

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 ...

Psalms 100:3

LARGE PRINT EDITION



April 6th – Fifth Sunday in Lent

Our theme for the Lenten season is, **“Lord Jesus, You Are Our Song As We Journey.”** Martin Luther said, “The only true theology is a theology of the cross, not the false theology of glory.” We need to be constantly reminded by Luther and Apostle Paul, the Gospel writers and the entire Scriptures, of our God who is revealed most clearly, not in glory but in the cross, in weakness, in suffering, in loss, in loneliness, pain, and sorrow.

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.

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)

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GATHERING

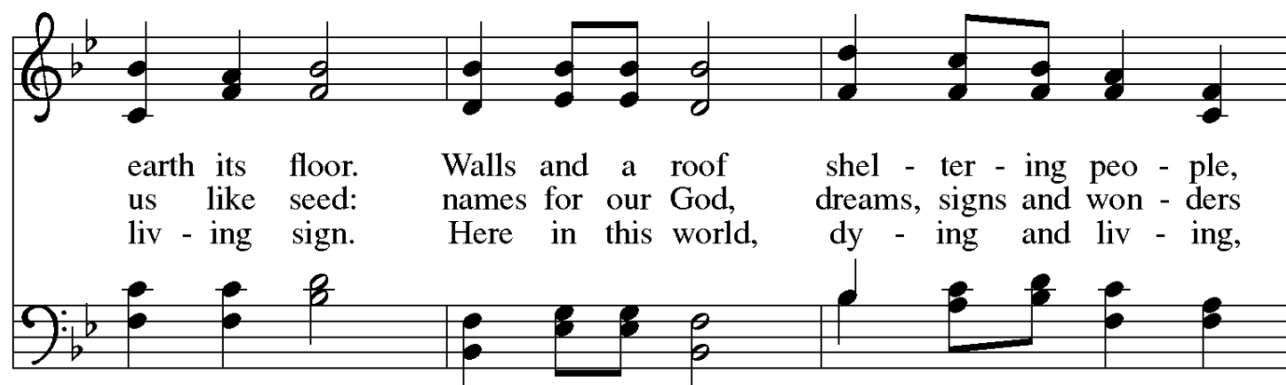
PRAYER BELL – PRELUDE: The King of Love My Shepherd Is – arr. David Cherwien
The prelude is a time when we allow the musical offering to quiet our hearts and minds as we prepare for worship.

WELCOME

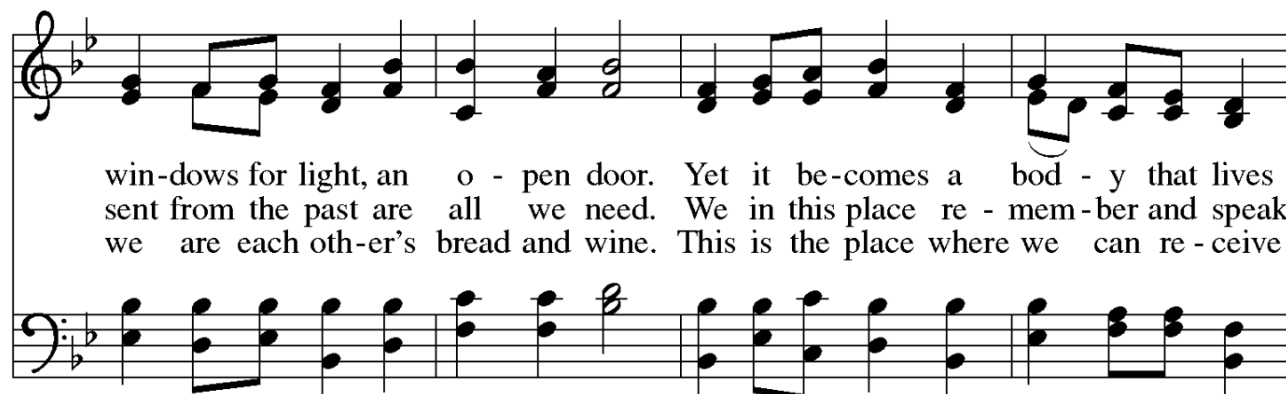
GATHERING HYMN: ELW 524 What Is This Place



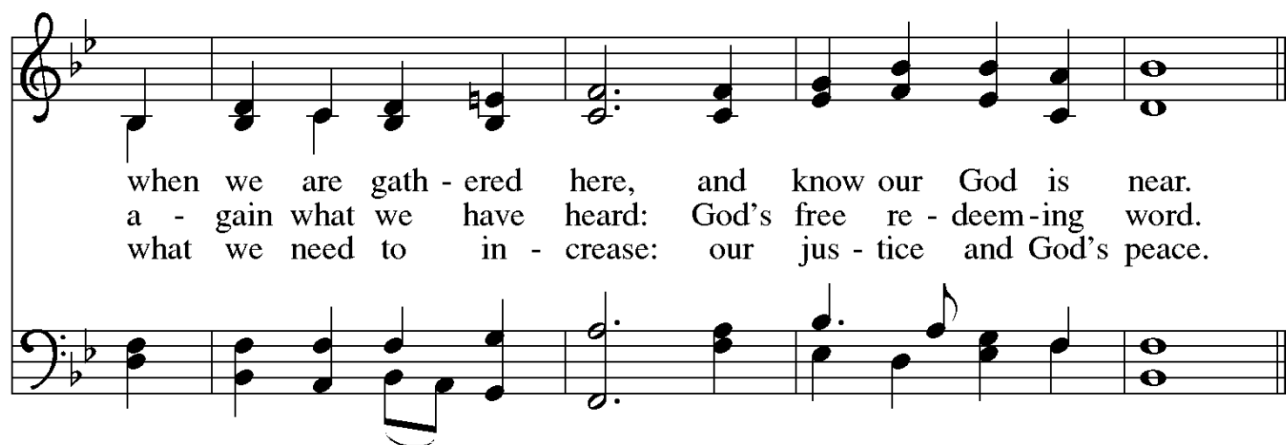
1 What is this place where we are meet - ing? On - ly a house, the
2 Words from a - far, stars that are fall - ing, sparks that are sown in
3 And we ac - cept bread at this ta - ble, bro - ken and shared, a



earth its floor. Walls and a roof shel - ter - ing peo - ple,
us like seed: names for our God, dreams, signs and won - ders
liv - ing sign. Here in this world, dy - ing and liv - ing,



win-dows for light, an o - pen door. Yet it be-comes a bod - y that lives
sent from the past are all we need. We in this place re - mem-ber and speak
we are each oth-er's bread and wine. This is the place where we can re - ceive



***GREETING:**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

***PRAYER OF THE DAY:** Let us pray... **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Isaiah 43:16-21

The prophet declares that long ago God performed mighty deeds and delivered Israel from Egyptian bondage through the waters of the sea. Now, God is about to do a new thing, bringing the exiles out of Babylon and through the wilderness in a new Exodus.

¹⁶ Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, ¹⁷ who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: ¹⁸ Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. ¹⁹ I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. ²⁰ The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, ²¹ the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

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

PSALM: Psalm 126

¹ When the LORD restored the for- | tunes of Zion,
then were we like | those who dream.

² **Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with | shouts of joy.**

Then they said among the nations, “The LORD has done great | things for them.”

³ The LORD has done great | things for us,
and we are | glad indeed.

⁴ **Restore our for- | tunes, O LORD,
like the watercourses | of the Negeb.**

⁵ Those who | sowed with tears
will reap with | songs of joy.

⁶ **Those who go out weeping, carry- | ing the seed,
will come again with joy, shoulder- | ing their sheaves.**

SECOND READING: Philippians 3:4b-14

Writing to Christians in Philippi, Paul admits that his heritage and reputation could give him more reason than most people to place confidence in his spiritual pedigree. But the overwhelming grace of God in Jesus calls Paul to a new set of values.

[Paul writes:] ^{4b} If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

⁷ Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸ More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹² Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³ Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

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: Mark 14:3-9**

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

³While he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at the table, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment of nard, and she broke open the jar and poured the ointment on his head. ⁴But some were there who said to one another in anger, "Why was the ointment wasted in this way? ⁵For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii, and the money given to the poor." And they scolded her. ⁶But Jesus said, "Let her alone; why do you trouble her? She has performed a good service for me. ⁷For you always have the poor with you, and you can show kindness to them whenever you wish; but you will not always have me. ⁸She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for its burial. ⁹Truly I tell you, wherever the good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her."

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY: ACS 1001 Holy Woman, Graceful Giver**



1 Ho - ly wom - an, grace - ful giv - er, proph - et,
 2 Like the ves - sel, we are bro - ken; like the
 3 In these jars is hid - den trea - sure, cost - ly
 4 Ho - ly wom - an, cost - ly trea - sure, with the



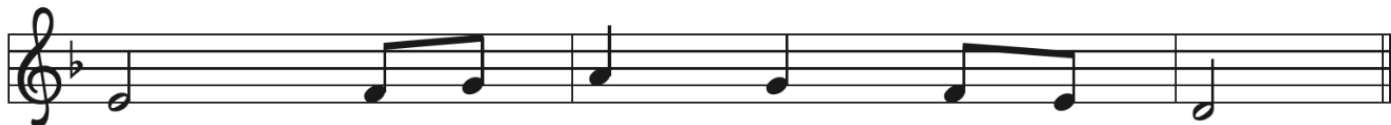
ser - vant, and be - liev - er, wom - an with the oint - ment
 oint - ment, we are to - ken of God's lov - ing un - to
 fra - grance, Christ - ly plea - sure, like the Christ, first from the
 jar of al - a - bas - ter, shows the hid - den gift we



jar, rose up near the time ap - point - ed, broke the
 death; like the wom - an, we are serv - ing; like the
 dead, bro - ken for cre - a - tion's whole - ness, poured out
 are; there - fore let us as Christ's ser - vants hold our



seal, Christ's head a - noint - ed for the com - ing fa - tal
 scold - ers, ill - de - serv - ing such a rich, for - giv - ing
 for its com - ing full - ness, Proph - et, Ser - vant, Hope, and
 sis - ter in re - mem - brance, wom - an with the oint - ment



hour, for the com - ing fa - tal hour.
 faith, such a rich, for - giv - ing faith.
 Head, Proph - et, Ser - vant, Hope, and Head.
 jar, wom - an with the oint - ment jar.

Text: Susan Palo Cherwien, b. 1953

Music: ALABASTER JAR, Anne Krentz Organ, b. 1960

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***APOSTLES' CREED:**

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 power of 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:** *Response is:* God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

***PEACE OF CHRIST:** The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

We share peace by waving to those worshipping online or through the public access channel and then with those in the sanctuary.

MEAL

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY MUSIC: Kamilul 'Aiyali – *Byzantine hymn, sung in Arabic*

Every generation sings a praising hymn, at كَامِلُ الْأَجْيَالِ تُقَرَّبُ التَّسْبِيحَ لِدَفْنِكَ يَا مَسِيحِي،
Thy burial, crucified and entombed Lord,

Women came to Thy tomb, carrying spices, حَامِلَاتُ الطِّيبِ أَهْدَتْ لَكَ الطِّيُوبَ بِشَوْقٍ
eager to anoint Thy body, Lord, يَا مَسِيحِي،

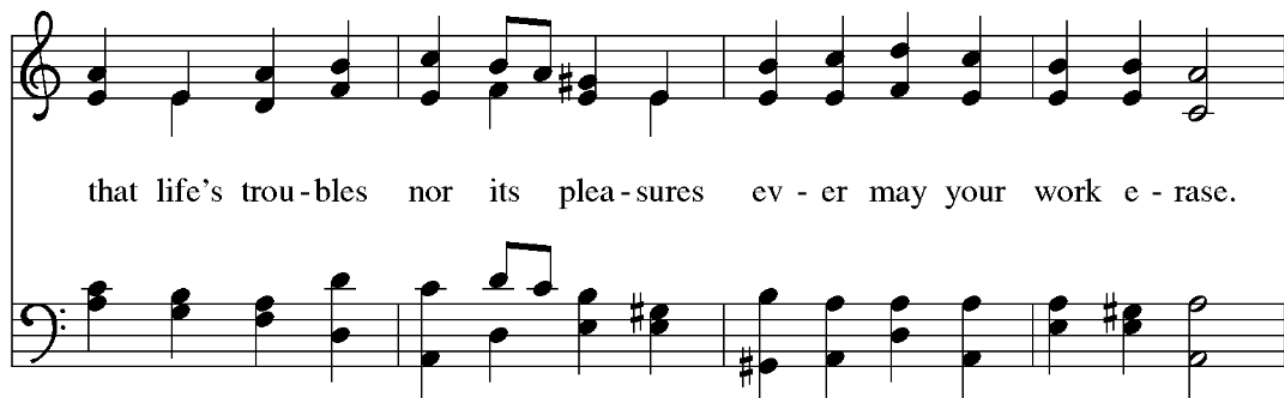
“O, my sweet springtime, my sweetest Child,
where has Thy beauty set?” يَا رُبِيعِي الْعَذْبَ، يَا بُنَيَّ الْحُلَا،
أَيْنَ اخْتَفَى جَمَالُكَ،

O most Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy أَيُّهَا الثَّلَاوْثُ، أَبُ ابْنُ رُوحٍ،
Spirit, have mercy on us! إِرْحَمْ جَمِيعَ الْعَالَمِ

***OFFERTORY SONG: ELW #811 “On My Heart Imprint Your Image”**



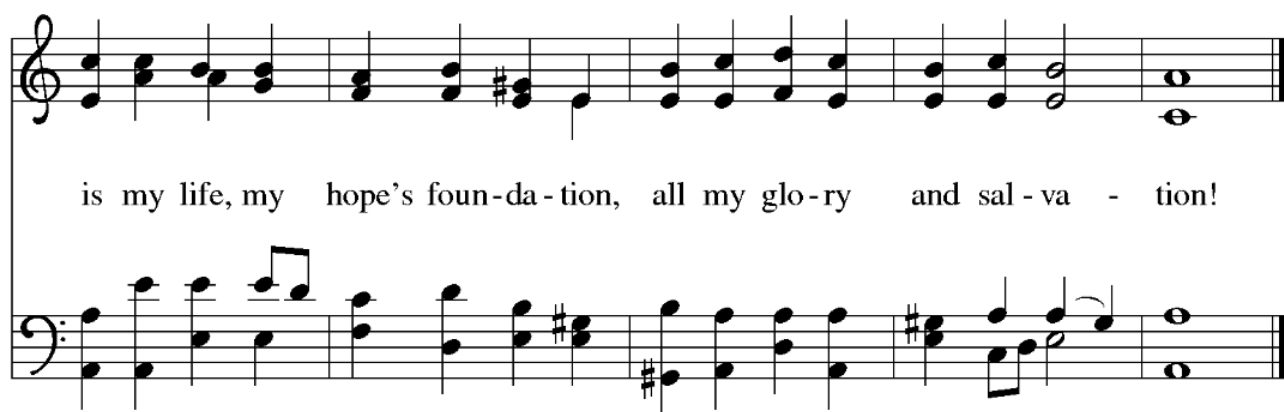
On my heart im - print your im - age, bless - ed Je - sus, king of grace,



that life's trou - bles nor its plea - sures ev - er may your work e - rase.



Let the clear in - scrip - tion be: Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me,



is my life, my hope's foun - da - tion, all my glo - ry and sal - va - tion!

***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.

***WORDS OF INSTITUTION – THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE:**

...let us pray as Jesus taught us: **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory, are yours now and forever. Amen**

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:



- 1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

COMMUNION HYMNS: ELW 466 In The Singing



- 1 In the sing-ing, in the si-lence, in the hands ex-pect-ant, o - pen,
2 In the ques-tion, in the an-swer, in the mo-ment of ac-cept-ance,



in the bless-ing, in the break-ing, in your pres-ence at this ta-ble,
in the heart's cry, in the heal-ing, in the cir-cle of your peo-ple,



Refrain
Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the wine of grace;



Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the bread of peace.

ACS 1033 Nothing Can Trouble



Na - da te tur - be, na - da te_es - pan - te.
Noth - ing can trou - ble, noth - ing can fright - en.



Quien a Dios tie - ne na - da le fal - ta. Na - da te tur - be,
Those who seek God shall nev - er go want - ing. Noth - ing can trou - ble,



na - da te_es - pan - te. So - lo Dios bas - ta.
noth - ing can fright - en. God a - lone fills us.

Text: Teresa of Avila, 1515–1582; adapt. Taizé Community

Music: NADA TE TURBE, Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994

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ELW 483 Here Is Bread



1 Here is bread, here is wine, Christ is with us, he is with us.
2 Here is grace, here is peace, Christ is with us, he is with us.
3 Here we are, joined in one, Christ is with us, he is with us.



Break the bread, taste the wine, Christ is with us here.
Know his grace, find his peace, feast on Je - sus here.
We'll pro - claim till he comes Je - sus cru - ci - fied.



In this bread there is heal - ing, in this cup is life for - ev - er.



In this mo - ment, by the Spir - it, Christ is with us here.

Text: Graham Kendrick, b. 1950

Music: Graham Kendrick

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TABLE BLESSING The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace forever. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION: 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. **Amen.**

SENDING

SENDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

***BLESSING** God our tender parent, God the crucified one, God the reconciling Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

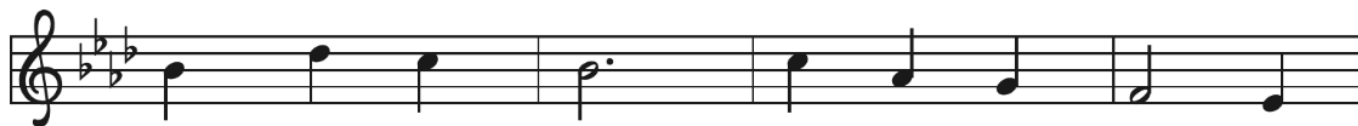
SENDING SONG: ACS 1000 God's Work, Our Hands



1 God's work, our hands: work - ing to - geth - er,
 2 God's work, our feet: trav - 'ling to - geth - er,
 3 God's work, our voice: sing - ing to - geth - er,
 4 God is at work in and a - round us:



build - ing a fu - ture, re - pair - ing the world,
 fol - low - ing Je - sus to plac - es un - known,
 prais - ing, pro - claim - ing to all who will hear,
 seed - lings are sprout - ing and bread's on the rise!



rais - ing up homes, plant - ing new gar - dens,
 walk - ing as friends, march - ing for free - dom,
 pray - ing for peace, shout - ing for jus - tice,
 Washed and set free, hum - bled and hon - ored,



feed - ing the hun - gry and shelt - 'ring the cold.
 run - ning the race with God's fu - ture the goal.
 claim - ing God's love for the lost and the least.
 gift - ed by grace, we re - spond in God's love.



Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name,
 Bless, God, our feet as we fol - low your way,
 Bless, God, our voice as we speak in your name,
 Bless, God, our lives as we an - swer your call,



shar - ing the good news of your gos - pel.
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DISMISSAL: Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you. **Thanks be to God!**

PRAYER BELL – POSTLUDE: O Blessed Spring – arr. David Cherwien

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 AND

PRESIDING: Pastor April Ulring Larson; **ORGANIST & PIANIST:** Brooke Joyce;

VIOLINIST: Anishka Vogl; **ASSISTING MINISTER:** Kris Peterson; **LECTOR/READER:**

Marv Slind; **ALTAR GUILD SERVERS:** Jane Kemp, Elizabeth Kaschins; **USHERS:** Violet

Geenen, Sonja Geenen; **GREETER:** Rebecca Hanna; **AUDIOVISUAL TECHNICIAN:**

Matt Bills; **FELLOWSHIP:** Catherine Hildebrandt, Dave Peterson, Melanie and Tim

Folkerts, Rebecca Hanna, Al and Marilyn Anderson.

GOOD NEWS OF GREAT JOY! PASTOR KRISTEN LARSEN-SCHMIDT ACCEPTS CALL TO GOOD SHEPHERD; PASTOR SUSAN FRIEDRICH WILL SERVE AS INTERIM PASTOR UNTIL MID-JUNE:

We rejoice that Pastor Kristen Larsen-Schmidt has accepted the Call to serve “with joy” at Good Shepherd! She will begin on Monday, June 16. Pastor Kristen is coming to us from her current position as Interim Pastor of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in Thompson, North Dakota. And, we rejoice that Pastor Susan Friedrich will serve as Interim Pastor beginning May 1! Pastor Susan and her husband Norman are members. She has served 25 years as a minister in the ELCA, most recently as an Interim Pastor for the Northeastern Iowa Synod. She is also Secretary of the Northeastern Iowa Synod.

STARTING MAY 1st – NEW GOOD SHEPHERD STAFF MEMBER GABBY BIZAL:

New Luther graduate Gabby Bizal has accepted the twofold, now combined position of Youth Director and Ministry and Communications Coordinator at Good Shepherd. We are so excited! We will have a special “Gabby day” to welcome and begin to get to know Gabby Bizal on April 23rd. More information about this faithful and gifted sister in Christ, who joins our staff at Good Shepherd on May 1st, will be coming in our April newsletter.

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. The preacher this Wednesday, April 9 will be **Rev. Dr. Rolf Svanoë, retired ELCA pastor.**

ADULT FORUM APRIL 13th: LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE – Ukraine. Gaza and the West Bank. Sudan. Myanmar. Hurricanes. Wildfires. Drought. Tornadoes. Floods. Over the past year, a new disaster occurred somewhere in the world every two to three days on average. Disasters and crises keep happening with increasing frequency and intensity due to the impacts of climate change. And in the midst of the chaos and suffering, Lutheran Disaster Response is present. Come hear from **Maryn Olson, Director of Lutheran Disaster Response**, about how our church is accompanying disaster-and crisis-impacted communities around the world, and learn how you can support this life-saving ministry.

WORSHIP SERVICE AND CELEBRATION OF GRATITUDE AND BLESSINGS FOR PASTORS APRIL AND JUDD, SUNDAY, APRIL 27th: All members and friends are invited to this special service and celebration, which is **Bishop Emerita April Ulring Larson's** last Sunday preaching and presiding at Good Shepherd as our Interim Pastor. The worship service will close with a time of gratitude for and blessing of Pastors April and Judd, as we celebrate their 8+ months among us. Following the service, there will be a time of celebration, expressions of gratitude, and special treats in the Fellowship Hall. Pastor April's last day is **Wednesday, April 30**.

YOUTH LENTEN PROJECT SUPPORTS LUTHERAN SERVICES IN IOWA: This year's Lenten Project, sponsored by Good Shepherd youth, will raise funds for Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI). A Lutheran Services of Iowa fact and offering prayer, written by students during Sunday School time throughout Lent, will be presented by youth each Wednesday and Sunday during Lent. Donations for LSI can be placed in a special art piece, created by our younger Sunday School students, at the altar during the Offertory Wednesdays and Sundays through Palm Sunday. If you'd like to write a check, make it to Good Shepherd with Youth Lenten Project on the memo line.

TWO WAYS TO HELP MIKE SAMMONS AND RACHAEL MUNN REBUILD AFTER HOUSE FIRE: Mike Sammons, Good Shepherd's staff custodian, and his family Rachael There are three ways you can help Mike and Rachael Munn and twin daughters Althea and Eleanor, suffered a house fire on March 8. Gifts for Mike and Rachael may be dropped off at the church office. Also, Mike's father has set up a GoFundMe site to aid with their recovery. For information about the recovery process and to donate, go to [**gofundme.com/f/help-mikes-family-rebuild-after-house-fire**](https://gofundme.com/f/help-mikes-family-rebuild-after-house-fire).

ITEMS NEEDED FOR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF BABY AND PERSONAL CARE

KITS: Donate items for LWR Personal Care kits and Baby Care kits, to be assembled on **April 6 and 22**. Donations can be dropped off in containers in the Gathering Space and Fellowship Hall until Easter. Lists of items to be included in the kits are posted on the WELCA bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall with a display of kit examples.

EASTER POTLUCK DINNER AT GOOD SHEPHERD, EASTER SUNDAY, 11:30 AM, FELLOWSHIP HALL: Come and enjoy a time of fun and community at the Easter Potluck Dinner in the Fellowship Hall! Co-sponsored by WELCA and the EPIC Scholarship Committee, the potluck is also a **fundraiser** for two ministries: the **Mission Assistance Fund**, selected by WELCA, and the **Mission Endowment Fund**, selected by the EPIC Scholarship Committee. Meat and beverages will be provided, with members invited to bring a side dish, bread, or dessert. Visitors are our guests.

“GABBY DAY” TACO SUPPER, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23rd, 5:00 PM, FELLOWSHIP HALL: Children, youth, families, and all folks who support Good Shepherd’s youth ministry are invited to a Taco Supper to greet Gabby Bizal, our new Youth Director and Communications Coordinator. The “Gabby Day” Taco Supper is hosted by Good Shepherd’s “Eat, Play, Love” group. The group usually meets the third Sunday of every month for a potluck and play time, so families can get to know each other.

THE OFFICE WILL CONTINUE TO BE CLOSED TOMORROW, APRIL 7th. IT WILL REOPEN AT 9 AM ON TUESDAY, APRIL 8th.

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
- Scott Barnes
- Jon Wendling
- Elizabeth Hermeier
- James Barth
- Ginny Olson
- Wanda Rueber
- LaVerne Ramsey
- Scott Ulring
- Phillip Swanson
- Harland Nelson
- Dennis Martin, Marv & Mickey Slind's brother-in-law
- Ingrid Callaghan
- Carrie Solberg
- Jutta Anderson

Those in a time of crisis:

- Mike Sammons, our staff custodian, and his family (Rachael Mun and daughters Althea and Eleanor), in the wake of a house fire

Those who grieve:

- Pete and Kari Espinosa and their families, upon the deaths of Pete's sister on Sunday, March 23rd and Kari's nephew on Tuesday, March 18th.
- Glendalu Wuest and family, upon the death of her husband Dick Wuest on Monday, March 3rd.

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 or call (563) 382-3963.

Good Shepherd Worship Schedule

Today, Sunday, April 6th: Fifth 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 Red Flock

Wednesday, April 9th: Lenten Wednesday Worship

Worship at 5:30 PM; Sanctuary

Presiding: Pastor April Ulring Larson

Preaching: Rev. Dr. Rolf Svanoe

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

Sunday, April 13th: Passion Sunday

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 Red Flock

Adult Forum: 11:00 AM; Gathering Space; presented by Maryn Olson

Thursday, April 17th: Maundy Thursday Worship

Worship at 7:00 PM; Sanctuary; with Holy Communion

Preaching and Presiding: Pastor April Ulring Larson

Friday, April 18th: Good Friday Worship – Jazz Service

Worship at 7:00 PM; Sanctuary

Preaching and Presiding: Pastor April Ulring Larson

Saturday, April 19th: Easter Vigil Bonfire and Worship

Bonfire at 7:00 PM; Backyard; worship following in Sanctuary

Preaching and Presiding: Pastor April Ulring Larson

Sunday, April 20th: Resurrection of our Lord – Easter Sunday

Worship at 9:30 AM; Sanctuary; with Holy Communion

Preaching and Presiding: Pastor April Ulring Larson

Easter Potluck Dinner: 11:30 AM; Fellowship Hall

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 or by scanning the code.



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.

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