

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 10, 2024

8:30 AM Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion

*You are invited to stand

GATHERING

PRELUDE

“Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed”

Gay Lyn Ferry

-William Koeger

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. **G 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, **G 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. **G Amen.**

*GATHERING HYMN

“Give to Our God Immortal Praise!”

ELW #848

*GREETING

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

*KYRIE *(sung)*

front of ELW pg.147

A In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

G Lord, have mercy.

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

G 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.

☞ Lord, have mercy.

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

☞ Lord, have mercy.

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

☞ Amen.

***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. **☞ Amen.**

☞ WORD ☞

FIRST READING

L A reading from Numbers

At conclusion of reading

Numbers 21:4-9

Pew Bible, Page 138

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

PSALM *(Sung Responsively)*

Psalms 107:1-3, 17-22

A Give thanks to the LORD, for
the LORD is good,
for God's mercy endures forever.

**☞ Let the redeemed of
the LORD proclaim
that God redeemed them from the
hand of the foe,**

A gathering them in from the lands;
from the east and from the west, from
the north and from the south.

**☞ Some were fools and took re-
bellious paths;
through their sins they were
afflicted.**

A They loathed all manner of food
and drew near to death's door.

**☞ Then in their trouble they cried to
the LORD
and you delivered them from their
distress.**

A You sent forth your word and healed
them
and rescued them from the grave.

**☞ Let them give thanks to you, LORD,
for your steadfast love
and your wonderful works for all
people.**

A Let them offer sacrifices of
thanksgiving
and tell of your deeds with shouts of
joy.

SECOND READING

L A reading from Ephesians

At conclusion of reading

Ephesians 2:1-10

Pew Bible, Page 1064

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

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

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

front of ELW pg. 151

C 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 3:14-21

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

Pew Bible, Page 968

At conclusion of reading

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

MEDITATION

Pastor Karen Boda

***HYMN OF DAY**

“God Loved the World”

ELW #323

***APOSTLES’ CREED**

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**

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. **C** **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

"Hear Us, O Father"

Chancel Choir

-Words by Don Besig and Nancy Price; Music by Don Besig

*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.

C Amen.

*GREAT THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

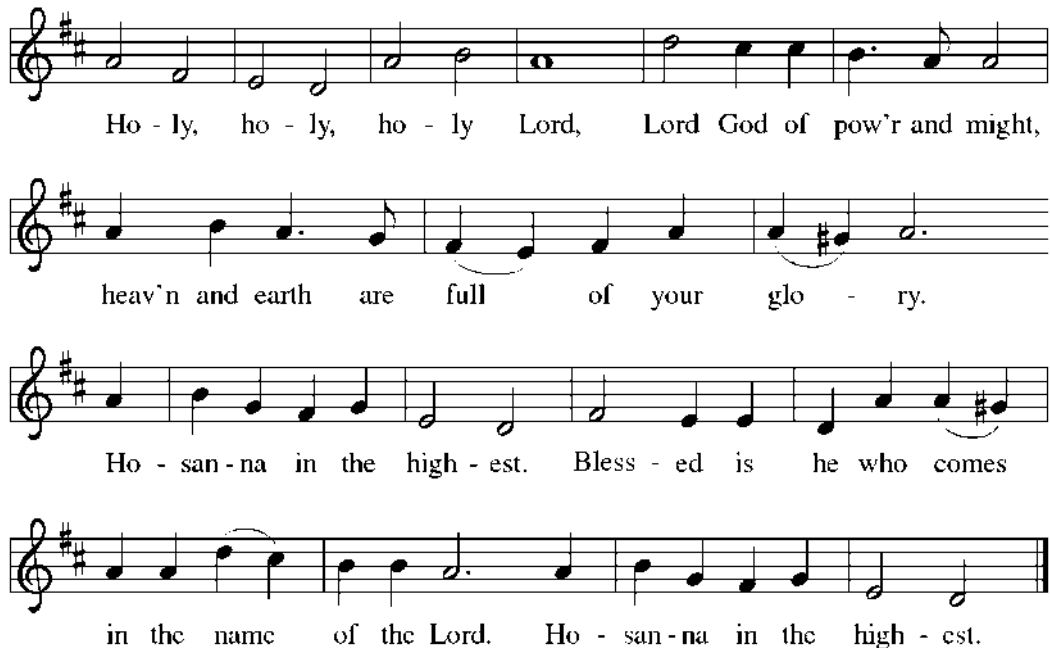
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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

- ☐ 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

“What Wondrous Love Is This”

ELW #666

“Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross”

ELW #335

*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 "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"**

ELW #779

***DISMISSAL**

A Go in peace. Share your bread.

G Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"How Firm A Foundation"

—Patricia Lous Harris

Gay Lyn Ferry

Girl Scout Sunday

We would like to thank Cadette Troop 17215 for assisting us with worship this morning. This Troop meets regularly at Good Shepherd throughout the school year and has blessed us most recently with the "buddy bench" in our playground and partnered with Good Shepherd in food collections in November. Today we recognize Girl Scouts' birthday, (March 12), commemorating the day in 1912 when Juliette Gordon Low officially registered the organization's first 18 members in Savannah, Georgia. Girl Scout Week is celebrated each March, starting with Girl Scout Sunday and ending with Girl Scout Sabbath on a Saturday, and it always includes Girl Scouts' birthday, March 12.

"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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