



The Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd

**Holy Eucharist
Third Sunday of Lent
March 8, 2026
8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.**

In today's gospel the Samaritan woman asks Jesus for water, an image of our thirst for God. Jesus offers living water, a sign of God's grace flowing from the waters of baptism. The early church used this gospel and those of the next two Sundays to deepen baptismal reflection during the final days of preparation before baptism at Easter. As we journey to the resurrection feast, Christ comes among us in word, bath, and meal—offering us the life-giving water of God's mercy and forgiveness.

Gathering

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

Prelude

Silent Procession

Gathering Song

*Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross
The assembly stands.*

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NEAR THE CROSS

**1 Jesus, keep me near the cross,
there's a precious fountain;
free to all, a healing stream
flows from Calv'ry's mountain. *Refrain***

**3 Near the cross! O Lamb of God,
bring its scenes before me;
help me walk from day to day
with its shadow o'er me. *Refrain***

Refrain

**In the cross, in the cross
be my glory ever;
till my ransomed soul shall find
rest beyond the river.**

**4 Near the cross I'll watch and wait,
hoping, trusting ever,
till I reach the golden strand
just beyond the river. *Refrain***

**2 Near the cross, a trembling soul,
love and mercy found me;
there the bright and morning star
sheds its beams around me. *Refrain***

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 I will prove my holiness through you. I will gather you from the ends of the earth; I will pour clean water on you and wash away all your sins.

C **I will give you a new spirit within you, says the Lord. (Ezekiel 36:23-26)**

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.



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 simple and homophonic. The lyrics are: Ky-ri-e, Ky-ri-e, e-le-i-son. (fine)

Prayer of the Day

P Merciful God, the fountain of living water, you quench our thirst and wash away our sin. Give us this water always. Bring us to drink from the well that flows with the beauty of your truth 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

Exodus 17:1-7

Because the thirsty Israelites quarreled with Moses and put God to the test, Moses cried out in desperation to God. God commanded Moses to strike the rock to provide water for the people. The doubt-filled question—“Is the Lord among us or not?”—received a very positive answer.

A A reading from Exodus.

¹ From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ² The people quarreled with Moses and said, “Give us water to drink.” Moses said to them, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?” ³ But the people thirsted there for water, and the people complained against Moses and said, “Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?” ⁴ So Moses cried out to the Lord, “What shall I do for this people? They are almost ready to stone me.” ⁵ The Lord said to Moses, “Go on ahead of the people and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile and go. ⁶ I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.” Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷ He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, “Is the Lord among us or not?”

A The Word of the Lord.

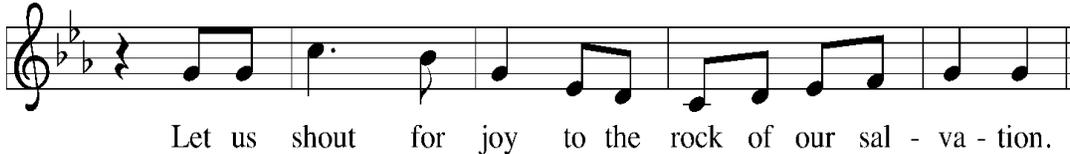
C Thanks be to God.

Psalm

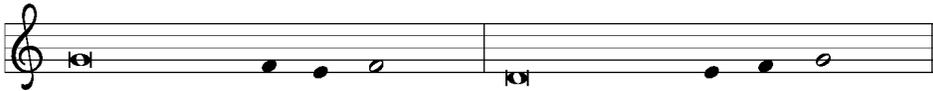
Psalm 95

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



- ¹ Come, let us sing | to the Lord;
let us shout for joy to the rock of | our salvation.
- ² **Let us come before God's presence | with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to the | Lord with psalms.**
- ³ For you, Lord, | are a great God,
and a great ruler a- | bove all gods.
- ⁴ **In your hand are the caverns | of the earth;
the heights of the hills are | also yours.**
- ⁵ The sea is yours, | for you made it,
and your hands have molded | the dry land.
- ⁶ **Come, let us worship | and bow down,
let us kneel before the | Lord our maker. R**
- ⁷ For the Lord is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture and the
sheep | of God's hand.
Oh, that today you would | hear God's voice!
- ⁸ **"Harden | not your hearts,
as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah | in the desert.**
- ⁹ There your ancestors | tested me,
they put me to the test, though they had | seen my works.
- ¹⁰ **Forty years I loathed that gener- | ation, saying,
'The heart of this people goes astray; they do not | know my ways.'**
- ¹¹ Indeed I swore | in my anger,
'They shall never come | to my rest.'" **R**

Second Reading

Romans 5:1-11

Though we often hear that God helps those who help themselves, here Paul tells us that through Jesus' death God helps utterly helpless sinners. Since we who had been enemies are reconciled to God in the cross, we now live in hope for our final salvation.

A A reading from Romans.

¹ Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³ And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, ⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵ and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

⁶ For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸ But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. ⁹ Much more surely, therefore, since we have now been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰ For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. ¹¹ But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

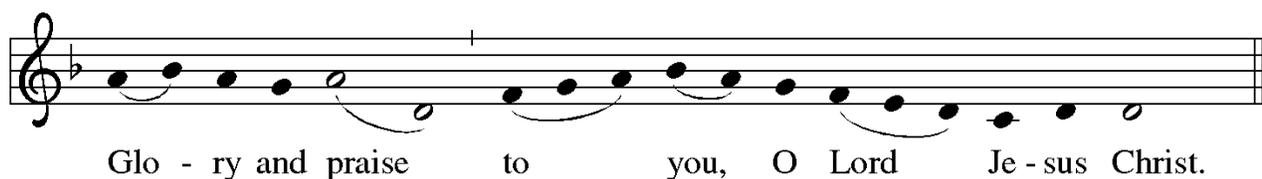
A The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

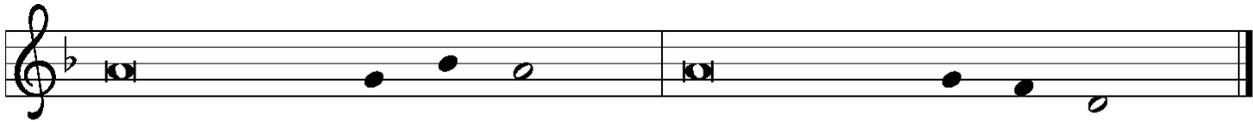
The assembly stands to welcome the Gospel.

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.



Verse tone



Cantor

Lord, you are truly the Savior | of the world; give me this living water that I may never | thirst again. (John 4:42, 15)*

Gospel Reading

John 4:5-42

Jesus defies convention to engage a Samaritan woman in conversation. Her testimony, in turn, leads many others to faith.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 4th chapter.

C



⁵ [Jesus] came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶ Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

⁷ A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." ⁸ (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) ⁹ The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) ¹⁰ Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." ¹¹ The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?" ¹² Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" ¹³ Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴ but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." ¹⁵ The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

¹⁶ Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come back.” ¹⁷ The woman answered him, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You are right in saying, ‘I have no husband,’ ¹⁸ for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!” ¹⁹ The woman said to him, “Sir, I see that you are a prophet. ²⁰ Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.” ²¹ Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²² You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³ But the hour is coming and is now here when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. ²⁴ God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” ²⁵ The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming” (who is called Christ). “When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.” ²⁶ Jesus said to her, “I am he, the one who is speaking to you.”

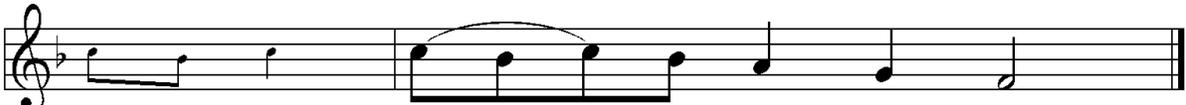
²⁷ Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, “What do you want?” or, “Why are you speaking with her?” ²⁸ Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, ²⁹ “Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?” ³⁰ They left the city and were on their way to him.

³¹ Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, “Rabbi, eat something.” ³² But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.” ³³ So the disciples said to one another, “Surely no one has brought him something to eat?” ³⁴ Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. ³⁵ Do you not say, ‘Four months more, then comes the harvest’? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. ³⁶ The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. ³⁷ For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’ ³⁸ I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.”

³⁹ Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I have ever done.” ⁴⁰ So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. ⁴¹ And many more believed because of his word. ⁴² They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C



Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly may be seated.

Sermon

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

Hymn of the Day

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

The assembly stands at last stanza.

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THIRD MODE MELODY

- 1** I heard the voice of Jesus say, “Come unto me and rest;
lay down, O weary one, lay down your head upon my breast.”
I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn, and sad;
I found in him a resting place, and he has made me glad.
- 2** I heard the voice of Jesus say, “Behold, I freely give
the living water, thirsty one; stoop down and drink and live.”
I came to Jesus, and I drank of that lifegiving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him.
- 3** I heard the voice of Jesus say, “I am this dark world’s light;
look unto me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright.”
I looked to Jesus, and I found in him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I’ll walk till trav’ling days are done.

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

Rock Of Ages, Cleft for Me (verses 1-2)

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TOPLADY

- 1 Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee;
let the water and the blood, from thy riven side which flowed,
be of sin the double cure; cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.**

- 2 Not the labors of my hands can fulfill thy law's demands;
could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow,
all for sin could not atone; thou must save, and thou alone.**

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!**

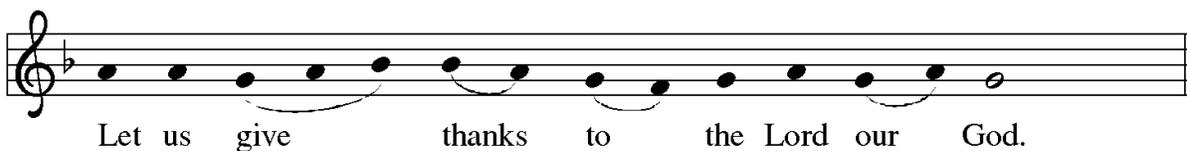
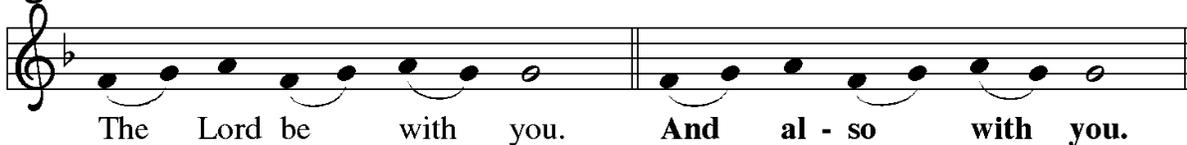
A O God, maker of heaven and earth, your steadfast love embraces all creation. You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty. Through these gifts of bread and wine, draw us into the death and life of your Son, who calls us to bear witness to his saving work. We ask this in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

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me (verses 3-4)
The assembly stands.

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TOPLADY

3 Nothing in my hand I bring; simply to thy cross I cling.

**Naked, come to thee for dress; helpless, look to thee for grace;
foul, I to the fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.**

**4 While I draw this fleeting breath, when mine eyelids close in death,
when I soar to worlds unknown, see thee on thy judgement throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee.**

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

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

ELW 807

NETTLETON

- 1** Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
While the hope of endless glory fills my heart with joy and love,
teach me ever to adore thee; may I still thy goodness prove.
- 2** Here I raise my Ebenezer: "Hither by thy help I've come";
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.
- 3** Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be;
let that grace now like a fetter bind my wand'ring heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

Dismissal

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

C Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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

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

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

Holy Eucharist

Saturdays at 5:00 p.m. in the Chapel

Sundays at 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. in the Nave

Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in the Chapel

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 Teachings: Risking Challenge. John Switaj leads the class, all are welcome!

This Week

Sunday March 8 3 Lent	8:30 a.m. Word and Sacrament (Nave/YouTube—link may be found at www.goodshepherdpxtang.com) 9:45 a.m. Adult Faith Formation (Gathering Room) 11:00 a.m. Word and Sacrament (Nave)
Monday March 9	6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 42 (ASH) 6:30 p.m. Church Council
Tuesday March 10	9:30 a.m. Workshop (St. Lydia/ASH) 11:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry
Wednesday March 11	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 www.goodshepherdpxtang.com)
Thursday March 12	10:00 a.m. Ready for School, Ready to Succeed (St. Peter & Paul)
Friday March 13	11:00 a.m. Ready for School, Ready to Succeed (St. Peter & Paul)
Saturday March 14	5:00 p.m. Word and Sacrament (Chapel)
Sunday March 15 4 Lent	8:30 a.m. Word and Sacrament (Nave/YouTube—link may be found at www.goodshepherdpxtang.com) 9:45 a.m. Adult Faith Formation (Gathering Room) 11:00 a.m. Word and Sacrament (Nave)

Daily Readings

M	Genesis 24:1-27, 2 John 1-13, Psalm 81
T	Genesis 29:1-14, 1 Corinthians 10:1-4, Psalm 81
W	Jeremiah 2:4-13, John 7:14-31, Psalm 81
T	1 Samuel 15:10-21, Ephesians 4:25-32, Psalm 23
F	1 Samuel 15:22-31, Ephesians 5:1-9, Psalm 23
Sa	1 Samuel 15:32-34, John 1:1-9, Psalm 23
Su	1 Samuel 16:1-13, Ephesians 5:8-14, John 9:1-41, Psalm 23



Worship Dedications

The bulletins are given to the Glory of God by Kristen Stewart.

The lamps are burning to the Glory of God
and are given in memory of my parents' birthdays

By Larry and Dixie McCauley.

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	4,346.30
Difference	(557.70)

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.



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 8 Teachings: Risking Challenge
- 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.

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 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.

COMMUNITY/CONGREGATIONAL MEAL: Join Paxton Presbyterian Church on March 11 from 5:00 p.m.—6:30 p.m. for a free meal. All are welcome. Take out available if needed. Gluten-Free and Vegetarian options will be available. Questions? Call Paxton Church office—717.561.0510

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
Dixie McCauley

Ushers

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

Linda Marden and Janice Ulerick
Bill and Sandy Baum

The Parish Staff

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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