

His father saw him and...ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.

Luke 15:20



**Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 30th, 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 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing **ELW 807**

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

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 Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling

ELW 608

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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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.

This musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The first staff contains two measures, the second and third staves each contain two measures, and the fourth staff contains one measure.

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.

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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

Amazing Grace

ELW 779

We stand

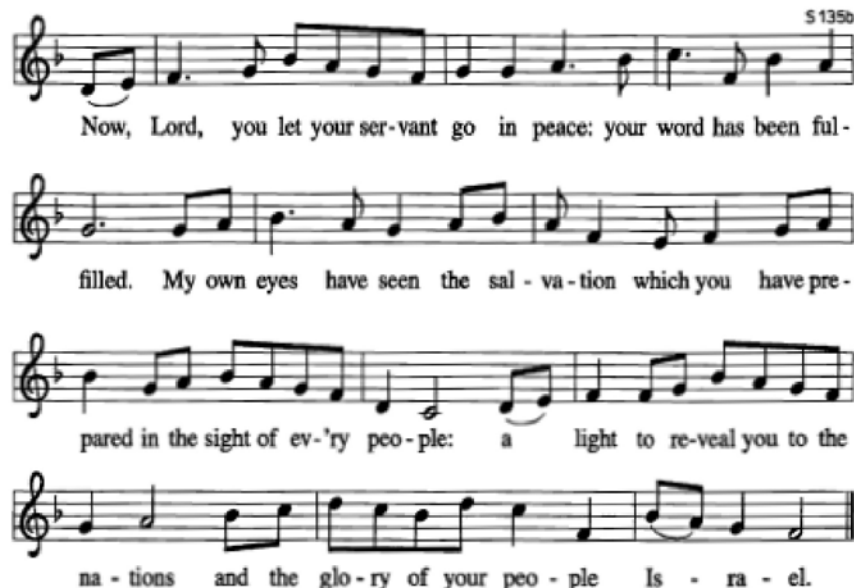
TABLE BLESSING

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

C: Amen.

CANTICLE (*NUNC DIMITIS*)

S 135b



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.

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.

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 My Life Flows On in Endless Song **ELW 763**

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

REMINDERS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Eucharistic Celebrant: Rev. Steve Werner

Interim Pastor: Rev. Bob Miller

Lector: Ric Van Horn

Organist/Choir: Karoline Van Horn

Worship Assistant: Matt Bergstresser

Zoom: Felicia Brandt

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

PREPARING for EASTER

Saturday, April 19 10:00 a.m.

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

EASTER SUNDAY BREAKFAST

SUNDAY, April 20 8:00 a.m.

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 in 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

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

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

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, 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 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, <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 8:00 am Easter Morning Breakfast served 9:00 am Flowering of the Cross 10:00 am Worship Service



We Remember in Prayer



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

Karoline Van Horn
Sally Allen
Darlene Kline
Bette Crawford
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