

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 9, 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

∞ GATHERING ∞

Gathering Music
Welcome/Announcements

Praise Team

***Confession and Forgiveness**

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **C 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,

C **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. **C Amen.**

***Gathering Song**

"Beauty for Ashes"

Words and Music by Chris McClarney and Brenton Brown© Thankyou Music

Verse

Love met me in the ruins
Of all my past mistakes
Love walked me to the river
Love broke apart these chains
Love spoke a new tomorrow
Opened my eyes to see
Love washed away this sadness

Love came and rescued me

Chorus

You turned my mourning into dancing
You turned my sorrow into praise
Yeah
You give me beauty for ashes beauty for ashes
You give me beauty for ashes beauty for ashes

Bridge

Oh (I) thank You God
I'm overwhelmed by Your incredible love
You make ev'rything new
Oh thank You God
For all You've done and yet to do
Oh You make ev'rything new

Final Chorus

You give me beauty for ashes beauty for ashes
You give me beauty for ashes beauty for ashes
You give me beauty for ashes beauty for ashes
You give me beauty for ashes beauty for ashes

***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. 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. **C** **Amen.**

WORD

First Reading

L A reading from **Deuteronomy.**

At conclusion of reading

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

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Pew Bible, Page 180

Second Reading

L A reading from Romans..

At conclusion of reading

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

Romans 10:8b-13

Pew Bible, Page 1032

Children's Message

***Gospel Reading**

P The holy gospel according to Luke.

At conclusion of reading

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

Luke 4:1-13

Pew Bible, Page 936

Meditation

Pastor Karen Boda

"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

***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 in your mercy," worshippers respond with the words, "receive our prayer."

***Peace**

☩ The Peace of the Lord be with you always. ☩ And also with you.

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

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

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

"Forty Days"

Praise Team

By Richard Bruxvoort Colligan

*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.

*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

"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

"Beautiful Things"

Words and Music by Michael Gungor and Lisa Gungor © 2009 worshiptogether.com songs

Verse 1

All this pain
 I wonder if I'll ever find my way
 I wonder if my life could really change
 At all

Chorus

You make beautiful things
 You make beautiful things out of the dust
 You make beautiful things
 You make beautiful things out of us

"Who You Say I Am"

Words and Music by Ben Fielding and Reuben Morgan © 2017 Hillsong Music Publishing Australia

Verse 1

Who am I that the highest King
 Would welcome me
 I was lost but He brought me in
 Oh His love for me
 Oh His love for me

Chorus 1

Who the Son sets free
 Oh is free indeed
 I'm a child of God
 Yes I am

Verse 2

Free at last
 He has ransomed me
 His grace runs deep
 While I was a slave to sin
 Jesus died for me
 Yes He died for me

Verse 4

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

Verse 2

All this earth
 Could all that is lost ever be found
 Could a garden come up from this ground
 At all

Verse 3

All around
 Hope is springing up from this old ground
 Out of chaos life is being found
 In You

Chorus 2

Who the Son sets free
 Oh is free indeed
 I'm a child of God
 Yes I am
 In my Father's house
 There's a place for me
 I'm a child of God
 Yes I am

Bridge

I am chosen not forsaken
 I am who You say I am
 You are for me not against me
 I am who You say I am
 (Oh) I am who You say I am
 Yes, I am who You say I am.
 (Chorus 2)

***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.

C Amen.

***Sending Song "Who Can Satisfy My Soul Like You"**

Words and Music by Dennis Jernigan © 1989 Shepherd's Heart Music, Inc.

Verse 1

Who can satisfy my soul like You
Who on earth could comfort me
And love me like You do
Who could ever be more faithful true
I will trust in You
Lord I will trust in You my God

Verse 2

Living Water rain down Your life on me
Cleansing me refreshing me
With life abundantly
River full of life
I'll go where You lead
I will trust in You
Lord I will trust in You my God

Chorus

There is a Fountain who is a King
Victorious Warrior and Lord of ev'rything
My Rock my Shelter my very own
Blessed Redeemer who reigns upon the throne

Bridge

Who could ever be more faithful true
Lord Jesus Lord Jesus
Lord Jesus there's none but You
(Chorus)

***Dismissal**

A Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.

C Thanks be to God.

Sending Music

Praise Team



GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH



WALK/RUN TO END HUNGER

MARCH 9

2 PM - 4 PM



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