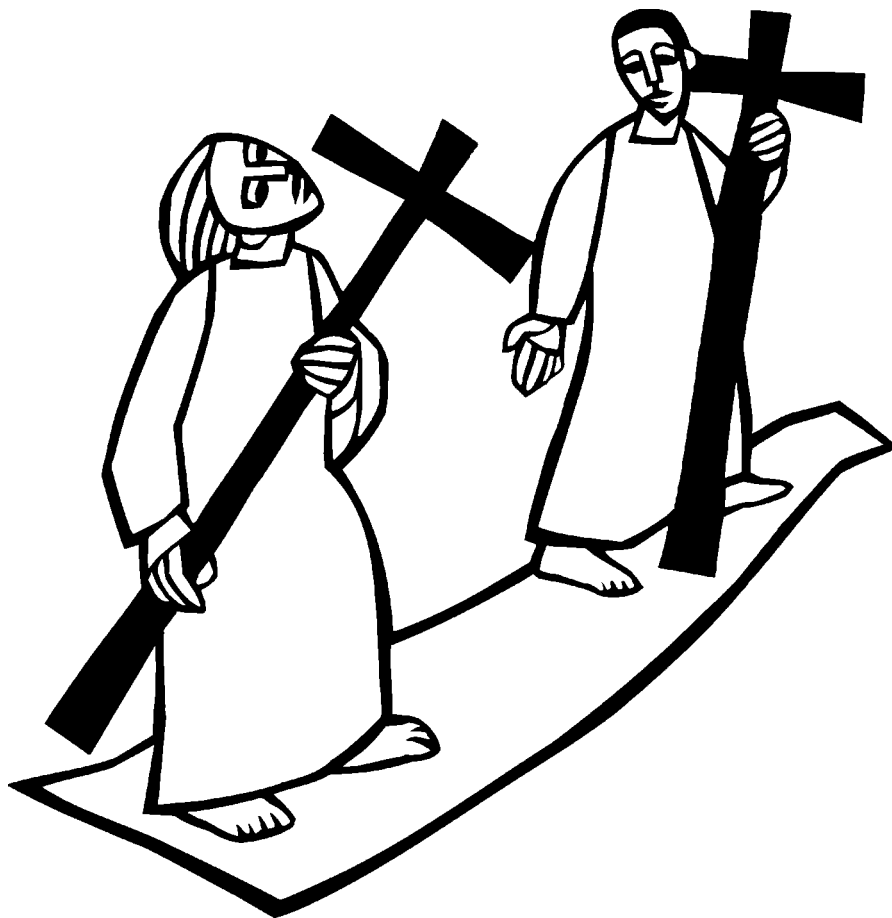


GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

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 25 – 2nd 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.

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 *

GATHERING


PRAYER BELL - PRELUDE: “I will arise and go to Jesus” – arr. Block

WELCOME – ANNOUNCEMENTS

***GATHERING HYMN: ELW 335 Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross (vs. 1, 3, 4)**



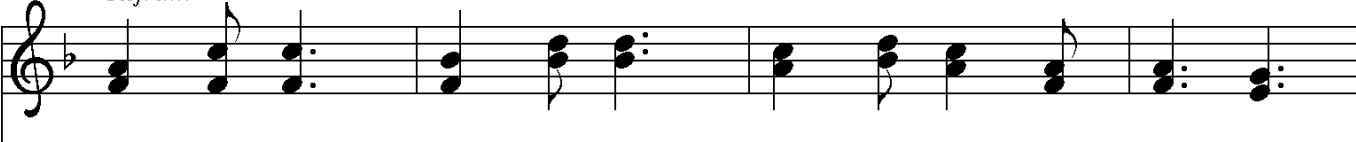
1 Je - sus, keep me near the cross, there's a pre - cious foun - tain;
3 Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes be - fore me;
4 Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hop - ing, trust - ing ev - er,




free to all, a heal - ing stream flows from Cal - v'ry's moun - tain.
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.



***WORDS OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who opens the heavens and draws near to us with salvation. **Amen.**

God is patient and merciful, desiring all to come to repentance. Trusting this promise of grace, let us confess our sin. *Silence is kept for reflection.*

Everlasting God,

you love justice and you hate wrongdoing.

**We confess the fear, greed, and self-centeredness
that make us reluctant to work against oppression.**

We are complicit in systems of exploitation. We choose comfort over courage.

We are careless with creation's bounty.

**Look upon us with mercy. Turn our hearts again to you. Make us glad to do your will
and to walk in your ways for the sake of our waiting world. Amen.**

Hear these words of assurance: God clothes you with garments of salvation and covers you with robes of righteousness. In the tender compassion of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. God's covenant is eternal, and God's blessing rests upon us all. **Amen.**


***APOSTOLIC GREETING:**

From the one who is, who was and who is to come, grace and peace be with you all.

And also with you.

***KYRIE:**

Refrain



Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.

Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev'-ry day.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY:**

Let us pray together... O God, by the passion of your blessed Son you made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life. Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of 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

SCRIPTURE READING: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

¹When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. ²And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." ³Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, ⁴"As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁵No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁶I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. ⁷I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you."

¹⁵God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. ¹⁶I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

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

PSALM 22:22-31

²³You who fear the LORD, give praise! All you of Jacob's | line, give glory.

Stand in awe of the LORD, all you off- | spring of Israel.

²⁴**For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither is the LORD's face hid- | den from them;**

but when they cry out, | the LORD hears them.

²⁵From you comes my praise in the | great assembly;

I will perform my vows in the sight of those who | fear the LORD.

²⁶**The poor shall eat | and be satisfied,**

Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts | live forever!

²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn | to the LORD;

all the families of nations shall bow | before God.

²⁸**For dominion belongs | to the LORD,**

who rules o- | ver the nations.

²⁹Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow | down in worship;

all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel be- | fore the LORD.

³⁰**Their descendants shall | serve the LORD,**

whom they shall proclaim to genera- | tions to come.

³¹**They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people | yet unborn,**

saying to them, "The | LORD has acted!"

CHILDREN'S SERMON

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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: Mark 8:31-38

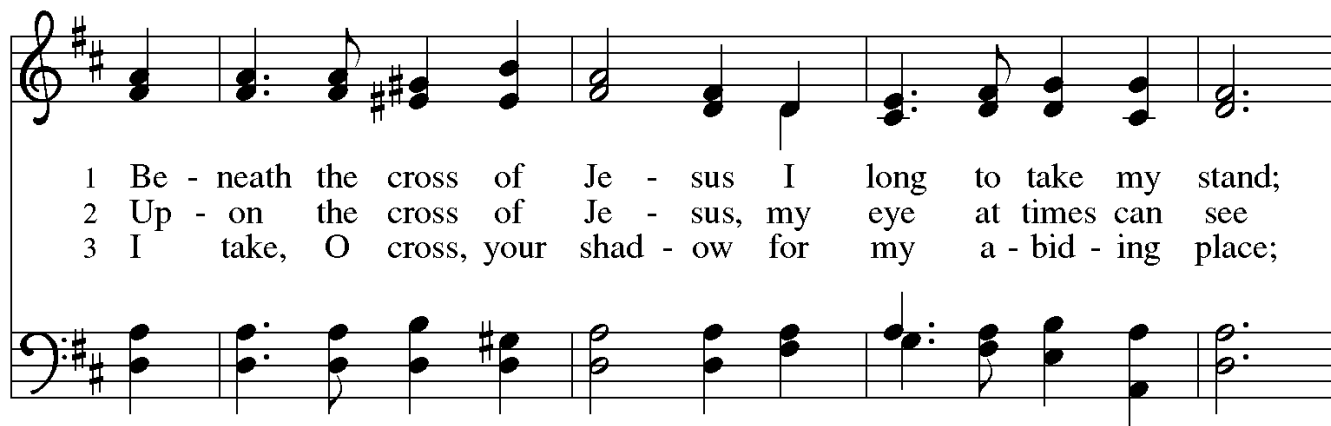
- The Holy Gospel according to Mark. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

³¹[Jesus] began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." ³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

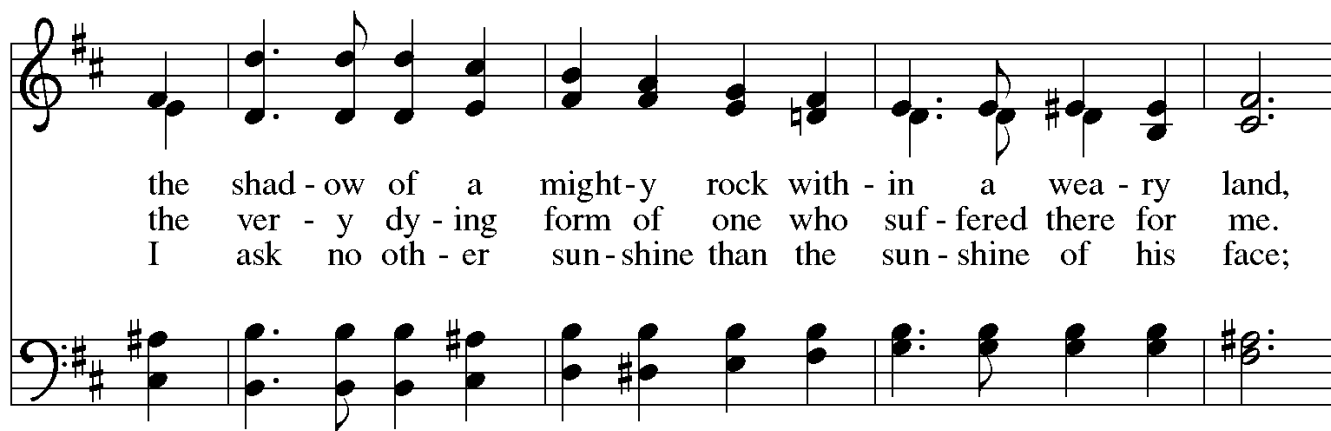
-The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON "What's in it for Me?" – Pr. Dave Wrightsman

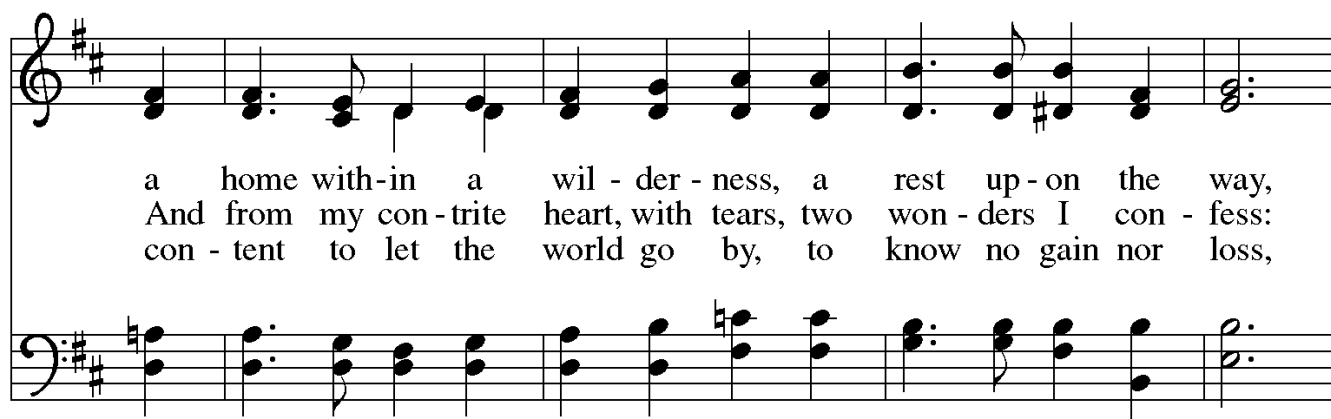
HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW 338 Beneath the Cross of Jesus



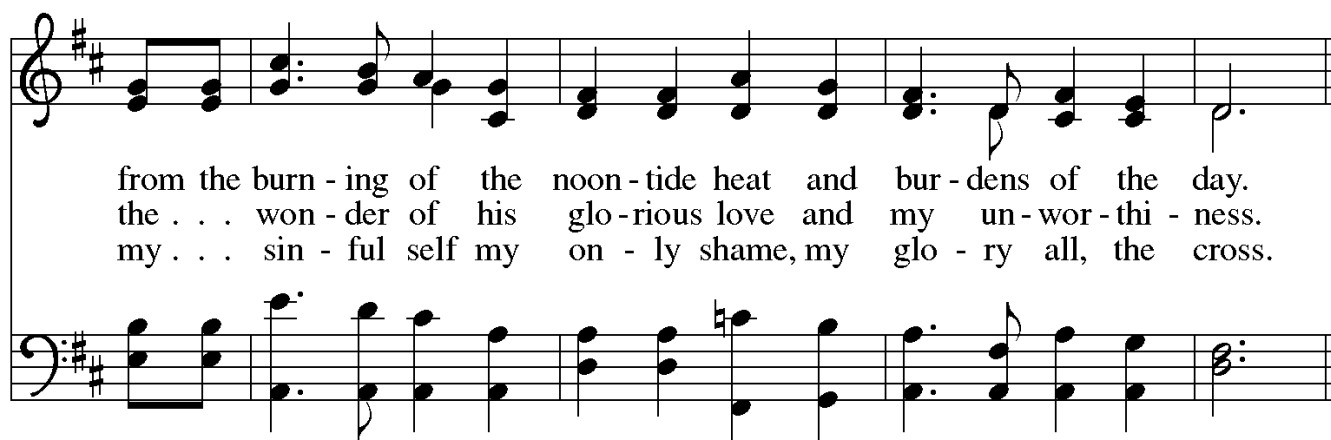
1 Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I long to take my stand;
 2 Up - on the cross of Je - sus, my eye at times can see
 3 I take, O cross, your shad - ow for my a - bid - ing place;



the shad - ow of a might-y rock with - in a wea - ry land,
 the ver - y dy - ing form of one who suf - fered there for me.
 I ask no oth - er sun - shine than the sun - shine of his face;



a home with-in a wil - der - ness, a rest up - on the way,
 And from my con - trite heart, with tears, two won - ders I con - fess:
 con - tent to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,



from the burn - ing of the noon - tide heat and bur - dens of the day.
 the . . . won - der of his glo - rious love and my un - wor - thi - ness.
 my . . . sin - ful self my on - ly shame, my glo - ry all, the cross.

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

***TEMPLE TALK:** Youth Lent Project

***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: "The Lord's My Shepherd" – arr. Marlatt

***OFFERING SONG:** ELW 185 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. Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God,

and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.

The musical score is written on six staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It features a melody with various note values including quarter, eighth, and half notes, along with rests and slurs. The lyrics are printed below each staff, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes.

Music: *Liturgy of Joy*, James M. Capers, b. 1948
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***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.**

***GREAT THANKSGIVING – HOLY: p. 190**

***LORD'S PRAYER:**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

All are welcome at Christ's table. As Lutherans we believe that Jesus Christ is truly present in the bread and wine, the body and blood of our Lord. All who desire to receive the gifts of grace, forgiveness, and new life are welcome to come to the Lord's Table. You do not need to be Lutheran or a member of Good Shepherd to receive these gifts.

- *Ushers will direct you to the altar rail.*
- *Gluten and dairy free bread and red wine/white grape juice are available to all.*
- *If you prefer only blessing, indicate by placing your hands in front of your heart.*
- *Prepackaged servings of bread and wine are also available.*

COMMUNION SONGS: Lamb of God p. 191; ELW 468 Around You, O Lord Jesus;
ELW 474 Bread of Life from Heaven



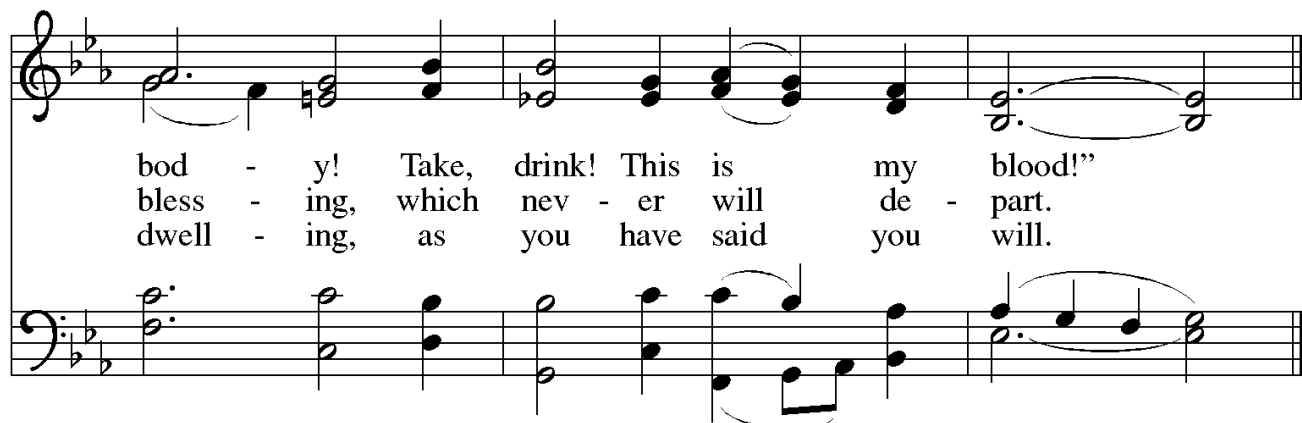
1 A - round you, O Lord Je - sus, your own you gath - er still
2 We hear your in - vi - ta - tion, and heed, O Lord, your call;
3 We are your own for - ev - er; un - til our fi - nal breath



to share the feast you give us with grace our lives to fill.
your word of con - so - la - tion is spo - ken here to all.
we will be true and nev - er— in joy, in grief, in death—



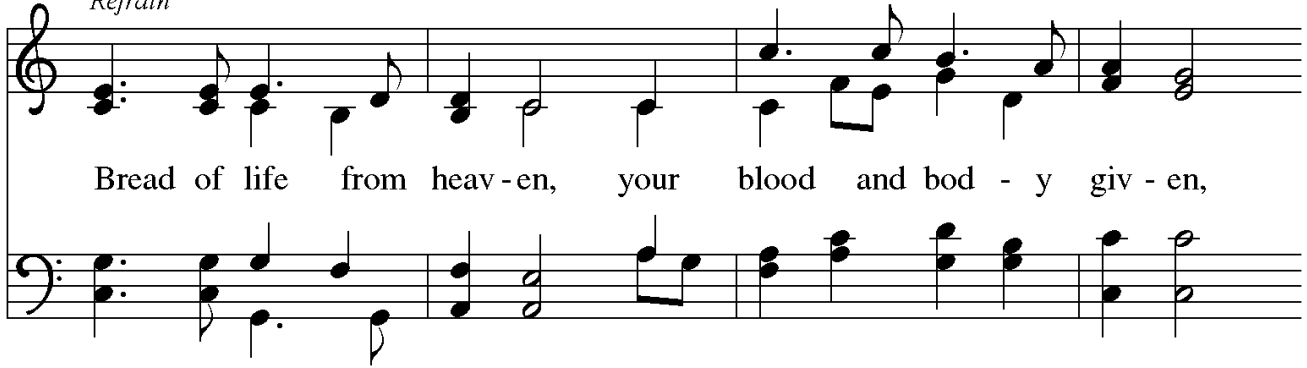
You say to us so lov - ing - ly, "Take, eat! This is my
It draws us to your lov - ing heart; it brings to us your
de - part from you, for you are still a - mong your peo - ple



bod - y! Take, drink! This is my blood!"
bless - ing, which nev - er will de - part.
dwell - ing, as you have said you will.

Bread of Life from Heaven

Refrain



Bread of life from heav - en, your blood and bod - y giv - en,



we eat this bread and drink this cup un - til you come a - gain.



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|---|-------|-----|------|-------|------|----------|------------------|------------|
| 1 | Break | now | the | bread | of | Christ's | sac - ri - fice; | giv - ing |
| 2 | Seek | not | the | food | that | will | pass a - way; | set your |
| 3 | Love | as | the | one | who, | in | love for you, | gave him - |
| 4 | Dwell | in | the | one | who | now | dwells in you; | make your |
| 5 | Drink | of | this | cup | and | de - | clare his death; | eat this |



thanks, hun - gry ones,	gath - er round.	Eat, all of you, and be
hearts on the food	that en - dures.	Come, learn the true and the
self for the life	of the world.	Come to the one who is
home in the life -	giv - ing Word.	Know on - ly Christ, Ho - ly
bread and be - lieve	Eas - ter morn;	trust his re - turn and, with



sat - is - fied;	in Christ's pres -	ence the loaves	will a - bound.
liv - ing way,	that the full -	ness of life	may be yours.
food for you,	that your hun -	ger and thirst	be no more.
One of God,	and be - lieve	in the truth	you have heard.
ev - 'ry breath,	praise the one	in whom you	are re - born.

Refrain

*TABLE BLESSING

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:

Let us pray together... **Generous God, at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace. As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread, now make us one loaf to feed the world;**

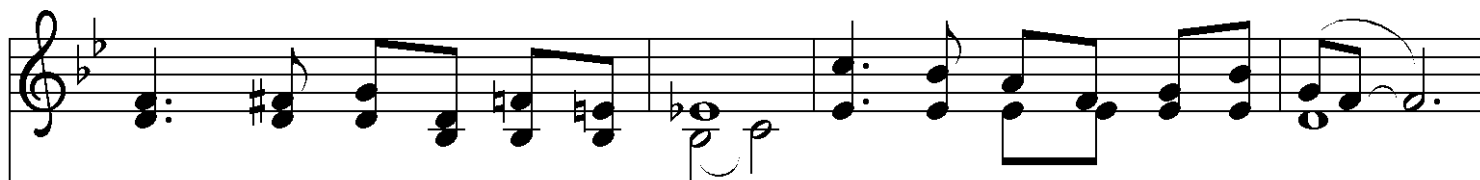
in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life. Amen.

SENDING

SENDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

***BENEDICTION:** ... Amen.

***SENDING SONG:** ELW 697 Just a Closer Walk with Thee



Refrain Just a clos - er walk with thee, grant it, Je - sus, is my plea;
1 I am weak but thou art strong: Je - sus, keep me from all wrong;
2 Through this world of toil and snares, if I fal - ter, Lord, who cares?
3 When my fee - ble life is o'er, time for me will be no more;



dai - ly walk-ing close to thee, let it be, dear Lord, let it be.
I'll be sat - is - fied as long as I walk, let me walk close to thee. Ref.
Who with me my bur - den shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee. Ref.
guide me gent - ly, safe - ly o'er to thy king - dom shore, to thy shore. Ref.



Just a Closer Walk with Thee comes from the Black spiritual tradition, dating back at least to the 19th century. It speaks hope to people who were enslaved, suffered under Jim Crow, and face ongoing racism today. It brings hope to anyone who faces suffering today. To ask for a closer walk with Jesus also means walking in the company of those Jesus walked with: the struggling and oppressed. For us, this includes walking with our Black siblings in the face of ongoing racism and violence.

PRAYER BELL

DISMISSAL: Go in peace, you are God's beloved. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE: "Canzona per sonare" – Gabrieli

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: USHERS & GREETERS: Jim & Liz Fritz, Betty Danielson; READER: Matt Tapscott; CANTOR: Melanie Folkerts; ASSISTING MINISTER: Lise Kildegaard; FELLOWSHIP: Tim Folkerts, Marv Slind, Jim & Liz Fritz, Marilyn & Al Anderson; ORGANIST & PIANIST: Brooke Joyce; PREACHER & PRESIDER: Pr. Dave Wrightsman

CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE: The call committee was installed on Feb. 11th and is working with the synod and the congregation to prepare a ministry site profile and seek candidates that are a good fit for our congregation. Please reach out to call committee convener Megan Buckingham with any questions.

YOUTH LENT PROJECT FOCUS ON MENTAL HEALTH: Funds from this year's project are going to mental health resources and awareness, specifically NAMI in NE Iowa (National Alliance on Mental Illness). More information about NAMI and nourishing our mental health will be shared on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. Please note "Youth Lent Project" on checks or put offering in the watering can up front for NAMI.

BOOK SALE: Donate fiction, non-fiction, and children's books, board games, DVDs, and puzzles for a fundraiser for our 13 youth attending this summer's trip to the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans. Seven prayer shawls will also be available, donated by Good Shepherd's Prayer Shawl Ministry.

- Items can be placed on the tables at the north end of the Fellowship Hall starting today. Sales will take place on Wednesdays and Sundays following worship services. Payments are a freewill donation, with a suggested amount of \$1.00-\$5.00.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: First United Methodist Church will be hosting World Day of Prayer on Friday March 1 at 9 am. The theme is "I Beg You... Bear With One Another in Love." The program was written by a group of ecumenical Christian Palestinian women in response to the passage from Ephesians 4:1-7. We will reflect collectively on this theme from the context of suffering as Palestinian Christian women.

- Martha Monson Lowe will share stories of the lives of Palestinian women whom she has met in the Holy Land. She will also sell Palestinian handwork that she has purchased from artists and shopkeepers. A second presentation will also be given March 2nd, 9 a.m., at Big Canoe Lutheran Church.

AMMPARO OPPORTUNITIES IN OUR COMMUNITY: Good Shepherd has a long history commitment to the newcomers in our community and currently works through the AMMPARO program of the ELCA to support asylum seekers locally. The ways you can support this ministry in an active manner include:

- Holding in prayer those seeking sanctuary from danger and famine.
- Share financial resources at:
 - **Path to Citizenship:** donate at immigrationneia.org or P.O. Box 355 Decorah
 - **Guatemalan Basics:** a fund that buys 3 months' worth of corn, masa, and beans for newly arrived families at a cost of \$90 per set.
 - **Neighbors Helping Neighbors** (a fund for immigration related emergencies such as covering rent after the loss of a job or a serious illness).
 - **To give:** <https://decorahucc.breezechms.com/give/online> , put in the amount you wish to give and scroll down to choose **Neighbors Helping Neighbors** or **Guatemalan Basics**
- Share functional used furniture, particularly twin, full and queen beds and bedding, dressers, and dining tables and chairs (contact Marty Steele, **563-419-6163**).
- Volunteer to drive people to legal appointments, usually in Cedar Rapids, Iowa City or Des Moines and sometimes in town (contact Marty Steele, **563-419-6163**).

ADVOCACY OPPORTUNITY FOR IMMIGRANT RIGHTS: HOUSE FILE 2112 Please email our Iowa House Representative, Michael Bergan (michael.bergan@legis.iowa.gov) and tell him this bill will harm innocent members of our statewide community. This ant-immigrant bill is designed to crack down on the smuggling of undocumented immigrants into Iowa, and to prevent them from accessing public assistance programs. The bill is part of a wider push by Republicans to block undocumented immigrants from receiving taxpayer benefits – in spite of the fact that undocumented immigrants who are working are themselves paying taxes. The broad language of the bill could be interpreted to mean that anyone driving an immigrant to a doctor's appointment, a sporting event, or to get groceries, etc. could potentially be held liable for smuggling. Additionally, there is concern that this bill (along with two others being considered: HSB703 and HB2320) will heighten anti-immigrant sentiment in the state.

PRAYER LIST UPDATES: New ways of expressing our prayer life together and responding to confusion about how to direct prayers will result in a shift in the structure and management of the Prayer List and prayer requests under Pastor Dave's guidance. Full details will appear in the March newsletter. Questions and concerns can be addressed to Pastor Dave or staff members Erica and Tristan.

SATURDAY, MARCH 2, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall - FAMILY FUN DAY: All are invited to this youth/family event, focused on the theme of nourishing mental health. Everyone will rotate through 4 fun interactive stations.

LENTEN RECITAL SERIES BEGINS MARCH 6: This year's Lenten Recital Series at Good Shepherd once again features a variety of music on three Wednesdays during Lent, from 12:15-12:45 p.m. in the Sanctuary. All recitals are free and open to the public. The series kicks off on March 6, featuring solo and chamber music by Mattie Snyder, cello, and friends.

DECORAH COMMUNITY MEAL! Please join us for a free meal on Thursday, March 7th, at 5:00 PM, at Decorah Lutheran Church, 309 Winnebago Street. All are welcome -- this is a free meal -- serving until 6:15 PM. This month we are hosted by members of the Northern Lights Chorale who will provide volunteers, salads, and desserts. The main course is provided by Sodexo of Luther College.

STEPHANIE HOFF'S REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE: Our member Stephanie has Stage 5 chronic kidney disease, is now on dialysis, and is still hoping for a kidney transplant. Information about Stephanie and living kidney donation is available at goodshepherddecorah.org/mystory

OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK: Tristan: 9 AM – 12 PM M-F. Erica: 10 AM – 5 PM T.

PRAYER LIST

Good Shepherd Family: Lyle Otte (recovering from retinal surgery), Ameila & William Kurth, Luther Snow and Lise Kildegard, Russ Freerking, June Melby, Bonnie Flora, LaVerne Ramsey, Ingrid Callaghan, Donna Bahr, 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: Ken and Barbara Root (friends to many at Good Shepherd), 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), 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), 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 and especially to Luther College Students! It is a joy to worship with you. You are welcome to enjoy really great coffee, juice, treats, and conversation down the hall after worship – follow the crowd. Sit anywhere!

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 is 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. 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)