

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

ASH WEDNESDAY | 12 & 7:30 PM

FEBRUARY 18, 2026

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 ❖

ENTER IN SILENCE

*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. Gracious God, out of your love and mercy you breathed into dust the breath of life, creating us to serve you and our neighbors. Call forth our prayers and acts of kindness, and strengthen us to face our mortality with confidence in the mercy of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

☐ **Amen.**

❖ WORD ❖

FIRST READING

☐ **A reading from Joel**

At conclusion of reading

☐ **The Word of the Lord. ☩ Thanks be to God.**

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

Pew Bible, Page 831

PSALM (Read responsively)

51:1-17

Ⓐ Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy
blot out my transgressions.
☐ **Wash me thoroughly from my
iniquity, and cleanse me from my
sin.**
Ⓐ For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.

☐ **Against you, you alone, have I
sinned, and done what is evil in your
sight, so that you are justified in
your sentence and blameless when
you pass judgment.**
Ⓐ Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner
when my mother conceived me.
☐ **You desire truth in the inward being;
therefore teach me wisdom in my
secret heart.**

- Ⓐ Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
- Ⓒ Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.
- Ⓐ Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.
- Ⓒ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.
- Ⓐ Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me.
- Ⓒ Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.
- Ⓐ Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you.
- Ⓒ Deliver me from bloodshed, O God, O God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of your deliverance.
- Ⓐ O LORD, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.
- Ⓒ For you have no delight in sacrifice; if I were to give a burnt offering, you would not be pleased.
- Ⓐ The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

SECOND READING

Ⓛ A reading from 2 Corinthians

At conclusion of reading

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

2 Corinthians 5:20b—6:10

Pew Bible, Page 1053

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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 Matthew.

Ⓒ Glory to you, O Lord.

At conclusion of reading

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Pew Bible, Page 881

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

SERMON

“The Call to Ordinary Holiness” Pastor Karen Boda



1 O Lord, through-out these for - ty days you prayed and kept the fast;
2 You strove with Sa - tan, and you won; your faith - ful - ness en - dured;
3 Though parched and hun - gry, yet you prayed and fixed your mind a - bove;
4 Be with us through this sea- son, Lord, and all our earth- ly days,



in - spire re - pen - tance for our sin, and free us from our past.
lend us your nerve, your skill and trust in God's e - ter - nal word.
so teach us to de - ny our - selves that we may know God's love.
that when the fi - nal Eas - ter dawns, we join in heav - en's praise.

***INVITATION TO LENT**

P Friends in Christ, today with the whole church we enter the time of remembering Jesus' passover from death to life, and our life in Christ is renewed. We begin this holy season by affirming our baptisms and acknowledging our need for repentance and for God's mercy. We are created to experience joy in communion with God, to love one another, and to live in harmony with creation. But our sinful rebellion separates us from God, our neighbors, and creation, so that we do not enjoy the life our creator intended. As disciples of Jesus, we are called to continue in the covenant God made with us in holy baptism. I invite you, therefore, to the discipline of Lent--self-examination and repentance, prayer and fasting, sacrificial giving and works of love--strengthened by the gifts of word and sacrament. Let us continue our journey through these forty days to the great Three Days of Jesus' death and resurrection.

CONFESION OF SIN

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

The assembly may kneel or sit. Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.

P Most holy and merciful God,

C **we confess to you and to one another, and before the whole company of heaven, that we have sinned by our fault, by our own fault, by our own most grievous fault, in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone.**

P We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven.

C **Have mercy on us, O God.**

P We have shut our ears to your call to serve as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy Spirit.

C **Have mercy on us, O God.**

P Our past unfaithfulness, the pride, envy, hypocrisy, and apathy that have infected our lives, we confess to you.

C **Have mercy on us, O God.**

P Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people, we confess to you.

C **Have mercy on us, O God.**

P Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to share the faith that is in us, we confess to you.

C **Have mercy on us, O God.**

P Our neglect of human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty, we confess to you.

C **Have mercy on us, O God.**

P Our false judgments, our uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us, we confess to you.

C **Have mercy on us, O God.**

P Our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us, we confess to you.

C **Have mercy on us, O God.**

P Restore us, O God, and let your anger depart from us.

C **Hear us, O God, for your mercy is great.**

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

P Almighty God, you have created us out of the dust of the earth. May these ashes be a sign of our mortality and penitence, reminding us that only by the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ are we given eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C** **Amen.**

Those desiring the imposition may come forward and kneel or stand around the communion rail to receive the ashes. The Minister marks the forehead of each person with a cross of ashes, saying:

P Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.

MUSIC DURING IMPOSITION

“Ashes” (7:30 PM) *by Jason Ingram and Mia Fieldes*

Praise Team

“All Things of Dust to Dust Return”

ACS # 920



1 All things of dust to dust re - turn on earth and in the sky.
2 Lord, mark with dust and ash my brow so I may com-pre-hend
3 Lord, mark up - on my brow this sign: a stark and bar - ren cross



The hot - test, bright - est suns that burn in time grow dim and die.
that ev - 'ry mo - ment here and now links me to that same end
re - mind-ing me that though di - vine you know my pain and loss,



The fish that leap, the birds that soar, the new-born young that play,
I share with all that breathe and burn, that flare and fade and tire
and at the touch of dust and ash a - wake my heart to view



the leaves that fill the for - est floor re - vert to dust and clay.
yet by their wan - ing light dis-cern your own un - dy - ing fire.
how death it - self is but a flash that dies a - way in you.

“Savior, When in Dust to You”

ELW # 601

“Remember That You Are Dust”

ACS #919

¶ Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation,
¶ **C that we may show forth your glory in the world.**
¶ By the cross and passion of your son, our Savior,
¶ **C bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.**
¶ Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **C Amen.**

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

The Assisting Minister will close each petition with the words, "Hear us of God." Worshippers respond with the words, "Your mercy is great."

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



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 ANTHEM (Noon)

Pam Weinelt

(7:30)

“Grace of Gilead”

Bells of Good Shepherd

Nancy Norman

*OFFERING PRAYER

A Let us pray. O God, maker of heaven and earth, our steadfast love embraces all creation. You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty. Through these gifts of bread and wine, draw us into the death and life of your Son, who calls us to bear witness to his saving work. We ask this in Jesus' name.

C Amen.

*GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

¶ It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,

heav'n 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.

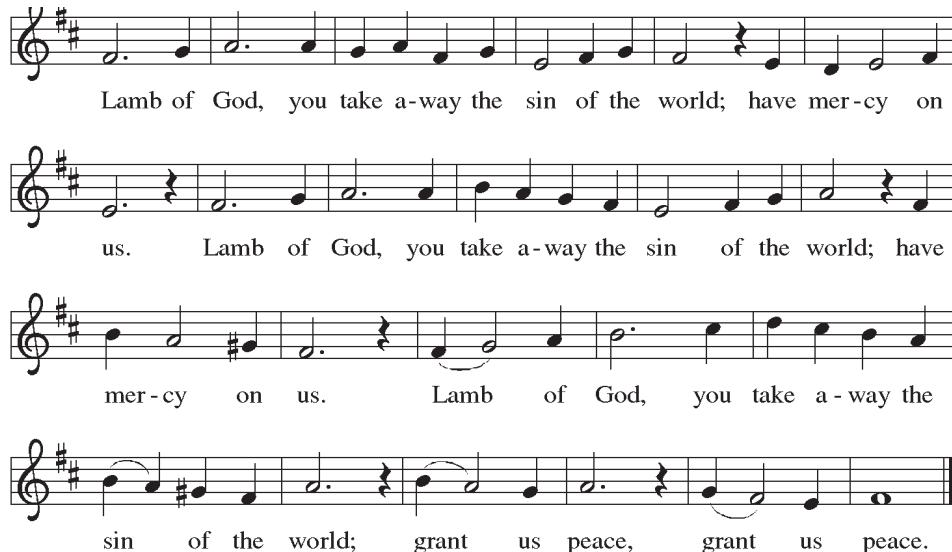
*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*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



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, grant us peace.

COMMUNION/COMMUNION HYMNS

“Just As I Am, without One Plea”

ELW #592

“Jesus Messiah”

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Verse 1

He became sin who knew no sin
That we might become His righteousness
He humbled Himself and carried the cross
Love so amazing love so amazing

Verse 2

His body the bread His blood the wine
Broken and poured out all for love
The whole earth trembled and the veil was torn
Love so amazing love so amazing
Chorus

Chorus

Jesus Messiah Name above all names
Blessed Redeemer Emmanuel
The Rescue for sinners
The Ransom from heaven
Jesus Messiah Lord of all

Bridge

All our hope is in You
All our hope is in You
All the glory to You God
The Light of the world *Chorus*

*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. God of our salvation, we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls, reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey. Through the body and blood of your Son, may we become Christ's body in the world, bearing witness to your love for all creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. ¶ Amen.

SENDING

*BLESSING

¶ Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
¶ Amen.

DEPART IN SILENCE

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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.

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)

WORSHIP WITH US EACH SUNDAY!

8:30 AM Traditional Worship | 10:45 AM Praise Worship | 9:45 AM Sunday School and Adult Bible Studies | Facebook Live at facebook.com/gslcwoodstock

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