

# GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

... We Are God's People and the Sheep of God's Pasture ...

Psalm 100:3



**March 5<sup>th</sup> – Ash Wednesday**

**ALL ARE WELCOME AT GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH.**

**God makes no exceptions. In the spirit of Jesus Christ, we offer trust and respect to all, including those who may experience alienation, distrust, or rejection.**

**We rely on the healing, unconditional love of God to shape our community in the name of the Good Shepherd.**

In keeping with our welcome, Good Shepherd is a *Reconciling in Christ* partner congregation, affirming our welcome to persons of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions, and our commitment to anti-racism work so that all may participate fully in the life of our congregation. We are an AMMPARO *Welcoming Congregation* - Accompanying Migrant Minors with Protection, Advocacy, Representation and Opportunities.

The Good Shepherd buildings are Carbon Neutral/Net Zero Energy use.

**Welcome guests! There is more information for you on the back of the bulletin.**

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Evangelical Lutheran Worship – **ELW (red book)**

All Creation Sings – **ACS (purple book)**

Page numbers (P.) in front of the red hymnal, (#) in back of ELW/ACS  
congregational responses in **bold**; rise in body or spirit when indicated by \*

## GATHERING

**WE GATHER IN SILENCE**

**PRAYER BELL**

**WELCOME**

**GATHERING HYMN: ELW #325 “I Want Jesus to Walk with Me”**

1 I want Je - sus to walk with me;  
2 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me; walk with  
3 When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

me; I want Je - sus to walk with me;  
in my tri - als, Lord, walk with me; walk with  
when I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

me; all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,  
when my heart is al - most break - ing,  
when my head is bowed in sor - row,

Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.  
 Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me. walk with me.  
 Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

**\*GREETING:** The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY:** Let us pray. Gracious God... **Amen.**

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 58:1-12**

*Shortly after the return of Israel from exile in Babylon, the people were troubled by the ineffectiveness of their fasts. God reminds them that outward observance is no substitute for genuine fasting that results in acts of justice, such as feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, and clothing the naked. Sincere repentance will lead to a dramatic improvement of their condition.*

<sup>1</sup> Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. <sup>2</sup> Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God. <sup>3</sup> “Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?” Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers. <sup>4</sup> Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. <sup>5</sup> Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord?

<sup>6</sup> Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? <sup>7</sup> Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? <sup>8</sup> Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. <sup>9</sup> Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, <sup>10</sup> if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday.

<sup>11</sup> The Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. <sup>12</sup> Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

Word of God. Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM: Psalm 51:1-17**

<sup>1</sup> Have mercy on me, O God, according to your | steadfast love;  
in your great compassion blot out | my offenses.

<sup>2</sup> **Wash me through and through | from my wickedness,  
and cleanse me | from my sin.**

<sup>3</sup> For I know | my offenses,  
and my sin is ev- | er before me.

<sup>4</sup> **Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil | in your sight;  
so you are justified when you speak and right | in your judgment.**

<sup>5</sup> Indeed, I was born | steeped in wickedness,  
a sinner from my | mother's womb.

<sup>6</sup> **Indeed, you delight in truth | deep within me,  
and would have me know wisdom | deep within.**

<sup>7</sup> Remove my sins with hyssop, and I | shall be clean;  
wash me, and I shall be pur- | er than snow.

<sup>8</sup> **Let me hear | joy and gladness;  
that the body you have broken | may rejoice.**

<sup>9</sup> Hide your face | from my sins,  
and blot out | all my wickedness.

<sup>10</sup> **Create in me a clean | heart, O God,  
and renew a right spir- | it within me.**

<sup>11</sup> Cast me not away | from your presence,  
and take not your Holy Spir- | it from me.

<sup>12</sup> **Restore to me the joy of | your salvation  
and sustain me with your boun- | tiful Spirit.**

<sup>13</sup> Let me teach your ways | to offenders,  
and sinners shall be re- | stored to you.

<sup>14</sup> **Rescue me from bloodshed, O God of | my salvation,  
and my tongue shall sing | of your righteousness.**

<sup>15</sup> O Lord, o- | pen my lips,

and my mouth shall pro- | claim your praise.

**<sup>16</sup> For you take no delight in sacrifice, or | I would give it.  
You are not pleased | with burnt offering.**

**<sup>17</sup> The sacrifice of God is a | troubled spirit;  
a troubled and broken heart, O God, you will | not despise.**

## **SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 5:20b–6:10**

*The ministry of the gospel endures many challenges and hardships. Through this ministry, God's reconciling activity in the death of Christ reaches into the depths of our lives to bring us into a right relationship with God. In this way, God accepts us into the reality of divine salvation.*

<sup>20b</sup> We entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup> For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

<sup>6:1</sup> As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. <sup>2</sup> For he says,

“At an acceptable time I have listened to you,  
and on a day of salvation I have helped you.”

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! <sup>3</sup> We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, <sup>4</sup> but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, <sup>5</sup> beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; <sup>6</sup> by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, <sup>7</sup> truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; <sup>8</sup> in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; <sup>9</sup> as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; <sup>10</sup> as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**



We are turn - ing, Lord, to hear you; you are mer - ci - ful and kind -



slow to an - ger, rich in bless - ing, and with love to us in - clined.

**\*GOSPEL READING: Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21**

*In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus commends almsgiving, prayer, and fasting, but emphasizes that spiritual devotion must not be done for show.*

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>1</sup> “Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven.

<sup>2</sup> “So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. <sup>3</sup> But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, <sup>4</sup> so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

<sup>5</sup> “And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. <sup>6</sup> But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

<sup>16</sup> “And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. <sup>17</sup> But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, <sup>18</sup> so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

<sup>19</sup> “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; <sup>20</sup> but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. <sup>21</sup> For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW #321 "Eternal Lord of Love, Behold Your Church"**

1 E - ter - nal Lord of love, be - hold your church  
 2 So dai - ly dy - ing to the way of self,  
 3 If dead in you, so in you we a - rise,

walk - ing once more the pil - grim way of Lent,  
 so dai - ly liv - ing in your way of love,  
 you the first - born of all the faith - ful dead;

led by your cloud by day, by night your fire,  
 we walk the road, Lord Je - sus, that you trod,  
 and as through ston - y ground the green shoots break,

moved by your love and toward your pres - ence bent:  
 know - ing our - selves bap - tized in - to your death:  
 glo - rious in spring - time dress of leaf and flow'r,

far off yet here— the goal of all de - sire.  
 so we are dead and live with you in God.  
 so in - to life and glo - ry shall we wake.

## INVITATION TO LENT

### CONFESSION OF SIN:

Most holy and merciful God,  
**we confess to you and to one another, and before the whole company of heaven,  
that we have sinned by our fault, by our own fault, by our own most grievous fault, in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone.**

We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven. **Have mercy on us, O God.**

We have shut our ears to your call to serve as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy Spirit. **Have mercy on us, O God.**

Our past unfaithfulness, the pride, envy, hypocrisy, and apathy that have infected our lives, we confess to you. **Have mercy on us, O God.**

Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people, we confess to you. **Have mercy on us, O God.**

Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to share the faith that is in us, we confess to you. **Have mercy on us, O God.**

Our neglect of human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty, we confess to you. **Have mercy on us, O God.**

Our false judgments, our uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us, we confess to you.

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

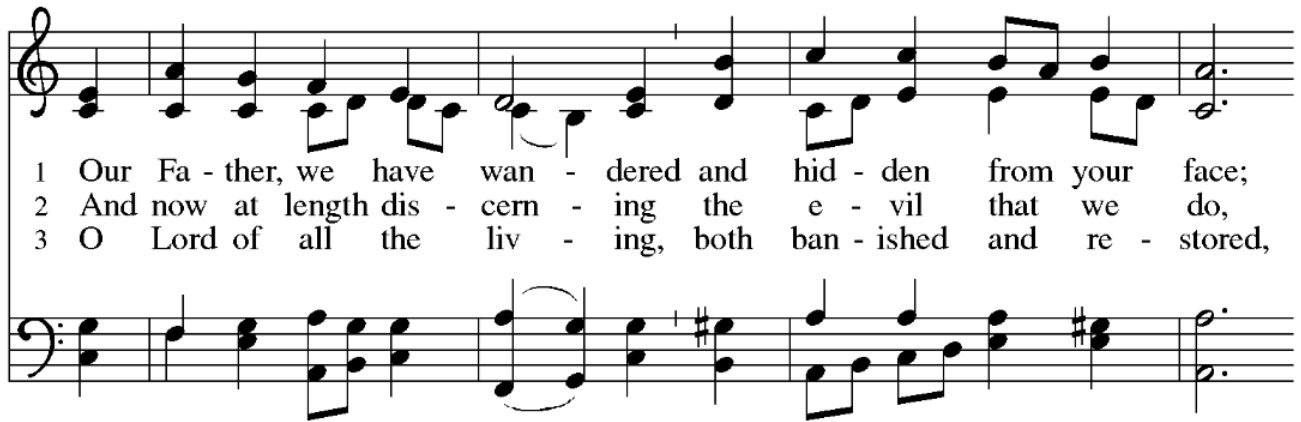
Our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us, we confess to you. **Have mercy on us, O God.**

Restore us, O God, and let your anger depart from us. **Hear us, O God, for your mercy is great... Amen.**

**IMPOSITION OF ASHES:** *As you are ready, come to the altar rail.*



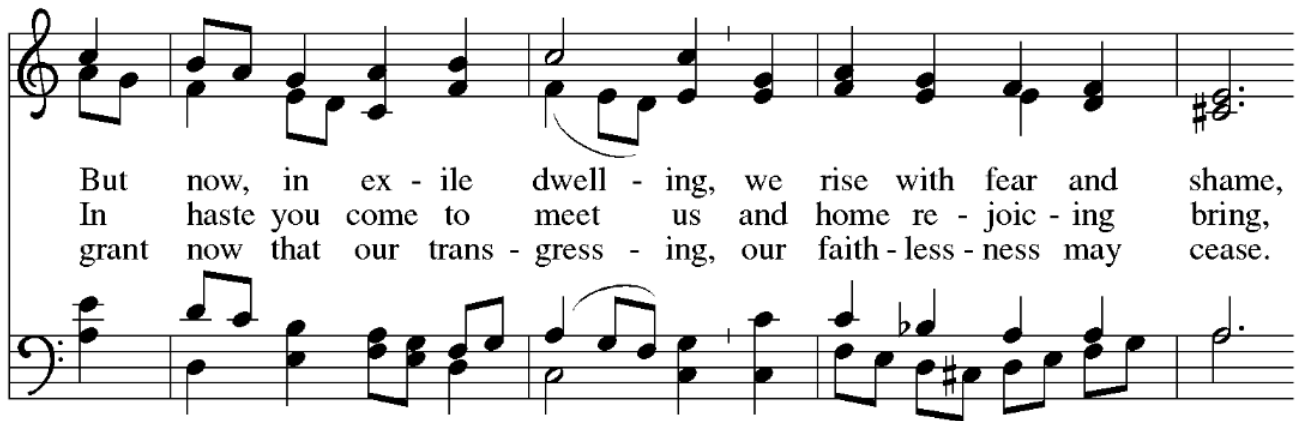
# Hymns: ELW #606 "Our Father, We Have Wandered"



1 Our Fa - ther, we have wan - dered and hid - den from your face;  
2 And now at length dis - cern - ing the e - vil that we do,  
3 O Lord of all the liv - ing, both ban - ished and re - stored,



in fool - ish - ness have squan - dered your leg - a - cy of grace.  
be - hold us, Lord, re - turn - ing with hope and trust to you.  
com - pas - sion - ate, for - giv - ing, and ev - er - car - ing Lord,



But now, in ex - ile dwell - ing, we rise with fear and shame,  
In haste you come to meet us and home re - joic - ing bring,  
grant now that our trans - gress - ing, our faith - less - ness may cease.



as, dis - tant but com - pel - ling, we hear you call our name.  
in glad - ness there to greet us with calf and robe and ring.  
Stretch out your hand in bless - ing, in par - don, and in peace.

## ACS #919 "Remember That You Are Dust"

1\* 2

Re - mem - ber that you are dust, and to  
dust you shall re - turn.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major, 4/4 time. The first staff contains the first two measures of the melody, with a first ending bracket over the first measure and a second ending bracket over the second measure. The lyrics 'Re - mem - ber that you are dust, and to' are written below the first staff. The second staff contains the next two measures of the melody, with the lyrics 'dust you shall re - turn.' written below it.

Text: Ash Wednesday liturgy  
Music: CROSS OF ASHES, Mark Mummert, b. 1965  
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*After all return to their seats:*

**\*Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation,  
that we may show forth your glory in the world.**

By the cross and passion of your Son, our Savior,  
**bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.**

Almighty God showers mercy upon you, forgives you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthens you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keeps you in eternal life. Amen. **Amen.**

**\*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:** *When indicated, respond: receive our prayer.*

## MEAL

**OFFERTORY MUSIC:** "Inter Vestibulum" – Cristóbal de Morales

**\*OFFERTORY SONG:** ELW #186 "Create In Me a Clean Heart"

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

The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major, 4/4 time. The first staff contains the first two measures of the melody, with the lyrics 'Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right'. The second staff contains the next two measures of the melody, with the lyrics 'spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take'. The third staff contains the final two measures of the melody, with the lyrics '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:** Let us pray... **Amen.**

**\*GREAT THANKSGIVING – HOLY, HOLY, HOLY:**

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... join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

**\*PRAYER:**

Holy God...with every breath. **We praise you, O God.**

Generations bless your faithfulness...into the future. **We bless you, O God.**

We give you thanks for your dear Son...with us now. **We thank you, O God.**

...we proclaim the mystery of faith: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

## LORD'S PRAYER: Our father...

### HOLY COMMUNION: All are welcome at Christ's table.

- Worshippers are welcome to stand or kneel at the altar rail.
- Communion is served in the pews for those who wish to remain seated.
- If you prefer only a blessing, indicate by placing your hands over your heart.
- Gluten and dairy free bread and red wine/white grape juice are available to all.
- Egg-free wheat wafers are also available.
- Please place your wine and juice cups in the tray as you return to your pew.

### COMMUNION SONG: ELW #195 "Lamb of God"

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.

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are: "Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us." The second staff continues the melody and lyrics: "Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us." The third staff continues: "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." The fourth staff concludes the piece: "sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace." The music ends with a double bar line.

Music: *Bread of Life*, Jeremy Young, b. 1948  
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### COMMUNION HYMNS: ELW #814 "Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am"

Take, oh, take me as I am; sum-mon out what I shall be;

The musical score is written in G minor (two flats) and 4/4 time. It consists of two staves of music. The first staff is in treble clef and the second staff is in bass clef. The lyrics are written below the notes. The lyrics are: "Take, oh, take me as I am; sum-mon out what I shall be;". The music is a simple hymn tune with a steady rhythm.



set your seal up - on my heart and live in me.

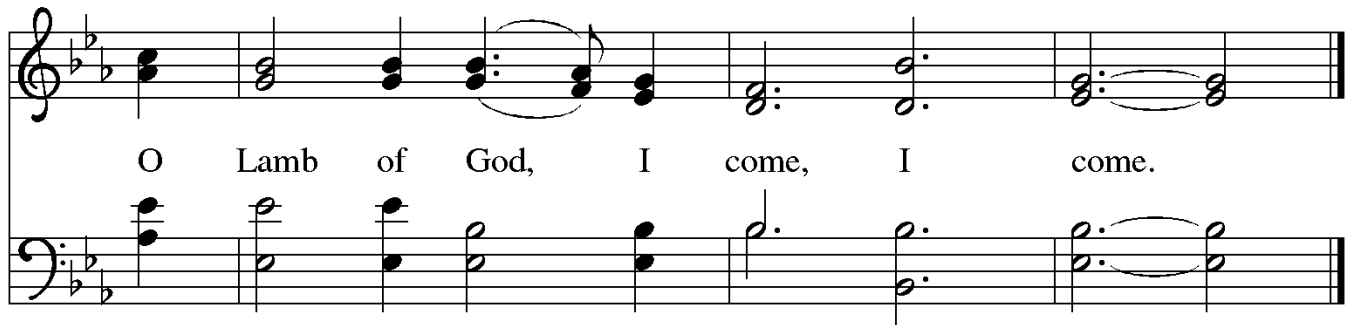
ELW #592 "Just As I Am, without One Plea"



1 Just as I am, with - out one plea, but that thy blood was  
 2 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - y a con - flict,  
 3 Just as I am, thou wilt re - ceive, wilt wel - come, par - don,  
 4 Just as I am; thy love un - known has bro - ken ev - 'ry



shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,  
 man - y a doubt, fight - ings and fears with - in, with - out,  
 cleanse, re - lieve; be - cause thy prom - ise I be - lieve,  
 bar - rier down; now to be thine, yea, thine a - lone,



O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Text: Charlotte Elliott, 1789-1871  
 Music: WOODWORTH, William B. Bradbury, 1816-1868

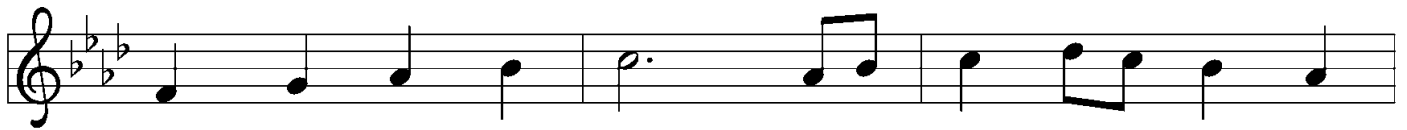
**TABLE BLESSING – PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

# SENDING

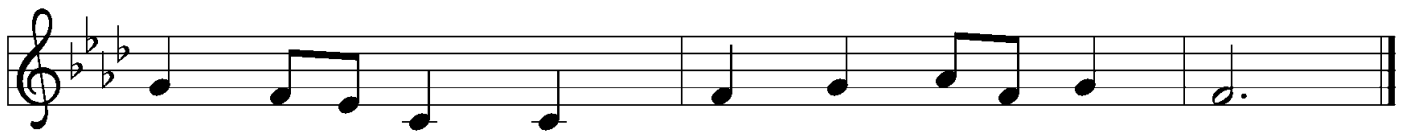
## SENDING SONG: ELW #319 "O Lord, throughout These Forty Days"



1 O Lord, through - out these for - ty days you  
2 You strove with Sa - tan, and you won; your  
3 Though parched and hun - gry, yet you prayed and  
4 Be with us through this sea - son, Lord, and



prayed and kept the fast; in - spire re - pen - tance  
faith - ful - ness en - dured; lend us your nerve, your  
fixed your mind a - bove; so teach us to de -  
all our earth - ly days, that when the fi - nal



for our sin, and free us from our past.  
skill and trust in God's e - ter - nal word.  
ny our - selves that we may know God's love.  
Eas - ter dawns, we join in heav - en's praise.

Text: based on Claudia F. Hernaman, 1838–1898; para. Gilbert E. Doan Jr., b. 1930  
Music: CONSOLATION, A. Davisson, *Kentucky Harmony*, 1816  
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### \*BLESSING

**\*ASH WEDNESDAY DISMISSAL:** Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil;

strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people; love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. **Thanks be to God.**

### PRAYER BELL – POSTLUDE: Fugue in B $\flat$ minor – J. S. Bach

*The postlude sends us out for service in the world. Feel free to use this time in any way that helps to send you out!*

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**TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERSHIP AND HOSPITALITY:** PREACHING & PRESIDING: Pastor April Ulring Larson; ORGANIST & PIANIST: Brooke Joyce; ASSISTING MINISTER: Marion Pruitt-Jefferson; LECTOR/READER: Germano Streese; USHERS: John Jefferson, Wanda Deifelt.

**WEDNESDAY EVENING LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICES:** All are welcome at Lenten Evening Prayer services at 5:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary on each of the five Wednesdays in Lent: **March 12, 19, 26,** and **April 2 and 9.** Simple Soup Suppers follow each Wednesday Worship.

Preaching at each Wednesday Worship:

**Wed. March 12 : Rev. Dr. Wanda Deifelt, PhD; (Lutheran Church in Brazil)**

**Wed. March 19 : Dr. David Scott, PhD; (United Methodist Church)**

**Wed. March 25 : Rev. Melissa Bills, DM candidate; (ELCA)**

**Wed. April 2 : Dr. Martin Klammer, PhD; (MA, Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago)**

**Wed. April 9 : Rev. Dr. Rolf Svanoe; DM; (ELCA)**

**LENTEN RECITAL SERIES AT GOOD SHEPHERD:** This year's **2025 Lenten Recital Series** at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church once again features a variety of music on three Wednesdays during Lent, from 12:15-12:45 p.m. in the church sanctuary. All recitals are **free** and open to the public. Come and spend your BYO lunch time here! The series kicks off on **March 12,** featuring students in the organ studio of **Alexander Meszler,** Luther College organist. On **March 19, Anishka Vogel,** Luther College senior music major and Good Shepherd Music Intern, will perform a solo violin recital. On **March 26,** enjoy meditative music featuring **Craig Hultgren,** cello and **Brooke Joyce,** piano and organ.

# Prayers of Healing, Care and Joy

*Praying for others is a cherished ministry that everyone can participate in at any time. There are no time constraints to our care for others as we offer their needs up to God.*

*People on the prayer list are welcome to remain there for as long as is needed.*

## **Those with health concerns:**

- Lise Kildegaard
- Amanda Schwoegler
- Anne Clausen
- Bob Wilson
- Mickey Slind
- Bob Naslund
- Scott Barnes
- Marilyn Anderson
- Jon Wendling
- Helen Hermeier
- James Barth
- Ginny Olson
- Stephanie Hoff
- Wanda Rueber
- Stacey Nalean-Carlson
- LaVerne Ramsey
- Scott Ullring
- Phillip Swanson, *son of Ted & Joann Swanson and brother of Kristin Swanson*
- Harland Nelson
- Dennis Martin, *Marv & Mickey Slind's brother-in-law*
- Ingrid Callaghan
- Carrie Solberg
- Jutta Anderson

## **Those who grieve:**

- Glendalu Wuest and family, upon the death of her husband Dick Wuest on Monday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Megan Buckingham and family, upon the death of her grandmother Barbara Movall on Thursday, February 20<sup>th</sup>.

## **Those serving the needs of others:**

- Martha Monson Lowe
- Maryn Olson, *Director of Lutheran Disaster Response*
- Pastor Kathryn Thompson as she serves higher education students through LuMin in La Crosse



*To have a prayer request added to or removed from the Prayer List, please email Tristan at [office@goodshepherddecorah.org](mailto:office@goodshepherddecorah.org) or call (563) 382-3963.*

# Good Shepherd Worship Schedule

## **Today, Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>: Ash Wednesday**

Worship at 7:00 PM; Sanctuary; with Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes  
Preaching and Presiding: Pastor April Ulring Larson

## **Sunday, March 9<sup>th</sup>: First Sunday in Lent**

Worship at 9:30 AM; Sanctuary; with Holy Communion  
Preaching and Presiding: Pastor April Ulring Larson  
Fellowship Time: 10:45 AM; Fellowship Hall; treats provided by the Pink Flock

## **Wednesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>: Lenten Wednesday Worship**

Worship at 5:30 PM; Sanctuary  
Presiding: Pastor April Ulring Larson  
Preaching: Rev. Dr. Wanda Deifelt  
Simple Soup Supper: 6:15 PM; Fellowship Hall; soups provided by the Orange Flock

## **Sunday, March 16<sup>th</sup>: Second Sunday in Lent**

Worship at 9:30 AM; Sanctuary; with Holy Communion  
Presiding: Pastor April Ulring Larson  
Preaching: Bishop Kevin Jones  
**All Congregation Meeting: 11:00 AM; Sanctuary**

## **Wednesday, March 19<sup>th</sup>: Lenten Wednesday Worship**

Worship at 5:30 PM; Sanctuary  
Presiding: Pastor April Ulring Larson  
Preaching: Dr. David Scott  
Simple Soup Supper: 6:15 PM; Fellowship Hall; soups provided by the Yellow Flock

## **Sunday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>: Third Sunday in Lent**

Worship at 9:30 AM; Sanctuary; with Holy Communion  
Preaching and Presiding: Pastor April Ulring Larson  
Fellowship Time: 10:45 AM; Fellowship Hall; treats provided by the Pink Flock

## **Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>: Lenten Wednesday Worship**

Worship at 5:30 PM; Sanctuary  
Presiding: Pastor April Ulring Larson  
Preaching: Rev. Melissa Bills

Simple Soup Supper: 6:15 PM; Fellowship Hall; soups provided by the Green Flock

**WELCOME TO ALL GUESTS and especially to Luther College Students!** It is a joy to worship with you. You are welcome to enjoy really great coffee, juice, treats, and conversation down the hall after worship – follow the crowd. Sit anywhere!

**ALL ARE WELCOME TO SHARE IN HOLY COMMUNION.** It is Christ's table and Christ is the host. Instructions are included in the communion section of the Order of Worship.

**THE PRESENCE, ENERGY, AND NOISE OF CHILDREN ARE MOST WELCOME HERE!**

The sound of a child in worship is the sound of a new Christian being formed. This congregation is glad to share in this work. We welcome and encourage kids to move and play. A nursery with toys and activity bags is available. Mothers are welcome to nurse anywhere that works.

**RACIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT:** This Statement was approved at the annual meeting of the congregation on February 6th, 2022. It was developed through the work of the Racial Justice Team which held listening sessions with the congregation. Find the full statement at [goodshepherddecorah.org/Racial-Justice-Statement](https://goodshepherddecorah.org/Racial-Justice-Statement) or by scanning the code.



*We trust in the new life made possible through Christ's resurrection and we are hopeful that the Church is an ideal place to engage in the lifelong and transformative work of racial justice. Fostering antiracist ideas and actions is one way that we can follow Jesus' example of love for our neighbor. When we fail, we will rely on God's grace, that God might work in and through our broken humanity and that we might be sustained to learn from our mistakes and continue to show up for the work of antiracism. (2 Corinthians 5:17-18)*

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