

# GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
A Reconciling in Christ Congregation  
An AMMPARO Welcoming Congregation

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

*\*Stand as you are able; Congregation responses are  
Page numbers (P.) found in front of red book in pew; hymn nu*

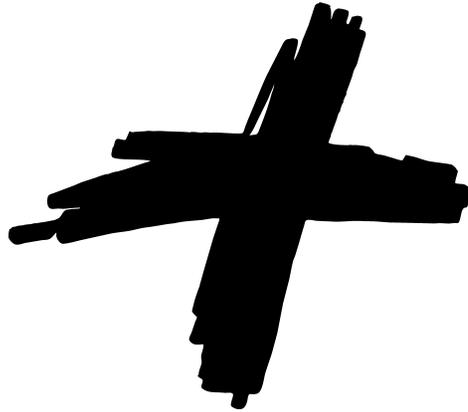
## GATHERING

**WE GATHER IN SILENCE**

**PRAYER BELL**

**WELCOME - ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*GATHERING SONG (sung in Greek)**



**Ash Wednesday Worship  
March 6, 2019  
7:00 p.m.**

## Lord, Have Mercy



1, 3 Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e e  
2 Chris - te e - lei - son. Chris - te e  
1, 3 Lord, . . . have mer - cy. Lord, . . . . have  
2 Christ, . . . have mer - cy. Christ, . . . . have



Ky - ri - e e - le - i -  
Chris - te e - le - i -  
Lord, . . . have mer -  
Christ, . . . have mer -

Music: Russian Orthodox traditional

**The Season of Lent** begins with a solemn call to fasting and repentance as we begin our journey to the baptismal waters of Easter. As we hear in today's readings, now is the time to return to the Lord. During Lent the people of God reflect on the meaning of our journey into Christ's death and resurrection. The sign of ashes suggests our human mortality and frailty. What seems like an ending is really an invitation to make each day a new beginning in which we are washed in God's mercy and forgiveness. With the cross on our brow, we long for the spiritual renewal that flows from the springtime Easter feast to come.

**\*GREETING:** The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY ... Amen.**

## WORD

**FIRST READING:** Isaiah 58:1-12

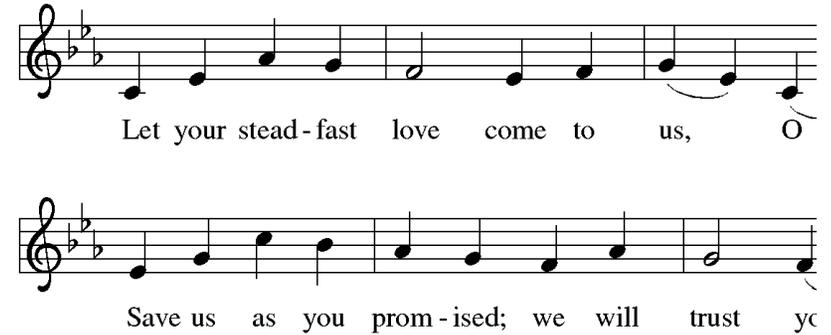
Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 51:1-17

- <sup>1</sup>Have mercy on me, O God, according to your | steadfast love;  
in your great compassion blot out | my offenses.
- <sup>2</sup>**Wash me through and through | from my wickedness,  
and cleanse me | from my sin.**
- <sup>3</sup>For I know | my offenses,  
and my sin is ev- | er before me.
- <sup>4</sup>**Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil | in your sight;  
so you are justified when you speak and right | in your judgment.**
- <sup>5</sup>Indeed, I was born | steeped in wickedness,  
a sinner from my | mother's womb.
- <sup>6</sup>**Indeed, you delight in truth | deep within me,  
and would have me know wisdom | deep within.**
- <sup>7</sup>Purge my sins with hyssop, and I | shall be clean;  
wash me, and I shall be pur- | er than snow.
- <sup>8</sup>**Let me hear | joy and gladness;  
that the body you have broken | may rejoice.**
- <sup>9</sup>Hide your face | from my sins,  
and blot out | all my wickedness.
- <sup>10</sup>**Create in me a clean | heart, O God,  
and renew a right spir- | it within me.**
- <sup>11</sup>Cast me not away | from your presence,  
and take not your Holy Spir- | it from me.
- <sup>12</sup>**Restore to me the joy of | your salvation  
and sustain me with your boun- | tiful Spirit.**
- <sup>13</sup>Let me teach your ways | to offenders,  
and sinners shall be re- | stored to you.
- <sup>4</sup>**Rescue me from bloodshed, O God of | my salvation,  
and my tongue shall sing | of your righteousness.**
- <sup>15</sup>O Lord, o- | pen my lips,  
and my mouth shall pro- | claim your praise.
- <sup>16</sup>**For you take no delight in sacrifice, or | I would give it.  
You are not pleased | with burnt offering.**
- <sup>17</sup>The sacrifice of God is a | troubled spirit;  
a troubled and broken heart, O God, you will | not despise.

**SECOND READING:** 2 Corinthians 5:20b--6:10  
Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

## \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



**\*GOSPEL:** Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

The holy gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**  
The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY:** #606 Our Father, We Have Wandered

## INVITATION TO LENT

### CONFESSION OF SIN:

Most holy and merciful God,  
**we confess to you and to one another,  
and before the whole company of heaven,  
that we have sinned by our fault, by our own fault,  
by our own most grievous fault,  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done and by what we have left undone.**  
We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength  
our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others as we have  
**Have mercy on us, O God.**  
We have shut our ears to your call to serve as Christ served us. We  
the mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy Spirit.  
**Have mercy on us, O God.**  
Our past unfaithfulness, the pride, envy, hypocrisy, and apathy that  
lives, we confess to you.  
**Have mercy on us, O God.**

Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people, we confess to you.

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to share the faith that is in us, we confess to you.

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

Our neglect of human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty, we confess to you.

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

Our false judgments, our uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us, we confess to you.

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

Our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us, we confess to you.

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

Restore us, O God, and let your anger depart from us.

**Hear us, O God, for your mercy is great.**

**PRAYER ... Amen.**

### **IMPOSITION OF ASHES**

*As you are ready, come down the center aisle.*

Hymns: #601 Savior, When in Dust to You; #328 Restore in Us, O God

*After all return to their seats:*

Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation,

**that we may show forth your glory in the world.**

By the cross and passion of your Son, our Savior,

**bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.**

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

**\*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION ... God of mercy, hear our prayer.**

### **MEAL**

#### **OFFERTORY**

*Lenten Midweek, Holy Week and Easter Sunday Offerings will be split between the Deacons' Community Food Pantry and ELCA World Hunger Appeal. Please write "Lent" on your memo line to support these causes.*

**\*OFFERING SONG:**

## **Create in Me a Clean Heart** *Offering Song*



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**\*OFFERING PRAYER**

**\*HOLY COMMUNION: P. 107-108**

**\*LORD'S PRAYER: P. 112** *Our Father in heaven (we'll pray the ecurr*  
*All are welcome at Christ's table. Ushers will direct you to the commur*  
*be served Communion in the pew, please inform one of the ushers. The*  
*gluten-free ingredients. Receive the bread with open hands, then dip it*  
*of wine or the glass goblet containing grape juice. Egg-free wheat wa*  
*request. If you prefer a blessing, place your arms in front of your che*  
*welcome to remain in the pew for reflection.*

**COMMUNION SONGS: P. 112** Lamb of God, #608 Softly and Te  
Calling, #592 Just As I Am, without One Plea

**TABLE BLESSING and PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

## SENDING

### SENDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### \*BLESSING

\***SENDING HYMN:** #321 Eternal Lord of Love, Behold Your Church

#### \*PRAYER BELL

\***ASH WEDNESDAY DISMISSAL:** Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people; love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. **Thanks be to God.**

#### POSTLUDE:

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**WORSHIP LEADERS AND USHERS** - USHERS: Kirk Johnson, John Jefferson; GREETER: Kerry Johnson; ACOLYTE: Mason Cote; ASSISTING MINISTER: Harland Nelson; READER: Jane Jakoubek; COMMUNION SERVER: Jane Jakoubek; CANTOR: Dennis Barnaal; ALTAR GUILD: Jeri Laursen, Bev Sheridan, Carrie Solberg; PREACHER & PRESIDER: Amy Larson; ORGANIST/PIANIST: Aaron Burmeister.

**LENTEN MIDWEEK WORSHIP THEME** - This Lent we will be reflecting on water and thirst. Our children and youth will be raising funds for Water to Thrive (see below). During our Midweek worship, our theme will be "Thirst - Reflections in Scripture and Poetry". The worship services will be a conversation between scripture, hymns and the poetry of Mary Oliver. The poetry will be offered in a variety of ways, including dance.

**LENTEN MIDWEEK WORSHIP** - Five Wednesdays, March. 13-April 10, at 5:30 p.m. The services will be about 30 minutes and then we'll share in Simple Soup Suppers following worship. Volunteers are needed to provide soups, including vegan and gluten-free offerings, and to serve/clean up. Sign-up posters are on the Narthex Table and are posted on our website's SignUpGenius link. Serving will be simplified - biodegradable bowls will be used; napkins, spoons, crackers, and water will be on the tables; milk will be available. The Coordinators will provide additional details and are happy to answer questions.

**THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LENTEN PROJECT** - Each year during Lent, the children of Good Shepherd invite the congregation to raise funds for a special mission project. We have chosen Water to Thrive ([https:// www.watertothrive.org/](https://www.watertothrive.org/)) as this year's recipient. Our project will be part of a larger water campaign effort with Decorah Middle School, Waverly Middle School, Luther College and Wartburg College. We will be sharing more about this community opportunity each Sunday morning in Lent and on our bulletin board in the hallway. Donations will be received beginning on the first Sunday of Lent and will continue through the Lenten Season. Please write Sunday School Project on your check. Thank you for your support of this project!

### ALL ARE WELCOME AT GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH.

exceptions. In the spirit of Jesus Christ, we offer trust and respect to who may experience alienation, distrust, or rejection. We rely on the unconditional love of God to shape our community in the name of the Holy Spirit. Keeping with our welcome, Good Shepherd is a *Reconciling in Christ* congregation, affirming our welcome to gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and other persons to participate fully in the life of our congregation. We are a Welcoming Congregation - Accompanying Migrant Minors with Protection and Opportunities.

**WELCOME GUESTS. THERE IS A PLACE FOR YOU HERE.** Guests are invited to sign and pass the red Hospitality Books in the pews. Guests, you're invited! Information cards about Good Shepherd.

**ALL ARE WELCOME TO SHARE IN HOLY COMMUNION.** It is Christ's invitation to all. The host. Instructions are included in the communion section of the Order of Worship.

**THE PRESENCE, ENERGY, AND NOISE OF CHILDREN ARE MOST WELCOME.** The sound of a child in worship is the sound of a new Christian being formed. Our congregation is glad to share in this work. A nursery is also available for parents and children. Activity bags are available there as well. **Mothers are welcome to nurse anywhere that works for you and your child. An Infant Feeding Room is available for breast or bottle feeding in the library, across from the Fellowship Hall.** Please turn on the space heater to warm the room.

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