

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 9, 2025

8:30 AM Traditional 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

GATHERING

PRELUDE

"Prelude"

Chase Petersen

-Emma Ashford

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

- P** Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **G Amen.**
- P** Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's abiding love.
Silence is kept for reflection.
- P** Compassionate One,
- G** **you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, but our lives do not always reflect you and your love for the world. We do not show others the tender compassion you have shown to us. We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality you grant to all people. We oppress others, even though you have set us free again and again. We squander the abundant gifts of the earth. Transform our lives and guide us again in the way of the cross. Amen.**
- P** Beloved in Christ, God's arms are always stretched open wide to welcome the wandering ones home. In † Christ your sins are forgiven. You have a place in God's house forever. **G Amen.**

***GATHERING HYMN "Eternal Lord of Love, Behold Your Church" ELW #321**

***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.**



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - va - tion, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



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 mer - cy.



For this ho - ly house, and for all who of - fer here their wor - ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.

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*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. O Lord God, you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life you alone can give, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **G** Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING

L A reading from Deuteronomy.

At conclusion of reading

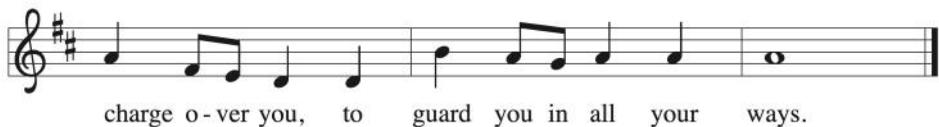
Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Pew Bible, Page 180

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

PSALM 91:1-2, 9-16 (*Sung responsively, R indicates Refrain to be sung by all.*)

REFRAIN



A You who dwell in the shelter of | the Most High,
who abide in the shadow of | the Almighty—

G you will say to the LORD, “My

refuge | and my stronghold,
my God in whom I | put my trust.” **R**

A Because you have made
the | LORD your refuge,
and the Most High your | habitation,

C no evil | will befall you,
nor shall affliction come | near your
dwelling.

A For God will give the angels
charge | over you,
to guard you in | all your ways.

C Upon their hands they will | bear you
up,
lest you strike your foot a- | gainst a
stone. **R**

A You will tread upon the lion | cub and
viper;
you will trample down the lion | and the
serpent.

C I will deliver those who | cling to me;
I will uphold them, because
they | know my name.

A They will call me, and I will | answer
them;
I will be with them in trouble; I will
rescue and | honor them.

C With long life will I | satisfy them,
and show them | my salvation. **R**

SECOND READING

L A reading from Romans .
At conclusion of reading

Romans 10:8b-13

Pew Bible, Page 1032

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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

front of ELW pg. 151



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.

*GOSPEL READING

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Luke 4:1-13

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Pew Bible, Page 936

At conclusion of reading

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

MEDITATION

Pastor Karen Boda



1 When we are test - ed and wres - tle a - lone,
 2 When in the des - ert we cry for re - lief,
 3 When we are tempt - ed to bar - ter our souls,
 4 When we have strug - gled and searched through the night,



fam - ished for bread when the world of - fers stone,
 plead - ing for paths marked by cer - tain be - lief,
 trad - ing the truth for the pow'r to con - trol,
 sort - ing and sift - ing the wrong from the right,



nour - ish us, God, by your word and your way,
 lift us to love you be - yond sign and test,
 teach us to wor - ship and praise on - ly you,
 Sav - ior, sur - round us with cir - cles of care,



food that sus - tains us by night and by day.
 trust - ing your pres - ence, our on - ly true rest.
 seek - ing your will in the work that we do.
 an - gels of heal - ing, of hope, and of prayer.

*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 mercy, worshippers respond with the words, “receive 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.

OFFERTORY

"As Your Spirit In The Desert"

Chancel Choir

-Susan Cherwien

***OFFERING HYMN**

"Create in Me a Clean Heart"

ELW #188

***OFFERING PRAYER**

A Let us pray. Gracious Provider, you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world. As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love, deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ. **C** **Amen.**

***GREAT THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION**

Front of ELW pg. 161

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major, 4/4 time. Each staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words underlined. The first staff has a double bar line after the first measure. The second staff also has a double bar line after the first measure. The third and fourth staves do not have double bar lines.

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, our duty and our joy....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

Front of ELW pg. 162



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 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, 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**

LAMB OF GOD *(Sung)*

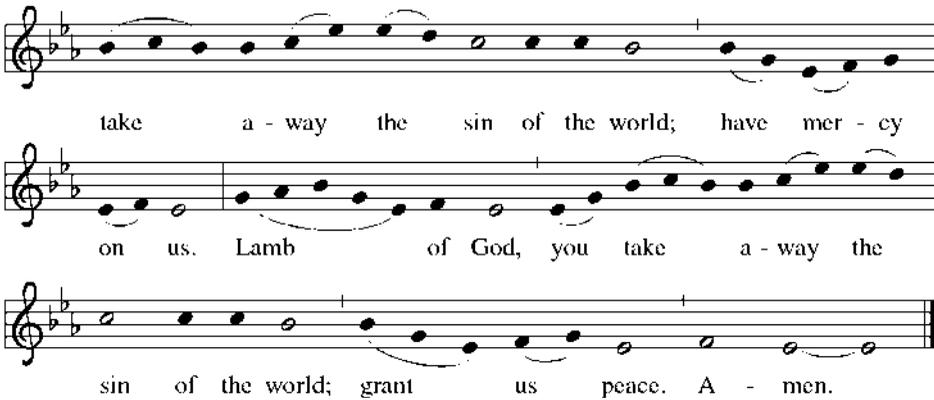
Front of ELW pg. 164



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. A - men.

COMMUNION HYMNS

“I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say”
“Oh, Love, How Deep”

ELW #611
ELW #322

***POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

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

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

A Let us pray. Generous Host, you have shared your feast with us and made us new. Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities, that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom, in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord. **C Amen.**

∞ SENDING *∞*

***BLESSING**

P God our tender parent, God the crucified one, God the reconciling Spirit, **✠** bless you now and forever.

***SENDING HYMN**

“Bless Now, O God, the Journey”

ELW #326

***DISMISSAL**

A Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.
C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“Recessional on Llangloffan”

Chase Petersen

-Franklin Ashdown



GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH



WALK/RUN TO END HUNGER

MARCH 9

2 PM - 4 PM

1208 ROSE CREEK DRIVE
LOWER PARKING LOT



Leashed pets are welcome to join in the fun!

Bring a canned good or two to support
our local food pantry partners.



Use this QR code to safely donate to the
Atlanta Food Bank.
Look for the Hunger Walk Graphic.

***Or leave a check to
GSLC in offering plate.
Write "Hunger Walk" in
memo line.***



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