



She bought it so
that she might keep
it for the day of
my burial.

John 12:7

**Fifth Sunday in Lent
April 6th, 2025**

The Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

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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.

+++ 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

S 142b



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, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

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.

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

We stand

Hymn of the Day

Take My Life, That I May Be

ELW 685

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.

We Sit

OFFERING

We stand

OFFERING HYMN

CCLI 3180763



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right
spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take
not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re-store to me the joy of
your sal-va-tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it.

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

S 144a

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.

Detailed description: This block contains four staves of musical notation in G-clef and 4/4 time. The melody is simple, using quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are written below each staff, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The first staff has a double bar line after the first phrase. The fourth staff ends with a double bar line.

PROPER PREFACE

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

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

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

heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -

san-na. 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.

Detailed description: This block contains four staves of musical notation in G-clef and 4/4 time. The melody is more complex than the first section, featuring eighth and sixteenth notes. The lyrics are written below each staff, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The fourth staff ends with a double bar line.

EUCCHARISTIC 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

P: The table is now ready. All are welcome.

(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*)

S 146



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.

Communion Hymn

Bread of Life

ELW 474

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*)

S135b

Now, Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace: your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have prepared in the sight of ev-'ry peo - ple: a light to re-veal you to the na - tions and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

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

In Christ Alone

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DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

REMINDERS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Interim Pastor: Rev. Bob Miller

Lector: Felicia Brandt

Organist/Choir: Karoline Van Horn

Worship Assistant: Matt Bergstresser

Zoom: Ric Van Horn

FLOWERS for the CROSS

Please bring flowers and/or foliage to decorate on the Cross outside near the large outdoor Cross on Easter Sunday, April 20. Come for breakfast and to flower the Cross.

Thank you. Glory and Praise for our Risen Lord.

Chris Thompson

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.

PREPARING for EASTER

Please join us on Saturday, April 19 at 10:00 a.m. at Church in the Narthex. We need everyone to help us set up for: Saturday Evening Vigil at 7:00 p.m., Easter Sunday Service in the Sanctuary, Easter Sunday Breakfast in Fellowship Hall. Please join us on Saturday in preparing our Church for the Resurrection of our Lord. Contact: Chris Thompson – 865-414-2197 or Wylene Hinkle 423-586-0641 if you have questions. Thank you so much for your help. Blessings, Chris Thompson

News from Deborah Circle

On Friday, March 21, 2025, six women of the Church met for Bible Study, prayer, and fellowship. Marilyn Fahringer led the interactive discussion of Chapter 2 of "The Jesus I Never Knew."

Deborah Circle will not meet on Friday, April 18, instead we invite everyone to join us in preparing the Church for Saturday evening Vigil, Easter Sunday Breakfast, and Easter Sunday Worship.

Please join us: Saturday, April 19 10:00 a.m. We are looking forward to working together preparing our Church for Easter.

In His Wonderous Love, Chris Thompson

EASTER SUNDAY BREAKFAST

Please join us on Easter Sunday at 8:00 a.m. for breakfast.

We are asking everyone, if able, to please bring breakfast food to share. The sign-up sheet is on the high/tall table in the Narthex.

We are asking everyone to please bring their breakfast food to the Fellowship Hall between 7:30 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. We hope to start serving around 8:00 a.m. Please join us for delicious food, fellowship, and celebrating our risen Lord. After eating, we plan to flower the Cross outside between the patio and the large outdoor cross around 9:00 a.m.

In His Wonderous Love, Chris Thompson

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

Lent

This final Wednesday 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, April 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, 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, <i>First United Methodist Church</i>
Tuesday, April 15	12:00 pm Holy Week Community Service, <i>All Saints Episcopal Church</i>
Wednesday, April 16	12:00 pm Holy Week Community Service, <i>First Presbyterian Church</i>
Thursday, April 17	7:00 pm Maundy Thursday
Friday, April 18	7:00 pm Good Friday
Saturday, April 19	10:00 am Setup for Easter 7:00 pm Easter Vigil
Sunday, April 20	Resurrection of our Lord, Easter Sunday 7:30 am Breakfast Setup 8:00 am Easter Morning Breakfast served 9:00 am Flowering of the Cross 10:00 am Worship Service
Monday, April 21	10:00 am—12:00 pm Food Pantry



HOLY WEEK

• SERVICE & LUNCH •

Monday

APRIL 14

12PM - 1PM

*First United Methodist
Rev. Asa Majors*

Tuesday

APRIL 15

12PM - 1PM

*All Saints' Episcopal
Rev. Bob Miller*

Wednesday

APRIL 16

12PM - 1PM

*First Presbyterian
Rev. Sam Schaus*

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.

Vision Statement

We are a congregation that shares a living, daring confidence in God's grace.

Liberated by our faith, we embrace you as a whole person -
questions, complexities and all.

Join us as we do God's work in Christ's name
for the life of the world God's people.

Mission Statement

By the grace of God, the Good Shepherd, we are called to serve Christ joyfully by sharing the Gospel, being faithful stewards of God's gifts, and by loving and celebrating all God's people.



We Remember in Prayer



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

Karoline Van Horn
Sally Allen
Darlene Kline
Bette Crawford
Steve Werner
Ric Van Horn
Robert French

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

Shannon Martin, Friend of The Good Shepherd, *comfort in sorrow at the passing of her father.*
Sallie Blazer, Friend of Mike and Chris Thompson, *comfort in sorrow at the passing of her mother, Betty Burns Blazer*
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

506 In Christ Alone (My Hope Is Found)

The LORD is my portion, therefore I will put my hope in Him. Lamentations 3:24

1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found; He is my light, my strength, my
 2. In Christ a - lone who took on flesh; Full-ness of God, in help - less
 3. There in the ground His bod - y lay; Light of the world by 'dark - ness
 4. No guilt in life, no fear in death; This is the power of Christ in

song; This Corn - er - stone, this sol - id ground, Firm through the
 babe. This gift of love and right - eous - ness Scorned by the
 slain. Then burst - ing forth in glo - rious day, Up from the
 me. From life's first cry to fi - nal breath Je - sus com -

fierc - est drought and storm. What heights of love, what depths of
 ones He came to save; 'Til on that cross as Je - sus
 grave He rose a - gain! And as He stands in vic - to -
 mands my des - ti - ny. No power of hell, no scheme of

peace When fears are stilled, when striv - ings cease; My Com - fort
 died The wrath of God was sat - is - fied; For ev - ery
 ry Sin's curse has lost its grip on me; For I am
 man Can ev - er pluck me from His hand; 'Til He re -

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IN CHRIST ALONE

8.8.8.A.D. (L.M.D.)

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er, my All in All; Here in the love of Christ I stand,
 sin on Him was laid; Here in the death of Christ I live,
 His and He is mine, Bought with the pre-cious blood of Christ!
 turns or calls me home, Here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

Optional modulation to last stanza