

# GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

## THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

**MARCH 23, 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

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### ∞ GATHERING ∞

**PRELUDE**

**“Prelude on St. Columbia”**

**Chase Petersen**

*-Emma Lou Dimer*

**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.**



1 Be - fore the wa - ters nour - ished earth or night im -  
2 This Love re - mained as time re - vealed the loss of  
3 De - spair, so deep it bears no name, or sor - rows  
4 The Love that called cre - a - tion good all good - ness



ag - ined morn - ing, a Love con - ceived the  
E - den's glo - ry and, griev - ing, holds in  
par - a - lyz - ing can - not re - voke Love's  
still is bring - ing. This Love turns death a -



u - ni - verse and rev - eled in its form - ing.  
mem - o - ry each trag - ic hu - man sto - ry.  
faith - ful claim to dwell with - in our dy - ing.  
gain to life and si - lence in - to sing - ing.

\*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.

\*KYRIE (Sung)

front of ELW pg.156



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.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men.

### \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** Let us pray. Eternal God, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your word and obey it, and bring your saving love to fruition in our lives, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **A** Amen.

# WORD

## FIRST READING

ℒ A reading from Isaiah.

*At conclusion of reading*

ℒ The Word of the Lord. ☑ Thanks be to God.

**Isaiah 55:1-9**

*Pew Bible, Page 671*

**PSALM 63:1-8** (*Sung responsively, R indicates Refrain to be sung by all.*)

## REFRAIN



O God, ea-ger-ly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you.

☐ O God, you are my God; eager-ly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

☑ Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, that I might behold your power and your glory.

☐ For your steadfast love is better than life itself; my lips shall give you praise.

☑ So will I bless you as long as I live and lift up my hands in your name. R

☐ My spirit is content, as with the richest of foods, and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,

☑ when I remember you upon my bed, and meditate on you in the night watches.

☐ For you have been my helper, and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.

☑ My whole being clings to you; your right hand holds me fast. R

## SECOND READING

ℒ A reading from 1 Corinthians.

*At conclusion of reading*

ℒ The Word of the Lord. ☑ Thanks be to God

**1 Corinthians 10:1-13**

*Pew Bible, Page 1044*

## 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 13:1-9**

**☩ Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Pew Bible, Page 950*

*At conclusion of reading*

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

## MEDITATION

**Pastor Karen Boda**

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY “As the Deer Runs to the River”**

**ELW #331**

## \*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

**☩ 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.)*

 MEAL 

## 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

**“Beside the Still Waters”**

**Chase Petersen**

*-John Turner*

## \*OFFERING HYMN

**“Create in Me a Clean Heart”**

**ELW #188**

## \*OFFERING PRAYER

**☩ 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. ☩ Amen.**

**\*GREAT THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION**

Front of ELW pg. 161

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

“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”

ELW #623

“Jesus, Still Lead On”

ELW #624

## \*POST COMMUNION BLESSING

☐ May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. ☑ Amen.

## \*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

☐ 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. ☑ Amen.

 SENDING 

**\*BLESSING**

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

**\*SENDING HYMN**

**“O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts”**

**ELW #658**

**\*DISMISSAL**

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

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

**“Fugue in A minor”**

**Chase Petersen**

-J.S. Bach

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