

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

To reach out to all, proclaiming God's love in Jesus Christ

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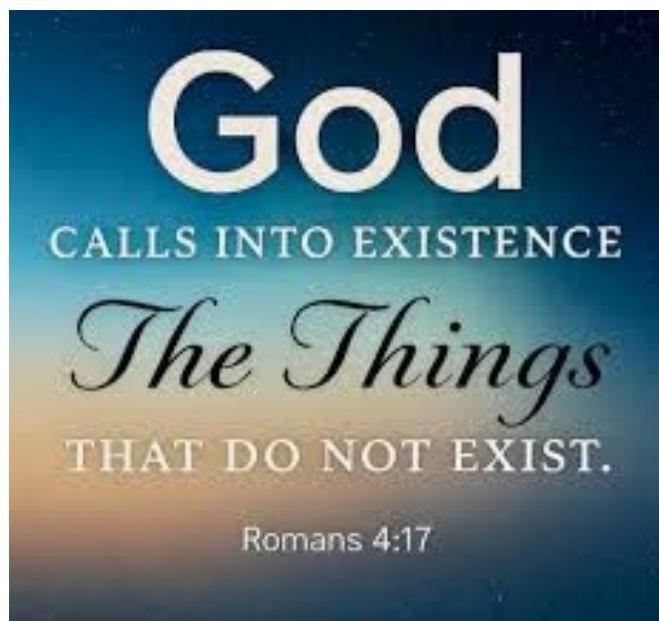
Sunday morning worship, 8:30AM

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Second Sunday of Lent
March 1st, 2026, 2026
8:30am

Good Morning and Welcome !

About our church

*We are a group of Christians who do our best to live our faith. Sometimes we falter and we often fall short of the glory of God. Because of this, we celebrate God's abundant grace poured out through the love of Jesus Christ. It is this same love that inspires us to carry out our mission statement - **reaching out to all proclaiming God's love in Jesus Christ** - so that everyone would know of the freeing, redeeming, calming, peaceful love of God.*

About our worship

Here at Good Shepherd, we marry the reverence of "high liturgy" with a relaxed, contemporary feel. What does that mean? First, the word - liturgy - means "the work of the people." So our worship is our collective effort to place God on the throne of our hearts. Second, the word - high - refers to the high degree of reverence given to God's presence in our midst. You may see people bow toward or before the altar and the cross or tracing the sign of the cross on their bodies at certain points in worship. You may also notice people clapping in celebration or responding to a question asked in the sermon. Join in as you feel comfortable!

Navigating our bulletin

*Italicized text is there to help orient you to our worship. Plain text (like this) is meant for the leader to read. Plain, bold text (**like this**) indicates the congregational response. Join in as you feel comfortable! We do use a hymnal here at Good Shepherd. You will find a green and blue hymnal in the pew rack in front of you. Each hymn is numbered. Join in the singing as you are comfortable!*

COUNCIL UPDATE

Thank you to all who volunteered to serve on the Call Committee. The Council has selected - Addy Berlin, Michele Ouimet, Kim Scheirer, and Peggy Yeastedt as our Call Committee.

Please feel free to contact John Widger at either 570-204-1286 or jwidg54@gmail.com. You can also contact any council member for updates on the Call Process

Music Prelude

Call to Worship

Rise in body or spirit

Processional Hymn- Green No. 385

“What Wondrous Love is This”

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever. Amen.

Prayer Gracious God,

have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

For seeking worldly delights that deceive us and dishonor you:

Gracious God,

have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

For desiring self-reliance instead of hungering for your word:

Gracious God,

have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

For failing to recognize your coming reign, and for hindering the
work of the Spirit: Gracious God,

have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

For drawing from the well of self-serving ambition, and for
disdaining the living water Christ offers: Gracious God,

have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

For disregarding voices from the margin, and for distrusting signs of
your healing and hope in the world:

Gracious God,

have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

For dwelling in tombs of self-pity and discontent, and for
disregarding Christ’s call to come forth to life:

Gracious God,

have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

God’s steadfast love, grace, and forgiveness abound. Through faith,
the free gift of God, you have been clothed in the righteousness of
Christ.

In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. The Spirit of the
One who raised Christ from the dead dwells in you, pours God’s
love into your hearts, and gives you life and peace.

Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, our leader and guide, in the waters of baptism you bring us
to new birth to live as your children. Strengthen our faith in your

promises, that by your Spirit we may lift up your life to all the world through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Please be seated

FIRST READING: Genesis 12:1-4a

¹ The LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. ² I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.” ^{4a} So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

PSALM: Psalm 121

¹ I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where is my help to come?

² **My help comes from the LORD,
the maker of heaven and earth.**

³ The LORD will not let your foot be moved
nor will the one who watches over you fall asleep.

⁴ **Behold, the keeper of Israel will neither slumber nor sleep;**

⁵ the LORD watches over you;
the LORD is your shade at your right hand;

⁶ **the sun will not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.**

⁷ The LORD will preserve you from all evil and will keep your life.

⁸ **The LORD will watch over your going out and your coming
in, from this time forth forevermore.**

SECOND READING: Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

¹ What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? ² For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³ For what does the scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.” ⁴ Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. ⁵ But to one who does not work but trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. ¹³ For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but

through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴ For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵ For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law, neither is there transgression. ¹⁶ For this reason the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace, so that it may be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (who is the father of all of us, ¹⁷ as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”), in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Rise in body or spirit

Gospel Acclamation

☞ 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.

The Holy Gospel according Romans the 4th Chapter
Glory to you O Lord

GOSPEL: Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

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The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

Please be seated

Sermon - Pr. Wayne Muthler

Choir Anthem - “*For God So Loved The World*”

Rise in body or spirit

The Confession of Faith - The Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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 THE PEOPLE

Reconciled by God’s mercy and sustained by God’s presence, let us pray for the world and its needs.

Faithful One, you renew us by grace. As you have inspired faith through the work of church artists and hymnwriters throughout the ages give your church the means to praise your beauty today.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Living One, you delight in this world. The sun and moon, the wind and the water declare your goodness. Preserve this earth, and protect conservationists, scientists, and all who labor in service to creation. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Ruling One, you bless us to be a blessing. Open the hearts of all leaders to seek the flourishing of every person and lend your help to all who wait for justice, deliverance, and peace.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Compassionate One, you send your Son to save. Declare your word of acceptance to any who feel condemned and lift up any brought low by hatred and exclusion. Tend to all who are struggling with illness or loss (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Eternal One, you neither slumber nor sleep. Be our keeper in life and in death. Thank you for our beloved who have died, and for your promise which saves this whole world by your love.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Receive our prayers, O God, through Jesus Christ, our strength and salvation.

Amen.

Oh God, we pray for your healing

Kristian Keefer, David & Sandy Campbell, Charlotte Wands, All victims of violence, Pray for Peace in our Country, Doug Johnson, Glenbrook Residents, Mary Hoida, Emma Shaffer, Shari Slowick, Val Donahue, Bettyanne, Hurley “Duke” Slusser, Pr. Warntz, Brandon Knorr, Len and June Swida, Family of Gene Dennis, Lorraine DeFinnis, Lynn Baker, Frank Knorr, Kevin Smith, Ashlyn Spiker, Frank G. Amanda Allen, Rob Kobbe, Kaylor M., Ashley H.

Sharing of the Peace

The peace of the Risen Christ be with you always

And also with you

OFFERING PRAYER

O God, maker of heaven and earth, your steadfast love embraces all creation. You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty. Through these gifts of bread and wine, draw us into the death and life of your Son, who calls us to bear witness to his saving work. We ask this in Jesus’ name. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

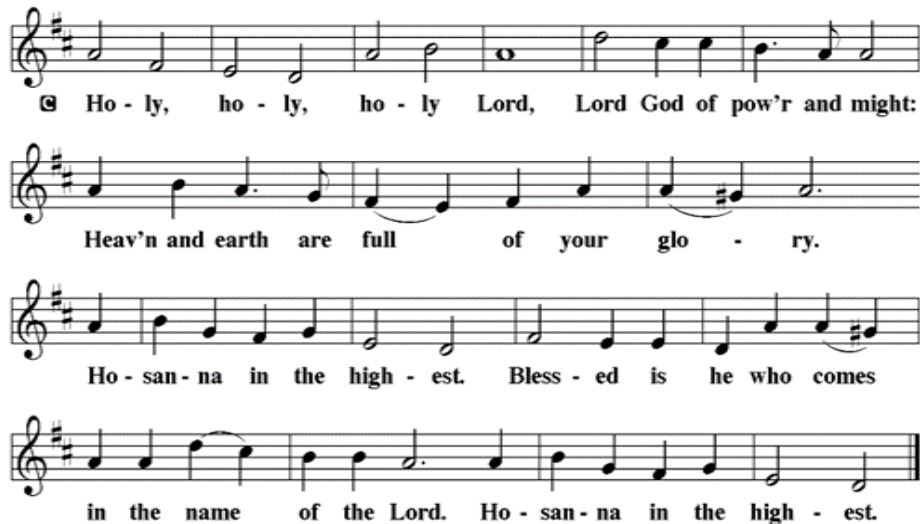
We lift them to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and salutary..... Therefore, we angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
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.

The Words of Institution - from 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

On the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, 'This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me.' In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

The Lord's Prayer

Lord remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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

Invitation to Communion

Come to the table.

Feast on God's goodness and mercy.

Please be seated

Hymn Blue No. 698 "We Were Baptized in Christ Jesus"

(see insert) "You're My All in All"

Rise in body or spirit

Post Communion Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you to live in His grace **Amen**

Post Communion Canticle

Lord, now 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.
Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it,
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now,
and will be for - ev - er. A - men

Post Communion Prayer

God of our salvation, we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls, reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey. Through the body and blood of your Son, may we become Christ's body in the world, bearing witness to your love for all creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Sending Blessing

Receive the blessing of the holy Trinity: God, who calls all things into existence, Jesus Christ, who redeems us, and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains creation, bless you now and always. Amen.

Hymn: Blue No. 699 “Blessed Assurance”

Dismissal

Go in peace. Believe the good news.
Thanks be to God.

The worship is over, now let the service begin!

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Oh God, we thank you for our celebrations

Birthdays

Dr. James BenKinney	3/01
Loren Collins III	3/03
Stephanie Jones	3/04
Benjamin Prueitt	3/07

Love offering March will go to Special Needs

8:30am - Worship Leaders, Sunday, March 1st, 2026

Presiding Minister	Pr. Wayne Muthler
Assisting Minister	Amber Keefer
Communion Assistant	Marilee Ungemach
Lector	Madison Cragle
Usher	Stephanie Jones, Lois Lingousky
Acolyte	Carson Witner
Choir Director	Jan Hoida
Organist	Jackie Titus
Altar Guild	Sandy Sterner
Counting	Amber Keefer, Dr. John Widger
Depositor	Jackie Titus
Lock/Unlock	Skip Gogle
Live Stream Tech	Brenda Sterner

8:30am - Worship Leaders, Sunday, March 8th, 2026

Presiding Minister	Pr. Joel Zeiders
Assisting Minister	Jan Hoida
Communion Assistant	Beck Dows
Lector	Skip Gogle
Usher	Sam DeFinnis, Lorraine DeFinnis
Acolyte	Addy Berlin
Choir Director	Jan Hoida
Organist	Jackie Titus
Altar Guild	Sandy Sterner
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Last Week	02/22/2026
Budgeted Offering	\$ 1,538.46
Weekly Offering	\$ 1,626.00
Legacies (Crouse)	\$
Christ Church	\$
TOTAL	\$ 2,740.00
Difference	\$+1,201.54
Attendance	65

Weekly Announcements

- **Monday, March 2nd – 6:00pm – Make Eggs**
- **Tuesday, March 3rd – 9:00am – Coat Eggs**
- **Tuesday, March 3rd - 6:00pm - WELCA**
- **Tuesday, March 3rd - 6:00pm - Sons of Zebedee**
- **Thursday, March 5th - 6:00pm - Committee Meetings**
7:00pm - Council
- **Monday, March 9th – 6:00pm – Make Eggs**
- **Tuesday, 10th – 9:00am – Coat Eggs**
- **Thursday, March 12th - 6:00pm - Young Adults**

***2025 Contribution Statements are available in the office ***

Mid-Week Lenten Services

- Wed., March 4th 6:00 pm - Soup/Sandwiches at Christ Church
7:00 pm - Lenten Service
- Wed., March 11th 6:00 pm - Soup/Sandwiches at Good Shepherd
(Discipleship, Worship and Music)
7:00 pm - Lenten Service
- Wed., March 18th 6:00 pm - Soup/Sandwiches at Christ Church
7:00 pm - Lenten Service
- Wed., March 25th 6:00 pm - Soup/Sandwiches at Good Shepherd
(Christian Ed and Outreach)
7:00 pm - Lenten Service

Holy Week

- Sunday, March 29th 8:30 am - **Palm Sunday**
- Thursday, April 2nd 7:00 pm - **Maundy Thursday** - Christ Church
- Friday, April 3rd 7:00 pm - **Good Friday** - Good Shepherd
- Sunday, April 5th 7:30 am - **Easter** breakfast before service
8:30 am - **Easter** Service