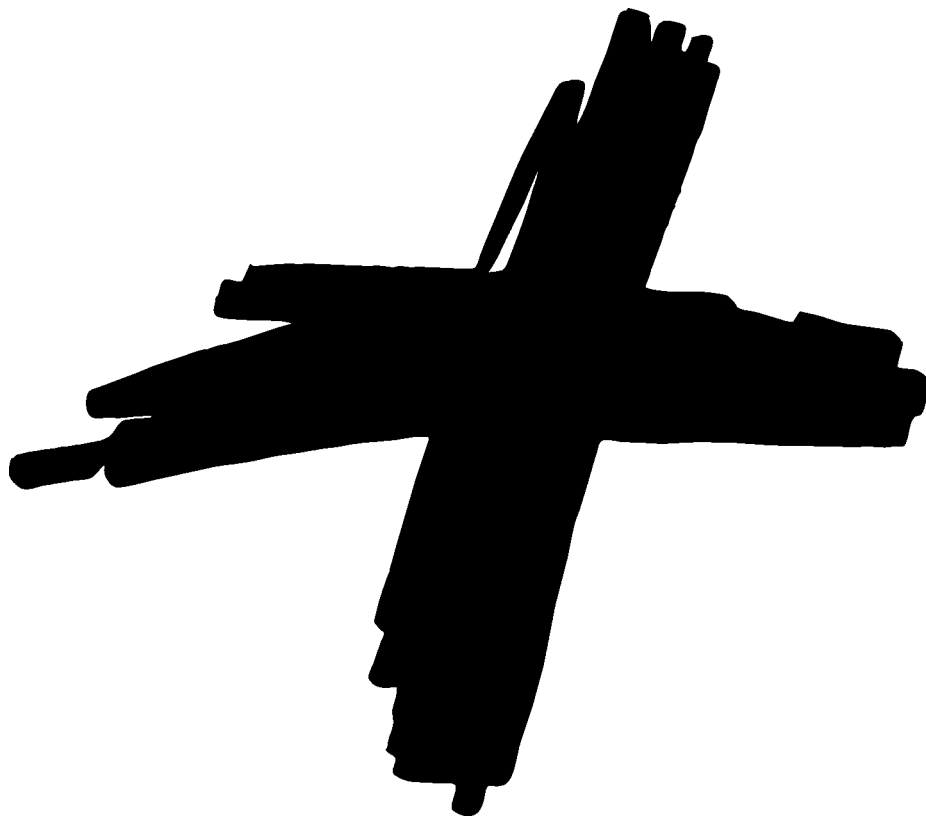


GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
... We Are God's People and the Sheep of God's Pasture ...

Psalms 100:3



February 14th – Ash Wednesday

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.

The Good Shepherd buildings are Carbon Neutral/Net Zero Energy use.

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

Welcome to worship at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

As you enter the Sanctuary, you are invited to make the transition from “getting here” to “being here”. Take a moment to silence phones. You may use these moments of quiet time to listen to the Prelude as you prepare to come fully into the presence of God and our community of faith.

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

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

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 *

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 acceptable time to return to the lord. During Lent the people of God will reflect on the meaning of their baptism into Christ's death and resurrection. The sign of ashes reveals our human mortality and frailty. What seems like an ending is really a new beginning as we die to sin and are raised anew each day, in which we are washed in god's mercy and forgiveness. With the cross on our brow, we long for our renewal that flows from Christ's word of forgiveness.

GATHERING

PRAYER BELL

PRELUDE: “Inter Vestibulum Et Altare” - Cristobal De Morales

WELCOME – ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 51**

Be gracious to me, O God, according to your loving kindness; According to the greatness of your compassion blot out my transgressions.

Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

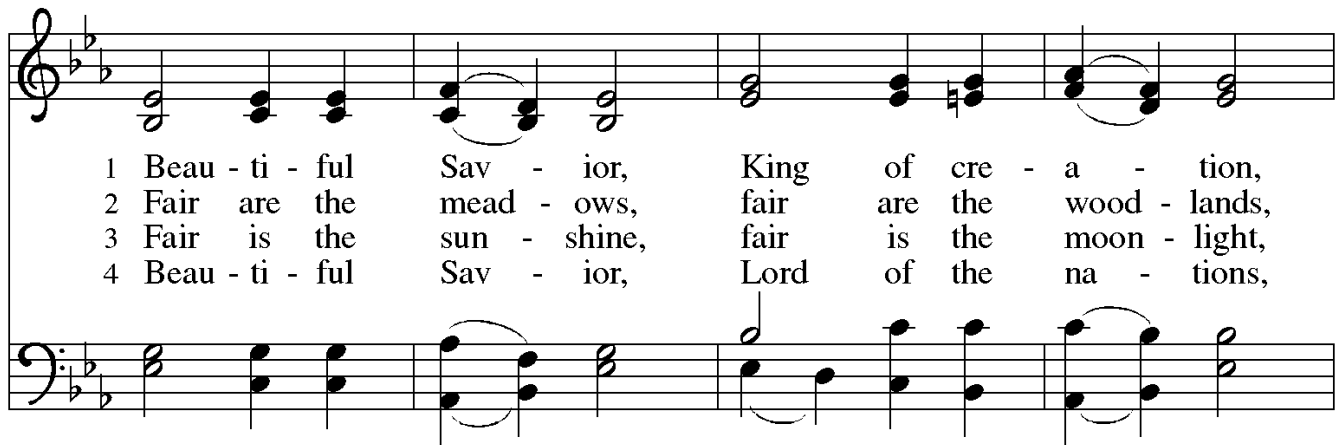
Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin my mother conceived me. Behold, you desire truth in the innermost being, and in the hidden part you will make me know wisdom.

Purify me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Make me to hear joy and gladness, Let the bones which you have broken rejoice.

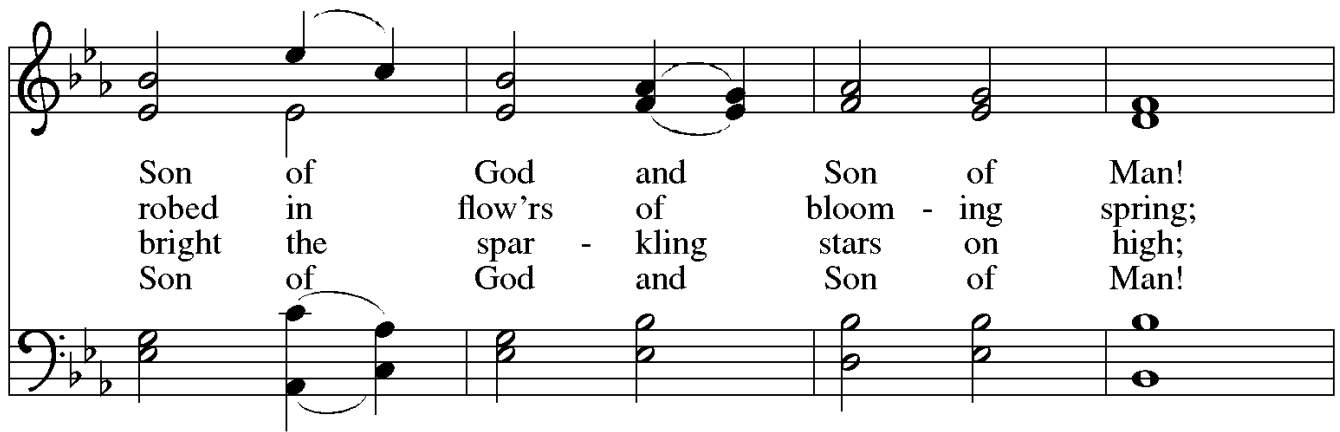
Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

Do not cast me away from your presence and do not take Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and sustain me with a willing spirit.

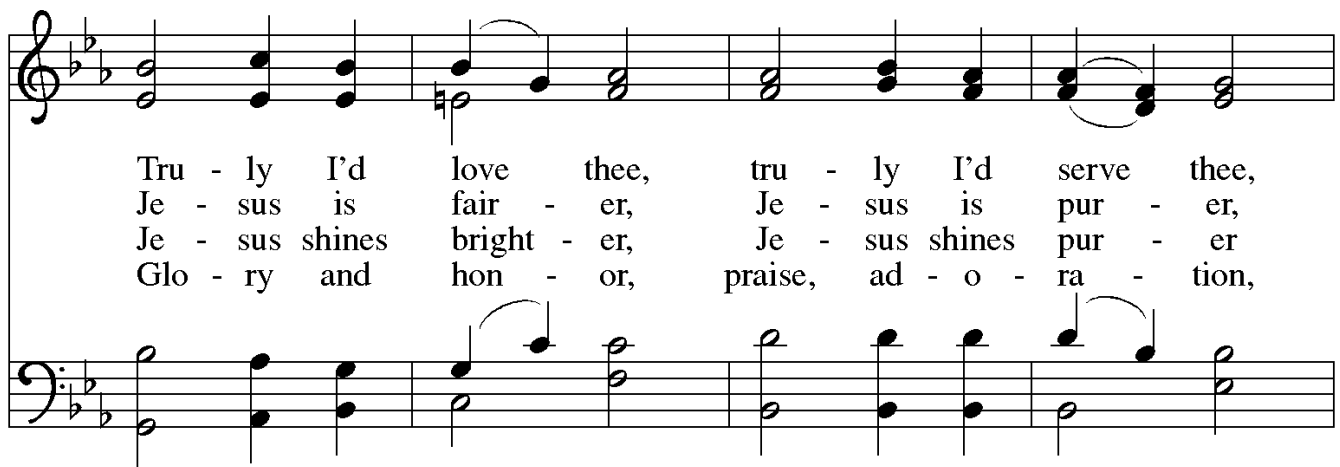
***GATHERING SONG: ELW 838 Beautiful Savior**



1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,



Son of God and Son of Man!
 robed in the flow'rs of spring;
 bright in the spar - kling on high;
 Son of God and Son of Man!



Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,
 Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,
 Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er
 Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,



light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
 he makes our sor - rowing joy, sing.
 than all the an - gels in the sky.
 now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

***WORDS OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who brings us out of captivity into freedom, out of the wilderness into the promised land, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life. **Amen.**

Gracious God, **we confess that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. Forgive us and give us strength to turn from sin and to serve you in newness of life. Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God... **Amen.**

***GREETING:**

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.**

***PRAYER OF THE DAY:**

Let us pray together. (silence) **Almighty and ever-living God, you hate nothing you have made, and you forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and honest hearts, so that, truly repenting of our sins, we may receive from you, the God of all mercy, full pardon and forgiveness through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING: Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

¹Blow the trumpet in Zion; sound the alarm on my holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble, for the day of the LORD is coming, it is near—²a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness! Like blackness spread upon the mountains a great and powerful army comes; their like has never been from of old, nor will be again after them in ages to come. ¹²Yet even now, says the LORD, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; ¹³rend your hearts and not your clothing. Return to the LORD, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and relents from punishing. ¹⁴Who knows whether he will not turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind him, a grain offering and a drink offering for the LORD, your God? ¹⁵Blow the trumpet in Zion; sanctify a fast; call a solemn assembly; ¹⁶gather the people. Sanctify the congregation; assemble the aged; gather the children, even infants at the breast. Let the bridegroom leave his room, and the bride her canopy. ¹⁷Between the vestibule and the altar let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep. Let them say, "Spare your people, O LORD, and do not make your heritage a mockery, a byword among the nations. Why should it be said among the peoples, 'Where is their God?'"

-Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

***GOSPEL SONG:**

Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.

Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.

Save us as you prom-ised; we will trust your word.

Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.

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

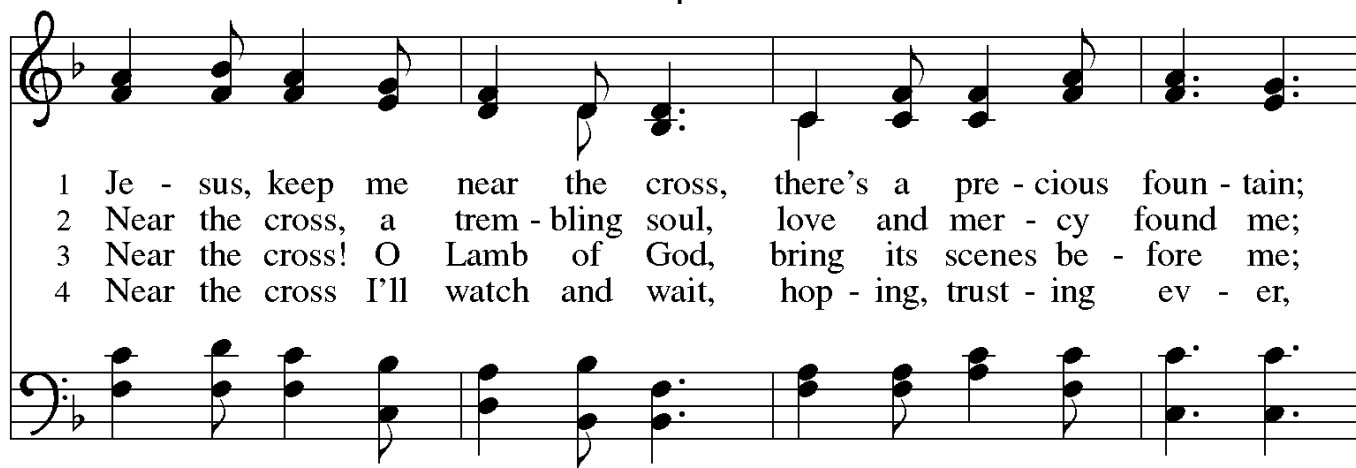
- The holy gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹“Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven. ²“So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. ³But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, ⁴so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. ⁵“And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. ⁶But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. ¹⁶“And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. ¹⁷But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, ¹⁸so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. ¹⁹“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; ²⁰but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

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

SERMON “Restoring Treasure” – Rev. David Wrightsman

***HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW 335 Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross**

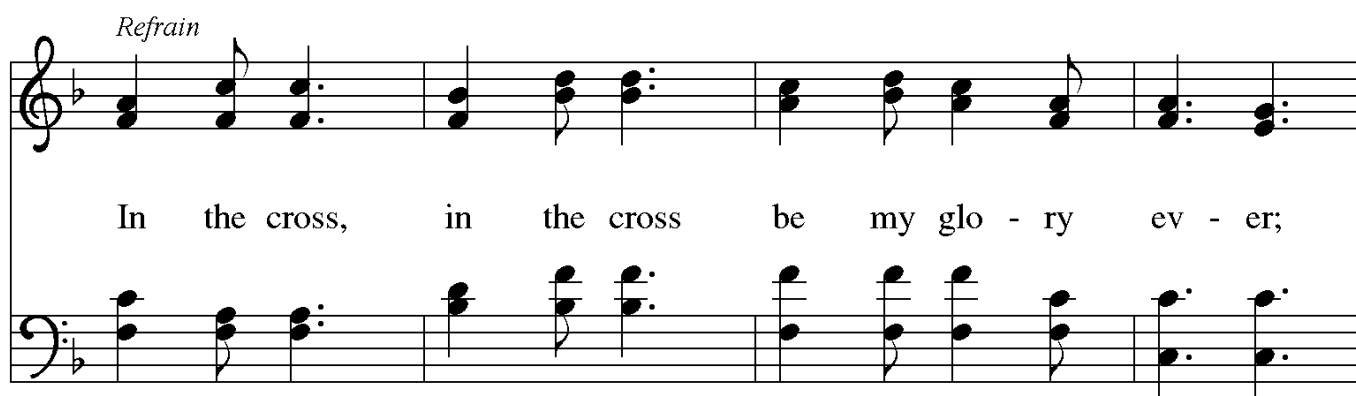


1 Je - sus, keep me near the cross, there's a pre - cious foun - tain;
 2 Near the cross, a trem - bling soul, love and mer - cy found me;
 3 Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes be - fore me;
 4 Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hop - ing, trust - ing ev - er,

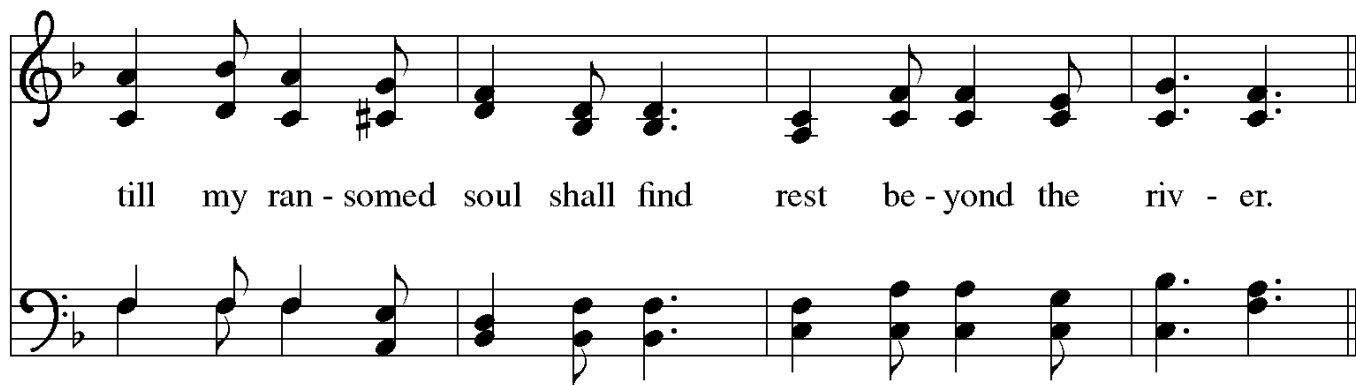


free to all, a heal - ing stream flows from Cal - v'ry's moun - tain.
 there the bright and morn - ing star sheds its beams a - round me.
 help me walk from day to day with its shad - ow o'er me.
 till I reach the gold - en strand just be - yond the riv - er.

Refrain



In the cross, in the cross be my glo - ry ev - er;



till my ran - somed soul shall find rest be - yond the riv - er.

*APOSTLES' CREED:

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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

***PEACE OF CHRIST:** 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

OFFERING MUSIC: "Pastorale" - J. S. Bach

Good Shepherd Youth have chosen the topic of mental health as the focus for this year's special Lenten project. Tonight and throughout the season of Lent a special offering is being collected for the NE Iowa National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI).

*OFFERING SONG: ELW 186 Create in Me a Clean Heart

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right

spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take

not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of

your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

***OFFERING PRAYER:**

Let us pray together... **Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal. Bless these gifts that we have gathered that all people may know your goodness. Feed us not only with this holy food but with hunger for justice and peace. We pray this in your name. Amen.**

***INVITATION TO LENT**

Friends in Christ, today with the whole Church we enter the time of remembering Jesus' Passover from death to life, and our life in Christ is renewed. **Thanks be to God**

A part of the worship service on Ash Wednesday is the imposition of ashes and in doing that we hear "remember you are dust and to dust you shall return". We are reminded on no uncertain terms of our human condition and the frailties of being part of the human condition – the brokenness of life – but in the acknowledgement of our being created from dust and to dust we shall return, we are called to acknowledge the role of God the creator in our lives. **Thanks be to God.**

Today when we receive ashes on our foreheads to remind us of the love of God – who created us – gave us breath but also the love of God that moves us beyond creation, but to salvation through the life, death and resurrection. We also receive the sacrificial love of God through the bread and wine of Jesus' body and blood, to remind us we are forgiven, to give us spiritual food for this Lenten journey. **Thanks be to God.**

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION AND IMPOSITION OF ASHES

***GREAT THANKSGIVING – HOLY:** p. 107-108, 111

***LORD'S PRAYER:** p. 112 – Our Father who art 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. Kids, teachers, and Fellowship Servers are invited to come to communion first.

COMMUNION SONGS: Lamb of God p. 112-113; ELW 463 Lord, Who the Night You Were Betrayed

1 Lord, who the night you were be - trayed did pray that all your
 2 For all your church on earth, we in - ter - cede; Lord, make our
 3 And hear our prayer for wan-d'ers from your fold; re - store them,
 4 So, Lord, at length when sac - ra - ments shall cease, may we be

church might be for - ev - er one: help us at
 sad di - vi - sions soon to cease; draw us all
 too, Good Shep - herd of the sheep, back to the
 one with all your church a - bove— one with your

ev - 'ry eu - cha - rist to say with will - ing heart and
 clos - er, each to each, we plead, by draw - ing all to
 faith your saints con - fessed of old, and to the church still
 saints in one un - bro - ken peace, one with your saints in

soul, "Your will be done." Oh, may we all one bread, one
 you, O Prince of peace; thus may we all one bread, one
 pledged that faith to keep. Soon may we all one bread, one
 one un - bound - ed love; more bless - ed still, in peace and

bod - y be, through this blest sac - ra - ment of u - ni - ty.
 bod - y be, through this blest sac - ra - ment of u - ni - ty.
 bod - y be, through this blest sac - ra - ment of u - ni - ty.
 love to be one with the Trin - i - ty in u - ni - ty.

Text: William H. Turton, 1856–1938, alt.
Music: SONG 1, Orlando Gibbons, 1583–1625

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:**

Merciful God... **Accompany our journey, Lord, through these forty days. Renew us in the gift of baptism, that we may provide for those who are poor, pray for those in need, fast from self-indulgence, and above all that we may find our treasure in the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

***COMMUNION BLESSING**

Now may the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. **Amen.**

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 the Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

SENDING

SENDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

Go forth in 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.**

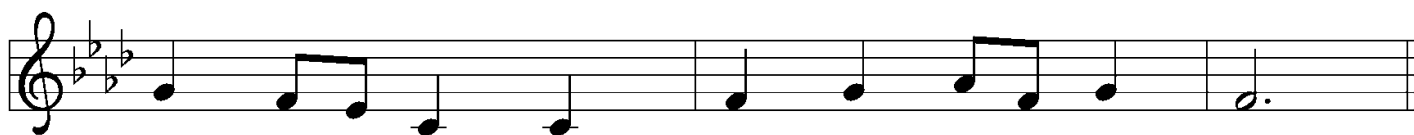
***SENDING SONG: ELW 319 O Lord, Throughout these Forty Days**



1 O Lord, through - out these for - ty days you
2 You strove with Sa - tan, and you won; your
3 Though parched and hun - gry, yet you prayed and
4 Be with us through this sea - son, Lord, and



prayed and kept the fast; in - spire re - pen - tance
faith - ful - ness en - dured; lend us your nerve, your
fixed your mind a - bove; so teach us to de -
all our earth - ly days, that when the fi - nal



for our sin, and free us from our past.
skill and trust in God's e - ter - nal word.
ny our - selves that we may know God's love.
Eas - ter dawns, we join in heav - en's praise.

Text: based on Claudio F. Herminio, 1836-1908; para. Gilbert E. Doan Jr., b. 1930
Music: CONSOLIDATION, A. Dayson, Kenrick's Hymns, 1816
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***PRAYER BELL**

***DISMISSAL:** Go in peace, remember the poor. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE: "Inter Vestibulum et altare" - José Maurício Nunes Garcia

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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TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERSHIP AND HOSPITALITY: USHER: Sonya Geenen;
READER: Karl Wicks; ASSISTING MINISTER: Dave Geenen; ORGANIST & PIANIST:
Brooke Joyce; PREACHER & PRESIDERS: Pr. Dave Wrightsman

GIVE LOVE GET LOVE FUNDRAISER: Help support the 13 Good Shepherd youth and 2 advisors traveling to New Orleans next July for the 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering. Take a heart from the Gathering Space with a pledge on it, return the heart in the offering plate or to the Office with your pledge and information filled out. Youth attending the trip will write a valentine to the name you provided! Hearts will be posted outside the Sanctuary Feb. 14-18th.

LENT AT GOOD SHEPHERD: Theme: “Unconditional? The Call of Jesus to Radical Forgiveness” Utilizing the book by the same title, author Brian Zahnd writes, “Forgiveness lies at the heart of the Christian faith. Whatever else may be said about Christian people, it must be said that we are a people who believe in the forgiveness of sins... we believe in the forgiveness of sins as surely as we believe in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. As we grow in our faith, it is vital we become aware that we are called to be those who extend forgiveness to others, thus making the world a more forgiving place. For if Christianity isn’t about forgiveness, it’s about nothing at all.” This will guide our Lenten Wednesday services.

MIDWEEK WORSHIP: Midweek Worship – Holden Evening Prayer: The musical setting and liturgy used during Wednesday Lenten Worship services will be Marty Haugen’s Holden Evening Prayer liturgy. Short messages around the theme of forgiveness will all be a part of the 45 minutes services on the 5 Wednesdays of Lent, 2/21-3/20, between 5:30-6:15 pm. Short messages on the theme of Forgiveness will be offered by 5 pastors who are members of Good Shepherd.

SIMPLE SOUP SUPPERS: Lenten Wednesday Simple Soup Suppers will be served each week following worship, at about 6:15 pm. Good Shepherd Flock groups are assigned various Wednesday to prepare, serve and cleaning up supper. Good Shepherd’s six 7-8 graders will meet with their selected adult mentors during the Lenten suppers 4 times.

MIDWEEK RECITAL SERIES: 12:15-12:45 pm on the following dates:

- March 6: Mattie Snyder, cello and friends (solo and chamber music)
- March 13: Luther College Organ Studio (students of Alex Meszler)
- March 20: Craig Hultgren, cello and Brooke Joyce, keyboard (meditative music)

SPIRITUAL GROWTH CLASS: SPIRITUALITY AND AGING. Using the background of Lent with the ever-stark reminder of our deaths, Good Shepherd member, Marion Pruitt-Jefferson will use Joan Chittister's book "The Gift Of Years", and Richard Rohr's book "Falling Upward: A Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life" as a segue into the topic of spirituality and aging. **Starting on February 21**, this class will meet on Wednesday afternoons from 4:00-5:30, prior to Lenten Evening Worship.

PRAYER LIST

Good Shepherd Family: Amelia & William Kurth upon the death of their mother Ann, Luther Snow and Lise Kildegaard, Doris Barnaal, Russ Freerking, Marv & Mickey Slind, Tim Lecander & June Melby, Bonnie Flora, LaVerne Ramsey, Ingrid Callaghan, Ginny Olson, the family of Glenn Nelson, Donna Bahr, Helen Hermeier, James Barth, Marion Hanson, Stephanie Hoff, Ed Hover, Harland Nelson, Janet Gall, 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: Kathryn Thompson and Kristin Kopperud-Stinn

Relatives and Friends: Ev Ford (Denise Tapscott's Mother), Jami Siefken (daughter-in-law to Jan & Dave Siefken), Sid Sampson (brother-in-law of Marty Steele), Miriam Plautz (aunt of Melanie Folkerts), Lily Laursen (granddaughter of Reg & Jeri Laursen), Bob Fahrenkrug (grandfather of Sarah Wicks), the family of Amber Einck (friend of Jane Borelli), 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), Nathaniel Judisch (son of Dave and Gail), Dennis Martin (brother-in-law of the Slinds), 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), Mary Beth & Bayo Oyebade and the Mashiah Foundation in Jos, Nigeria, and our Companion Synod in Hungary

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WELCOME TO ALL GUESTS!

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 Racial Justice Team which held listening sessions with the congregation. Find the full statement at goodshepherddecorah.org/Racial-Justice-Statement or by scanning the code.

