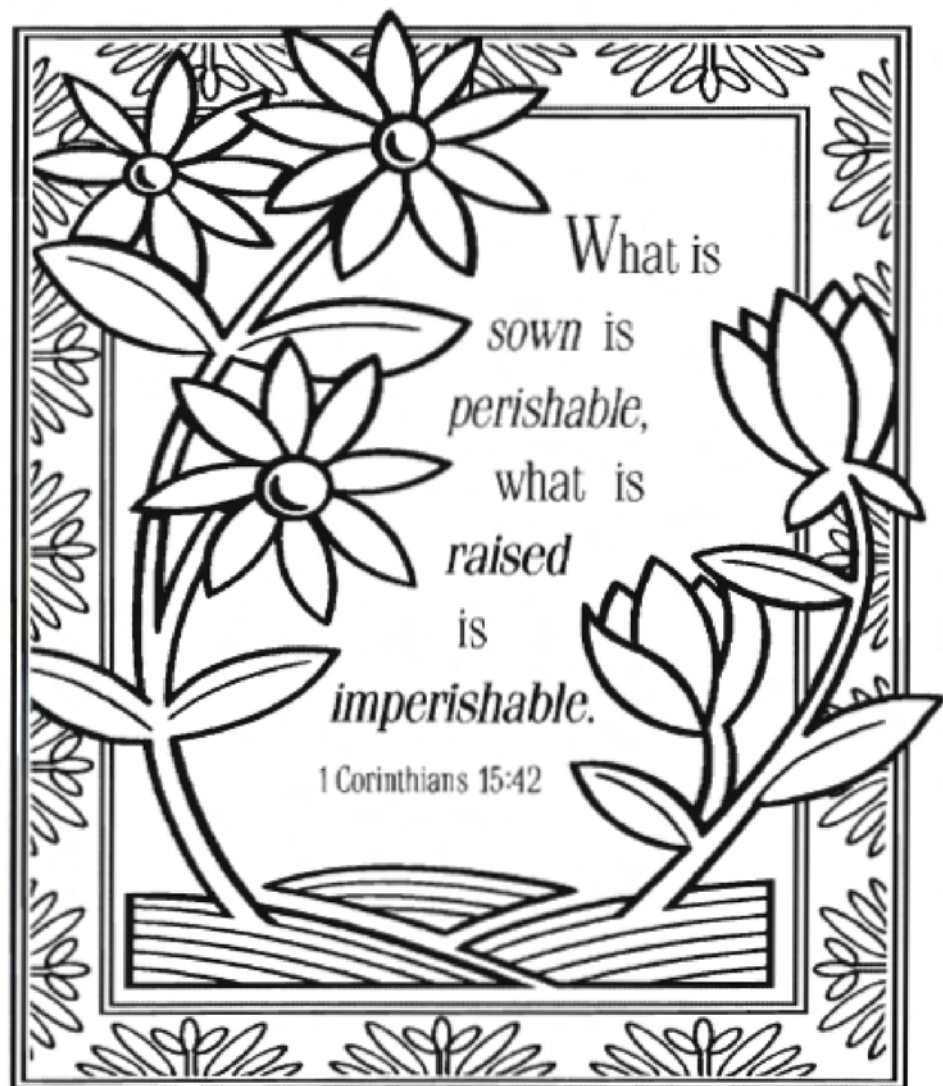




**Seventh Sunday after Epiphany
February 23rd, 2025**

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.*
- ✧ *After receiving communion, you may kneel at the altar or return to your seat for silent prayer or singing the communion hymn.*

SETTING ONE—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,
our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life.

C: Amen.

P: Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hid:
cleansing the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you
and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Trusting that God receives our words and the mediations of our hearts,
let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Merciful God,

C: you speak blessing and compassion into the world.

Forgive us for the ways we act with judgement,
cruelty, or indifference.

We ignore the needs of our neighbors;
we resist your call to oppose injustice;
we give in to scarcity and fear;
we assume the worst about one another.

Cleanse us from our faults
and release us from their grasp.

Show us your lovingkindness.

Restore our hearts and repair your world,
that we may live in Christ's ways. Amen.

P: God proclaims these words of assurance:

"Do not fear, for I have redeemed you.

I have called you by name. You are mine."

In ✠ Christ, you are forgiven.

In the Spirit, you are made free.

Refreshed by the waters of mercy,
live anew as beloved children of God.

C: Amen.

Gathering Hymn

"Morning Has Broken"

ELW 556

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.

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.

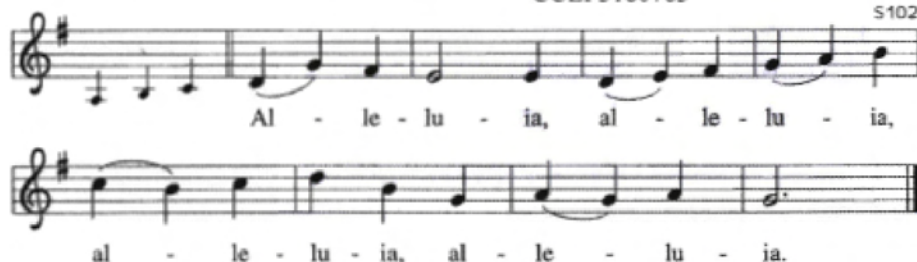
C: Thanks be to God.

We stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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A: Love your enemies, and you will be children of the Most High;
forgive, and you will be forgiven.

Repeat Alleluia verse.

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 “Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us” **ELW 707**

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 the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

We Sit

OFFERING

We stand

OFFERING HYMN

ELW #186

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

A: Let us pray.

C: God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens,
and your abundance to the depths of the seas.
Bless what we offer to your service:
our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts.
Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity,
now and always. Amen.

THE 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.

This musical score is written for a single voice part in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music. The first staff contains the lyrics 'The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.' The second staff contains 'Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.' The third staff contains 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.' The fourth staff contains 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.' The melody is simple and hymn-like, using quarter and eighth notes with various rests.

PROPER PREFACE

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and forever.

C: Amen.

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 joy of the Lord is our strength.
 Come, eat this meal of gladness.

(Please process, take a wafer from the pastor and then a communion cup from the assistant. Grape juice is in the center of the tray)

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*)



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, grant us peace.

Communion Hymn

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

ELW 656

We stand

TABLE BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen and preserve
you in eternal life.

C: Amen.



Now, Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace: your word has been ful -



filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre-pared 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.



Now, Lord, you let your ser - vant go in peace.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A: Let us pray. Nourishing God,
at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink.
Strengthen us for service, and send us out to embody your good news
of liberation and healing for the sake of the world.

In the name of Christ we pray,

C: Amen.

We sit

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

We stand

BLESSING

P: The Spirit of the triune God ✠ bless you with joy,
anoint you with compassion, and send you in love.

C: Amen

Sending Hymn “Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling” **ELW 608**

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Live in hope.

C: Thanks be to God.

REMINDERS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Altar Flowers are given by Jim and Melanie Sheaf in celebration of their 36th anniversary and the impending arrival of their first grandchild, Ella Sofia Sheaf!

Guitarist: Dr. Paul Crawford

Interim Pastor: Rev. Bob Miller

Lector: Rea Johnson

Worship Assistant: Matt Bergstresser

Zoom: Felicia Brandt

Lent Begins Soon

As we anticipate to the conclusion of the season of Epiphany, the season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday on March 5th.

The Worship Committee felt Lent would be a good time to 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.

In addition:

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

Ash Wednesday Worship	7:00 pm	Wednesday, March 5
Wednesday Group Study	7:00 pm	Wednesday, March 12, 19, 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

Updated Member Directory for 2025

Please take note of the draft for an updated membership directory on the high table in the narthex.

If any of your information has changed or you would like to be added to it, please do so by writing your information in the margins of the draft, using the sheet next to the draft copy, or alternatively by contacting the church office at goodshep@gmail.com or calling (423) 586-1621. You may also text or call me at (423) 736-3323. If your information is correct, please confirm it with a checkmark by your name in the draft directory.

Thank you!

-Cody Nelson

Coming up at Good Shepherd

Sunday, February 23	Seventh Sunday after Epiphany 10:00 am Worship Service
Sunday, March 2	Transfiguration of Our Lord 10:00 am Worship Service
Monday, March 3	6:30 pm Widow/Widower Support Group
Tuesday, March 4	6:00 pm American Legion
Thursday, March 4	7:00 pm "Fat Tuesday" Breakfast meal
Wednesday, March 5	7:00 pm Ash Wednesday
Sunday, March 9	First Sunday in Lent 10:00 am Worship Service
Wednesday, March 12	4:00 pm—6:00 pm Community Dinner 7:00 pm Lenten Study
Thursday, March 13	6:30 pm Mission Council
Sunday, March 16	Second Sunday in Lent 10:00 am Worship Service
Monday, March 17	10:00 am—12:00 pm Food Pantry
Wednesday, March 19	7:00 pm Lenten Study

Friday, March 21	10:00 am Deborah Circle, <i>Narthex</i>
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
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	7:00 pm Easter Vigil



We Remember in Prayer



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

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*

Family & Friends of Dominick Giovingo, brother of Carolyn Absher,
comfort in sorrow

Family & Friends of Louise Roe, great-aunt of Cody Nelson, *comfort in sorrow*

Family & Friends of Nancy Ellenburg, Aunt of Wylene Hinkle, *comfort in sorrow*

Roger Hayes, friend of Wylene Hinkle, *comfort in sorrow*

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

John Gray, Joshua Gray's brother

Ian Anderson, Alan Anderson's nephew

Joshua Sheaf, Good Shepherd member

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.

