F	Ezekiel 33:10-16., Revelation 11:15-19, Psalm 130
Sa	Ezekiel 36:8-15, Luke 24:44-53, Psalm 130
Su	Ezekiel 37:1-14, Romans 8:6-11, John 11:1-45, Psalm 130



## Worship Dedications

The bulletins are given to the Glory of God by Janice Breon and family in honor of Randy's birthday.

The lamps are burning to the Glory of God by Greg and Karen Borzok in memory of Monson and Helen Coffman.

## 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	3,013.00
Difference	(1891.00)

## 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 15	The First Dinner: Risking Rejection
March 22	The Last Supper: Risking the Loss of Friends
March 29	Gethsemane: Risking Temptation

John Switaj is teaching the class.

## **WORKSHOP NEWS**

First and Foremost , we will be having an Open House Tuesday, March 17 from 10 -11:30 in All Saints Hall. Drop by to see what we do on Tuesday mornings. Light refreshments will be served. Despite the inclement weather, we were hard at work! We donated a tub of Children’s scarves to the Read to Succeed program that meets twice weekly in the St. Peter and Paul rooms. Lap robes were donated to the Lebanon VA (10), Middletown Home (5), and UPMC (14) as well as 10 Fidget Mats (Georgia Rehm).

**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.

Thank you so much for all of the thoughts, prayers, cards, messages, and kindnesses throughout John's surgery and ongoing recovery process. Blessings, John and Sue Bricker

**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.

## **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.

**LUTHERAN CAMPING—WOMEN'S QUILTING WEEKEND** will be held at Kirchenwald March 20 through 22. Bring your own projects or learn techniques from experienced quilters. Enjoy a weekend apart! Cost is \$190 for the weekend. For more information and to register: [lutherancamping.org/events](http://lutherancamping.org/events).

## 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.

Marcia Freed-Dankman  
Kirk Barbour

Ushers

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

John and Sylvia McAnnaney  
Vicki Delp and Bob Roller

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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