



# The Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd

**Holy Eucharist  
Transfiguration of Our Lord  
February 15, 2026  
8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.**

*Today's festival is a bridge between the Advent-Christmas-Epiphany cycle that comes to a close today and the Lent-Easter cycle that begins in several days. On a high mountain Jesus is revealed as God's beloved Son, echoing the words at his baptism. This vision of glory sustains us as Jesus faces his impending death in Jerusalem. We turn this week to Ash Wednesday and our yearly baptismal journey from Lent to Easter. Some churches put aside the alleluia at the conclusion of today's liturgy. This word of joy will be omitted during the penitential season of Lent and will be sung again at Easter.*

## **Gathering**

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

### **Prelude**

*The assembly stands at the ringing of the bell, at the entrance of the Nave.*

### **Invocation**

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

C Amen.

### **Apostolic Greeting**

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

C And also with you.

### **Confession and Forgiveness**

P As we prepare to celebrate the mystery of Christ's love, let us acknowledge our failures and ask the Lord for pardon and strength.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

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 Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins.

C Amen.

### Gathering Song

*Beautiful Savior*

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1 **Beautiful Savior,**  
**King of creation,**  
**Son of God and Son of Man!**  
**Truly I'd love thee,**  
**truly I'd serve thee,**  
**light of my soul, my joy, my crown.**

3 **Fair is the sunshine,**  
**fair is the moonlight,**  
**bright the sparkling stars on high;**  
**Jesus shines brighter,**  
**Jesus shines purer**  
**than all the angels in the sky.**

2 **Fair are the meadows,**  
**fair are the woodlands,**  
**robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;**  
**Jesus is fairer,**  
**Jesus is purer,**  
**he makes our sorrowing spirit sing.**

4 **Beautiful Savior,**  
**Lord of the nations,**  
**Son of God and Son of Man!**  
**Glory and honor,**  
**praise, adoration,**  
**now and forevermore be thine!**

### Entrance Antiphon

P In the shining cloud the Spirit is seen; from it the voice of the Father is heard: This is my Son, my beloved, in whom is all my delight.

C Listen to him. (*Matthew 17:5*)

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to God's people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to God's people on earth.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.**

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to God's people on earth.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen, amen.**

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to God's people on earth.**

### **Prayer of the Day**

P     O God, in the transfiguration of your Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice from the bright cloud declaring Jesus your beloved Son, you foreshadowed our adoption as your children. Make us heirs with Christ of your glory, and bring us the enjoy its fullness, 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 24:12-18**

*At Mount Sinai, Moses experienced the presence of God for Forty nights. The “Glory of the Lord” settled on the mountain, and on the seventh day God called out to Moses. On the Mountain God gave Moses the stone tablets inscribed with the ten commandments.*

A A reading from Exodus.

<sup>12</sup> The LORD said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain and wait there; I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.” <sup>13</sup> So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up onto the mountain of God. <sup>14</sup> To the elders he had said, “Wait here for us, until we come back to you. Look, Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.”

<sup>15</sup> Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain.

<sup>16</sup> The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. <sup>17</sup> Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the Israelites. <sup>18</sup> Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

A The Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm

**Psalm 2**

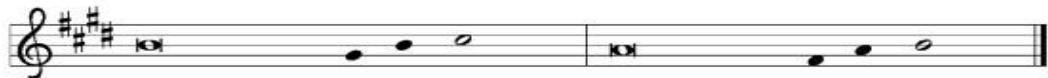
*The refrain will be sung by the cantor and repeated by the assembly. The Psalm is sung antiphonally with congregation singing verses in bold. The refrain is then repeated as indicated R.*

*Psalm refrain*



You are my son; this day have I be - got - ten you.

## Psalm tone



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<sup>1</sup> Why are the nations <sup>1</sup> in an uproar?  
Why do the peoples mutter <sup>1</sup> empty threats?

<sup>2</sup> **Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt, and the princes <sup>1</sup> plot together,**  
**against the LORD and against the <sup>1</sup> LORD's anointed?**

<sup>3</sup> "Let us break their <sup>1</sup> yoke," they say;  
"let us cast off their <sup>1</sup> bonds from us."

<sup>4</sup> **God whose throne is in heav- <sup>1</sup> en is laughing;**  
**the LORD holds them <sup>1</sup> in derision. R**

<sup>5</sup> Then in wrath God <sup>1</sup> speaks to them,  
and in rage fills <sup>1</sup> them with terror.

<sup>6</sup> **"As for me, I have anoint- <sup>1</sup> ed my king**  
**upon Zion, my <sup>1</sup> holy mountain."**

<sup>7</sup> Let me announce the decree <sup>1</sup> of the LORD,  
who said to me, "You are my son; this day have I be- <sup>1</sup> gotten you."

<sup>8</sup> **Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for <sup>1</sup> your inheritance**  
**and the ends of the earth for <sup>1</sup> your possession. R**

<sup>9</sup> You shall crush them with an <sup>1</sup> iron rod  
and shatter them like a <sup>1</sup> piece of pottery."

<sup>10</sup> **And now, you <sup>1</sup> kings, be wise;**  
**be warned, you rulers <sup>1</sup> of the earth.**

<sup>11</sup> Submit to the <sup>1</sup> LORD with fear,  
and with trembling <sup>1</sup> bow in worship;

<sup>12</sup> **lest the LORD be angry, and you perish in a sudden <sup>1</sup> blaze of wrath.**  
**Happy are all who take ref- <sup>1</sup> uge in God! R**

## Second Reading

## 2 Peter 1:16-21

*At the transfiguration, God's voice was heard, declaring Jesus to be the beloved Son. By the activity of the Holy Spirit, God's voice continues to be heard through the word of scripture.*

### A A reading from 2nd Peter

<sup>16</sup> We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. <sup>17</sup> For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." <sup>18</sup> We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

<sup>19</sup> So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. <sup>20</sup> First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, <sup>21</sup> because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

### A The Word of the Lord.

### C Thanks be to God.

*The assembly stands to welcome the Gospel.*

## Gospel Acclamation

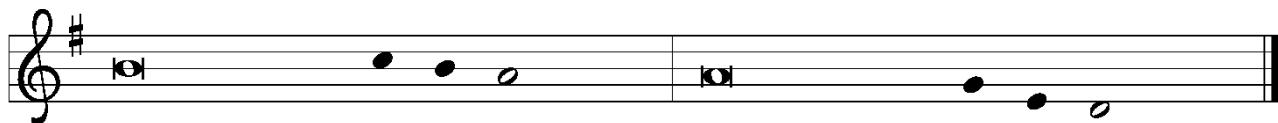
*The cantor introduces the acclamation. The assembly will repeat the acclamation. Following the verse, the acclamation is sung again by all.*



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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*Verse tone*



*Cantor*

This is my <sup>1</sup> Son, my Chosen,\* lis- <sup>1</sup> ten to him! (Luke 9:35)

**Gospel**

**Matthew 17: 1-9**

*Shortly before he enters Jerusalem, where he will be crucified, Jesus is revealed to Peter, James, and John in a mountaintop experience of divine glory called the transfiguration.*

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

**C** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. <sup>2</sup> And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light. <sup>3</sup> Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. <sup>4</sup> Then Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will set up three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” <sup>5</sup> While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!” <sup>6</sup> When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. <sup>7</sup> But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Get up and do not be afraid.” <sup>8</sup> And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

<sup>9</sup> As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, “Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

**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**

*Shine, Jesus, Shine*

*The assembly stands at the last stanza.*

### *Refrain*

**Shine, Jesus, Shine,  
fill this land with the Father's glory;  
blaze, Spirit, Blaze,  
set our hearts on fire.  
Flow, river, flow,  
flood the nations with grace and mercy;  
send forth your Word,  
Lord, and let there be light!**

- 1 Lord, the light of your love is shining,  
In the midst of the darkness, shining;  
Jesus, light of the world, shine upon us,  
set us free by the truth you now bring us.  
Shine on me, shine on me: *Refrain***
  
- 2 As we gaze on your kingly brightness,  
so our faces display your likeness,  
ever changing from glory to glory,  
mirrored here, may our lives tell your story.  
Shine on me, shine on me: *Refrain***

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SHINE, JESUS, SHINE

**C We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation**

**he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,**

**and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## Peace

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

P In the waters of the font, God has made us one with Christ who is our life, our hope, and our salvation. The peace of the risen Christ be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

Greeting: Peace be with you.

Response: Peace be with you.

*The assembly may be seated.*

## Meal

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

### Offering

### Offertory

#### Offertory Song

*Drawn to the light*

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

**ELW 593**

La Crosse

#### Drawn to the Light

1 People who walk in darkness have sought  
a light in the heart of the darkest night.  
Just when we thought all would be lost,  
we were drawn to the light of God.

#### Refrain

Dawn is in sight! Gone is the night,  
drawn to the light and the morning.  
Glorious and bright, oh, what a sight  
to be drawn to the light of God.

2 How can we tell a heaven from hell  
if ev'ryone dwells in the dark of night?  
Morning dispels, gently compels,  
and we're drawn to the light of God. *Refrain*

3 Where is the sun? Oh, there will be none!  
The Lamb is the one who is shining bright,  
bids us to come! Life has begun  
when we're drawn to the light of God. *Refrain*

## Offertory Prayer

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

**C Blessed be God forever!**

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

**C Blessed be God forever!**

P God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always.

**C Amen.**

## Great Thanksgiving Dialogue

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

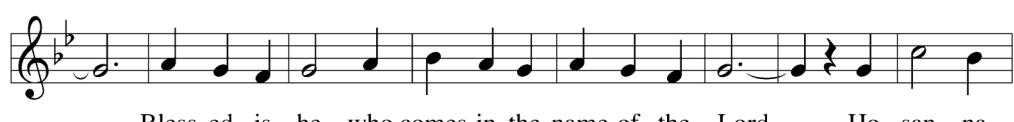
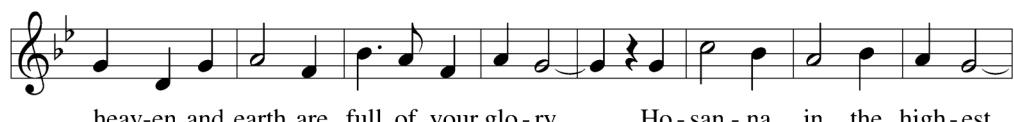
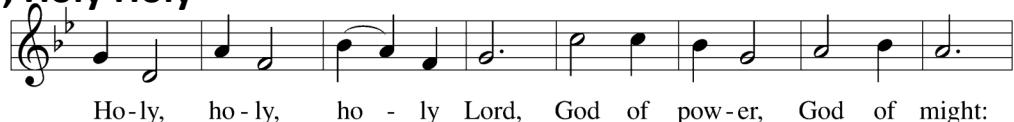
**C We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## Preface

### Holy, Holy Holy



## Eucharistic Prayer

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

C



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

*The Eucharistic prayer concludes, "forever and ever."*

C



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

## The Lord's Prayer

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

C Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.

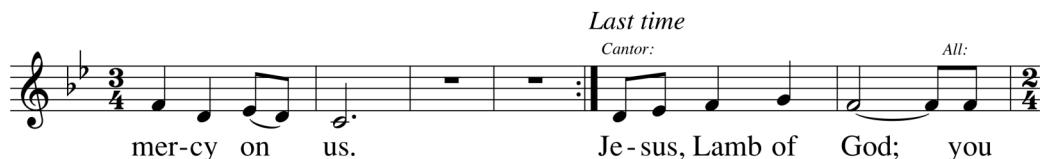
## Lamb of God



Cantor:  
1. Je-sus, Lamb of



All:  
God, you take a-way the sins of the world: have



Last time  
Cantor:  
mer-cy on us. Je-sus, Lamb of God; you



All:  
take a-way the sins of the world: grant us your peace.

## **Invitation to Communion**

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

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

*The assembly may be seated.*

## **Communion Of The Faithful**

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

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

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

## **Music During Distribution**

### **Song After Communion**

*I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

*The assembly stands.*

**1 I want to walk as a child of the light.  
I want to follow Jesus.  
God set the stars to give light to the world.  
The star of my life is Jesus. Refrain**

**3 I'm looking for the coming of Christ.  
I want to be with Jesus.  
When we have run with patience the race,  
we shall know the joy of Jesus.  
Refrain**

*Refrain*

**In him there is no darkness at all.  
The night and the day are both alike.  
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.  
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.**

**2 I want to see the brightness of God.  
I want to look at Jesus.  
Clear Sun of righteousness, shine on my path,  
and show me the way to the Father. Refrain**

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## **Prayer After Communion**

## Sending

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

### Blessing

P The Spirit of the triune God bless you with joy, anoint you with compassion and send you in love.

C Amen.

### Sending Song

**ELW 318**

*Alleluia, Song of Gladness (verses 1 and 2)*

PRAISE, MY SOUL

**1 Alleluia, song of gladness,  
voice of joy that cannot die;  
alleluia is the anthem  
ever dear to choirs on high;  
in the house of God abiding  
thus they sing eternally.**

**2 Alleluia you are sounding,  
true Jerusalem and free;  
alleluia, joyful mother,  
bring us to your jubilee;  
here by Babylon's sad waters  
mourning exiles still are we.**

### Farewell to the Alleluia

P Alleluia. Enclose and seal up the word, Alleluia.

**C Let it remain in the secret of your heart, Alleluia, until the  
appointed time.**

P You shall say it with great joy when the day comes.

**C Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

### Sending Song (continued)

**ELW 318**

*Alleluia, Song of Gladness (verses 3 and 4)*

PRAISE, MY SOUL

**3 Alleluia cannot always  
be our song while here below;  
alleluia our transgressions  
make us for a while forgo;  
for the solemn time is coming  
when our tears for sin shall flow.**

**4 In our hymns we pray with longing:  
Grant us, blessed Trinity,  
at the last to keep glad Easter  
with the faithful saints on high;  
there to you forever singing  
alleluia joyfully.**

### Dismissal

A The liturgy is ended. Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.

**C Thanks be to God.**

### Postlude

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

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

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

## **Holy Eucharist**

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

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

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

## **Adult Sunday School**

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

## **Daily Readings**

M	Psalm 78:17-20, 52-55, Exodus 33:7-23, Acts 7:30-34
T	Psalm 78:17-20, 52-55, 1 Kings 19:9-18, Romans 11:1-6
W	Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 or Isaiah 58: 1-12, Psalm 51: 1-17, 2 Corinthians 5:20b 6:10
Th	Psalm 51, Jonah 3:1-10, Romans 1: 1-7
F	Psalm 51, Jonah 4: 1-11, Romans 1:8-17,
Sa	Psalm 51, Isaiah 58: 1-12, Matthew 18: 1-7
Su	Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7, Psalm 32, Romans 5:12-19, Matthew 4:1-11

## This Week

Sunday	
February 15	8:30 a.m. Word and Sacrament (Nave/YouTube—link may be found at <a href="http://www.goodshepherdpaxtang.com">www.goodshepherdpaxtang.com</a> )
Transfiguration of Our Lord	9:45 a.m. Adult Faith Formation (Gathering Room) 11:00 a.m. Word and Sacrament (Nave)
Monday	10:00 a.m. Alma Fultz Visitation (Chapel) 11:00 a.m. Alma Fultz Memorial Service (Chapel) 12:00 p.m. Fultz Luncheon (ASH)
February 16	6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 42 (ASH)
Tuesday	9:30 a.m. Workshop/(St. Lydia/ASH)
February 17	10:00 a.m. Ready for School, Ready to Succeed (Sts. Peter & Paul) 7:00 p.m. Pastors Bible Study (Gathering Room)
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Wednesday	9:30 a.m. Word and Sacrament (Chapel)
February 18	7:00 p.m. Word and Sacrament (Nave/YouTube—link may be
Friday	10:00 a.m. Ready for School, Ready to Succeed (St. Peter & Paul)
February 20	
Saturday	5:00 p.m. Word and Sacrament (Chapel)
February 21	
Sunday	8:30 a.m. Word and Sacrament (Nave/YouTube—link may be found at <a href="http://www.goodshepherdpaxtang.com">www.goodshepherdpaxtang.com</a> )
February 22	9:45 a.m. Adult Faith Formation (Gathering Room) 11:00 a.m. Word and Sacrament (Nave) 6:30 p.m. Living Room Dialogue (Gathering Room)

## Last Week

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

Spending Proposal Per Week	\$ 4,904.00
Total Received	\$3,971.42
Difference	(\$932.58)



## **Worship Dedications**

The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by Edna Hafer in memory of Bob Hafer.

The bulletins are given to the Glory of God by Greg and Karen Borzok in memory of Anthony and Julia Borzok.

The lamps are burning to the Glory of God By Dix McCauley in memory of Carol McCauley.

## **Announcements**

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

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

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



**WORKSHOP AND PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY OPEN HOUSE** will be held on **Tuesday, March 17**, from 10 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. in All Saints Hall at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Paxtang, 3700 Rutherford St. Workshop meets on Tuesday mornings to create quilts, school bags, personal care kits, lap robes, fidget mats, knit and crocheted baby hats and sweaters, baby afghans and many more items for needy people, both locally and around the world. The Prayer Shawl group is no longer meeting in the evenings. Paxtang Presbyterian and St. Catherine's par-

**FAREWELL TO THE ALLELUIA:** In today's worship, we will bid farewell to The Alleluia. Because of the penitential character of the season of Lent, singing or saying the word "alleluia" (which means Praise the Lord) has historically been suspended during Lent's 40 days. As we sing the Sending Song, the Alleluia banner will be carried out and placed in a wooden burial box and will remain enclosed in the box until our Easter celebration. During Lent, the burial box will be placed in the chancel in front of the altar, bringing to mind the solemnity of the Lenten season each time we worship. The text of our final hymn reminds us that our song of gladness can *never* die, but because of our sin, "alleluia" cannot always be our song. Yet the words of the hymn also anticipate the joy of Easter when glad alleluias return!

**LENTEN DEVOTIONALS** A devotional for the Season of Lent, *Mercy Passion and joy*, is available in the Narthex. This devotional is centered on Scripture and the wisdom of C. S. Lewis, followed by reflections from the author, Joel Heck. Please take a booklet with you to enrich your personal devotions during this Lenten season. In addition, if you have a young person in your life, several copies of *Lord, I'm Listening* are also located in the Narthex. This daily devotional for children takes the reader on a sound-filled Lenten Journey.

**SOUPER SUPPERS TO RETURN :** Lent begins this year with Ash Wednesday on February 18th. Following Ash Wednesday, the Wednesday night Lenten "Souper" Suppers begin on February 25 continuing for five (5) weeks. **Supper will be at 5:30 p.m. with Lenten Vespers to be held at 7 p.m. in the Nave.** The Hospitality Committee is asking for volunteers to sign-up to bring a crockpot of soup or a loaf of bread or dessert. Volunteers are also needed to set-up or clean-up for Wednesday night supper. Sign-up sheets for soup, bread/crackers, dessert and set-up and clean-up can be found in the Narthex of the Nave. If you have any questions or comments, please see or contact Susan Master.

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

## **Adult Faith Formation**

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

Feb. 22 Jerusalem: Risking Reputation

Mar. 1 The Temple: Risking Righteous Anger

Mar. 8 Teachings Risking Challenge

Mar. 15 The First Dinner Risking Rejection

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

Mar. 29 Gethsemane: Risking Temptation

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

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

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

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

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

# **Serving God's People at the Liturgies**

Preaching and Presiding

The Rev. Kathleen J. Baker, STM

Organist

Nicholas P. Werner

Assisting Ministers

8:30 a.m.

Fred Sprunk

11:00 a.m.

Dixie McCauley

Banner Bearers

8:30 a.m.

Kristen Stewart

11:00 a.m.

John Switaj

Ushers

8:30 a.m.

Georgia and Don Rehm

## **The Parish Staff**

Kathleen J. Baker, STM, Pastor

Kester T. Sobers III, Pastor Emeritus

Nicholas P. Werner, Director of Music

Herbert O. Fowler, Cantor Emeritus

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