

# GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

## THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

**FEBRUARY 23, 2025**

*10:45 AM Praise Worship Service with Holy Communion*

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

\*You are invited to stand

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### ∞ GATHERING ∞

**Gathering Music  
Welcome**

**Praise Team**

#### **\*Confession and Forgiveness**

**P** Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life. **A** Amen.

**P** Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**P** Merciful God,

**A** you speak blessing and compassion into the world. Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference. We ignore the needs of our neighbors; we resist your call to oppose injustice; we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume the worst about one another. Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp. Show us your lovingkindness. Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may live in Christ's ways. Amen.

**P** God proclaims these words of assurance: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine." In † Christ, you are forgiven. In the Spirit, you are made free. Refreshed by the waters of mercy, live anew as beloved children of God. **A** Amen.

#### **\*Gathering Song**

#### **"Rise and Shine"**

*Words and Music by Austin Davis, Mitch Wong and Jessica Soccorsi; © A.L.K.D. Music | TBCO Publishing | Mike Curb Music | Way North Publishing | A Wong Made Write Publishing | Integrity's Praise! Music*

#### **Verse 1**

Arise

There's a new day upon us

So come out of the darkness

Stand in the morning light

Take heart

There's a new wind that's blowing

Heaven's gates are wide open

It's time to lift your eyes

Oh it's time to lift your eyes

## Chorus

Rise and shine

For the light the light has come

Jesus Christ

Come behold the Risen Son

Hold on to hope

Shake off your fear

Sing like you know

Freedom is here

Rise and shine

For the light the light has come

Oh the light has come

Oh the light has come

## \*Greeting

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

## \*Prayer of the Day

☞ Let us pray. O Lord Jesus, make us instruments of your peace, that where there is hatred, we may sow love, where there is injury, pardon, and where there is despair, hope. Grant, O divine master, that we may seek to console, to understand, and to love in your name, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. ☞ **Amen.**

## ∞ WORD ∞

### First Reading

☞ A reading from Genesis

*At conclusion of reading*

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

**Genesis 45:3-11, 15**

*Pew Bible, Page 41*

### Second Reading

☞ A reading from 1 Corinthians.

*At conclusion of reading*

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

**1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50**

*Pew Bible, Page 1049*

### Children's Message

## \*Gospel Reading

☞ The holy gospel according to Luke.

*At conclusion of reading*

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

**Luke 6:27-38**

*Pew Bible, Page 939*

### Meditation

**Pastor Karen Boda**

## **"Send Me"**

*Words and Music by Jenn Johnson, Brandon Lake and Kari Jobe; © 2020 Brandon Lake Music | Kari Jobe Carnes Music | Worship Together Music | Maverick City Publishing Worldwide | Bethel Music Publishing*

### **Verse 1**

If it's bandaging the broken or washing filthy feet  
Here I am Lord send me  
If it's loving one another even when we don't agree  
Here I am Lord send me

### **Verse 2**

If I'm poor or if I'm wealthy  
I'll serve You just the same  
Here I am Lord send me  
On the mountain or the valley  
I will choose to praise  
Here I am Lord send me

### **Chorus**

If I'm known by how I love let my life reflect  
How much I love You I love You  
And before You even ask oh my answer will be yes  
'Cause I love You I love You

### **Verse 3**

If the truth cuts like an arrow I will say it anyway  
'Cause here I am Lord send me  
If it's means that they'll reject me  
Lord I will still obey  
Here I am Lord send me *(To Chorus)*

### **Verse 4**

When I'm standing in Your glory  
I'll be glad I chose to say  
Here I am Lord send me  
Well done good and faithful I live to hear You say  
Here I am Lord send me  
Here I am Lord send me  
Here I am Lord send me

### **Chorus**

If I'm known by how I love let my life reflect  
How much I love You I love You  
And before You even ask oh my answer will be yes  
'Cause I love You I love You  
Here I am Lord send me  
Here I am Lord send me

## **\*Apostles' Creed**

**☩ 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, "God of grace," worshippers respond with the words, "hear our prayer."*

## **\*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 gesture of God's peace.)*



## **Offering**

*The "Who's Who in the Pew" pads are passed as the offering is received. For online giving, see the QR code on the back page*

## **Offering Anthem**

## **"Pour Me Out"**

## **Praise Team**

*By Ben Smith, Brandon Lake, Daniel Bashta and Rebekah White*

## **\*Offering Prayer**

**A** Let us pray. God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always.

**C** **Amen.**

## **\*Words of Institution**

## **\*Lord's Prayer**

**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.**

## **\*Invitation to Communion**

## **Communion/Communion Songs**

## **"Glory Is Here"**

*Words and Music by Michael Gungor and Lisa Gungor; © 2007 worshiptogether.com songs*

### **Verse 1**

Someday You'll come the darkness will cease  
True light will dawn ev'ryone will then see  
Ev'rything new we'll finally see You  
Awaiting that day searching for more  
While all along You are found with the poor  
Help me to see You're all around me

### **Chorus 1**

Our praises arise  
As we come to recognize  
Jesus is near  
Glory is here

### **Verse 2**

Near oceans and hills and in ancient skies  
Hidden in faces and pain and delight  
Your glory is here and I get a glimpse of You  
In silence and prayer and in bread and wine  
Somehow the common become the divine  
Making me new I'm starting to see You

### **Chorus 2**

Our praises arise  
As we come to recognize  
Jesus is near  
Your glory is here  
Glory is here  
Your glory is here woah

## **"Desert Song"**

*Words and Music by Brooke Ligertwood © 2008 Hillsong Music Publishing Australia*

### **Verse 1**

This is my prayer in the desert  
When all that's within me feels dry  
This is my prayer in my hunger and need  
My God is the God who provides

### **Verse 2**

This is my prayer in the fire  
In weakness or trial or pain  
There is a faith proved of more worth than  
gold  
So refine me Lord through the flame

### **Chorus**

I will bring praise  
I will bring praise  
No weapon formed against me shall remain  
I will rejoice

I will declare  
God is my victory and He is here

### **Verse 3**

This is my prayer in the battle  
When triumph is still on its way  
I am a conqueror and co-heir with Christ  
So firm on His promise I'll stand  
(To Chorus)

### **Verse 4**

This is my prayer in the harvest  
When favour and providence flow  
I know I'm filled to be emptied again  
The seed I've received I will sow

## **"Blessed Be Your Name"**

*Words and Music by Matt Redman and Beth Redman; © 2002 Thankyou Music*

### **Verse 1**

Blessed be Your name  
In the land that is plentiful  
Where Your streams of abundance flow  
Blessed be Your name

### **Verse 2**

Blessed be Your name  
When I'm found in the desert place  
Though I walk through the wilderness  
Blessed be Your name

### **Chorus**

Ev'ry blessing You pour out  
I'll Turn back to praise  
When the darkness closes in  
Lord Still I will say  
Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be Your name  
Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be Your glorious name

### **Verse 3**

Blessed be Your name  
When the sun's shining down on me  
When the world's all as it should be  
Blessed be Your name

### **Verse 4**

Blessed be Your name  
On the road marked with suffering  
Though there's pain in the offering  
Blessed be Your name (Chorus)

### **Bridge**

You give and take away  
You give and take away  
My heart will choose to say  
Lord blessed be Your name (Chorus)

### **\*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** Let us pray. Nourishing God, at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink. Strengthen us for service, and send us out to embody your good news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world. In the name of Christ we pray, **A** Amen.

### **Announcements**

## SENDING

### \*Blessing

☞ The Spirit of the triune God ☩ bless you with joy, anoint you with compassion, and send you in love.

☞ Amen.

### \*Sending Song

### "I Saw The Light"

*Words and Music by Hank Williams Sr.; © 1948. Renewed 1975 Sony/ATV Acuff Rose Music*

#### Verse 1

I wandered so aimless life filled with sin  
I wouldn't let my dear Savior in  
Then Jesus came like a stranger in the night  
Praise the Lord I saw the light

#### Chorus

I saw the light I saw the light  
No more in darkness no more in night  
(And) now I'm so happy no sorrow in sight  
Praise the Lord I saw the light

#### Verse 3

I was a fool to wander and stray  
Straight is the gate and narrow the way  
Now I have traded the wrong for the right  
Praise the Lord I saw the light  
(CHORUS)

### \*Dismissal

☞ Go in peace. Live in hope.

☞ Thanks be to God.

**Sending Music**

**Praise Team**

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