

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

FEBRUARY 1, 2026

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—please silence your cell phones

✠ GATHERING ✠

GATHERING MUSIC

Praise Team

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

✠ Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, the Creator of heaven and earth, the Word who spoke life into being, the Wind stirring the waters. ☩ **Amen.**

✠ Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.

Silence is kept for reflection. (Stand or kneel)

✠ Mighty God, lover of justice,

☩ **you call us to life in community, but we have served our own interests at the expense of our neighbors. We have sown deceit where honesty was needed. We say the right words, but our hearts are far from you. Turn us to seek your face. Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ, that we may do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.**

✠ The former things have passed away, and new things God now declares: Like a spring of water that never fails, God covers you in the righteousness of Christ, and forgives your sin in ✠ Jesus' name. May the Spirit give you strength to live for others, and bless you with the gift of peace.

☩ **Amen.**

***GATHERING MUSIC "Light Of The World (Sing Hallelujah)"**

Words and Music by Andrew Berghold, Ed Cash, Franni Cash, Martin Cash and Scott Cash; © 2020 Angie Feel Good Songs | Bay19 | Capitol CMG Genesis | Capitol CMG Paragon | Scott Cash Publishing Designee | We The Kingdom Music

Verse 1

Light of the World Treasure of Heaven
Brilliant like the stars in the wintery sky
Joy of the Father reach through the darkness
Shine across the earth send the shadows to flight

Verse 2

Light of the World from the beginning
The tragedies of time were no match for Your love
From great heights of glory You saw my story
God You entered in and became one of us

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Chorus

Sing hallelujah
Sing hallelujah
Sing hallelujah for the things He has done
Come and adore Him
Bow down before Him
Sing hallelujah to the Light of the World

Verse 3

Light of the world crown in a manger
Born for the cross to suffer to save
High King of Heaven death is the poorer
We are the richer by the price that He paid
Chorus

*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. Holy God, you confound the world's wisdom in giving your kingdom to the lowly and the pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice, and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. ☞ **Amen.**

∞ WORD ∞

FIRST READING

📖 A reading from Micah.

At conclusion of reading

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

Micah 6:1-8

Pew Bible, Page 850

SECOND READING

📖 A reading from 1 Corinthians.

At conclusion of reading

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

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

Pew Bible, Page 1038

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*GOSPEL READING

☞ The holy gospel according to Matthew.

At conclusion of reading

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

Matthew 5:1-12

Pew Bible, Page 880

SONG OF THE DAY*"Blessed Are The Merciful"**

Words and Music by Isaac Wardell, Orlando Palmer and Paul Zach; © Integrity Worship Music | Integrity's Alleluia! Music | Paul Zach Publishing | PG Songs And Hymns

Verse

Blessed are the merciful
 Blessed are the merciful
 Blessed are the merciful
 For they shall receive
 Mercy mercy

Chorus

Lord have mercy on us
 Show Your mercy through us
 Lord have mercy on us
 Show Your mercy through us
 Lord have mercy on us
 Show Your mercy through us
 Mercy

Bridge

Forgive us as we forgive
 Those who sin against us
 Forgive us as we forgive
 Those who sin against us

***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, "Merciful God". 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 non-contact gesture of God's peace.)

☞ MEAL ☞

OFFERING

Please sign the "Who's Who in the Pew" pads and pass along as the offering is received. Please indicate if you are a visitor to Good Shepherd.

*OFFERING SONG

"You Have Shown Us"

By Paul Baloche, Steven Curtis Chapman, Stuart Garrard, Israel Houghton, Tim Hughes, Graham Kendrick, Andy Park, Matt Redman, Martin Smith, Michael W. Smith, Chris Tomlin and Darlene Zschech

*OFFERING PRAYER

☞ Let us pray. God of majesty, no eye has seen, no ear has heard what you have prepared for those who love you, yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy. Use what we have gathered to feed us with the reign of God come near, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. ☞ **Amen.**

*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

COMMUNION/COMMUNION SONGS

"Rise and Shine"

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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

"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

"Act Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly"

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Verse 1

It all comes down to this
What you require of me
Love my neighbor as myself
And You above all things

Chorus

Act justly love mercy walk humbly
With You God
In all things in all ways walk humbly
With You God

Verse 2

It all comes down to this
To be Your hands and feet

Good news to all the world
The truth will set us free

Chorus

Act justly love mercy walk humbly
With You God
In all things in all ways walk humbly
With You God

Bridge

It's beauty for ashes
It's mourning to dancing
It's closer and closer
The Kingdom of heaven

Chorus

***POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

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

G Amen.

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

A Let us pray. Radiant God, we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. In the sacrament of his body and blood you have drawn us to your heart. Send us from this table with delight, that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love, and bear witness to all we have seen and heard, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

G Amen.

SENDING

***BLESSING**

P May the triune God, who has put a new song in your mouth and tuned your heart for praise ✠ bless you now and forever.

G Amen.

***SENDING SONG**

"Children of Light"

Words and Music by Kristian Stanfill, Jesse Reeves, Jason Ingram and Joseph Pat Barrett

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Verse 1

It's a new day
Ev'rything changed
When Your love came into the darkness
You sent the light of the Son
You sent the light of the Son

Chorus

Wake up open your eyes
No longer dead we are alive
Rise up children of light
Open the doors go let it shine
Woah (4X)

Verse 1

***DISMISSAL**

A Go in peace. Do justice. Love kindness.

G Thanks be to God.

***SENDING MUSIC**

PRAISE TEAM

Lent 2026

Season of Lent Theme: Is God confined to the time we're at worship on Sundays? Tish Warren in her book, *Liturgy of the Ordinary*, moves our liturgy out of the sanctuary and into our daily lives. Instead of taking on a new discipline this Lent, experience what you already have. Join us as we consider how to reframe our everyday as an extension of worship, embracing the sacred in the ordinary and the ordinary in the sacred.

Each week's meditation will stand alone. Reading the book is optional, but it will underpin each week's meditation.

February 18, Ash Wednesday

Worship: 12 and 7:30 | Ashes to Go, 4:30-6:30

The Call to Ordinary Holiness

Text: Joel 2:1-2, 12-17, Psalm 51:1-17, 2 Corinthians 5:20b—6:10, Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Chapter: Forward and Waking up (Chapter 1)

Lenten Wednesdays-Services 12 and 7:30 pm

February 25: Embracing the Everyday

Theme: Our daily habits, including struggles and frustrations, reveal our need for grace and shape our spiritual lives.

Text: Romans 12, The Message version

Chapters: Making the Bed (Chapter 2) and Brushing Teeth (Chapter 3)

March 4: Enough

Theme: In lostness, we can be found, and when we fear we might be lacking, we might just discover that we have more than enough.

Text: John 6:35-40

Chapters: Losing Keys (Chapter 4) and Eating Leftovers (Chapter 5)

March 11: Passing the Peace

Theme: Peace begins with us then it flows outward like ripples on the water.

Text: Philippians 4:4-7

Chapters: Fighting with My Husband (Chapter 6) and Checking E-mail (Chapter 7)

March 18: Unforced Rhythms of Grace

Theme: Flashes of the holy in some of the most automatic and least expected moments of our days

Text: Matthew 11:28-30, The Message version

Chapters: Sitting in Traffic (Chapter 8), and Calling a Friend (Chapter 9)

March 25: Sacred, Sabbath Rest

Theme: As we delight in small pleasures, and in gifts such as sleep and Sabbath, we find true rest for our souls.

Text: Psalm 4

Chapters: Drinking Tea (Chapter 10) and Sleep (Chapter 11)

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