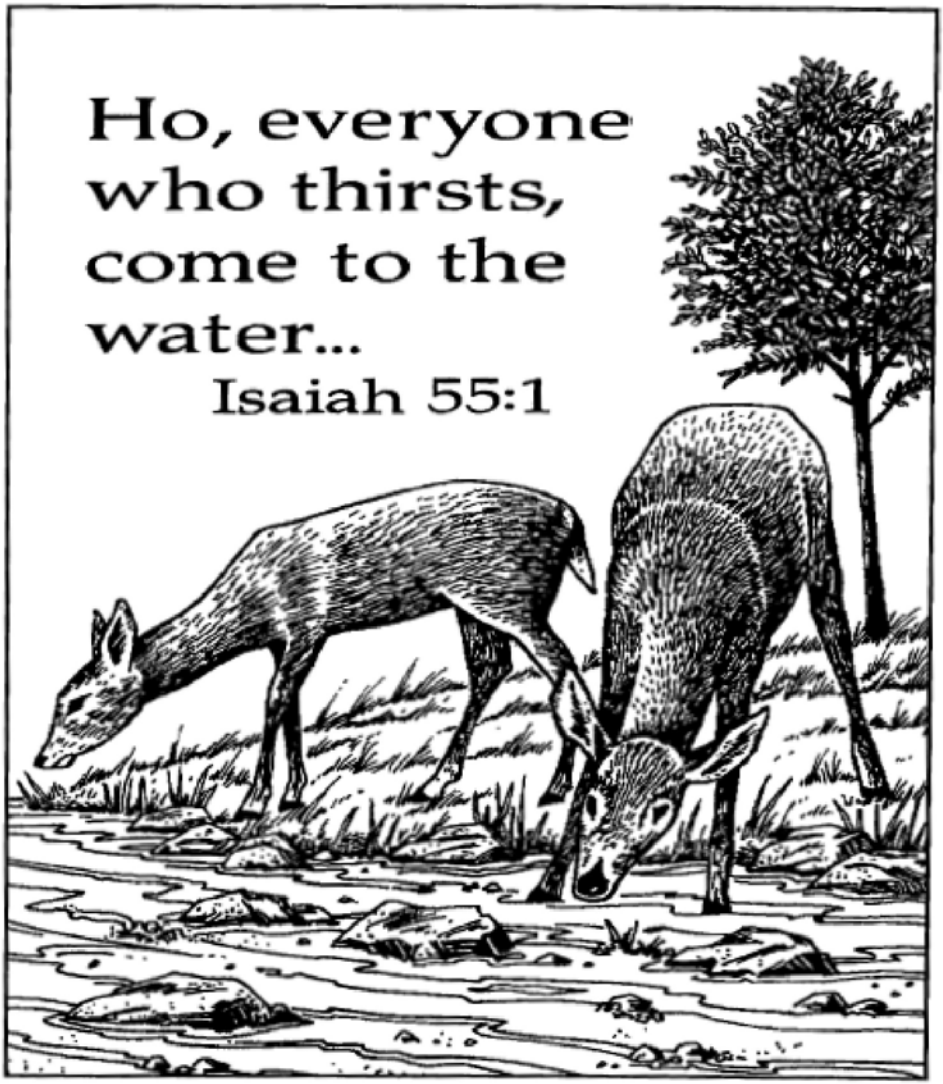

Third Sunday in Lent
March 23rd, 2025

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* WORSHIP NOTES *

- *Welcome to worship at Good Shepherd. We warmly greet you in the name of the Lord and give God thanks for your presence today.*
- *Most hymns are found in the Hymnal located in the pews. Hymns from other hymnals will be printed and provided in the insert.*
- ***All** baptized believing Christians are welcome to gather at the altar for Holy Communion. **Grape juice and low gluten wafers are available. Please see a greeter prior to the beginning of service.***
- *When it comes time for sharing of the peace, you may pass the peace by sign or physically to your neighbors as you are comfortable.*
- *During this season of Lent we are returning to receiving communion around the altar rail, as has been our custom in the past. Please see the announcements in the back of this bulletin for instructions.*

SETTING THREE—EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP

+ + + GATHERING + + +

Please maintain silence in the Sanctuary as we prepare for worship

PRELUDE

We Stand

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity; ✢ one God, who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: God of all mercy and consolation,
come to the help of your people,
turning us from our sin to live for you alone.
Give us the power of your Holy Spirit
that we may confess our sin,
receive your forgiveness,
and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Let us return to God,
confessing our sin in the assurance of God's abiding love.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Compassionate One,
C: you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love,
but our lives do not always reflect you
and your love for the world.
We do not show others the tender compassion
you have shown to us.
We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality
you grant to all people.
We oppress others,
even though you have set us free again and again.
We squander the abundant gifts of the earth.
Transform our lives and guide us again in the way of the cross.
Amen.
P: Beloved in Christ,
God's arms are always stretched open wide
to welcome the wandering ones home.
In ✝ Christ your sins are forgiven.
You have a place in God's house forever.
C: Amen.

Gathering Hymn Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters **ELW 445**

APOSTOLIC GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY Celebrate Insert

P: Let us pray…
C: Amen.

+ + + WORD + + +

We sit

FIRST READING — Celebrate Insert

L: Word of God, word of life.
C: Thanks be to God.

PSALMODY *(sung or spoken responsively)* — Celebrate Insert

SECOND READING — Celebrate Insert

L: Word of God, word of life.
C: Thanks be to God.

We stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

P: The holy gospel according to...
C: Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL — Celebrate Insert

P: The gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON Rev. Scherry Fouke

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

We stand

Hymn of the Day As the Deer **ELW 331**

APOSTLES' CREED

P: With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

C: 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 Celebrate Insert

PEACE *(a time set aside for sharing God's peace)*

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

+ + + MEAL + + +

We Sit

OFFERING

We stand

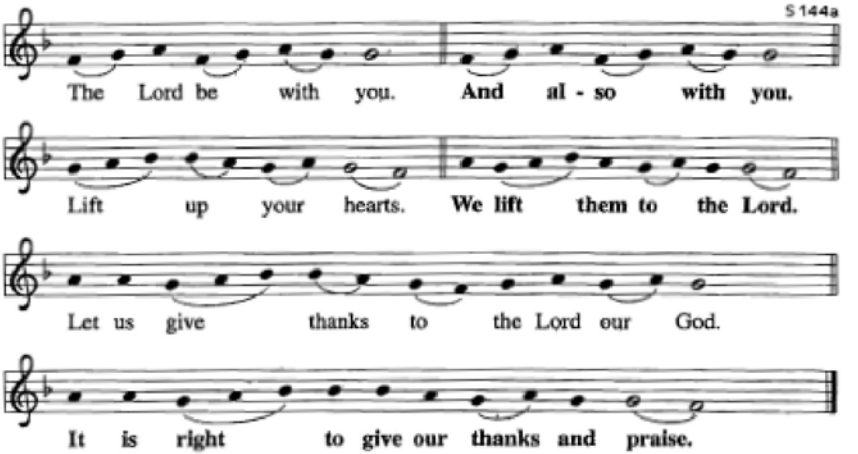
OFFERING HYMN CCLI 3180763

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us pray. Merciful Father,

C: We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us ourselves, our time, and our possessions,
signs of your gracious love.
Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us,
Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving



Proper Preface

P: It is indeed right and salutary ...join their unending hymn:

Sanctus & Benedictus

Eucharistic Prayer

P: Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.
In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son,
that all those who believe in him should not perish
but have eternal life.

We give thanks to you for the salvation you have
prepared for us through Jesus Christ.

Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts,
that we may receive our Lord with a living faith
as he comes to us in his holy supper.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.
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.

COMMUNION

(Please process around the altar following the directions of the ushers, kneel or stand as able around the altar, take a wafer from the pastor and then a communion cup from the assistant. Grape juice is in the center of the tray. After receiving communion you may return to the pew for silent prayer or singing the communion hymn.)

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say
The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.
and each person may respond **Amen.**

LAMB OF GOD *(AGNUS DEI)*

Communion Hymn **Rock of Ages** **ELW 623**

We stand

TABLE BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

CANTICLE (*NUNC DIMITIS*)

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Let us pray.
We give you thanks, almighty God,
That you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us,
through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

+ + + SENDING + + +

We sit
PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

We stand
BLESSING

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✢ give you peace.
C: Amen

Sending Hymn O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts **ELW 658**

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

REMINDERS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Eucharistic Celebrant: Rev. Steve Werner
Lector: Felicia Brandt
Organist/Choir: Karoline Van Horn
Supply Pastor: Rev. Scherry Fouke
Worship Assistant: Matt Bergstresser
Zoom: Ric Van Horn

FOOD PANTRY

The Food Pantry was opened on Monday, March 17, 2025, from 10:00 a.m. until Noon. Fifteen (15) people came, and food was given out for thirty-nine (39). My deepest heart-felt thanks to Felicia Brandt, Marilyn Fahringer, and Randy Moore for helping out at the Pantry with me. Extra special thanks to Nancy McLoughlin for getting the word out about the Pantry via radio and Facebook. Nancy has been doing this job for a few years now and I have neglected to recognize her. Thank you, Nancy, for all of your help.

Thank you to everyone who have already brought in plastic bags. This is a big help for the Food Pantry, Community Dinner, and Sleeping Mats for the Homeless. When cleaning out your closets, if you happen to come across plastic/cloth totes, please consider donating them to the Food Pantry. Thank you.

Thank you to everyone at The Good Shepherd for your donations (food and/or monetary), support, and prayers for the Pantry. Working together we can make a difference in our community with God's help and love.

The next Food Pantry will be held on Monday, April 21.

In His Service,
Chris Thompson

Change in Method of Receiving Communion

As previously noted, starting today we will resume using the communion rail so that we gather around the altar to receive the elements rather than receiving them in procession as has been our recent custom.

Please follow the directions of the ushers, with the right side (facing the altar) leaving their seats by the side aisle, going around to the back by the Baptismal Font, and assuming the furthest spot at the altar rail, starting at the right side. You may stand or kneel to receive the elements. We will continue to use the wafers and communion cups. You may leave the cup on the altar rail once you are finished. Those wishing to receive a blessing rather than the elements may signify this by crossing their arms over their heart.

Once you have received the elements, you may rise and return to your seat by the side aisle for meditation and/or prayer. Other communicants will then fill in the empty spots so that communion will move continuously.

Reception of New Members

Good Shepherd is receiving new member on Sunday, April 27th! There will be a one hour New Member Class on Sunday, April 13, after worship. During the class, we'll talk about being Lutheran and some of the service/fellowship opportunities at Good Shepherd. For more information, please speak to Chris Thompson, Sally Allen, or Pastor Bob.

Pastoral Care

Pastor Bob does not keep regular office hours due to the limited nature of his agreement with us. However, he is available for pastoral support by reaching out to him at 954-529-3868.

Lent

On Wednesday evenings during Lent, we hope you'll join in an hour-long group study session led by Pastor Bob.
The Monday-Tuesday-Wednesday of Holy Week we are welcome to participate in a noon-day worship experience and a meal. The first half hour will be worship, and the second half hour a light lunch. Pastor Bob is preaching on Tuesday, April 15 at All Saints Episcopal Church. Hope you will join us.

Lenten Schedule

Wednesday Group Study	7:00 pm	Wednesday, March 26, April 2, 9
Palm Sunday Worship	10:00 am	Sunday, April 13

Holy Week Community Service 12:00 pm Monday, April 14, First United Methodist Church, Morristown

Holy Week Community Service 12:00 pm Tuesday, April 15, All Saints Episcopal

Holy Week Community Service 12:00 pm Wednesday, April 16, First Presbyterian Church, Morristown

Maundy Thursday Worship	7:00 pm	Thursday, April 17
Good Friday Tenebrae	7:00 pm	Friday, April 18
Easter Vigil	7:00 pm	Saturday, April 19

Coming up at Good Shepherd

Sunday, March 23	Third Sunday in Lent 10:00 am Worship Service
Wednesday, March 26	7:00 pm Lenten Study
Sunday, March 30	Fourth Sunday in Lent 10:00 am Worship Service
Tuesday, April 1	6:00 pm American Legion
Wednesday, April 2	7:00 pm Lenten Study
Sunday, April 6	Fifth Sunday in Lent 10:00 am Worship Service
Monday, April 7	6:30 pm Widow/Widower Support Group
Wednesday, April 9	4:00 pm—6:00 pm Community Dinner 7:00 pm Lenten Study
Thursday, April 10	6:30 pm Mission Council
Sunday, April 13	Passion/Palm Sunday 10:00 am Worship Service 11:15 am New Member Class
Monday, April 14	12:00 pm Holy Week Community Service, *First United Methodist Church*
Tuesday, April 15	12:00 pm Holy Week Community Service, *All Saints Episcopal Church*
Wednesday, April 16	12:00 pm Holy Week Community Service, *First Presbyterian Church*
Thursday, April 17	7:00 pm Maundy Thursday
Friday, April 18	7:00 pm Good Friday
Saturday, April 19	7:00 pm Easter Vigil

We Remember in Prayer

Members - *Healing, comfort, strength, & peace*

Karoline Van Horn
Sally Allen
Darlene Kline
Bette Crawford
For federal employees in this turbulent time, especially Josh Gray
Steve Werner
Cody Nelson
Ric Van Horn
Robert French

Family & Friends - *Healing, comfort, strength, & peace*

Cindy Stelzman, friend of Mike and Chris Thompson
Mike Lusk
Family & Friends of Dominick Giovingo, brother of Carolyn Absher, *comfort in sorrow*

Those in the community - *guidance, hope, comfort, healing, & peace*

Suzanne Christian
Lester Brown
Yohana Velazquez
Steven Martinsen
Linda Cobble
Darlene Rosenbalm
William Bowers

Military Serving our Country - *Protection, comfort, & strength*

John Gray, Joshua Gray's brother
Ian Anderson, Alan Anderson's nephew
Joshua Sheaf, Good Shepherd member