

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



March 26th – 5th Sunday in Lent

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

Evangelical Lutheran Worship-**ELW (red book)**, All Creation Sings-**ACS (purple book)**

Page numbers (P.) in front of ACS and hymn numbers (#) in back of ELW and ACS

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

GATHERING

GATHERING MUSIC: "Let all Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" - arr. Spike Maiden Müller

PRAYER BELL

WELCOME – ANNOUNCEMENTS

***GATHERING SONG:** ACS 1086 O God Who Gives us Life



1 O God, who gives us life and breath, who shapes us in the womb,
2 O God, who calls your peo - ple out to ven - ture and to dare,
3 O God of cov - e - nant and law, re - vealed in cloud and flame,



who guards our lives from birth to death, then leads us from the tomb:
to plumb the bleak a - byss of doubt and find you e - ven there:
your might - y deeds e - voke our awe; we dare not speak your name.



de - liv - er us from fears that kill the life we have from you.
when we de - spair in wan - der - ing through wastes of emp - ty lies,
Yet we by faith are drawn to you and will your peo - ple prove,



Help us to know your Spir - it still is mak - ing all things new.
re - fresh us with the liv - ing spring of hope that nev - er dies.
as on our hearts you write a - new the cov - e - nant of love.

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

Music: NOEL, English melody; arr. Arthur S. Sullivan, 1842–1900

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***PRAYER OF THE DAY:** Let us pray... **Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 37:1-14

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

PSALM 130 - *Psalm 130 is one of the 7 great penitential psalms. The stirring words of the opening verse, "Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord," are deeply embedded in Christian tradition. In these brief few verses, the psalmist offers fervent hope of God's forgiveness and healing in the midst of human suffering.*

¹Out of the depths

I cry to you, O LORD;

²O LORD, I hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.

³If you were to keep watch over sins,

O LORD, I who could stand?

⁴Yet with you is forgiveness,

in order that you may be feared.

⁵I wait for you, O LORD; my soul waits;

in your word is my hope.

⁶My soul waits for the Lord more than those who keep watch for the morning,
more than those who keep watch for the morning.

⁷O Israel, wait for the LORD, for with the LORD there is steadfast love;
with the LORD there is plentiful redemption.

⁸For the LORD shall redeem Israel
from all their sins.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *remain seated for Gospel Acclamation and Gospel*



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: John 11:1-45

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: ELW 621 Jesus Lives, My Sure Defense vs. 1-4**



1 Je - sus lives, my sure de-fense and my ev - er - last - ing Sav - ior!
2 Je - sus, my re - deem - er, lives; I too un - to life shall wak - en.
3 No, too close - ly am I bound un - to him by hope for - ev - er;
4 I am flesh and must re - turn un - to dust, whence I am tak - en.



Know - ing this, my con - fi - dence rests in hope and will not wa - ver,
Bright the hope this prom - ise gives; shall my cour - age, then, be shak - en?
faith's strong hand the rock has found, grasped it, and will leave it nev - er;
But these eyes my Lord will know when from death I shall a - wak - en,



though the night of death be fraught still with man - y an anx - ious thought.
Shall I fear then? Can the head rise and leave his mem - bers dead?
e - ven death now can - not part from its Lord the trust - ing heart.
with my Sav - ior to a - bide in his glo - ry, at his side.

5 Then take comfort and rejoice,
for his people Christ will cherish.
Fear not, you will hear his voice;
dying, you will never perish;
for the very grave is stirred
when the trumpet's blast is heard.

6 Here on earth, then, let your hearts
rise from longings vain and hollow.
Seek what Christ your Lord imparts
while you in his footsteps follow.
As you now still wait to rise,
set your hearts beyond the skies!

Text: Otto von Schwerin, 1616–1679; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.

Music: Jesus, MEINE ZUVERSICHT, attr. Johann Cru. ger, 1598–1662

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***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:** *Each petition ends: Merciful God, hear our prayer.*

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

We share peace by waving to those worshipping online or through the public access channel and then with those in the sanctuary. Bows, signs, fist bumps, handshakes, are all honored!

MEAL

OFFERTORY MUSIC: “Precious Lord, Take My Hand” Dorsey, arr. Engebretson

OFFERING *The Youth Lent Project, selected by our Confirmation students with a goal of \$5000, focuses on people who are unhoused. Donations will be shared locally with House of Hope, a shelter in Waterloo for single women, mothers, and children; and globally with those impacted by the ongoing crisis caused by earthquakes in Turkey and Syria. You can place donations for this project in the cardboard house in front of the altar or note **Youth Lent Project** on gifts placed in offering plate (please don't use the word Syria as government sanctions make that complicated).*

***OFFERING SONG: ACS 918 Now Is the Time of Grace**

1 2

Now is the time of grace, now is the day of sal - va - tion.

Turn now, and seek God's face, now be-hold God's in-vi - ta - tion.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff has a first ending bracket over the first measure and a second ending bracket over the last two measures. The lyrics are written below the notes.

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: Let us pray...Amen.**

***GREAT THANKSGIVING-HOLY P. 39**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places...

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and

God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your

glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the

Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The image shows six staves of musical notation in B-flat major (two flats). The lyrics are written below the notes. The final staff ends with a double bar line.

***LORDS PRAYER:** P. 39 Our Father in Heaven...

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 gluten and dairy free bread. The plate of cups will then be offered for you to select wine or grape juice. If you prefer a blessing, indicate by placing your hands in front of your heart. If you need an individual, pre-packaged serving of bread and wine, please request that of your server. Place wine/juice cups in the basket by the altar as you return to your pew. Sunday school youth and leaders and Fellowship Hour Servers are invited to come to communion first.*

COMMUNION HYMNS: ELW 333 Jesus is a Rock in a Weary Land, ELW 666 What Wondrous Love is This, ELW 592 Just As I Am, Without One Plea

Jesus Is a Rock in a Weary Land

Refrain – All



Je - sus is a rock in a wea - ry land, a wea - ry land, a
wea - ry land; my Je - sus is a rock in a
wea - ry land, a shel - ter in the time of storm.

Leader or All



1 No one can do like Je - sus, not a
2 When Je - sus was on earth, the . .
3 Yon - der comes my Sav - ior, him . .

mum-bling word he said; he went walk - ing down to Laz -
flesh was ver - y weak; . . he took a towel and gird -
whom I love so well; . . he has the palm of vic -

Refrain



- a - rus' grave, and he raised him from the dead.
ed him - self and he washed his dis - ci - ples' feet.
- to - ry and the keys of death and hell.

What Wondrous Love Is This



1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
 2 When I was sink - ing down, sink-ing down, sink-ing down, when
 3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; to
 4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and



won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this
 I was sink - ing down, sink-ing down, when I was sink - ing down
 God and to the Lamb I will sing; to God and to the Lamb,
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free,



that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread-ful curse for my
 be - neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my
 who is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will
 I'll sing God's love for me, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing



soul, for my soul, to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul?
 soul, for my soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul.
 sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing.
 on, I'll sing on; and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

Text: North American folk hymn, 19th cent., alt.

Music: WONDROUS LOVE, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

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

SENDING

* TABLE BLESSING - PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

*BLESSING- SENDING SONG: 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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***DISMISSAL:** Go in peace. Serve in love. **Thanks be to God.**

PRAYER BELL - POSTLUDE: "Sonata no. 1" - Johann Pezel

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TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERSHIP AND HOSPITALITY – USHERS: Reg Laursen, Tom Buresh; CANTOR: Reg Laursen; READERS: Harland Nelson, James Barth, Rev. Susan Friedrich; ASSISTING MINISTER: Cindy Bellrichard; FELLOWSHIP: Dan & Liza Hicken; ORGANIST & PIANIST: Brooke Joyce; PREACHER & PRESIDERS: Pastor Amy Zalk Larson

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LENT WITH GOOD SHEPHERD, 2023: OPEN OUR LIVES, GOD

This Sunday's question: Can these bones live?

Wednesday, March 29th, Evening Prayer at 5:30pm, Soup Supper at 6:00pm. **Theme: Open our Life, God.** Moses presents us with a choice: death and adversity, or a life cracked open to the love of God. Writing to the Galatians, Paul tells us that we have died to the law so that we might live to God. It is no longer we who live, but Christ who lives in us.

FINAL LENTEN SIMPLE SOUP SUPPER: Join for a simple soup supper at 6:00 pm Wednesday following worship. Bring a soup, help set-up/clean-up, or just come to enjoy the Fellowship! **More information on the website and posters in the Gathering Space.**

LENTEN RECITALS: Good Shepherd Sanctuary 12:15-12:45 pm – free and open to the public. More information can be found on the GS website. This week: **March 29th features students from the organ studio of Alexander Meszler, college organist at Luther College.**

Items for Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kits will be collected throughout Lent. Drop off donations in designated bins in the Gathering Space. Items needed include new, dark-colored, light-weight bath towels (between 20" x 40" and 52" x 27"); bath-size, wrapped bars of soap (4-5 ounces each), any brand; new adult-size toothbrushes in original packaging; sturdy new combs (remove packaging); new metal nail clippers with attached file optional (remove packaging).

ADULT FORUM SERIES: SERMON ON THE MOUNT: Join Pastor Melissa Bills, Luther College Director of College Ministries, College Pastor, and Good Shepherd member, for a series of **Adult Forums beginning at 10:50 a.m. in the Gathering Space.** She will lead us through videos and discussion topics from the series Sermon on the Mount: A Beginner's Guide to the Kingdom of Heaven by Dr. Amy-Jill Levine.

BABY CARE KIT ITEM COLLECTION: The CLA Circle will be assembling world relief baby care kits Tuesday, April 25th at 6:00 pm. A plastic tote is in the Gathering Space to collect donations. We especially are in need of: cloth diapers, receiving blankets, infant sleepers up to 24 months size.

STEPHANIE HOFF'S REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE: Our member Stephanie has Stage 5 chronic kidney disease and needs a kidney transplant. Information about Stephanie and living kidney donation is available here: www.goodshepherddecorah.org/mystory/

APPLICATIONS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR EPIC SCHOLARSHIPS: (Educational Partners in Covenant) for the 2023--2024 academic year. Any Good Shepherd member attending an ELCA college or university is eligible to apply. The annual scholarships, awarded through the Good Shepherds Mission Endowment Fund, is for \$1000 and is typically matched by the qualifying college or university. For more information or to get an application contact the church office or any member of the MEF Committee. Applications must be returned to the church office by May 1st.

SPRING PLANTS OR FLOWERS FOR THE EASTER VIGIL AND EASTER

SUNDAY SERVICES: Altar Guild welcomes contributions for these services **on April 8 and 9.** They can be designated in memory or honor of friends and loved ones. Please **provide names** to the Church Office **no later than Wednesday, April 5,** and have contributions **delivered to the Gathering Space by 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 8.** All arrangements are made individually, not through the Church Office. You are welcome to remove your plant/flowers after the Easter Sunday service. Due to sensitivities to odors and pollen, Easter lilies (or other lilies) are not placed in the sanctuary. Altar Guild suggestions include azaleas, tulips, daffodils, bulb gardens, kalanchoes, hydrangeas, pansies, roses. Direct questions to **Elizabeth Kaschins**, Altar Guild chair, elizabethkaschins@gmail.com or 419-0764.

UPDATE ON PRINT CHURCH DIRECTORY: A print church directory was ordered for all member households as the online directory will be taken down Monday, April 3. Our online directory experienced a series of hacks, so a print directory will provide needed information until a new church management system is selected. Households will be able to pick up their directory at church, and if that's not possible, they will be delivered/mailed.

MOWING SEASON! Mowing Season is about to arrive at Good Shepherd, and we are looking for 2 volunteers a week April 10-Sept. 25th. More information and a sign-up are on the website under "Sign-Ups" and on the table in the Gathering Space.

EWALU Spring Work Weekend May 5-6: Join other volunteers, families, and church groups for outdoor activities, fun fellowship, and service projects around camp. Lodging and meals provided free of charge. Please RSVP to camp@ewalu.org or call 563-933-4700.

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE



MAUNDY THURSDAY, April 6

- **12:15pm:** Brief, Simple Service of Holy Communion- masks required
- **7pm:** Full Worship w Personal Absolution, Holy Communion, First Communion, Stripping of the Altar

GOOD FRIDAY, April 7

- **All Day:** Stations of the Cross in the Sanctuary for personal prayer
- **7pm:** Jazz Worship with the Stations of the Cross, Reflections on "The Cross and the Lynching Tree"

EASTER VIGIL, Saturday April 8

- **7pm** A Service of Fire, Scripture, Water, & Holy Communion

EASTER SUNDAY, April 9

- **9:30 am** Festival Worship with Good Shepherd Band; Holy Communion
- **Brunch** Following Worship – hosted by GS Youth & Mission Endowment Fund.

OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK: Monday-Tuesday: 10:00-5:00 pm, Friday, 8:00-10:00 am.

PRAYER LIST:

Good Shepherd Family: Rolf Svanoë, Abby Larson, Laura Barlament, Martha Monson Lowe, Naomi Craft, Sue Luzum, Marv & Mickey Slind, James Barth, Melanie Folkerts, Marion Hanson, Stephanie Hoff, Donna Bahr, Ed Hover, Harland Nelson, 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, Kathryn Thompson, and Kristin Kopperud-Stinn

Relatives and Friends: Maryn Olson (daughter of Ginny Olson), Noi Tran (Kim Kavan's mother), Karen & John Silseth (brother and sister in law of Kris Peterson), Frank Barth (James Barth's Brother), Sylvia Clisham (member of the Prayer Shawl Ministry), Parents of Dan Raney, Richard

Caton (Brian's father), The family of Luke Hackman (Friends of the Bureshs), 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), Randy Erion (friends of Charilyn & Ed Hover), Nathan Scheuerelein (grandson of Bonnie Flora), Lynzee Makowski (friend of Laurie Biedermann), 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

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WELCOME GUESTS. THERE IS A PLACE FOR YOU HERE. All are invited to share in coffee, juice, and treats in the Fellowship Hall on the far side of the building

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 with toys and activity bags are available. 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 acknowledge that Good Shepherd Lutheran Church is built on land that was home to the Ioway, Otoe-Missouria, Eastern Dakota, Sac, Fox, Winnebago and Ho-Chunk tribes. In 1848, over two thousand Winnebago were forcibly displaced from here by the U.S. military to make way for European-American settlers. (2016 Assembly Action CA16.02.04 Repudiation of the Doctrine of Discovery)