

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

FEBRUARY 22, 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, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. ☩ **Amen.**

☞ Let us confess our sin before God, who removes our guilt and blots out all offenses.
Silence is kept for reflection. (Stand or kneel)

☞ Gracious God,

☩ **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

☞ For seeking worldly delights that deceive us and dishonor you: Gracious God,

☩ **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

☞ For desiring self-reliance instead of hungering for your word: Gracious God,

☩ **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

☞ For failing to recognize your coming reign, and for hindering the work of the Spirit:
Gracious God,

☩ **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

☞ For drawing from the well of self-serving ambition, and for disdaining the living water Christ offers: Gracious God,

☩ **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

☞ For disregarding voices from the margin, and for distrusting signs of your healing and hope in the world: Gracious God,

☩ **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

☞ For self-pity and discontent, and for disregarding Christ's call to come forth to life:
Gracious God,

☩ **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

☞ 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.

☩ **Amen.**

*GATHERING MUSIC

"Kyrie Eleison"

Words and Music by Chris Tomlin, Matt Redman, Matt Maher and Jason Ingram; © 2016 S. D. G. Publishing | Said And Done Music | sixsteps Music | sixsteps Songs | Thankyou Music Ltd | Worship Together Music | worshiptogether.com songs

Verse 1

Lord have mercy Christ have mercy
Hear our cry and heal our land
Let kindness lead us to repentance
Bring us back again

Chorus 1

For Your name is great and Your heart is grace
Kyrie Eleison
Over all You reign You alone can save
Kyrie Eleison
Lord have mercy Christ have mercy on us now
For Your name is great and Your heart is grace
Kyrie Eleison
Over all You reign You alone can save
Kyrie Eleison

Verse 2

Who is this God who pardons all our sin
So ready to forgive
You delight to show Your mercy
Who is this God who pardons all our sin
So ready to forgive
You delight to show Your mercy

Chorus 2

For Your name is great and Your heart is grace
Kyrie Eleison
Over all You reign You alone can save
Kyrie Eleison
For Your name is great and Your heart is grace
Kyrie Eleison
Over all You reign You alone can save
Kyrie Eleison
Lord have mercy Christ have mercy
Lord have mercy Christ have mercy on us now

*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. 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. ☛ **Amen.**

∞ WORD ∞

FIRST READING

📖 A reading from Genesis.

At conclusion of reading

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

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

Pew Bible, Page 2

SECOND READING

📖 A reading from Romans.

At conclusion of reading

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

Romans 5:12-19

Pew Bible, Page 1027

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*GOSPEL READING

P The holy gospel according to Matthew.

At conclusion of reading

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

Matthew 4:1-11

Pew Bible, Page 879

MEDITATION

"Grace. Grit. Grace Again."

**Elizabeth Fennel,
Seminararian**

*SONG OF THE DAY

"40 Days"

Words and Music by Matt Maher | Be Essential Songs | Fellow Ships Music | I Am A Pilgrim Songs | So Essential Tunes

Verse 1

Forty days to wander
Forty days to die to self
Forty days to grow stronger
As faith breaks open the gates of hell
The jubilee is over
But grace is far from gone
In the hearts of the faithful
Broken on the wheels of love

Chorus

'Cause in the desert of temptation
Lies the storm of true conversion
Where springs of living water
Drown and refresh you

And as the Jordan pours out change
Your true self is all that remains
Where springs of living water
Bind and break you
(Bind and break you)

Verse 2

Forty days to remember
The Paschal sacrifice
Forty days to discover
His passion calls us to new life
The jubilee is over
But mercy's far from gone
In the arms of the Father
As the wayward child comes home *Chorus*

RECEIVING OF NEW MEMBERS

ELW pg. 234

*APOSTLES' CREED

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

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. **[A]** **And also with you.**

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

"New Every Morning"

By Audrey Assad and Matt Maher

***OFFERING PRAYER**

[A] 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. **[A]** **Amen.**

***WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

***LORD'S PRAYER**

[A] 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

"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

No weapon formed against me shall remain
I will rejoice
I will declare
God is my victory and He is here

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 *Chorus*

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

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

Chorus

I will bring praise
I will bring praise

For God So Loved"

Words and Music by Phil Wickham and Jason Ingram; © Fellow Ships Music | So Essential Tunes | Phil Wickham Music | Simply Global Songs | Sing My Songs

Verse 1

What kind of love is this
Greater than all I've seen
Perfection bends to kiss
Unworthiness like me
Here I stand forgiven

Verse 2

You stepped into my dark
Suffered this sinner's cross
Rescued my hopeless heart
You paid the highest cost
Here I stand forgiven

Chorus

For God so loved the world

Living Waters"

Words and Music by Kristyn Getty and Ed Cash; © 2016 Capitol CMG Paragon | Getty Music Publishing

Verse 1

Are you thirsty
Are you empty
Come and drink these living waters
Tired and broken
Peace unspoken
Rest beside these living waters

Verse 2

Christ is calling
Find refreshing
At the cross of living waters
Lay your life down
All the old gone
Rise up in these living waters

Chorus

There's a river that flows
With mercy and love
Bringing joy to the city of our God
There our hope is secure
Do not fear anymore
Praise the Lord of living waters

He gave His one and only Son
Amazing grace my debt is paid
Oh praise the risen One
For God so loved
For God so loved

Verse 3

Stronger than any grave
Greater than every sin
Nothing can separate us
Your love will never end
Here I stand forgiven

Bridge

I believe You died
I believe You rose
I believe You're coming again

Verse 3

Spirit moving
Mercy washing
Healing in these living waters
Lead your children
To the shoreline
Life is in these living waters

Verse 4

Are you thirsty
Are you empty
Come and drink these living waters
Love forgiveness
Vast and boundless
Christ He is our living waters

Ending

There our hope is secure
Do not fear anymore
Praise the Lord of living waters

***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 Ashes"

Words and Music by Jason Ingram and Mia Fieldes; © 2015 Be Essential Songs | Open Hands Music | So Essential Tunes | Tempo Music Investments

Verse 1

You will make a way
Teach me now to trust
To lift my eyes again
When all I hold is dust

Chorus 1

From the ashes
From the ashes
You call my heart to life
Call my heart to life
From the silence
From the sadness
You call my heart to life
Call my heart to life

Verse 2

You will breathe again
Resurrect these bones

And all Your promises
I won't forget
You won't let me go

Chorus 2

From the ashes
From the ashes
You call my heart to life
Call my heart to life
From the silence
From the sadness
You call my heart to life
Call my heart to life

Bridge

And I have nothing but praise to give to offer
Nothing but praise to give
I have nothing but praise to lay at Your feet
Nothing but praise to give

Chorus Final

From the ashes
From the ashes
You call my heart to life
Call my heart to life
From the silence

From the sadness
You call my heart to life
Call my heart to life
From the ashes from the ashes
From the silence from the sadness
You call my heart to life

***DISMISSAL**

A Go in peace. Believe the good news.

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.

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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