

# GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

**MARCH 3, 2024**

*8:30 AM Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion*

\*You are invited to stand

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### GATHERING

#### PRELUDE

**“Morning Has Broken”**

**Gay Lyn Ferry**

*-Franklin Ashdown*

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### \*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

**P** Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who writes the law on our hearts, who draws all people together through Jesus. **C Amen.**

**P** Held in God’s mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**P** Holy God, **C we confess that we are caught in snares of sin and cannot break free. We hoard resources while our neighbors are hungry and cold. We speak in ways that silence others. We are silent when we should speak up. We keep score in our hearts. We let hurts grow into hatred. For all these things and for sins only you know, forgive us, Lord. Amen.**

**P** Here is a flood of grace: Out of love for the whole world, God draws near to us, breaks every snare of sin, washes away our wrongs, and restores the promise of life through ☩ Jesus Christ. **C Amen.**

#### \*GATHERING HYMN

**“In the Cross of Christ I Glory”**

**ELW #324**

#### \*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.**

#### \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** Let us pray. Holy God, through your Son you have called us to live faithfully and act courageously. Keep us steadfast in your covenant of grace, and teach us the wisdom that comes only through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C Amen.**

**A** In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**A** For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**A** For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

## WORD

### **FIRST READING**

**L** A reading from Exodus

*At conclusion of reading*

**Exodus 20:1-17**

*Pew Bible, Page 65*

**L** The Word of the Lord. **C** **Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM** (*Sung Responsively*)

### **Psalm 19**

**A** The heavens declare the glo-<sup>1</sup>ry of God,  
and the sky proclaims its<sup>1</sup> maker's  
handiwork.

**C** **One day tells its tale<sup>1</sup> to another,  
and one night imparts  
knowledge<sup>1</sup> to another.**

**A** Although they have no<sup>1</sup> words or  
language,  
and their voices<sup>1</sup> are not heard,

**C** **their sound has gone out into all  
lands, and their message to the  
ends<sup>1</sup> of the world,  
where God has pitched a tent<sup>1</sup> for  
the sun.**

**A** It comes forth like a bridegroom out<sup>1</sup> of  
his chamber;  
it rejoices like a champion to<sup>1</sup> run its  
course.

**C** **It goes forth from the uttermost  
edge of the heavens and runs about  
to the end of<sup>1</sup> it again;  
nothing is hidden from its<sup>1</sup> burning  
heat.**

**A** The teaching of the LORD is perfect and  
re-<sup>1</sup>vives the soul;  
the testimony of the LORD is sure and  
gives wisdom to<sup>1</sup> the simple.

**C** **The statutes of the LORD are just  
and re-<sup>1</sup>joice the heart;  
the commandment of the LORD is  
clear and gives light<sup>1</sup> to the eyes.**

**A** The fear of the LORD is clean and en-  
<sup>1</sup>dures forever;  
the judgments of the LORD are true and  
righteous<sup>1</sup> altogether.

**C** **More to be desired are they than  
gold, more than<sup>1</sup> much fine gold,  
sweeter far than honey, than  
honey<sup>1</sup> in the comb.**

**A** By them also is your servant  
enlightened,  
and in keeping them there is great  
reward.

**G** **Who can detect one's own  
offenses?  
Cleanse me from my secret faults.**

**A** Above all, keep your servant from  
presumptuous sins; let them not get

dominion over me;  
then shall I be whole and sound, and  
innocent of a great offense.

**G** **Let the words of my mouth and the  
meditation of my heart be  
acceptable in your sight,  
O LORD, my strength and my  
redeemer.**

## SECOND READING

**L** A reading from 1 Corinthians  
*At conclusion of reading*

**1 Corinthians 1:18-25**  
*Pew Bible, Page 1038*

**L** The Word of the Lord. **G** **Thanks be to God**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *(Sung)*

**front of ELW pg. 151**

**G** Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and  
abounding in steadfast love.

## \*GOSPEL

**P** The holy gospel according to John.

**John 2:13-22**

**G** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Pew Bible, Page 967*

*At conclusion of reading*

**L** The gospel of the Lord. **G** **Praise to you, O Christ**

## MEDITATION

**Pastor Karen Boda**

**\*HYMN OF DAY**

**"God the Sculptor of the Mountains"**

**ELW #736**

## \*APOSTLES' CREED

**G** 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

The Assisting Minister will close each petition with the words, "Hear us, O God." worshippers respond with the words, "**Your mercy is great**".

## \*PEACE

**P** The Peace of the Lord be with you always. **G** **And also with you.**

(Please greet one another with a friendly word or non-contact gesture of God's peace.)

## MEAL

## OFFERING

The "Who's Who in the Pew" pads are passed as the offering is received.

## OFFERING ANTHEM

### "How Beautiful"

Chancel Choir

-by Twila Paris; Arr. Benjamin Harlan

## \*OFFERING HYMN

### "Seed That in Earth Is Dying"

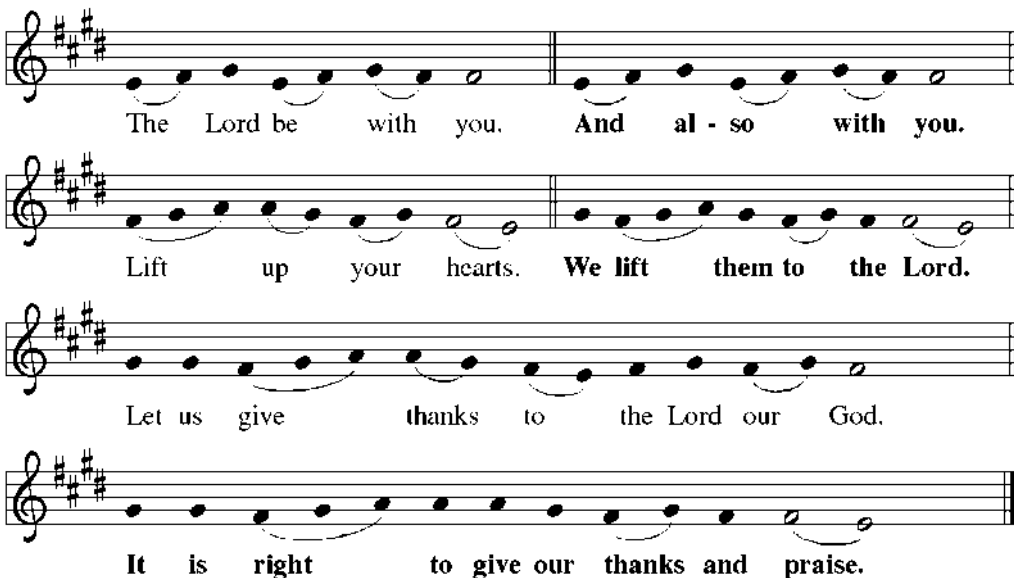
ELW #330 vs 1 & 3

## \*OFFERING PRAYER

**A** 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.

**G** Amen.

## \*GREAT THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION



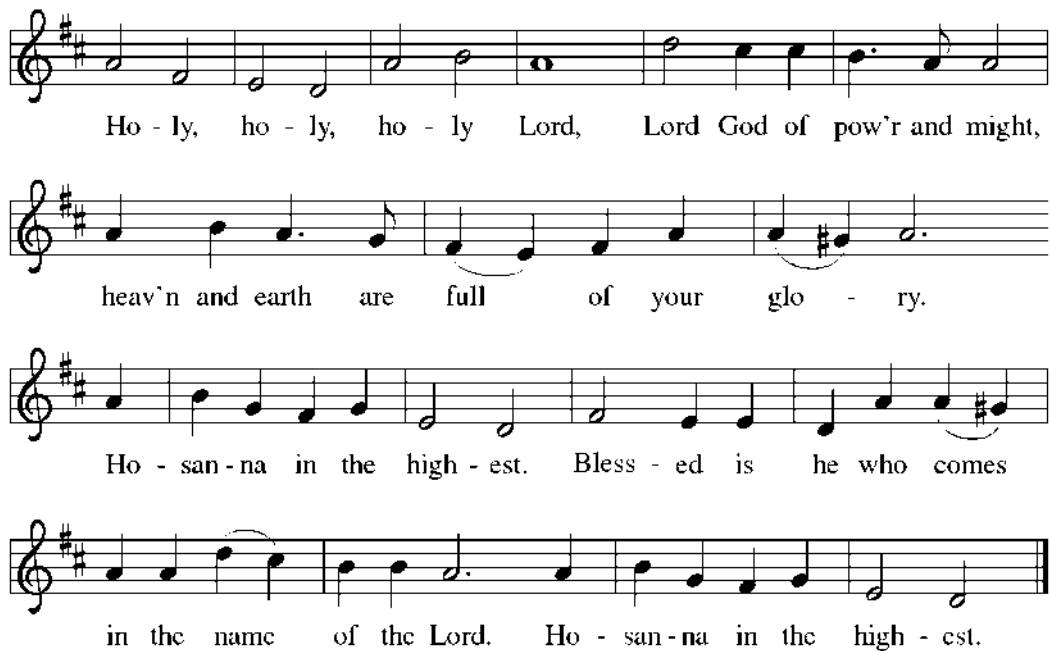
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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...praise your name and join your unending hymn



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
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**

### **\*LORD'S PRAYER**

**P** Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

### **\*INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

## 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, grant us peace.

## COMMUNION

### COMMUNION HYMNS

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

ELW #803

“How Great Thou Art”

ELW #856

### \*POST COMMUNION BLESSING

**P** May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **A** Amen.

### \*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**A** 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. **A** Amen.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## SENDING

### **\*BLESSING**

**P** Beloved, we are God's own people, holy, washed, renewed. God bless you and keep you, shower you with mercy, fill you with courage, and ☩ give you peace.

**G** Amen.

### **\*SENDING HYMN**

**"Built on a Rock"**

**ELW #652 vs 1-4**

### **\*DISMISSAL**

**A** Go in peace. Share your bread.

**G** Thanks be to God.

### **POSTLUDE**

**"Song 13 (Canterbury)"**

*-June Nixon*

**Gay Lyn Ferry**

*"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.*

## GOOD SHEPHERD STAFF

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