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**All are welcome at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.** God makes no exceptions. In the spirit of Jesus Christ, we offer trust and respect to all, including those who may experience alienation, distrust, or rejection. We rely on the healing, unconditional love of God to shape our community in the name of the Good Shepherd. In keeping with our welcome, Good Shepherd is a *Reconciling In Christ* congregation, affirming our welcome to gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender persons to participate fully in the life of our congregation. **Guests and members, please sign the red fellowship pads in the pews.**

**All are welcome to come forward to receive the body and blood of Christ in the bread and wine.** The bread is gluten-free. Receive the bread with open hands, then dip it into either the chalice of wine or the glass goblet containing grape juice. If you have an allergy to eggs you may request a wafer. If you prefer a blessing, place your arms in front of your chest. You are also welcome to remain in the pew and offer prayers. Ushers will direct you to the communion line which forms at the back of the sanctuary and moves up to the altar rail. If you wish to have the pastor serve Communion in the pew, please inform one of the ushers before the service begins.

**Thank you for bringing children to worship tonight.** It is hard work to worship with kids, but it is such important work that helps them and the whole church. The sound of a child in worship is the sound of a new Christian being formed. The presence, energy, and noise of children are most welcome here.

**Easter flowers** – the Altar Guild welcomes contributions of fresh flowers and flowering plants to grace the sanctuary on Easter. Because of allergies and sensitivities, please refrain from choosing heavily scented flowers and plants. Hydrangeas, azaleas, tulips, and daffodils are examples of good choices. Please deliver the flowers to the Narthex table by 3:00 pm on Saturday, March 26.

**The Lent/Easter Offering-** will be split between ELCA World Hunger Appeal and Camp Ewalu.

### **HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES**

**Friday, March 25 - 7:00 p.m.** - Good Friday Service featuring the choral work “The Seven Last Words of Christ on the Cross” by Heinrich Schütz, with instruments and soloists  
**Saturday, March 26 - 7:00 p.m.** - Community Easter Vigil Service – First Lutheran Church  
**Sunday, March 27 - 9:30 a.m.** - Easter Festival Service with Holy Communion and Festival Brass

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From Evangelical Lutheran Worship (red book in pew) - page numbers (P.) in front; hymn numbers (#) in back, congregational responses in bold

*With nightfall and the beginning of this liturgy, our Lenten observance comes to its culmination. We gather with Christians around the world in observing the Three Days of Jesus' death and resurrection. Our remembering is more than a retracing of the last days of Jesus' life. Rather, throughout these Three Days, through word, sacrament, and ritual, we participate in the saving power of Jesus' Passover from death to life. As the Three Days begin, we are invited to glory in the cross of Christ—our salvation, our life, our resurrection.*

*On this night we hear Jesus' new commandment to love one another. As Jesus washed the feet of his disciples, we are called to follow his example of serving others living out our baptismal vocation with humility and care for one another, and especially for the poor and the marginalized.*

*We gather around the Lord's table, becoming what we eat and drink: the body of Christ, offering ourselves in love for the life of the world.*

*At the conclusion of the liturgy, the altar and chancel furnishings are removed, preparing the worship space for Good Friday. Through the stark ritual we recall that Jesus was abandoned by his followers, stripped of his dignity, and left to face the cross alone. We depart in silence, ready to continue the observance of the Three Days on Good Friday.*

**GATHERING**

**GATHERING MUSIC:** "The Celestial Banquet"- Olivier Messiaen

**PRAYER BELL-WELCOME-ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:** P. 258

**ABSOLUTION WITH LAYING ON OF HANDS**

*You are invited to come forward and receive absolution through the laying on of hands.*

**HYMNS DURING ABSOLUTION:** # 814, #528, #612

**GREETING/PRAYER OF THE DAY-** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.** Let us pray...

**WORD**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**FIRST READING:** Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM:** 116:1-2, 12-19

<sup>1</sup>I love the LORD, who has | heard my voice,  
and listened to my | supplication,

<sup>2</sup>**for the LORD has given | ear to me**  
**whenever | er I called.**

<sup>12</sup>How shall I re- | pay the LORD  
for all the good things God has | done for me?

<sup>13</sup>**I will lift the cup | of salvation**  
**and call on the name | of the LORD.**

<sup>14</sup>I will fulfill my vows | to the LORD  
in the presence of | all God's people.

<sup>15</sup>**Precious in your | sight, O LORD,**  
**is the death | of your servants.**

<sup>16</sup>O LORD, truly I | am your servant;  
I am your servant, the child of your handmaid; you have freed me | from my bonds.

<sup>17</sup>**I will offer you the sacrifice | of thanksgiving**  
**and call upon the name | of the LORD.**

<sup>18</sup>I will fulfill my vows | to the LORD  
in the presence of | all God's people,

<sup>19</sup>**in the courts of | the LORD's house,**  
**in the midst of you, | O Jerusalem.**

**SECOND READING:** 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

**I give you a | new commandment, that you love one another just as I | have loved**  
**you.**

**GOSPEL:** John 13:1-17, 31b-35

The holy gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** #358 Great God, Your Love Has Called Us

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION** Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

**PEACE** The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

*(Many prefer to avoid hand contact while sharing the peace because of health concerns, clasping elbows is a good option.)*

**MEAL**

**OFFERTORY:** "The Hanging Garden" - Jehan Alain

**OFFERING SONG:** #186 Create In Me A Clean Heart

**OFFERING PRAYER**

**COMMUNION LITURGY:** P. 199-200

**LORD'S PRAYER:** P.201 Our Father, who art in heaven...

**COMMUNION HYMNS:** Lamb of God P. 201, #708 Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love,  
#359 Where Charity and Love Prevail,

**BLESSING AND PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR**

**PSALM 88** - Found at the front of the red worship book, right after the last red tab marked on page edges. The congregation will join in the even numbered verses.

**DEPART IN SILENCE**

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