

JOEL 2:12

Return to
God with all
your heart



ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

March 2, 2022
NOON AND 7:30 PM

“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.

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Gathering

ENTER IN SILENCE

GATHERING HYMN

"Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow"

ELW #327

GREETING

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- 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

Pew Bible page, 831

At the conclusion of the reading:

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

PSALM 51:1-17 *(Read responsively between leader and congregation)*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; in your great compassion blot out my offenses. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wash me through and through from my wickedness, and cleanse me from my sin. | <input type="checkbox"/> Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> For I know my offenses, and my sin is ever before me. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restore to me the joy of your salvation and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are justified when you speak and right in your judgment. | <input type="checkbox"/> Let me teach your ways to offenders, and sinners shall be restored to you. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Indeed, I was born steeped in wickedness, a sinner from my mother's womb. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rescue me from bloodshed, O God of my salvation, and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Indeed, you delight in truth deep within me, and would have me know wisdom deep within. | <input type="checkbox"/> O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth shall proclaim your praise. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Remove my sins with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be purer than snow. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> For you take no delight in sacrifice, or I would give it. You are not pleased with burnt offering. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Let me hear joy and gladness, that the body you have broken may rejoice. | <input type="checkbox"/> The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit; a troubled and broken heart, O God, you will not despise. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my wickedness. | |

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

Pew Bible page, 1053

At the conclusion of the reading:

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

Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and
 mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in
 stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

SERMON

"The Cross of Death and Life"

Pastor Ruth

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

Pew Bible page, 881

☐ The holy Gospel according to Matthew.

At the conclusion of the reading:

☐ The Gospel of the Lord.

☑ Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF DAY

"You Are Mine"

Words and Music by David Haas,
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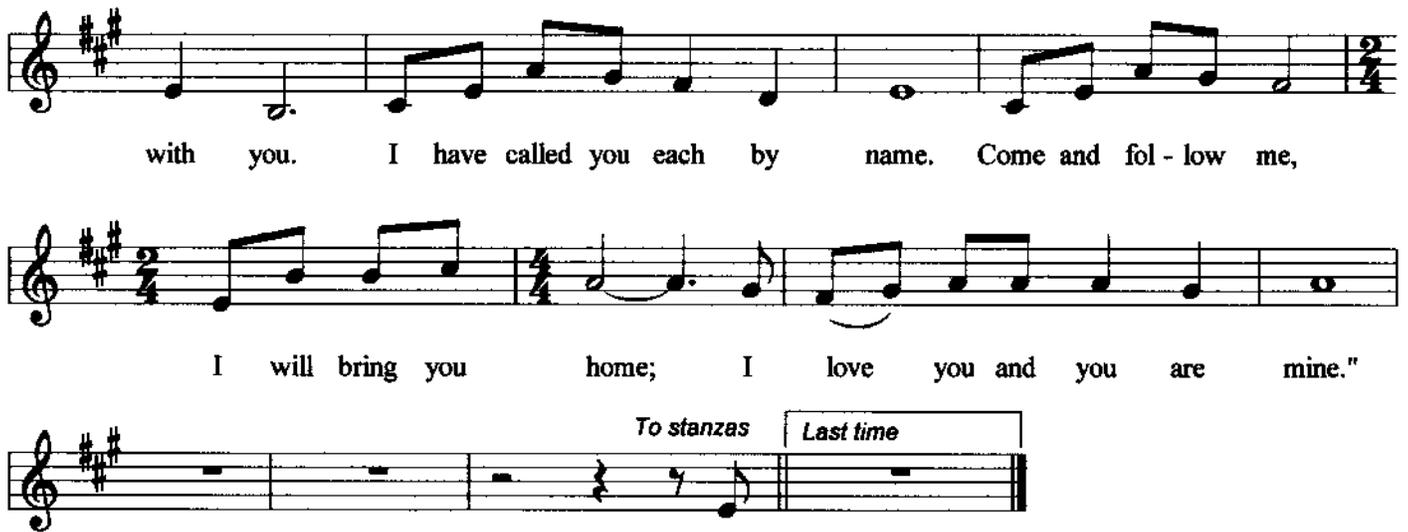
1 "I will come to you in the si - lence,
 2 "I am hope for all who are hope - less,
 3 "I am strength for all the des - pair - ing,
 4 am the Word that leads all to free - dom, I

I will lift you from all your fear.
 I am eyes for all who long to see. (2) In the
 heal - ing for the ones who dwell in shame.
 am the peace the world can - not give.

You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice. Be
 shad - ows of the night, I will be your light.
 All the blind will see, the lame will all run free, and
 I will call your name, em - brac - ing all your pain. Stand

still and know I am here. (To stanza 2) Do not be a - fraid I am
 Come and rest in me. (To refrain)
 all will know my name. (To refrain)
 up, now walk and live. (To refrain)

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with you. I have called you each by name. Come and fol - low me,
 I will bring you home; I love you and you are mine."

To stanzas Last time

INVITATION TO LENT

- P** 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. We begin this holy season by affirming our baptisms and acknowledging our need for repentance and for God's mercy. We are created to experience joy in communion with God, to love one another, and to live in harmony with creation. But our sinful rebellion separates us from God, our neighbors, and creation, so that we do not enjoy the life our creator intended. As disciples of Jesus, we are called to continue in the covenant God made with us in Holy Baptism. I invite you, therefore, to the discipline of Lent-self-examination and repentance, prayer and fasting, sacrificial giving and works of love-strengthened by the gifts of Word and Sacrament. Let us continue our journey through these forty days to the great Three Days of Jesus' death and resurrection.

CONFESSION OF SIN

- C** Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
The assembly kneels or sits. Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.
- P** Most holy and merciful God,
- C** **we confess to you and to one another, and before the whole company of heaven, that we have sinned by our fault, by our own fault, by our own most grievous fault, in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone.**
- P** We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven.
- C** **Have mercy on us, O God.**
- P** We have shut our ears to your call to serve as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy Spirit.
- C** **Have mercy on us, O God.**
- P** Our past unfaithfulness, the pride, envy, hypocrisy, and apathy that have infected our lives, we confess to you.
- C** **Have mercy on us, O God.**
- P** Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people, we confess to you.
- C** **Have mercy on us, O God.**
- P** Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to share the faith that is in us, we confess to you.
- C** **Have mercy on us, O God.**
- P** Our neglect of human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty, we confess to you.
- C** **Have mercy on us, O God.**
- P** Our false judgments, our uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us, we confess to you.
- C** **Have mercy on us, O God.**
- P** Our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us, we confess to you.

C Have mercy on us, O God.

P Restore us, O God, and let your anger depart from us.

C Hear us, O God, for your mercy is great.

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

P Almighty God, you have created us out of the dust of the earth. May these ashes be a sign of our mortality and penitence, reminding us that only by the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ are we given eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

Those desiring the imposition of ashes may come forward to the altar rail..

P Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.

HYMN DURING IMPOSITION "Savior, When in Dust to You"

ELW #601

(7:30 PM only)

"Dust We Are and Shall Return"

Words and Music by John Arndt, David Gungor and Kate Gungor
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1. From dust we've come and dust we
2. Nak - ed we came and shall re -

are turn and in - shall re - turn.
Be still my
soul and let it go, just let it go.
soul and let it go, just let it go.

Glo - ry ___ to God, ___ glo - ry ___ to God, ___ glo - ry ___ to God,
___ glo - ry ___ to God. ___

"Our Father, We Have Wandered"

ELW #606

After those who desire ashes have received them, all may kneel or sit and the minister continues:

P Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation,

C that we may show forth your glory in the world.

P By the cross and passion of your son, our Savior,

C bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.

P Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

C Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

(As the Assisting Minister closes each petition with the words, "Lord in your mercy" worshipers respond with the words, "Hear our prayer.")

Meal

GREAT THANKSGIVING

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** Lift up your hearts.
- C** **We lift them to the Lord.**
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C** **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

- P** It is indeed right.....we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION & LORD’S PRAYER

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray. 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. 	<p style="text-align: center;">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.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.</p>
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- † *All are invited to come and receive the real presence of Christ in the sacrament.*
- † *Follow the directions of the ushers, who will release you from your rows toward the center aisle. Come forward and kneel at the altar railing. If you wish to commune, extend your hand to the pastor, who will place a piece of bread in your hand. Receive the red wine or white grape juice by individual glass. Gluten-free wafers are also available.*
- † *Those who do not wish to take communion are invited to come forward for a blessing. Please indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest.*
- † *Return to your seats by the side aisle.*

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say:

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

and each person may respond: **Amen.**

LAMB OF GOD

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Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

COMMUNION

COMMUNION ANTHEM
(7:30 PM only)

"How Beautiful"
-Twila Paris, Arr. By Benjamin Harlan

Chancel Choir

COMMUNION HYMNS
(7:30 PM only)

"Broken in Love"

Words and Music by Marty Haugen
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This is my bod - y, bro - ken in love; take it and
eat and re - mem - ber me. This is my blood,
poured out in love; take it and drink and re - mem - ber
me. For love is will - ing ev - 'ry day to
die in or - der to live, and love is pa - tient
for a way to share the gifts that I give.

"Softly and Tenderly, Jesus Is Calling"

ELW #608

"Lord Jesus, Think on Me"

ELW #599

Stand

COMMUNION BLESSING

- The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace, unto life everlasting.
- Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- Merciful God, accompany our journey 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, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- Amen.

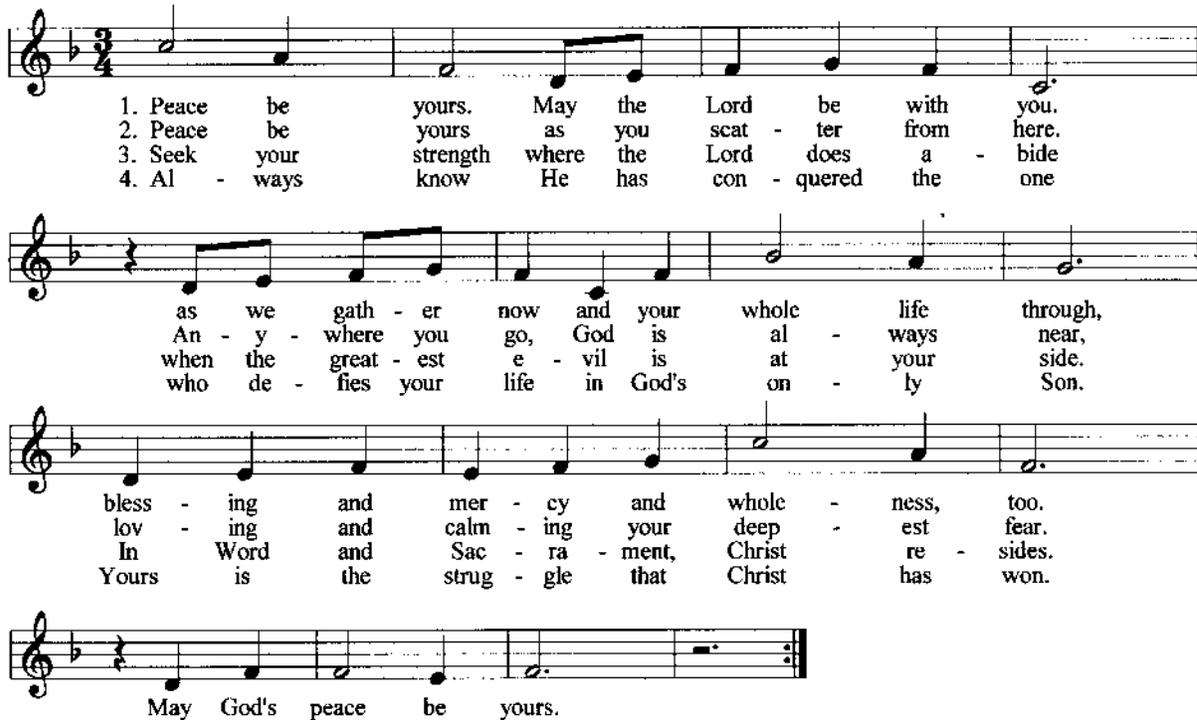
Sending

BLESSING

- Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
- Amen.

SENDING SONG

"Peace Be Yours"

Words and Music by Blari A'Hearn
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1. Peace be yours. May the Lord be with you.
 2. Peace be yours as you scat - ter from here.
 3. Seek your strength where the Lord does a - bide
 4. Al - ways know He has con - quered the one

as we gath - er now and your whole - life through,
 An - y - where you go, God is al - ways near,
 when the great - est e - vil is at your side.
 who de - fies your life in God's on - ly Son.

bles - sing and mer - cy and whole - ness, too.
 lov - ing and calm - ing your deep - est fear.
 In Word and Sac - ra - ment, Christ re - sides.
 Yours is the strug - gle that Christ has won.

May God's peace be yours.

DISMISSAL

P Go forth into 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.

G Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me"
 -Percy Whicker MacDonald

Thomas Eisnor

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

Ruth Hamilton, Interim Pastor
 Thomas Eisnor, Director of Music Ministry Pam Weinelt, Praise Service Coordinator

During Lent, we follow Jesus on the long road to Jerusalem and the cross. Along the way, we learn how to be a disciple. We discover that there are things we need to leave behind so that there is space and a desire to take up this new way of life and become who God is calling us to be. We focus on worship, reading the Bible, acts of kindness, and prayer—and through these means, the Holy Spirit transforms us.

During Lent 2022 at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, we will gather on Wednesdays to hear God's word, to lift up to God our voices of praise, petition, and lament. We will pray, silently and aloud, individually and collectively for ourselves, our family, friends, and neighbors; for our country and the world; for whoever and whatever is in our hearts. Come sing, meditate, listen, light a candle, and pray as we get ready for the Good News of Easter.

Wednesdays in Lent: Services of Prayer & Healing –7:30 PM (services will be livestreamed on [Facebook](#) ([gslcwoodstock](#)) and available next day on our [website](#) & [YouTube Channel](#))

March 9: [A Heart of Flesh](#): A prayer for renewal and mercy

March 16: [Beside Still Waters](#): A liturgy of healing prayer with laying on of hands and anointing

March 23: [Hunger for God](#): A liturgy of healing prayer with Holy Communion

March 20: [Healer of Our Every Ill](#): A liturgy of healing prayer with laying on of hands and anointing

April 5: [Sighs Too Deep for Words](#): Intercessory Prayer

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