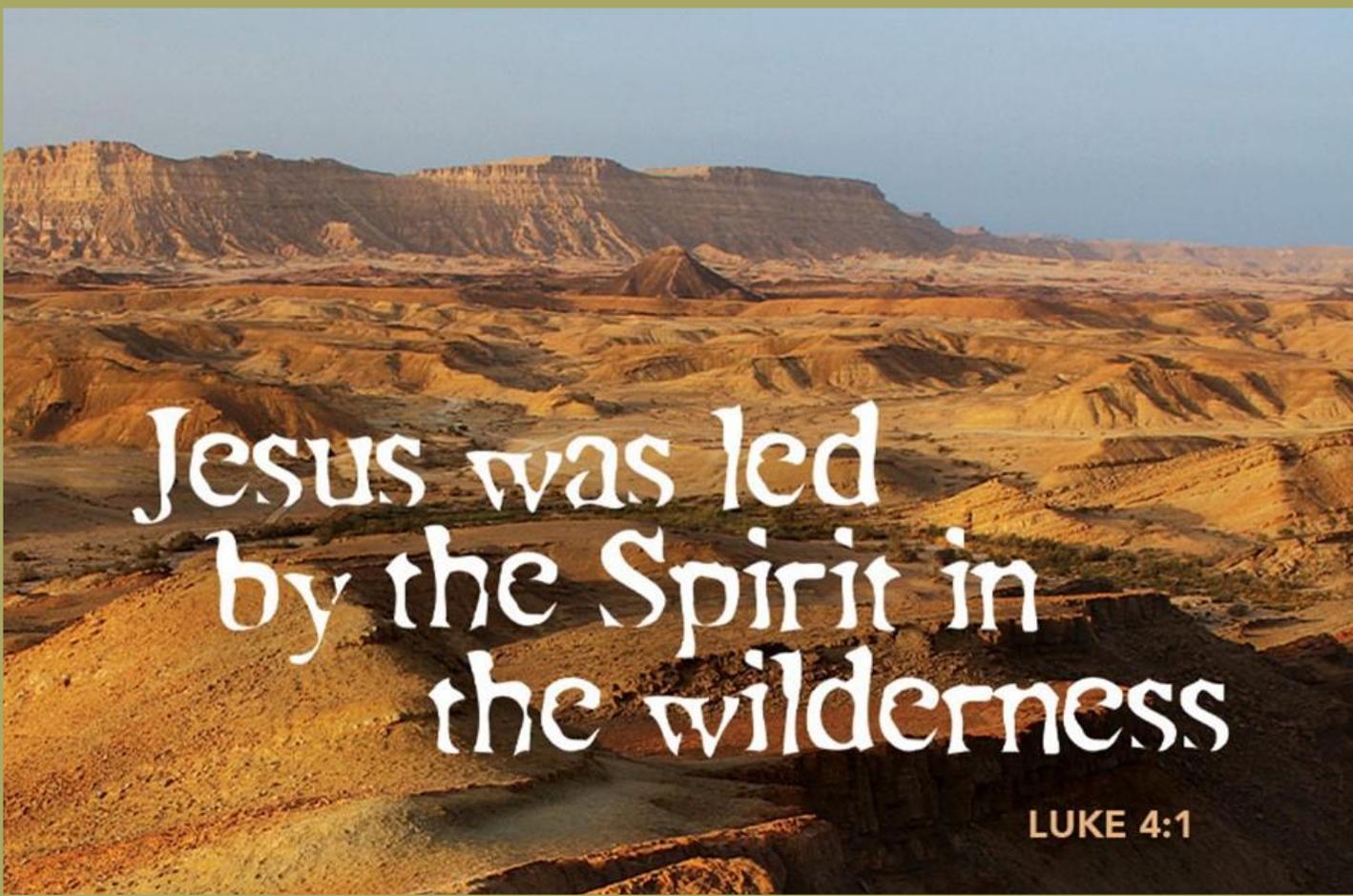


The First Sunday in Lent



Jesus was led
by the Spirit in
the wilderness

LUKE 4:1

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE
MARCH 6, 2022 | 8:30 AM

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

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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

PRELUDE

Celebration Ringers

Stand and face the baptismal font at the rear of the church.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P In the name of God, who makes a way in the wilderness, walks with us, and guides us in our pilgrimage.

C Amen.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Holy One,

C **we confess that we have wandered far from you: we have not trusted your promises, we have ignored your prophets in our own day, we have squandered our inheritance of grace, we have failed to recognize you in our midst.**

Have mercy on us! Forgive us and turn us again to you. Teach us to follow in your ways, assure us again of your love, and help us to love our neighbor. Amen.

P Beloved in Christ, the Word draws near to you, and all who call out to God shall be saved. In Jesus, God comes to you again and again and gathers you under wings of love. In † Jesus' name, your sins are forgiven. God journeys with you and teaches you how to live in love.

C Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

“Bless Now, O God, the Journey”

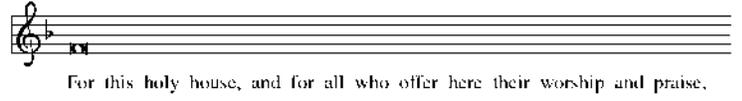
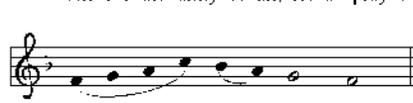
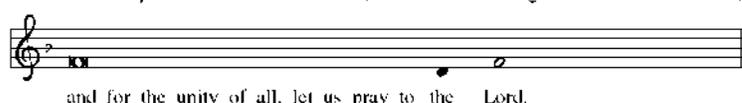
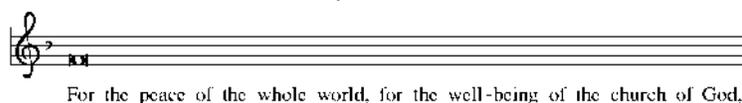
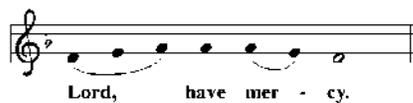
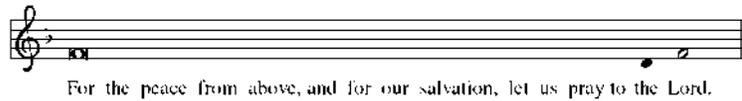
ELW #326

GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

KYRIE



Stand

HYMN OF THE DAY

“O Lord, throughout These Forty Days”

ELW #319

APOSTLES CREED

☑ I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

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 the Assisting Minister closes each petition with the words, “Merciful God,” worshipers respond with the words, “receive our prayer.”)

PEACE

☐ The peace of Christ be with you always.

☑ And also with you.

(The people greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.)

Sit

Meal

OFFERING

We encourage you to leave your gifts to the work of the Lord as the Spirit leads you. For those watching online, you may donate through many various ways detailed on our donation page of our website, gslutheran.org. We also encourage you to sign-up for SIMPLY GIVING or online giving through the VANCO MOBILE FAITH ENGAGEMENT app for consistent reoccurring gifts.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery”

Chancel Choir

Stand

-Marty Haugen

OFFERING PRAYER

☐ Extravagant God, you have blessed us with the fullness of creation. Now we gather at your feast where you offer us the food that satisfies. Take and use what we offer here, come among us, and feed us with the body and blood of Christ, in whose name we pray.

☑ Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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 our thanks and praise.

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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
 san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND LORD'S PRAYER

<p>P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.</p> <p>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</p>	<p>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>For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.</p>
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INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Here is food and drink for the journey. Take and be filled.

Sit

LAMB OF GOD

"Lamb of God"

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

- † All Christians 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.
- † Please take a sealed wafer & juice combination packets from the minister. 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.
- † Use the trash receptacles provided.
- † After receiving communion please proceed around the side aisles to return to your seat.

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.**

COMMUNION HYMN

"Lead Me, Guide Me"

ELW #768

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

- ☐ Blessed Jesus, in this rich meal of grace, you have fed us with your body, the bread of life. Now send us forth to bear your life-giving hope to a world in need.
- ☑ **Amen.**

Sending

BLESSING

- ☐ You are children of God, anointed with the oil of gladness and strengthened for the journey. Almighty God, ☩ bless you this day and always.
- ☑ **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

ELW #504

DISMISSAL

- ☐ Go in peace. Jesus meets you on the way.
- ☑ **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

Thomas Eisnor

- J.G. Walther (1684-1748)

Your GSLC Stewardship Committee is in the process of growing its members. We have a lot of fun activities that are coming up and we need to have a few more members to serve now and into the next church year. Our next meeting will be TODAY, March 6th, at 12:15 PM. We meet in the Meeting Room or the Fellowship Hall. Bring your thoughts and ideas to share with the committee. If you have questions, call Valerie Whiteman or the church office.



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

WORSHIP AT 8:30 AM & 10:45 AM; FOR ONLINE SUNDAY SERVICES [YOUTUBE.COM](https://www.youtube.com)
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Melina Thurmond... Youth/Family Ministry Coordinator

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Donna Garges Media Coordinator
Aaron Frink..... Custodian

Attendance Last Sunday

8:30 AM - 58

10:45 AM - 86

Sunday School - 29 Online - 21



Next Sunday spring ahead! It is that time of the year to set the clocks ahead one hour.

MASK UPDATE

The GSLC Congregation Council and COVID Task Force are in agreement to loosen our current mask policy while on the campus at Good Shepherd. **The wearing of masks is encouraged.**



Wednesdays in Lent: Services of Prayer & Healing –7:30 PM (services will be livestreamed on [Facebook \(gslcwoodstock\)](https://www.facebook.com/gslcwoodstock) and available next day on our website & [YouTube Channel](https://www.youtube.com))

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

High School Youth: Join us every Wednesday in Lent from 6:30-7:15 PM for a small group devotional in Fellowship Hall. We'll talk about life, leadership, and our faith in this Lenten season. Snacks will be provided. Bring your friends! All are welcome.

Hunger Walk - is TODAY, March 6 - 2:00PM

Join our Good Shepherd team.

Details and registration at this link:

<https://bit.ly/GSLCHUNGERWALK>



Or, contribute to fight hunger in the Atlanta area by writing a check made out to Good Shepherd, with Hunger Walk on the "for" line. There is also a box and envelopes in the narthex for Hunger Walk donations.

For more Hunger Walk information, pick up a flyer in the Fellowship Hall or see Gail Setzer.



Confirmation and FX3 meet next on March 13th, from 12:30 to 2 PM. The Confirmation lesson will be on Exile and Return and our 3rd-5th grade FX3 group will have a short devotion on Jesus and Herod and have games, including a paper plane challenge.

Youth! Are you interested in spending a week learning about what it means to have a *Soul on Fire* alongside hundreds of other youth your age? Then consider Affirm! This is a weeklong transformative experience geared toward middle school and high school youth, taking place June 12-17, 2022 at the University of West Alabama. Registration is open until April 30th at regular cost, so please let Melina know if this is a trip you would be interested in.



Children's Communion Instruction

Children's communion instruction will be Sunday, April 3rd. We will meet in the Sanctuary. Due to the changing ages at which children begin receiving communion, this is no longer titled First Communion Class. While it is generally geared toward 1st and 2nd grade, if your child began taking communion earlier and you would like to go through this class now, or if you would like to explore if this is the time your child is ready to begin taking communion, please see the Sign Up in the Fellowship Hall or email



youthfamily@gslutheran.org. This class will include instructional time, hands-on lessons, and a small snack. There will still be a recognition of those having their First Communion on April 10th. Please contact Melina with any questions.

Caring for Creation meets next on March 10th, at 7 PM via Zoom. We are always looking for new people to join our efforts. Contact Reba Sumner or the church office for more information.

If you are CYP-trained and are interested in helping with our Sunday School classes, please contact Melina at youthfaministry@gslutheran.org. Consider how you can bless the children and youth with your gifts!

Look for the March Sunday Servants online—We have scheduled Sunday Servants. A link is available on our [website](#).



Yarn Angels will meet on Monday, April 11th, from 11:00 to 1:00 at the home of Linda Rowell. Light refreshments will be served. Contact Jennifer Taylor or the church office for more information.



Sunday School Classes - 9:45 AM

Sunday School Classes are offered for ages 3 through high school along with three different classes for adults. *Masks are encouraged for all teachers and students.* Need more information on class specifics? Visit our Sunday School page at gslutheran.org or contact Melina at youthfaministry@gslutheran.org.

Faith Stories is studying "Wholehearted Faith," by Rachel Held Evans with Jeff Chu. Books are available for purchase on Amazon and other booksellers.

Men in Mission meet in rm. 116.

Coffee & Conversation: meets in rm. 118 and offers a Zoom option. "Justice and Prophets" - covering passages from several books of the Bible, including Isaiah, Malachi, and First Corinthians. Contact the office if you need the Zoom link.

SCAN ME

GSLC YOUTH

BAKE OFF

March 26th from 6-8pm

Get a group of 3 or 4 friends together and enter your group into a cake decorating competition!

Follow the QR code above for more information & to RSVP.

If you would like to be an adult helper, please follow the QR code.

Love Media?

Here's a new way to get involved at Good Shepherd. Hopefully by now, you have seen the video cameras mounted in the Sanctuary. As we stream to Facebook each Sunday, we have now made it possible for members to get involved with the process. Today after the 8:30 AM service, we will have a short tutorial on how to operate the new AV Ministry station in the Entryway. If you love to operate video equipment or have a desire to learn new things, all High School-aged or older persons are welcome to the training, and we will add your name to the schedule to operate the livestream in the future. If you cannot make the training, but are interested in learning, contact our Media Coordinator, Donna, at media@gslutheran.org. Come help share God's love beyond our walls.



Child and Youth Protection Training Class (CYP)

For anyone who regularly works with the youth in the church or wishes to begin working with the youth, CYP training is **required**. This training is vital to the safety of our youth and Church as a whole. If you are interested in the online class, or if you would like more information or have any questions, contact Melina at youthfaministry@gslutheran.org

Weekly Bible Studies:

Monday Lunch and Learn: Mondays, lunch at noon, study at 12:30 PM—Meeting Room. We have just started "A Study of Ephesians, for His Glory—Living As God's Masterpiece" by Marian Jordan Ellis. Contact the church office if you are interested.

Word on Wednesday: Wednesday mornings from 10:00-11:30 AM via Zoom. Contact group leader Lori Peters for the Zoom link or via the [church office](#). **We are beginning a new study on March 2nd** titled *Introduction to the Worlds of the New Testament*, from Select Learning and the Lutheran Seminary Program. Please join us!

Thursday Morning Bible Study: In-person study at 10 AM. Led by [Pastor Ruth](#). We are studying the book, *By Heart, Conversations with Martin Luther's Small Catechism* by R. Guy Erwin.

Volunteer for the Lutheran Coalition for Habitat for Humanity 2022 Build Next build date is this weekend in Mableton.

Help us with the Lutheran Coalition for Habitat build. No experience necessary, just willing hands – training and tools are provided.



This year we will be building a house in Canton and Mableton. Registration is online and a link for registration can be found in the Habitat for Humanity portion of our church website under the "Community" tab, or click this link: [I want to help build a home.](#)

Mableton build dates are: Mar. 12, Apr. 2, (Mableton)

Canton build dates are: Apr. 23 (Canton).

Contact Mike Dooley, Max Epling or the church office for more information.

