

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 15, 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**

- 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.**

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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
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. Bend your ear to our prayers, Lord Christ, and come among us. By your gracious life and death for us, bring light into the darkness of our hearts, and anoint us with your Spirit, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. ☑ **Amen.**

"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

☞ WORD ☞

FIRST READING

☞ A reading from 1 Samuel.

At conclusion of reading

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

1 Samuel 16:1-13

Pew Bible, Page 257

SECOND READING

☞ A reading from Ephesians.

At conclusion of reading

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

Ephesians 5:8-14

Pew Bible, Page 1067

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*GOSPEL READING

📖 The holy gospel according to John.

At conclusion of reading

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

John 9:1-41

Pew Bible, Page 976

MEDITATION

"Whose eyes are opened?"

Pastor Karen Boda

*SONG OF THE DAY **"Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me"**

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Verse 1

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy my righteousness and freedom
My steadfast love my deep and boundless
peace

To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to his
Oh how strange and divine I can sing all is
mine

Yet not I but through Christ in me

Verse 2

The night is dark but I am not forsaken
For by my side the Saviour he will stay
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need his power is displayed
To this I hold my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley he will lead

Oh the night has been won and I shall
overcome

Yet not I but through Christ in me

Verse 4

With every breath I long to follow Jesus
For he has said that he will bring me home
And day by day I know he will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne
To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to him
When the race is complete still my lips shall
repeat

Yet not I but through Christ in me

Ending

When the race is complete still my lips shall
repeat

Yet not I but through Christ in me

Yet not I but through Christ in me

*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, "Hear us O 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 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

"Jesus"

By Chris Tomlin and Ed Cash

*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. **C** **Amen.**

*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*LORD'S PRAYER

C **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

"There's Nothing That Our God Can't Do"

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Verse 1

Just one word
You calm the storm that surrounds me
Just one word
The darkness has to retreat
Just one touch
I feel the presence of heaven
Just one touch
My eyes were opened to see
My heart can't help but believe

Chorus 1

There's nothing that our God can't do
There's not a mountain that He can't move
Oh praise the name that makes a way
There's nothing that our God can't do

Verse 2

Just one word
You heal what's broken inside me
Just one word

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And you revive ev'ry dream
Just one touch
I feel the power of heaven
Just one touch
My eyes were opened to see
My heart can't help but believe

Chorus 2

There's nothing that our God can't do
There's not a mountain that He can't move
Oh praise the name that makes a way
There's nothing that our God can't do

"Way Maker"

Words and Music by Osinachi Kalu Okoro Egbu; © 2016 Integrity Music Europe

Verse 1

You are here moving in our midst
I worship You I worship You
You are here working in this place
I worship You I worship You

Chorus

(You are) Way Maker Miracle Worker Promise
Keeper
Light in the darkness my God that is who You
are *Repeat*

Verse 2

You are here touching ev'ry heart
I worship You I worship You
You are here healing ev'ry heart
I worship You I worship You *Chorus*

"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

Bridge

I will believe for greater things
There's no power like the power of Jesus
Let faith arise let all agree
There's no power like the power of Jesus
I will believe for greater things
There's no power like the power of Jesus
Let faith arise let all agree
There's no power like His power *Chorus 2*

Verse 3

You are here turning lives around
I worship You I worship You
You are here mending ev'ry heart
I worship You I worship You *Chorus*

Tag

That is who You are
That is who You are
That is who You are
That is who You are

Bridge

Even when I don't see it You're working
Even when I don't feel it You're working
You never stop You never stop working
You never stop You never stop working
Chorus

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

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 *Chorus*

Ending

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

*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

☞ 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. ☩ Amen.

*SENDING SONG

"Ashes"

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Verse 1

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

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

Chorus 1

From the ashes
From the ashes
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

***DISMISSAL**

A Go in peace. Believe the good news.

G **Thanks be to God.**

***SENDING MUSIC**

PRAISE TEAM

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

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

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)

Holy Week at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church



Palm
SUNDAY
March 29
8:30 | 10:45 AM



Maundy
THURSDAY
April 2nd
Noon | 7:30 PM



Good
FRIDAY
April 3rd
Noon | 7:30 PM

Then worship with us April 5th - Easter Morning



8:30 AM | Traditional Worship
10:45 AM | Praise Worship
9:45 AM | Easter Breakfast

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