

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP!

Palm Sunday

Blessed is he that comes in the name of the Lord.
MATTHEW 11:9

MARCH 28, 2021

ONLINE WORSHIP SERVICE

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*“Welcome one another, therefore, as Christ has welcomed you.”
Romans 15:7*

*Good Shepherd Lutheran Church warmly welcomes people of any age, race,
nationality, sexual orientation, life circumstance, and physical or mental capability.*

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

“The Banners of the King”
-Everett Titcomb

Thomas Eisnor

THE NARRATIVE

“The Trail of Triumph and Tears”
-Coley Fisher

Good Shepherd Staff

GREETING

P Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

C **Hosanna in the highest.**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. We praise you, O God, for redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus Christ. Today he entered the holy city in triumph and was proclaimed messiah and king by those who spread garments and branches along his way. Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the cross, so that joined to his death and resurrection, we enter into life with you, through the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

HYMN

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”
ELW #344

Cynthia Christensen,
Paul Christensen,
Thomas Eisnor, Pam Weinelt

CONFESSION

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who gathers us in the wilderness to redeem us, anoint us, and make us new.

C **Amen.**

P In this holy week, let us be honest, confess our sin, and receive God's promise of mercy.
Silence is kept for reflection and self examination.

P God at the margins,

C **We have wandered far from your home; again and again, we lose our way. We turn inward, afraid of the world around us. We forget that you have saved your people before and promise to do so again. Do not remember the deeds of our past, but turn our faces toward**

the future, where your forgiveness is sure, your welcome is clear, and your love overflows. Amen.

P Like a hen who gathers her chicks, God embraces you in tender care. Like manna in the desert, God feeds you with surprising mercy. Like a loving parent, God runs to meet you again this day, forgiving your sins for the sake of † Christ, leading you from death into life.

C **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-9

Holly Jones

At the conclusion of the reading:

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 31:9-16 *(read responsively)*

John Bost

L Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am in distress; my eye wastes away from grief, my soul and body also.

C **For my life is spent with sorrow, and my years with sighing; my strength fails because of my misery, and my bones waste away.**

L I am the scorn of all my adversaries, a horror to my neighbors, an object of dread to my acquaintances; those who see me in the street flee from me.

C **I have passed out of mind like one who is dead; I have become like a broken vessel.**

L For I hear the whispering of many — terror all around! — as they scheme together against me, as they plot to take my life.

C **But I trust in you, O LORD; I say, "You are my God."**

L My times are in your hand; deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors.

C **Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love.**

SECOND READING: Philippians 2:5-11

Sharon Bost

At the conclusion of the reading:

- The Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.**

SCRIPTURE ANNOUNCEMENT

"Be Still"

Pam Weinelt

Words and Music by Hans Peterson
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Be still and know that I am God.

Be still and know that I am God.

GOSPEL READING: Mark 11:1-11

- The holy gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

At the conclusion of the reading:

- The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

"Changing the World"

Pastor Paul Baumgartner

SONG OF DAY

"Jesus, Lover of My Soul"

Bill Alderfer,
Karen Ferg

Words and Music by Paul Oakley
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CREED

P With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

C 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

As each petition closes with the words, "Lord, in your mercy," worshippers are encouraged to respond with the words, "**hear our prayer.**"

PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray, saying:

C 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.

SENDING

BLESSING

P You are what God made you to be: created in Christ Jesus for good works, chosen as holy and beloved, freed to serve your neighbor. God bless you ☩ that you may be a blessing, in the name of the holy and life-giving Trinity.

C Amen.

SENDING SONG

"Build Your Kingdom Here"
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Tim Ferg
Gary Griffith

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace, share the good news.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"
by Roy Brunner

Thomas Eisnor

We are called, gathered and blessed to be a community and instrument of grace for all sheep of the Good Shepherd.

FOR ONLINE SUNDAY SERVICES & SUNDAY SCHOOL VISIT:
[YOUTUBE.COM](https://www.youtube.com) GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH, WOODSTOCK, GA

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**2020-21 February YTD Budgeted
Giving Summary**

Fiscal Year 2020-2021
Actual Income: 366,693.29
Budgeted Income: \$388,907.49
Ahead/Behind: (\$22,214.20)

We are now in fiscal year 2020-21. This is a great time to use Simply Giving or GIVEPLUS. Click [DONATE](#) on our website for more information. The work of GSLC cannot be completed without the support of the congregation! We are grateful for your continued giving and support. Thank you!

ONLINE GIVING AND GIVE PLUS

Even though church services are not happening in the physical state, the work of the church and expenses of the church still go on. Members using envelope giving are encouraged to mail their offerings to the church each week. Now would be a good time to sign up with either GivePlus or Simply Giving! You can do that by going to www.gslutheran/donate.



GSLC REACHES OUT

Please consider these ways of supporting our community

MUST Ministry Collection Available at GSLC Doorway

MUST Ministries is coordinating a MUST FOOD Rapid Response program. Family food boxes will be distributed at several points around Cobb and Cherokee Counties. They are accepting donations at their facilities seven days a week. Good Shepherd has placed a barrel outside the front doors of the church. **Most Needed Items:** New socks and underwear for children, adult toothbrushes, Mac & Cheese, Instant Oatmeal, Jelly, Peanut Butter, Canned Meats, Rice, Canned Tomato Sauce, Canned Vegetables NO GREEN BEANS.



LUTHERAN COALITION'S UPCOMING BUILD DAYS

- Saturday, April 24, 2021: Inside Paint
 - Saturday, May 15, 2021: Landscape
- There are 14 volunteer spots reserved on each build day. All build days will take place on Shady Trail in Canton, Georgia.



BUILD DAY REMINDERS:

Volunteers park at 1498 Johnson Brady Road Canton, GA 3011
Bring own water and own sack lunch

LINKS FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION:

- [Volunteer Registration Link](#)
- [Registration Instructions](#)
- [Rules to Build By](#)
- [Family Profile - Meet the Miller Family](#)
- [2021 build site protocols in response to COVID-19.](#)



As always, please feel free to the [church office](#) with any questions or concerns you may have!

THE THREE DAYS MAUNDY THURSDAY, GOOD FRIDAY and EASTER

The great story of God's salvation for us reaches its dramatic climax in the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus, and so we are called to observe the Three Days: Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter. The celebration of a single day, cannot tell the whole story. Neither Jesus' passion, nor death, nor resurrection even makes sense without the context of all three days. Come and join us for the celebration of the Three Days as we commemorate God's whole story of salvation.



MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 1

The Maundy Thursday service will be pre-recorded and posted on our [website](#).

We will be offering outdoor Communion from 4-7pm.
[Sign-up to serve.](#)



GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 2

The Good Friday service will be pre-recorded and posted on our [website](#).

Participate in a 24-Hour Easter Prayer Vigil. [More details and the sign-up for a time slot, are available here.](#)



SATURDAY, APRIL 3

We will be offering outdoor Communion from 4-7pm.
[Sign-up to serve.](#)

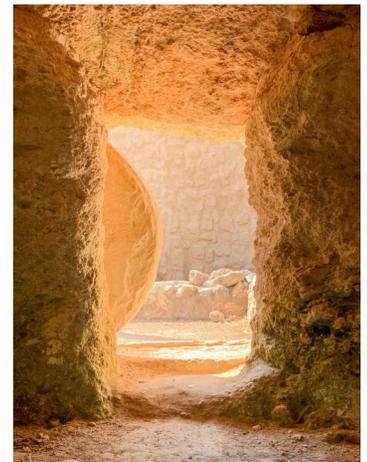


EASTER DAY, APRIL 4 —(Enter on Eagle drive only)

We will celebrate Easter with outdoor worship services at 7am and 10am on Easter morning. They will be *bring-your-own-chair* services. We invite you to park in the lower parking lot and then walk with your chairs to the upper parking lot. When you arrive there, you will be required to wear a facemask and social distance your chairs. There will be assistance with chairs and transportation up the hill for those who need it. There will be no outdoor communion on this day.

If you are planning to attend our Outdoor Easter Worship Service and would like to PARTICIPATE AS A WORSHIP SERVANT, we need Assisting Ministers, Lay Readers and Parking Attendants, FOR EACH SERVICE. Please consider signing-up for one of these roles by [clicking here](#). All instructions are included on the sign-up form.

For those who are uncomfortable gathering, the Easter service will also be pre-recorded and posted on our [website](#).



ELCA WORLD HUNGER

Join together with fellow supporters to study, pray and give during ELCA World Hunger's 40 Days of Giving. [Obtain resources and read more here.](#)



Outdoor Communion

Pastor Paul offers Holy Communion outdoors, on Sunday mornings on our front porch, from 8:30 - 10:00 AM and from 10:45 AM-12:15 PM. Visit our [website](#) for more information.

MARCH/APRIL SCHEDULE NOW AVAILABLE

We are looking for volunteers to help set-up/clean-up and serve during outdoor communion. Those shifts run 8:00 - 10:15 AM and 10:15 AM - 12:30 PM. We would like to have two people for each shift. You will be required to wear a mask. There is a sign-up sheet on our website at [Sign-Up Central Online](#).



We need to fill the early slot on March 28th!

Please note there is a special communion opportunity on Maundy Thursday, April 1st from 4-7 PM and the Saturday before Easter, April 3rd, from 4-7 PM. There will be no communion on Easter morning due to the Outdoor Worship Services that are scheduled.

New Daily Devotions

Pick up your copy of "Christ in Your Home", now available in a bin on our front porch. This book runs from April - June



SMILE for GOOD SHEPHERD



Did you know that Amazon has donated nearly \$800 to Good Shepherd? Just by typing the word "Smile." before Amazon.com and choosing "Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Woodstock GA" as your designated charity, will enable a percentage of your purchase price to go back to Good Shepherd. It's a win, win for everyone and certainly something to smile about. For more information, on this and other reward programs, [visit our website here](#).



Youth News

CONFIRMATION class meets Sunday, March 28th from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. via zoom. Meeting links will be sent via email. Our lesson will be on Other Denominations and World Religions. Be sure to check your email for your pre-class assignment.



Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Blood Drive

Fellowship Hall

**Saturday, April 17, 2021
8:00 AM to 1:00 PM**

For more information or to schedule an appointment, please contact Cathy Mattocks or go to www.redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code: goodshepherdlutheran

Slots are already filling up, reserve your spot today.

Schedule your blood donation appointment today.

Download the Blood Donor App | RedCrossBlood.org | 1-800-RED CROSS | 1-800-733-2767

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STAY CONNECTED TO GOOD SHEPHERD

DON'T MISS A THING If you do not receive our "Remind Text Messages" you can sign up on your mobile device. Text (including the @ symbol) @gslc1 to 81010 or [sign-up here](#). For more detailed instructions, [click here](#).

STAY INFORMED

If you would like to sign up for our Sheep Buzz e-mails you can do that [here](#), or on our website home page.

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PRAYERS@GSLUTHERAN.ORG

is the e-mail address for you to submit prayer concerns. Prayers will be posted to the Prayer Circle, via e-mail, during normal business hours. You can also drop us an e-mail at this same e-mail address if you would like to be a part of the Prayer Circle.



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**FOR I WAS HUNGRY AND YOU GAVE ME FOOD
(MATHEW 25:35)...**

The garden at GSLC was put in place several years ago to provide fresh produce to those in need of food in our community. Mary McCoy led our garden efforts and had a wish for the garden to expand its scope further. In keeping with her vision, we have recently expanded the garden footprint by adding six apple trees down the hillside going to Rose Creek Drive. The hope is that we will have apples by next season to share with the community! In addition, we will be adding two additional donated garden beds which will increase our produce output and let us put in some additional types of vegetables. The harvest is brought to different community organizations and served in their food pantries where the need for food has grown tremendously in the past year. If you have interest in helping in the garden the church office and we will put you in touch with our Garden Coordinators. If you are interested in making a monetary donation for seeds/plants/fertilizer, just mark your donation for the garden fund and deliver to GSLC.



Stewardship Campaign 2021

A packet of information was recently mailed to all households of Good Shepherd. Included in that packet was a letter announcing our new stewardship theme, "FAITH- Forsaking All I Trust Him," an Offering Form, a stamped addressed envelope to return your Offering Form, some information about GIVEPLUS and Simply Giving, and a Simply Giving Authorization Form. Please take a moment to read these materials over and submit your responses before the April 18th deadline. We will consecrate your financial gifts during the service on April 18th. Please note that we are not submitting time/talent gifts at this time, these will be sent at a later date. You can also find all this information on our website under the ABOUT tab, under Stewardship or through the links below.

If you have any questions, please contact Inreach Coordinator, [Janice Swinford](#).

- [Stewardship Letter/Spring 2021 Offering Form](#)
- [A word about Simply Giving and GivePlus](#)



2021 Good Shepherd Music Fundraiser

As opportunities arise for new styles of worship, we would like to again showcase the need for our Music Fundraiser that began in early 2020. The music groups of Good Shepherd are teaming up to raise funds to update, refurbish and repurpose our equipment. Several of our instruments and equipment are over 20 years old.

Please make any checks out to GSLC, or use GIVEPLUS via our website, and note music in the memo line. We have a goal of \$11,000 for the following:

Handbell Cases and hand carts for storing and moving equipment from the Music Room to the Sanctuary	\$1,500
Handbell tables and risers	\$2,500
Foam padding and muslin covers	\$1,000
New speakers and cabling for Praise Team	\$3,200
New keyboard for Praise Team	\$2,300
Costs to repurpose the old keyboard for use in the Music Room	\$500
Total to Date:	\$4,860

To Our Good Shepherd Family:

Thank you for the incredible outpouring of love and support you've given my family over the years, and particularly over Mary's passing. Although times are tough, it's comforting to know we are in your prayers. Mary loved Good Shepherd—Pastor Paul, the staff, and the wonderful flock she was a part of. Please continue to share the love that was so much a part of who Mary was.

God's Peace,
Mike McCoy



Take in A Bible Study

Monday Lunch and Learn Bible Study meets Mondays, from 12:30 to 2 PM via Zoom. We are involved in a study titled, "With Us in the Wilderness - A Study of Numbers" by Lauren Chandler. If you are interested in joining please let [Cat](#) know and we will add you to the email list.

Word on Wednesday Bible Study

WOW is discussing "The Acts of the Apostles" by Raymond Pickett from Augsburg Fortress. See what the Holy Spirit is up to in the development of the early church and how the Spirit continues to ACT through the church today!



If you are interested in participating, please contact study leader, Lori Peters, through the church office. We meet on Wednesdays via Zoom. At 10 AM.

WEDNESDAY-THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY

Pastor Paul's Zoom Bible Study is on "The Revelation to John". You may participate in either the WEDNESDAY 2PM GROUP or the THURSDAY 11AM GROUP. This study is also using "The Rapture Exposed" by Barbara Rossing as supplemental reading to the Biblical narrative. All are welcome to participate. Please email your interest in joining to [Pastor Paul](#) and he will send you a schedule.

Men In Mission For the next several weeks, Men in Mission Wednesday Zoom meetings will be viewing and discussing selected Rob Bell videos from the twenty-four short video NOOMA series that explores our common experiences from a perspective of Jesus. If you would like to join them, please contact media@gslutheran.org so we can send you a link to the meeting.



Sunday School News

Middle School **Sunday School Classes** meet virtually today at 10:30 AM High School will meet at 8 PM. Meeting links will be sent via email. For elementary school ages watch our online Sunday School videos on our You Tube channel. <https://bit.ly/GSLCYOUTUBE> We look forward to seeing you all virtually.

Adult Sunday School News

Coffee and Conversation is hosting a Zoom study, "The Old Testament" with Amy-Jill Levine. This is an overview (in 24 lectures) of the Old Testament, at 9:30 AM Sunday mornings. There is a new ZOOM link for this class. If you need the link and for any questions about this class or other study options, please contact our Sunday School Superintendent, [Janice Swinford](#).



Looking for an easy way to donate to Good Shepherd? Contribute offerings to Good Shepherd **using a credit or debit card**. GIVE PLUS is an online service recommended by the

ELCA and adopted by many Lutheran churches across America. They are the same vendor that processes our SIMPLY GIVING program. To obtain the most benefits, as noted below, we encourage you to set up an account through either our website by clicking the GIVE NOW button below, or utilizing the GIVE PLUS mobile app from your smartphone. You can download the free mobile app from [Google Play](#) or the [Apple App Store](#).

[GIVE NOW](#)

Prefer to have the money taken out through a **checking or savings** account? The enrollment process is easy – just fill out the [authorization form](#) and return it to the church Office Coordinator. You can modify or cancel your participation at any time by contacting the church office.

Want to mail us a check?
Our address is :
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Thank you for your support.