One does not live by bread alone.

Luke 4:4

First Sunday in Lent
March 9th, 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.

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 **I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say** **ELW 332**

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.

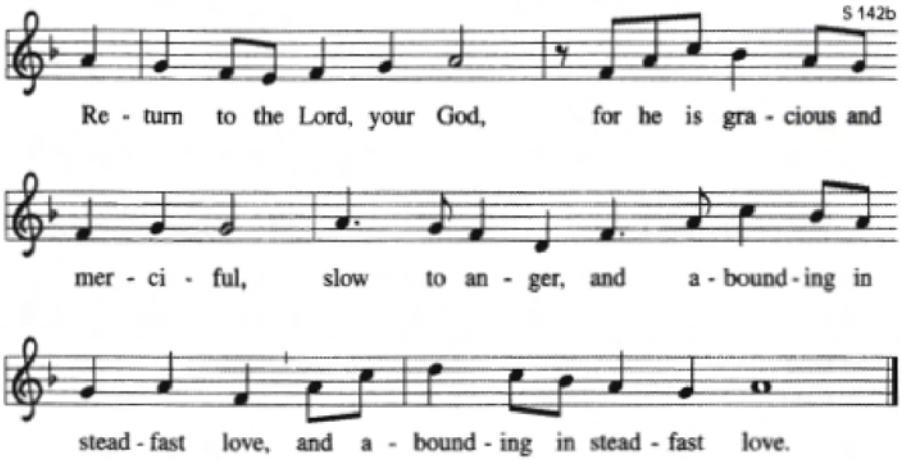
PSALMODY *(sung or spoken responsively)* — Celebrate Insert

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. Bob Miller

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

We stand

Hymn of the Day **Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross** **ELW 335**

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

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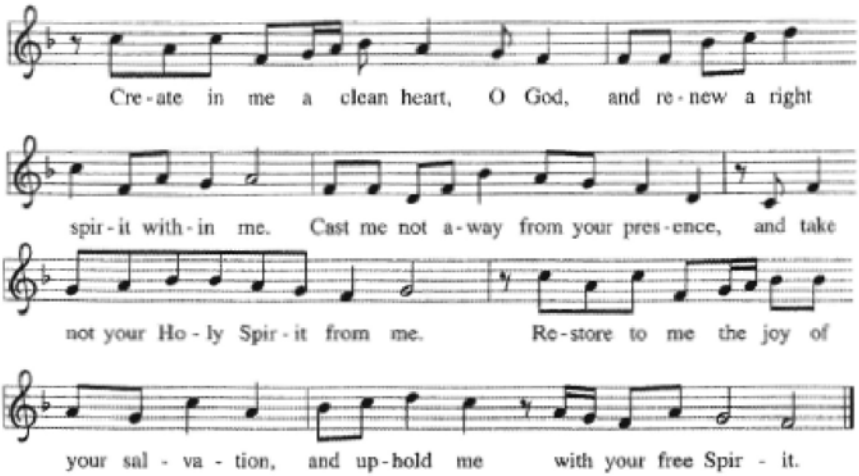
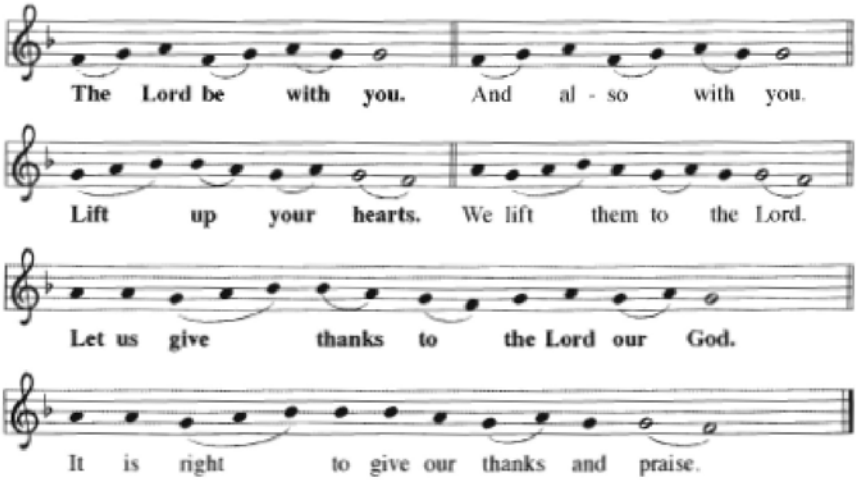


OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray.

C: Gracious Provider, you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world.
As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love,
deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

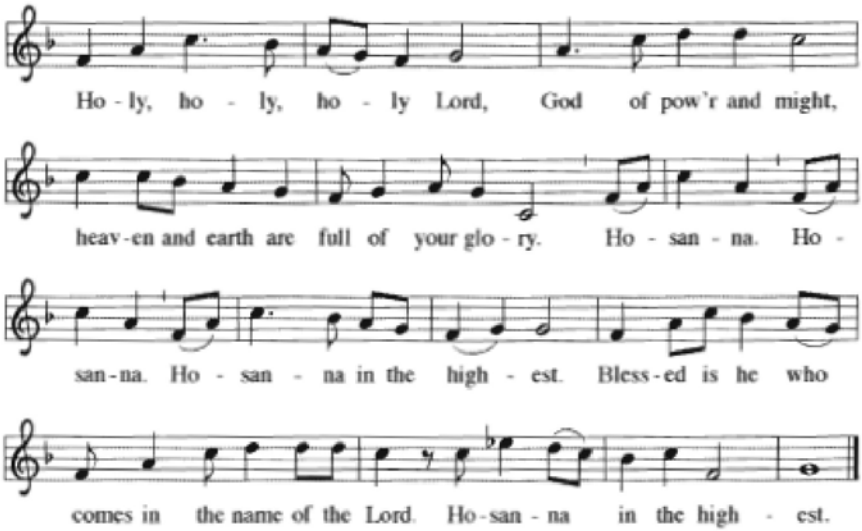
The Great Thanksgiving



Proper Preface

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

Sanctus & Benedictus



EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.
Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.
Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.
Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey.
Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.
Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.
Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: O God of resurrection and new life:
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

P: Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.
Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.
Breathe new life into us.
Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

P: With your holy ones of all times and places,
with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars,
we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, 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.

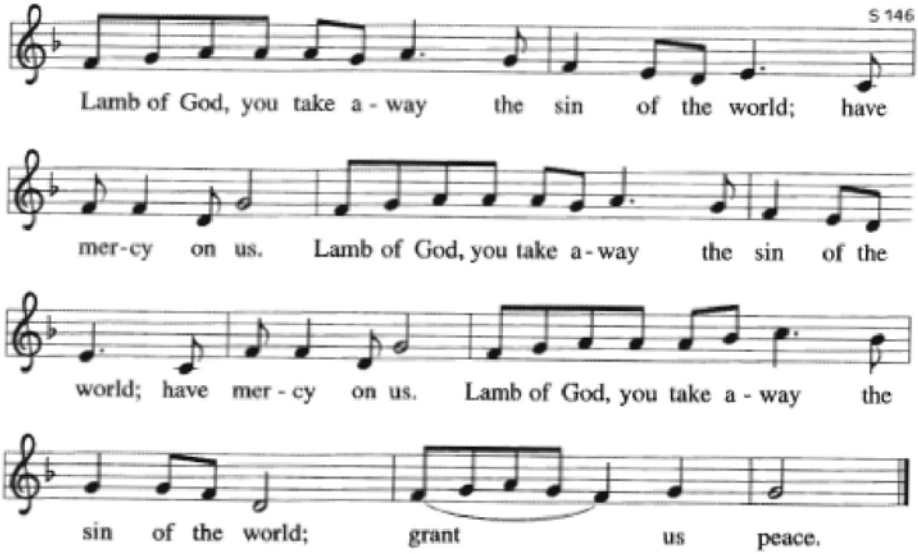
COMMUNION

P: All who are hungry, come! The feast of grace is spread.

(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 I Want Jesus to Walk with Me ELW 325

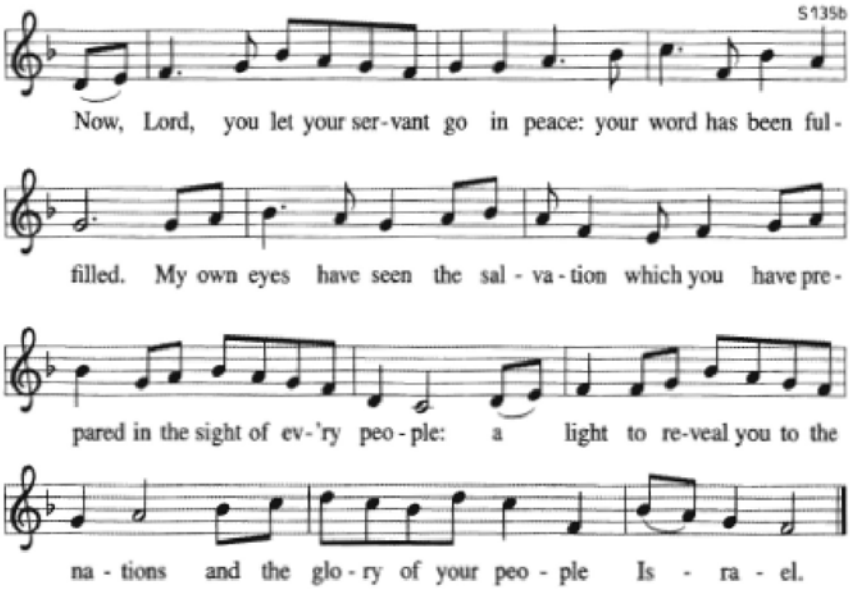
We stand

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

A: Let us pray. Generous Host,
you have shared your feast with us and made us new.
Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities,
that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom,
in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

+ + + SENDING + + +

We sit

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

We stand

BLESSING

P: God our tender parent, God the crucified one,
God the reconciling Spirit, ✠ bless you now and forever.

C: Amen

Sending Hymn What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine ELW 774

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.
C: Thanks be to God.

REMINDERS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lector: Amy Hancock
Organist/Choir: Karoline Van Horn
Supply Pastor: Rev. Bob Miller
Worship Assistant: Matt Bergstresser
Zoom: Ric Van Horn

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.

UPDATE: FOOD PANTRY

The Food Pantry was opened Monday, February 17, 2025 after being closed in January due to cold temperatures. Twenty – two people came to the Food Pantry on the 17th and 69 people received food.
My deepest heart-felt thanks to Marilyn Fahringer, Feleicia Brandt, Dixon Brandt, and Randy Moore for working that day since I was unable to be there.
I can't thank each of you enough for your donations, support, and prayers for the Food Pantry. Thank you for being so generous.
The Food Pantry will be open Monday, March 17 from 10:00 a.m. until Noon.
In His Service,
Chris Thompson

NEWS FROM DEBORAH CIRCLE

The ladies of Deborah Circle did not meet in February due to cold temperatures and snow.
We will meet Friday, March 21 at 10:00 a.m. in the narthex. All the ladies and their friends are invited to join us as Marilyn Fahringer leads the discussion of Chapter 2 of "The Jesus I Never Knew".
Please join us for devotions, prayers, discussion, and fellowship on March 21st .
In His Light and Love,
Chris Thompson

Lent

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

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

Coming up at Good Shepherd

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 7:30 pm Violin Concert, Marki Lucky, *First Presbyterian Church, Morristown*
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, *Narthex*

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, *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
Sunday, April 20	Resurrection of our Lord, Easter Sunday 10:00 am Worship Service

We Remember in Prayer

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

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*

Steve Siler
Glenda Hill
Chelsy Reese
Mary Ann Komlos
Darlene Rosenbalm
Frank Bush
Steven Jarnigan
Crystal Gregg
Judy Medley
Kayla McAfee
Earl Harvey

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

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