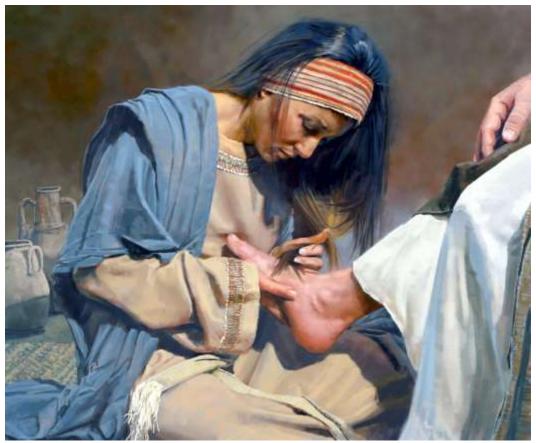
GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

Psalm 100:3



"Washing Jesus' Feet" - Brian Call

March 17th - 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.

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.

Worship Books are in the Pews

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) - red book All Creation Sings (ACS) - purple book Page numbers (p.) in front of the books; hymn numbers (#) in back of books. Congregational responses are in **bold**. An * indicates a time to rise in body or spirit.

Worship Window

Have you ever gone overboard expressing your love and devotion to someone? So much so that you completely lost track of the cost? The occasion of today's gospel takes place at a dinner party where Jesus is the invited and honored quest. And we discover in a women's extravagance, a fragrant example of when even too much is not enough.

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 lament that the white Church in the United States, through its dominant place in our country's culture and history, has actively constructed, justified, and sustained

systems of racial injustice and violence. The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America has marginalized Lutheran Black, Indigenous, and People of Color leaders and communities and perpetuated a patriarchal, monocultural and racially segregated status quo. (From Declaration of the ELCA to Peoples of African Descent issued by ELCA Church Council, June 27, 2019)

GATHERING

PRAYER BELL - PRELUDE: "Herzliebster Jesu" – Johannes Brahms

WELCOME – ANNOUNCEMENTS

*GATHERING HYMN: ELW 650 "In Christ There is No East or West"



***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:



*PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Let us pray together...O God, with steadfast love you draw us to yourself, and in mercy you receive our prayers. Strengthen us to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, that through life and death we may live in 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

LESSON: Philippians 3:4b-14

⁴even though I, too, have reason for confidence in the flesh. If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. ⁷Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come

to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. ¹²Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

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

PSALM 126:1-6

¹When the LORD restored the for- | tunes of Zion, then were we like | those who dream.

²Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with | shouts of joy. Then they said among the nations, "The LORD has done great | things for them."

³The LORD has done great | things for us, and we are | glad indeed.

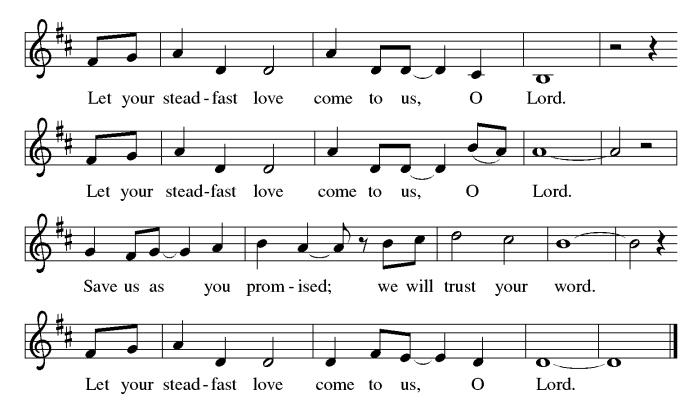
⁴Restore our for- | tunes, O LORD, like the watercourses | of the Negeb.

⁵Those who | sowed with tears will reap with | songs of joy.

⁶Those who go out weeping, carry- | ing the seed, will come again with joy, shoulder- | ing their sheaves.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



*GOSPEL: John 12:1-8

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

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ²There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. ³Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. ⁴But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, ⁵'Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?' ⁶(He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) ⁷Jesus said, 'Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. ⁸You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.'

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

SERMON "When Too Much is Not Enough" – Pr. David Wrightsman

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW 325 "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"



Text: African American spiritual Music: SOJOURNER, African American spiritual; arr. hymnal version Arr. © 2006 Augsburg Fortess. *PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: Each petition ends... God of mercy, 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: "My Song is Love Unknown" - Edwin Childs

*OFFERING SONG: ELW 185 Create in Me A Clean Heart



*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 HOLY: p. 190

The Lord be with you.

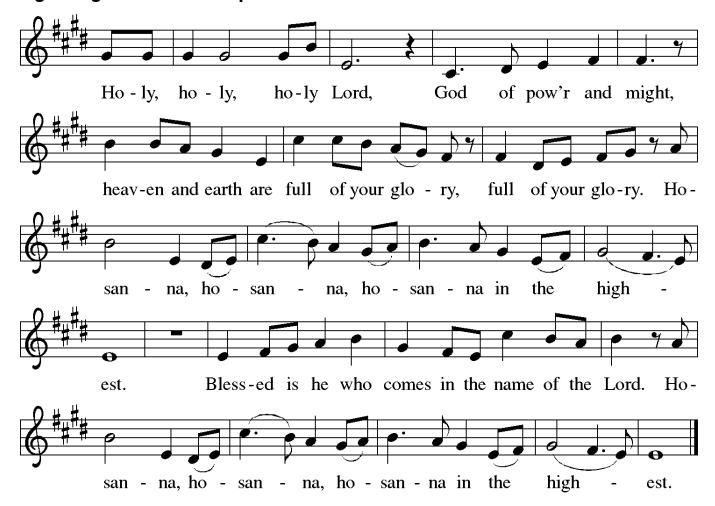
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise....



*LORD'S PRAYER:

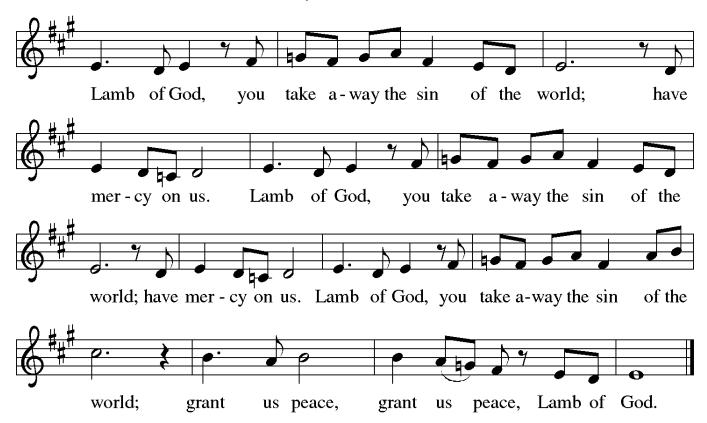
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the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

HOLY COMMUNION

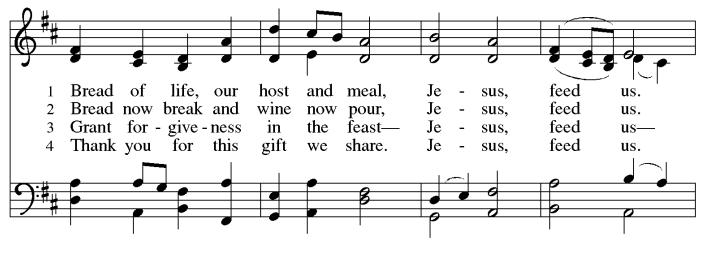
All are welcome at Christ's table. As Lutherans we believe that Jesus Christ is truly present in the bread and wine, the body and blood of our Lord. All who desire to receive the gifts of grace, forgiveness, and new life are welcome to come to the Lord's Table. You do not need to be Lutheran or a member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

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COMMUNION HYMNS: ELW 464 "Bread of Life, Our Host and Meal"; ELW 494 "For the Bread Which You Have Broken"





ELW 494 "For the Bread Which You Have Broken"



- For the bread which you have bro-ken, for the wine which you have poured,
- 2 By this prom ise that you love us, by your gift of peace re stored,
- 3 With the saints who now a dore you, seat-ed at the heav'n ly board,
- 4 In your ser vice, Lord, de fend us; in our hearts keep watch and ward;



for the words which you have spo - ken, now we give you thanks, O Lord. by your call to heav'n a - bove us, hal - low all our lives, O Lord. may the church still wait - ing for you keep love's tie un - bro - ken, Lord. in the world to which you send us let your king-dom come, O Lord.



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*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 848 "Give to Our God Immortal Praise"



Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748 Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793

PRAYER BELL

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

POSTLUDE: "Ah, Holy Jesus" - Helmut Walcha

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: GREETER: LaVerne Ramsey; USHERS: Brad Hanson, Steve Hopkins; READER: Steve Hopkins; CANTOR: Tom Buresh; ASSISTING MINISTER: Sara Hopkins; FELLOWSHIP: Liz Rog, Bev Nelson, Sarah Olson, Jutta Anderson, Dan Bellrichard, Liza Hicken, Lulu, Poppy, and Solveig Bellrichard.

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 lowa (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.

EPIC SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION SESSION TODAY at 11:00 in the Gathering Space: Good Shepherd members of the 2024 high school graduating class, their parents, and all others who are interested are invited to an information session about Good Shepherd's EPIC Scholarship ministry. Members of the Mission Endowment Fund Committee will be available to explain the ministry and provide applications for the 2024-2025 academic year.

PHOTO OPPORTUNITY FOR DIRECTORY: TODAY AND SUNDAY, MARCH 24, following Worship: Now is the time to make certain that our new online Directory is accurate and complete. Adding missing photos and updating individual and family photos is essential to reaching this goal. Jane Kemp, Jeri Laursen, and Jim Buzza will be available today to take individual and family photos. Gather in the Sanctuary. Photos may be taken outdoors, weather permitting. Personal photos can be submitted to our staff member Tristan at tristan@goodshepherddecorah.org.

LENTEN RECITAL THIS WEEK: On March 20, enjoy music by Warren Gooch, George Walker, and a premiere by Brooke Joyce, featuring **Craig Hultgren**, **cello**, **and Brooke Joyce**, **piano and organ**, **12:15-12:45 p.m. in the church sanctuary**. All recitals are free and open to the public. Come and spend your lunchtime here!

BOOK SALE EXTENDED THROUGH 3/20: Youth attending the ELCA National Youth Gathering in New Orleans this summer are hosting a Books (and More!) Fundraiser at tables at the north end of the Fellowship Hall. Youth are available on Wednesdays and Sundays following worship, but you can also stop by anytime the church is open to purchase items—there is a bag for donations that will be monitored by Good Shepherd staff.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY MEETING: Wed., March 20, 1:00 - 3:00 P.M., Gathering Space - All are welcome! Prayer Shawl Ministry meetings are held on the third Wednesday of the month, September through May. Yarn and patterns are available. Please bring any completed shawls to be blessed. Questions? Contact Jeri Laursen.

SPRING PLANTS OR FLOWERS FOR EASTER SERVICES: Altar Guild welcomes contributions of spring plants or flowers to be placed along the altar rail for the March 30 Easter Vigil and March 31 Easter Sunday service. Flowers can be designated in memory or honor of friends and loved ones. Please provide names to the Church Office no later than Wednesday, March 27, and have the plants or flowers delivered to the Gathering Space by 3:00 p.m., Saturday, March 30. All orders and payments are made individually, not through the Church Office. You are welcome to remove your plant/flowers after the Easter Sunday service, or no later than Saturday, April 6.

- Due to sensitivities to odors and pollen, Easter lilies and other lilies are not placed in the Sanctuary. Altar Guild suggestions include: azaleas, tulips, daffodils, bulb gardens, kalanchoes, mums, hydrangeas, pansies, and flower arrangements.
- Note: The Country Garden is offering special pricing for church members on selected flowering plants for Easter services. Its deadline for these orders is March 28. Identify yourself as a member of Good Shepherd.

SUPPLIES FOR LWR PERSONAL CARE KITS AND BABY CARE KITS will be collected during March and April. Donations can be dropped off in the containers in the Gathering Space outside the Sanctuary. Items still needed are: new, dark-colored bath towels (between 20" x 40" and 52" x 27"); 4-5 ounce wrapped bars of soap, any brand; new adult-size toothbrushes in original packaging; new metal nail clippers; sleepers without feet; cloth diapers, flat fold; dark-colored hand towels. We will be assembling the kits in late April.

OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK: Tristan: 9 AM - 12 PM M-F.

Erica: 10 AM - 5 PM W-Thur.

Prayers of Healing, Care and Joy

People will be kept on the "medical concerns" prayer list for 4 weeks. After that they will be cycled off and you will need to alert Pr. David or the Office to have them return to the Prayer List for another 4 weeks. Those listed under "hospice" will remain on the prayer list until otherwise noted. Grieving folks are listed for 2 weeks.

Those with medical concerns...

- · Noi Tran (Kim Kavan's mother), receiving dialysis treatment
- Stephanie Hoff, awaiting kidney transplant
- June Melby, health concerns
- Ingrid Callaghan, health concerns
- Bonnie Flora, Parkinsons and troubling back pain
- Jutta Anderson, Chordoma, rare cancer of the spine
- Steve Zittergruen's mother, Mary, cancer
- Doyle Gorden, broken collar bone

Those in hospice...

- Harland Nelson, at Eastern Star
- Mirium Plaatz, Melanie Folkerts' aunt; In California
- Dennis Martin, Marv & Mickey Slind's brother-in-law, Buffalo, NY
- Ed Hover, at Eastern Star

Those serving on Good Shepherd's Call Committee...

 Megan Buckingham (Convener), Anne Clausen, Steve Holland, Karin Martin-Hiner, Bob Larson, and Leah Holland

Those who reside at Eastern Star and Arlin Falck...

- Eastern Star: Harland Nelson, Ed Hover, Janet Gall
- Arlin Falck: Bonnie Flora, Naomi Craft, Dick & Glendalu Wuest, Brad Hanson Eastern Star & Arlin Falck residents listed on 3rd Sunday of month; Aase Haugen & Wellington residents listed on 4th Sunday of the month

Prayers for the Church, the Nation, and the World...

- For those struggling to put food on the table... that we who have much may share our food with the hungry (as recorded in Isaiah 58:7 look it up!)
- For those who live with depression and anxiety... that they have caring friends who reach to them and support and comfort them.
- For an end to violence in the world, especially between Ukraine/Russia & Israel/Palestine... Lord, be with those who have lost their livelihood and families to this destruction.
- For the Decorah Food Pantry, our mission partner, as it seeks to feed hungry households.
- For Pr. Amy as she serves in her new church community, St. Paul Lutheran of Red Wing.
- For those who support our church's ministry with their tithes, offering and gifts.

To have a prayer request added to the Prayer List, please email

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Today, Sunday, March 17: 4th Sunday in Lent:

- Worship at 9:30 am; Sanctuary Preaching/Presiding: Pr. David Wrightsman
- Sunday School: 10:20-11:00 am; Sunday School Room
- Coffee/Treats Social Time: 10:30-11:30 am; Fellowship Hall
- Youth Book/Puzzle/Game/DVD Sale; Fellowship Hall; freewill donation
- Adult Forum: Parent-Student EPIC Scholarship Meeting: 11:00 am; Gathering Sp.

Lenten Wednesday, March 20:

- Midday Recital Series: 12:15-12:45 pm; Sanctuary Craig Hultgren, cello; Brooke Joyce, piano
- **Spirituality and Aging:** 4:00-5:30 pm; Gathering Space Pr. Marion Pruitt-Jefferson; No registration needed
- Worship at 5:30 6:15 pm; Sanctuary Holden Evening Prayer; Preaching: Tom Buresh
- **Soup Supper:** 6:15-7:15 pm; Fellowship Hall & FINAL night of Youth Books/etc. sale!

Next Sunday, March 24, Palm Sunday: Processional of Palms

- Worship at 9:30 am; Sanctuary; with Holy Communion Preaching/Presiding: Pr. David Wrightsman
- Sunday School: 10:20-11:00 am; Sunday School Room
- Coffee/Treats Social Time: 10:30-11:30 am; Fellowship Hall

Maundy Thursday, March 28: The Stripping of the Altar

• Worship at 7:00; Sanctuary; with Holy Communion Preaching/Presiding: Pr. David Wrightsman Special Music: Good Shepherd Choir

Good Friday, March 29: The Cross and the Lynching Tree; Jazz Worship

 Worship at 7:00 pm; Sanctuary Worship Leader: Jon Ailabouni, with Jazz Ensemble Presiding: Pr. David Wrightsman

Easter Vigil, March 30: A Service of Fire, Scripture, Water & Holy Communion

• **Worship** at 7:00 pm; Bonfire outside and progressing to the Sanctuary Presiding: Pr. David Wrightsman

Easter Sunday, March 31: The Resurrection of Our Lord

- Worship at 9:30 am; Sanctuary; with Holy Communion Preaching/Presiding: Pr. David Wrightsman Special Music: Good Shepherd Band
- Easter Brunch: following worship