

# GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

## FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

### FEBRUARY 22, 2026

*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—please silence your cell phones

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## ∞ GATHERING ∞

PRELUDE

“I am a Poor Wayfarin’ Stranger”  
-Lloyd Larson

Anna Kate Peed

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### \*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

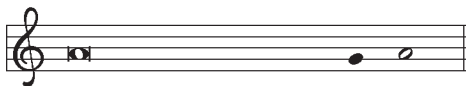
- P** Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **C Amen.**
- P** Let us confess our sin before God, who removes our guilt and blots out all offenses.  
*Silence is kept for reflection. (Stand or kneel)*
- P** Gracious God,
- C have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**
- P** For seeking worldly delights that deceive us and dishonor you: Gracious God,
- C have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**
- P** For desiring self-reliance instead of hungering for your word: Gracious God,
- C have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**
- P** For failing to recognize your coming reign, and for hindering the work of the Spirit: Gracious God,
- C have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**
- P** For drawing from the well of self-serving ambition, and for disdaining the living water Christ offers: Gracious God,
- C have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**
- P** For disregarding voices from the margin, and for distrusting signs of your healing and hope in the world: Gracious God,
- C have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**
- P** For self-pity and discontent, and for disregarding Christ’s call to come forth to life: Gracious God,
- C have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**
- P** God’s steadfast love, grace, and forgiveness abound. Through faith, the free gift of God, you have been clothed in the righteousness of Christ. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. The Spirit of the One who raised Christ from the dead dwells in you, pours God’s love into your hearts, and gives you life and peace.
- C 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. **Q** **And also with you.**

**\*KYRIE**



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



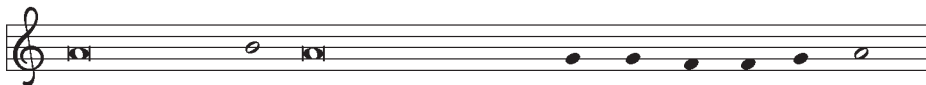
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mer - cy.

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

## \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** Let us pray. Lord God, our strength, the struggle between good and evil rages within and around us, and the devil and all the forces that defy you tempt us with empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your word, and when we fall, raise us again and restore us through your Son, 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 Genesis.

*At conclusion of reading*

**Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7**

*Pew Bible, Page 2*

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

### PSALM *(please read responsively)*

### Psalm 32

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| <p><b>A</b> Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.</p> <p><b>G</b> Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity and in whose spirit there is no deceit.</p> <p><b>A</b> While I kept silent, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long.</p> <p><b>G</b> For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.</p> <p><b>A</b> Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and you forgave the guilt of my sin.</p> <p><b>G</b> Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you; at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them.</p> | <p><b>A</b> You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with glad cries of deliverance.</p> <p><b>G</b> I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you.</p> <p><b>A</b> Do not be like a horse or a mule, without understanding, whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle, else it will not stay near you.</p> <p><b>G</b> Many are the torments of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord.</p> <p><b>A</b> Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.</p> |
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### SECOND READING

- L** A reading from Romans.

*At conclusion of reading*

**Romans 5:12-19**

*Pew Bible, Page 1027*

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

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



### \*GOSPEL READING

**P** The holy gospel according to Matthew.

**Matthew 4:1-11**

**G** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Pew Bible, Page 879*

*At conclusion of reading*

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

### SERMON

**“Grace. Grit. Grace Again.”**

**Elizabeth Fennel**  
**Seminarian**

### \*HYMN OF DAY

**“Oh, Love, How Deep”**

**ELW #322**

### RECEIVING OF NEW MEMBERS

**ELW pg. 234**

*To be read as part of the Affirmation of Baptism liturgy for new members.*

### \*APOSTLES' CREED

**G** 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, “Hear us, O God”. Worshippers respond with the words, “Your mercy is great.”*

### \*PEACE

**P** The Peace of the Lord be with you always. **G** **And also with you.**

*(Please greet one another with a friendly word or 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 ANTHEM

## "Trust in God"

## Chancel Choir

-Joan A. Fyock

## \*OFFERING HYMN

## "Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful"

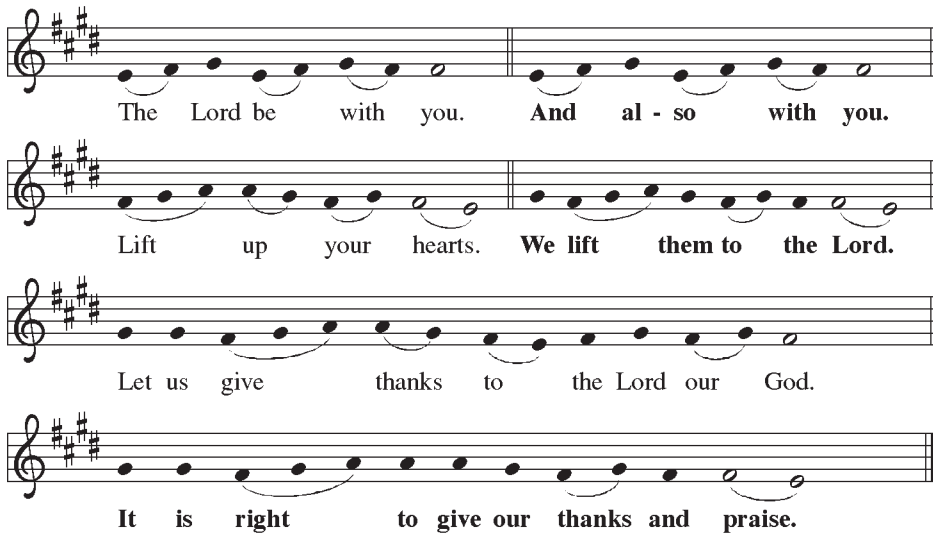
## ELW #182

## \*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.

**Amen.**

## \*GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

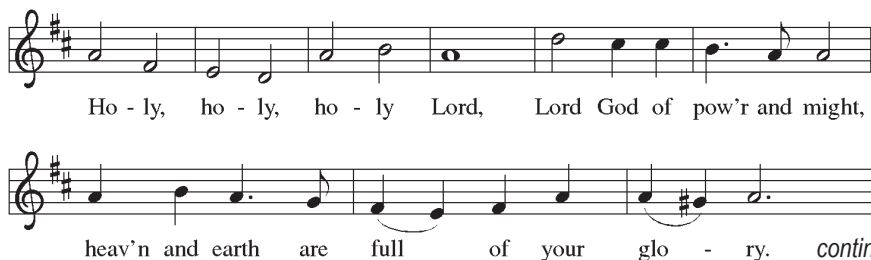
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

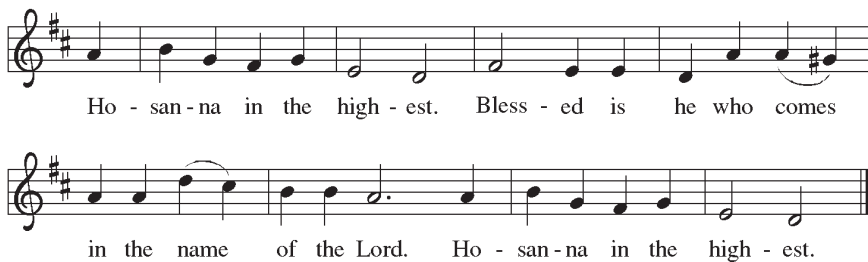
- P** It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## \*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. continues on next page



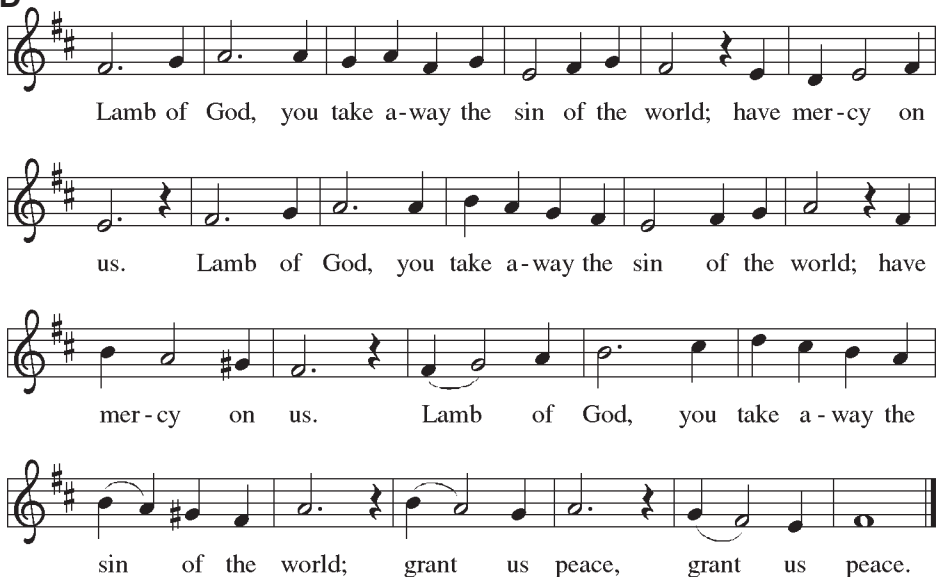
## \*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### \*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



## COMMUNION/COMMUNION HYMNS

“Thy Holy Wings”

ELW #613

“Lord Jesus, Think on Me”

ELW #599

### \*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**

**A** 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

**P** Receive the blessing of the holy Trinity: God, who calls all things into existence, Jesus Christ, who redeems us, and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains creation, ✠ bless you now and always. **G Amen.**

## \*SENDING HYMN

## “Chief of Sinners Though I Be”

**ELW #609**

**\*DISMISSAL**

**A** Go in peace. Believe the good news.

**☞ Thanks be to God.**

## \*POSTLUDE

## “Christ Alone”

## Anna Kate Peed

*-James Montgomery Boice*

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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](https://facebook.com/gslcwoodstock)

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