

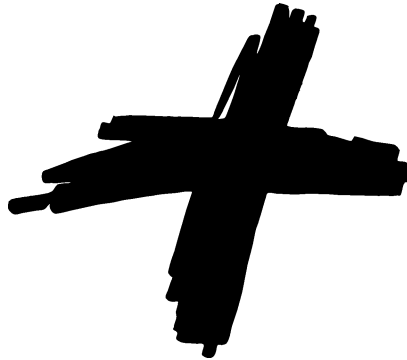
GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

... We Are God's People and the Sheep of God's Pasture ...

Psalm 100:3

On Ash Wednesday we begin our forty-day journey toward Easter with a day of fasting and repentance. Marking our foreheads with dust, we acknowledge that we die and return to the earth. At the same time, the dust traces the life-giving cross indelibly marked on our foreheads at baptism. While we journey through Lent to return to God, we have already been reconciled to God through Christ. We humbly pray for God to make our hearts clean while we rejoice that "now is the day of salvation." Returning to our baptismal call, we more intentionally bear the fruits of mercy and justice in the world.



Ash Wednesday Worship, February 22, 2023

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* partner congregation, affirming our welcome to persons of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions, and our commitment to anti-racism work so that all may participate fully in the life of our congregation. We are an *AMMPARO Welcoming Congregation* - Accompanying Migrant Minors with Protection, Advocacy, Representation and Opportunities.

Welcome guests! There is more information for you on the back of the bulletin.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

ELW (*red book in pew*) *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*

ACS (*purple book in pew*) *All Creation Sings*

Page numbers (P.) in front of red book and hymn numbers (#) in back of books;

Congregational responses are in **bold**; rise in body or spirit when indicated by *

GATHERING

WE GATHER IN SILENCE

PRAYER BELL

WELCOME - ANNOUNCEMENTS

***GATHERING SONG** *sung first by cantor then by all*

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

Chris - te e - lei - son. Christ, have mer - cy.

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

***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

¹Have mercy on me, O God, according to your | steadfast love;
in your great compassion blot out | my offenses.

²**Wash me through and through | from my wickedness,**
and cleanse me | from my sin.

³For I know | my offenses,
and my sin is ev- | er before me.

⁴**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.

⁵Indeed, I was born | steeped in wickedness,
a sinner from my | mother's womb.

⁶**Indeed, you delight in truth | deep within me,**
and would have me know wisdom | deep within.

⁷Purge my sins with hyssop, and I | shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be pur- | er than snow.

⁸**Let me hear | joy and gladness;**
that the body you have broken | may rejoice.

- ⁹Hide your face | from my sins,
and blot out | all my wickedness.
- ¹⁰**Create in me a clean | heart, O God,
and renew a right spir- | it within me.**
- ¹¹Cast me not away | from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spir- | it from me.
- ¹²**Restore to me the joy of | your salvation
and sustain me with your boun- | tiful Spirit.**
- ¹³Let me teach your ways | to offenders,
and sinners shall be re- | stored to you.
- ⁴**Rescue me from bloodshed, O God of | my salvation,
and my tongue shall sing | of your righteousness.**
- ¹⁵O Lord, o- | pen my lips,
and my mouth shall pro- | claim your praise.
- ¹⁶**For you take no delight in sacrifice, or | I would give it.
You are not pleased | with burnt offering.**
- ¹⁷**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**



Noth-ing in all cre - a - tion can sep-a-rate us from the love of God.



Noth-ing in all cre - a - tion can sep-a-rate us from the love of God.

***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:** ELW #606 Our Father, We Have Wandered

Our Father, We Have Wandered



1 Our Fa - ther, we have wan - dered and hid - den from your face;
2 And now at length dis - cern - ing the e - vil that we do,
3 O Lord of all the liv - ing, both ban - ished and re - stored,



in fool - ish - ness have squan - dered your leg - a - cy of grace.
be - hold us, Lord, re - turn - ing with hope and trust to you.
com - pas - sion - ate, for - giv - ing, and ev - er - car - ing Lord,



But now, in ex - ile dwell - ing, we rise with fear and shame,
In haste you come to meet us and home re - joic - ing bring,
grant now that our trans - gress - ing, our faith - less - ness may cease.



as, dis - tant but com - pel - ling, we hear you call our name.
in glad - ness there to greet us with calf and robe and ring.
Stretch out your hand in bless - ing, in par - don, and in peace.

Text: Kevin Nichols, 1929–2006

Music: HERZLICH TUT MICH VERLANGEN, Hans Leo Hassler, 1564–1612

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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. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven. **Have mercy on us, O God.**

We have shut our ears to your call to serve as Christ served us. We have not been true to 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 have infected our 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... Amen.**

IMPOSITION OF ASHES *As you are ready, come to the altar rail.*

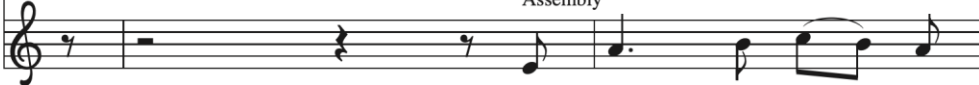
Return to God

Leader



1 In all af - flic - tion
2 With great en - dur - ance
3 In ev - 'ry hard - ship
4 With hum - ble spir - it
5 By speech that's truth - ful
6 To cease op - pres - sion
7 By lov - ing jus - tice
8 With gen - tle kind - ness

Assembly



1 In all af - flic - tion
2 With great en - dur - ance
3 In ev - 'ry hard - ship
4 With hum - ble spir - it
5 By speech that's truth - ful
6 To cease op - pres - sion
7 By lov - ing jus - tice
8 With gen - tle kind - ness

All



re - turn, re - turn to God.

Text: Marilyn Haskel, b. 1945

Music: RETURN TO GOD, Marilyn Haskel

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Remember That You Are Dust



* *May be sung in canon*

Text: Ash Wednesday liturgy

Music: CROSS OF ASHES, Mark Mummert, b. 1965

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Hymns: ACS #921 Return to God; ACS #919 Remember That You Are Dust

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 showers mercy upon you, forgives you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthens you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keeps you in eternal life.

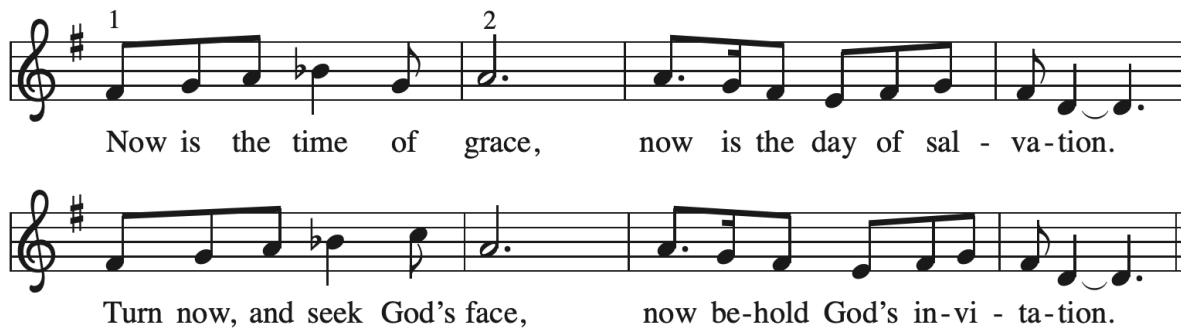
Amen. Amen.

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION ... Merciful God, receive our prayer.**

MEAL

OFFERTORY *This year, Lent giving is going towards House of Hope, Waterloo Iowa, a homeless shelter, for single women, mothers, and children. You're invited to place your Lenten offering in front of the altar or in the offering plate.*

***OFFERING SONG:** ACS # 918 Now is the Time of Grace



Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950, based on 2 Corinthians 6:2 and Isaiah 58:6-9

Music: TIME OF GRACE, Marty Haugen

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***OFFERING PRAYER... Amen.**

***GREAT THANKSGIVING- HOLY: P. 36** – after singing the Holy we join together in “Prayer D” (p. 38)



As the shadows lengthen,
we bless you, sheltering God.

We glorify you for the endless, starlit sky,

deep with the mystery of your creative labor
through all time and space.

We praise you for the fertile earth
and for the life its darkness holds and births:
plants of every variety,
animals curled in sleep,
humankind you shaped by your own hand.

Stay with us, for it is evening.

Stay with us, for it is evening.

Through the night
you led your people into freedom.
At day's end
you rained down manna in the wilderness.
At sundown
your Son brought healing to people in need.
In the midday night
when Jesus died on the cross,
life came forth for all.

Stay with us, for it is evening.

Stay with us, for it is evening.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Our hearts burn within us
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Like a mother hen,
hold us close through the coming night.
Watch with those who labor,
accompany those who long for peaceful sleep,
welcome those whose waking will be only in you.
Into our deepest night, come, Lord Jesus.

Come, Lord Jesus.

Come, Holy Spirit,
make here the body of Christ:

in the breaking of the bread,
in justice for our broken world,
in rest for the weary, come, Holy Spirit.
Come, Holy Spirit.

To you, O God,
painter of both night and day,
guiding star and healing sun,
breath of peace and wind of change,
be all glory, all honor, all praise
this night unto the coming dawn, now and forever.
Amen.

***LORD'S PRAYER:** P. 39 Our Father in Heaven... (we'll use this version during Lent)

HOLY COMMUNION *All are welcome at Christ's table. Ushers will direct you out of your pew, up the aisle near parking lot and to the altar rail where you can hold out your hands to receive the bread that is gluten free and dairy free. You will be offered a tray of red wine and yellow grape juice cups. Empty cups should be placed in the basket as you leave the altar. If you prefer a blessing, indicate that by placing your hands over your heart. You can also request a prepackaged individual serving of communion and partake of it at your pew.*

COMMUNION SONGS: P. 40 Lamb of God, ELW #608 Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling, ELW #592 Just As I Am, without One Plea

Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling



- 1 Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing for
- 2 Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing, plead - ing for
- 3 Oh, for the won - der - ful love he has prom - ised, prom - ised for



you and for me. See, on the por - tals he's wait - ing and watch - ing,
you and for me? Why should we lin - ger and heed not his mer - cies,
you and for me! Though we have sinned, he has mer - cy and par - don,

Refrain



watch - ing for you and for me.
mer - cies for you and for me? "Come home, come home!"
par - don for you and for me.



You who are wea - ry, come home." Ear - nest - ly, ten - der - ly,



Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing, "O sin - ner, come home!"

Text: Will L. Thompson, 1847–1909
Music: THOMPSON, Will L. Thompson

Just As I Am, without One Plea



1 Just as I am, with - out one plea, but that thy blood was
 2 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - y_a con - flict,
 3 Just as I am, thou wilt re - ceive, wilt wel - come, par - don,
 4 Just as I am; thy love un - known has bro - ken ev - 'ry



shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,
 man - y_a doubt, fight - ings and fears with - in, with - out,
 cleanse, re - lieve; be - cause thy prom - ise I be - lieve,
 bar - rier down; now to be thine, yea, thine a - lone,



O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Text: Charlotte Elliott, 1789–1871

Music: WOODWORTH, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868

TABLE BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION...Amen.

SENDING

*SENDING HYMN: ELW #328 Restore in Us, O God



1 Re - store in us, O God, the splen - dor of your love; re -
 2 O Spir - it, wake in us the won - der of your pow'r; from
 3 Bring us, O Christ, to share the full - ness of your joy; bap -
 4 Three-per - soned God, ful - fill the prom - ise of your grace, that



new your im - age in our hearts, and all our sins re - move.
 fruit - less fear un - furl our lives like spring - time bud and flow'r.
 tize us in the ris - en life that death can - not de - stroy.
 we, when all our search - ing ends, may see you face to face.

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944

Music: BAYLOR, Hal H. Hopson, b. 1933

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***BLESSING**

***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.**

***PRAYER BELL**

POSTLUDE - *The postlude sends us out for service in the world. Feel free to use this time in any way that helps to send you out.*

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WORSHIP LEADERS AND USHERS - READER: Megan Buckingham; CANTOR: Jonathon Struve; IMPOSITION OF ASHES: Rev. Marion Pruitt-Jefferson; PREACHER & PRESIDER: Amy Zalk Larson. ORGANIST/PIANIST: Brooke Joyce.

Lent with Good Shepherd, 2023: Open Our Lives, God

This Lent, we turn to God seeking release from all that binds us, seeking a spacious and expansive experience of God so that we may share God's love and mercy. During Sunday worship, we'll reflect on questions and visual art that can open us to deeper faith. During Wednesday Evening Prayer, we'll pray for God to open our eyes, hands, hearts, ears, and lives.

Wednesday, March 1, Evening Prayer at 5:30pm, Simple Soup Supper at 6:00pm. Theme: Open Our Eyes, God. Paul saw the light of Christ shining around him on the road to Damascus. As individuals and communities, what do we have difficulty seeing? How does our perspective change when we view the world through the eyes of Christ? We will pray with visual art.

Confirmation During Lent: Reminder that there are no Confirmation classes during Lent so that Confirmands and their families can attend Lent worship and soup suppers. Confirmands will meet with Confirmation mentors during soup supper.

LENTEN SIMPLE SOUP SUPPERS RETURN ON WEDNESDAYS, BEGINNING MARCH 1: Because Lent is a season of reflection, preparation, and liturgical fasting, we embrace the idea of simplicity in our Lenten Soup Suppers. A humble meal shared together, deepens and extends the themes of Lent expressed in our worship services. **Our Simple Soup Suppers will offer Soup (including vegetarian, vegan, and G-F), Crackers, Milk, and Water** The SSS are scheduled to begin at 6:00, following the Lenten Wednesday Evening Prayer services on March 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29. Committee members Stephanie Hoff and Elizabeth Kaschins are the Coordinators for each Supper. **A crew of five volunteers from the congregation is needed each week to host, set up, help with serving, and clean up.**

PRAYER LIST:

Good Shepherd Family: Mikey Slind, June Melby, Caton Family, James Barth, Marion Hanson, Barbara Berg and Family, Stephanie Hoff, Donna Bahr, Ed Hover, Harland Nelson, Jerrine Jacobsen, Glenn Nelson, Janet Gall, Lowell Erdman, Jutta Anderson, all residents and staff at Aase Haugen, Eastern Star, Wellington Place, Mosaic Homes, and Bartels Lutheran Retirement Community, and those preparing for public ministry: Joseph Doegen and Kathryn Thompson

Relatives and Friends: Frank Barth (James Barth's Brother), Sylvia Clisham (member of the Prayer Shawl Ministry), Parents of Dan Raney, Suzette and Richard Caton (Brian's parents), Diane Borness (Sister of Marilyn Anderson), The family of Luke Hackman (Friends of the Bureshs), Carol Moe (Naomi Craft's sister), Ann Hovde Nelson (Daughter-in-law of Glenn Nelson and Jane Borelli), Sarah Jane, Tim and Sue Broderick (friends of Jerry and Ruth Bruce), Nathaniel Judisch (son of Dave and Gail), Robin Darland (Friend of Erik Berg), Dennis Martin (brother-in-law of the Slinds) Karen & Randy Erion (friends of Charilyn & Ed Hover), Nathan Scheuerelein (grandson of Bonnie Flora), Lynzee Makowski (friend of Laurie Biedermann), John Monson (Martha Monson Lowe's father), Barb Reckling (Martha Monson Lowe's cousin), Erik Wangsness (nephew of Sharon Drew), Todd Hove (son of Gloria Hove), Aaron Buzza (son of Jim and Kathy), Marilyn Walli (Cousin of Marv Slind), Marian Brynsaas (sister of LaVerne Ramsey), Mary Beth & Bayo Oyebade and the Mashiah Foundation in Jos, Nigeria, and our Companion Synod in Hungary

WELCOME GUESTS. THERE IS A PLACE FOR YOU HERE. Guests and members please sign and pass the red Hospitality Books in the pews.

ALL ARE WELCOME TO SHARE IN HOLY COMMUNION. It is Christ's table and Christ is the host. Instructions are included in the communion section of the Order of Worship.

THE PRESENCE, ENERGY, AND NOISE OF CHILDREN ARE MOST WELCOME HERE. The sound of a child in worship is the sound of a new Christian being formed. This congregation is glad to share in this work. We welcome and encourage kids to move and play. A nursery is also available as a quiet space 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 Chair is available in the music office (hallway outside of sanctuary) for more privacy if desired.

RACIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT: *This Statement was approved at the annual meeting of the congregation on February 6th, 2022. It was developed through the work of the Antiracism Team which held listening sessions with the congregation. A portion of the Statement is printed here each week: find the full statement at goodshepherddecorah.org/racial-Justice-Statement or by scanning the code:*



We publicly declare that we will actively pursue racial justice in all aspects of our congregational life and make changes to adopt antiracist policies and practices around worship, education, advocacy, stewardship, governance, and through our community partnerships and relationships. (Ephesians 2: 14-15, Isaiah 56: 6)

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