



## 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

# LARGE PRINT EDITION



## February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2026 – First Sunday in Lent

**Introduction:** *Today's gospel tells of Jesus' temptation in the desert. His forty-day fast becomes the basis of our Lenten pilgrimage. In the early church Lent was a time of intense preparation for those to be baptized at the Easter Vigil. This catechetical focus on the meaning of faith is at the heart of our Lenten journey to the baptismal waters of Easter. Hungry for God's mercy, we receive the bread of life to nourish us for the days ahead.*

**ALL ARE WELCOME AT GOOD SHEPHERD.**

*There is more information about our ministry on the back of the bulletin.*

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

*rise in body or spirit when indicated by \**

## PRAYER BELL AND WELCOME

**PRELUDE:** *Intrade* – Johann C. Pezel

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:

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

**Amen.**

Let us return to the font and open our hearts to our merciful God.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.**

**We have sinned against you 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;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.**

**Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,**

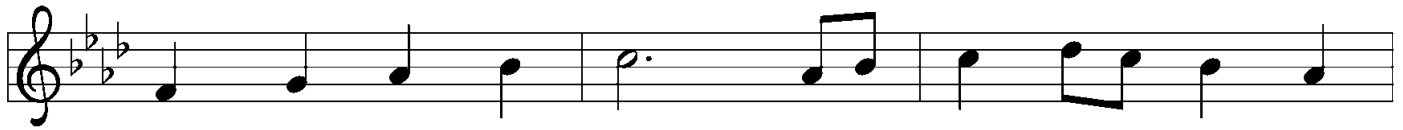
**so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

Beloved, God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

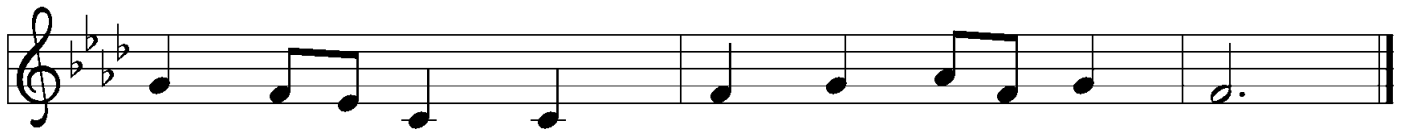
**Amen.**



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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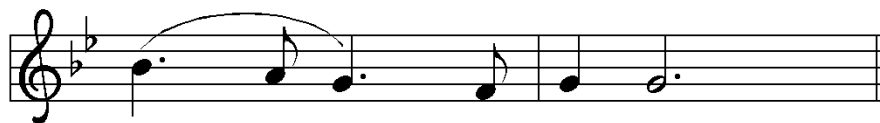
**\*GREETING:**

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.**

**\*KYRIE:**



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



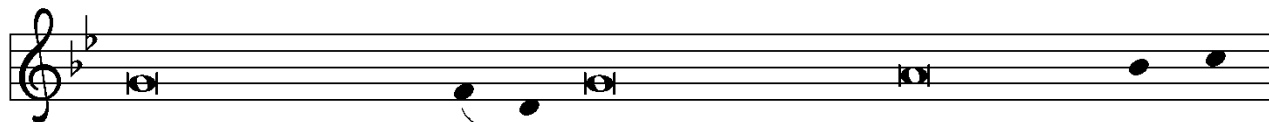
Lord, have mer - cy.



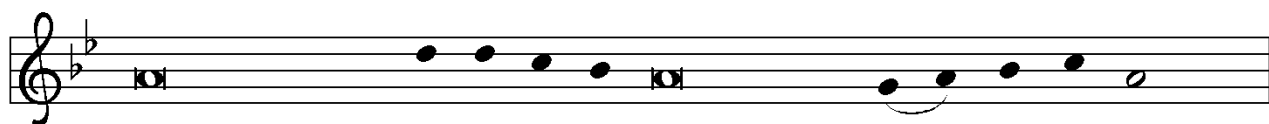
For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



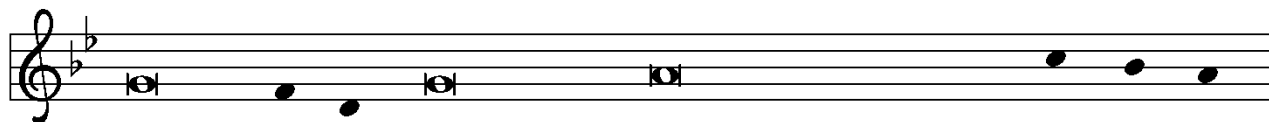
For the peace of the whole world, for the well - being of the church of



God, and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



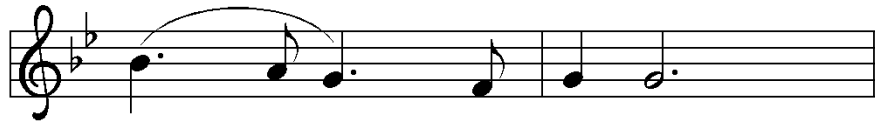
Lord, have mer - cy.



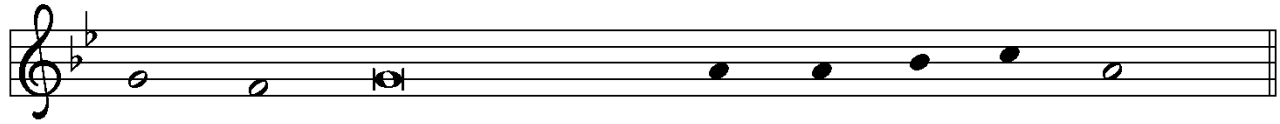
For this ho - ly house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and



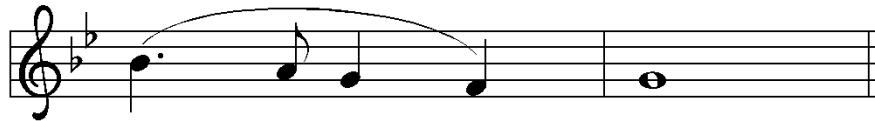
praise, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men.

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY:**

Lord God,  
our strength, the struggle between good and evil rages within and around us,  
and the devil and all the forces that defy you tempt us with empty promises.  
Keep us steadfast in your word, and when we fall, raise us again and restore  
us 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.

**KIDS' TIME**

## **FIRST READING: Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7**

<sup>15</sup> The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. <sup>16</sup> And the Lord God commanded the man, “You may freely eat of every tree of the garden, <sup>17</sup> but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.”

<sup>3:1</sup> Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God say, ‘You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?’” <sup>2</sup> The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, <sup>3</sup> but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.’ ” <sup>4</sup> But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not die, <sup>5</sup> for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” <sup>6</sup> So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food and that it was a delight to the eyes and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. <sup>7</sup> Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked, and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

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

## PSALM 32

<sup>1</sup> Happy are they whose transgressions <sup>1</sup> are forgiven,  
and whose sin is <sup>1</sup> put away!

<sup>2</sup> **Happy are they to whom the Lord im- <sup>1</sup> puts no guilt,  
and in whose spirit there <sup>1</sup> is no guile!**

<sup>3</sup> While I held my tongue, my bones with- <sup>1</sup> ered away,  
because of my groaning <sup>1</sup> all day long.

<sup>4</sup> **For your hand was heavy upon me <sup>1</sup> day and night;  
my moisture was dried up as in the <sup>1</sup> heat of summer.**

<sup>5</sup> Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not con- <sup>1</sup> ceal my guilt.  
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord."

Then you forgave me the guilt <sup>1</sup> of my sin.

<sup>6</sup> **Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you  
in <sup>1</sup> time of trouble;  
when the great waters overflow, they <sup>1</sup> shall not reach them.**

<sup>7</sup> **You are my hiding-place; you preserve <sup>1</sup> me from trouble;  
you surround me with shouts <sup>1</sup> of deliverance.**

## SECOND READING: Romans 5:12-19

<sup>12</sup> Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned <sup>13</sup> for sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. <sup>14</sup> Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who did not sin in the likeness of Adam, who is a pattern of the one who was to come.

<sup>15</sup> But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. <sup>16</sup> And the gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the gift following many trespasses brings justification. <sup>17</sup> If, because of the one man's trespass, death reigned through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

<sup>18</sup> Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. <sup>19</sup> For just as through the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so through the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

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

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:



Let your stead - fast love come to us, O Lord.



Save us as you prom - ised; we will trust your word.

## GOSPEL: Matthew 4:1-11

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

<sup>1</sup> Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested by the devil. <sup>2</sup> He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was famished. <sup>3</sup> The tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” <sup>4</sup> But he answered, “It is written,

‘One does not live by bread alone,  
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’ ”

<sup>5</sup> Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, <sup>6</sup> saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written,

‘He will command his angels concerning you,’  
and ‘On their hands they will bear you up,  
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’ ”

<sup>7</sup> Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’ ”

<sup>8</sup> Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory, <sup>9</sup> and he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” <sup>10</sup> Then Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

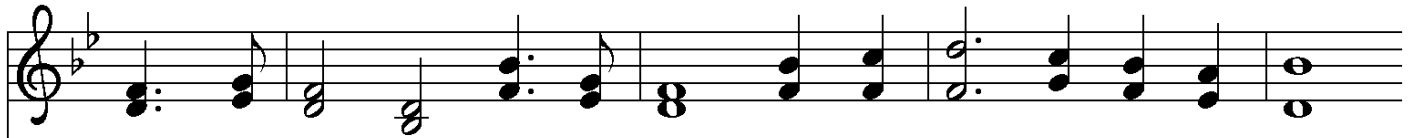
‘Worship the Lord your God,  
and serve only him.’ ”

<sup>11</sup> Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

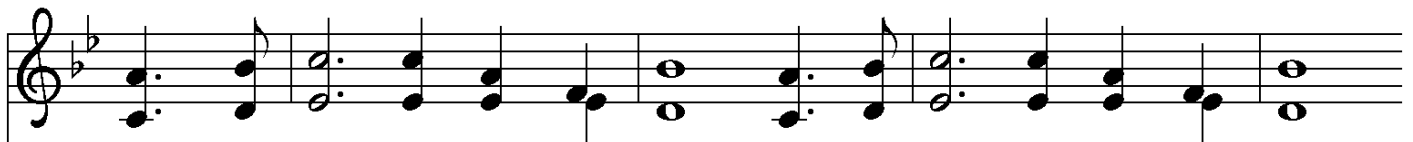
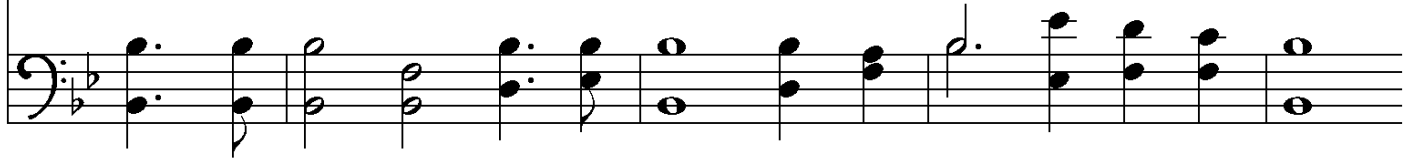
The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON:** *Naked*

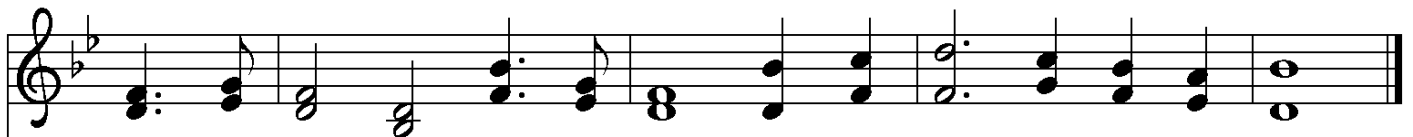
Pastor Kristen Larsen-Schmidt



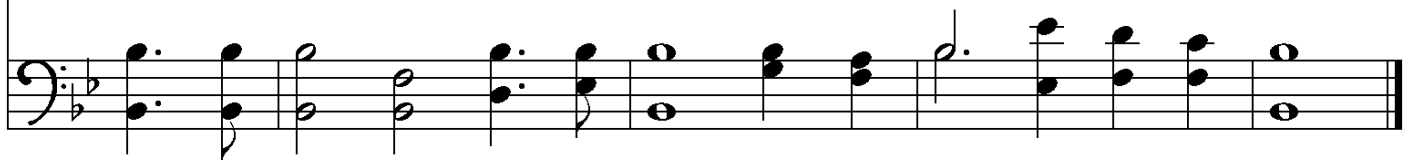
1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee;  
2 Not the la - bors of my hands can ful - fill thy law's de - mands;  
3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring; sim - ply to thy cross I cling.  
4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when mine eye - lids close in death,



let the wa - ter and the blood, from thy riv - en side which flowed,  
could my zeal no res - pite know, could my tears for - ev - er flow,  
Na - ked, come to thee for dress; help - less, look to thee for grace;  
when I soar to worlds un - known, see thee on thy judg - ment throne,



be of sin the dou - ble cure; cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.  
all for sin could not a - tone; thou must save, and thou a - lone.  
foul, I to the foun - tain fly; wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.  
Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.



Text: Augustus M. Toplady, 1740-1778  
Music: TOPLADY, Thomas Hastings, 1784-1872

**\*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:**

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

## PEACE OF CHRIST

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

## TEMPLE TALK: Neighbors Helping Neighbors

### OFFERING AND CHILDREN'S OFFERING

*Children are invited to come forward to get a pail to collect change and bills for our mission of the month, which is Neighbors Helping Neighbors.*

To give online, scan here.



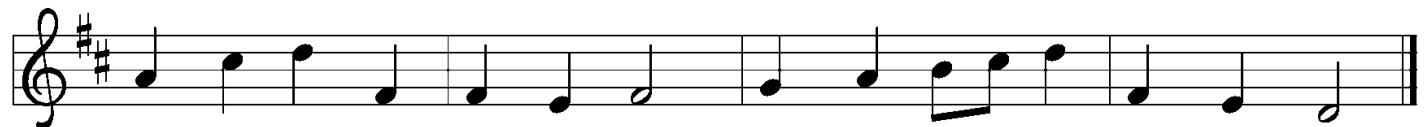
Thank you so much for your support of our shared ministry!

### OFFERTORY MUSIC: *The River Wide* – arr. Engebretson

### OFFERTORY SONG:



Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;



take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise.

**\*OFFERING PRAYER:** Let us pray... **Amen.**

### **\*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.**

### **\*WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**\*LORD'S PRAYER: Our Father... for ever and ever. Amen.**

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



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.

Thy Holy Wings

613 Red Hymnal

1 Thy ho - ly wings, O Sav - ior, spread gent - ly o - ver me,  
 2 Oh, let me nes - tle near thee, with - in thy down - y breast  
 3 Oh, wash me in the wa - ters of No - ah's cleans - ing flood.

and let me rest se - cure - ly through good and ill in thee.  
 where I will find sweet com - fort and peace with - in thy nest.  
 Give me a will - ing spir - it, a heart both clean and good.

Oh, be my strength and por - tion, my rock and hid - ing place,  
 Oh, close thy wings a - round me and keep me safe - ly there,  
 Oh, take in - to thy keep - ing thy chil - dren great and small,

and let my ev - 'ry mo - ment be lived with - in thy grace.  
 for I am but a new - born and need thy ten - der care.  
 and while we sweet - ly slum - ber, en - fold us one and all.

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832-1903, sts. 1, 3; Gracia Grindal, b. 1943, st. 2; tr. composite  
 Music: BRED DINA VIDA VINGAR, Swedish folk tune; arr. hymnal version  
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## TABLE BLESSING

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:** Let us pray... **Amen.**

## SENDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

### \*BLESSING

### \*SENDING SONG: *When We Are Tested*

**922 Purple Hymnal**

*Children are invited to come forward to play percussion instruments during the Sending Song.*



1 When we are test - ed and wres - tle a - lone,  
2 When in the des - ert we cry for re - lief,  
3 When we are tempt - ed to bar - ter our souls,  
4 When we have strug - gled and searched through the night,



fam - ished for bread when the world of - fers stone,  
plead - ing for paths marked by cer - tain be - lief,  
trad - ing the truth for the pow'r to con - trol,  
sort - ing and sift - ing the wrong from the right,



nour - ish us, God, by your word and your way,  
lift us to love you be - yond sign and test,  
teach us to wor - ship and praise on - ly you,  
Sav - ior, sur - round us with cir - cles of care,



food that sus - tains us by night and by day.  
trust - ing your pres - ence, our on - ly true rest.  
seek - ing your will in the work that we do.  
an - gels of heal - ing, of hope, and of prayer.

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

Music: SLANE, Irish traditional

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**\*DISMISSAL:** Go in peace. Believe the good news. **Thanks be to God.**

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**TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERSHIP AND HOSPITALITY:**

**PRESIDING AND PREACHING:** Pastor Kristen Larsen-Schmidt

**ORGANIST & PIANIST:** Brooke Joyce

**ASSISTING MINISTER:** Richard Ylvisaker

**LECTOR/READER:** Leah Stammeyer

**COMMUNION ASSISTANTS:** Hayley Jackson, Reg Laursen

**USHERS:** Sara and Steve Hopkins

**GREETER:** Shelley Hurst

**AUDIOVISUAL TECHNICIAN:** Alex Bodnar

**FELLOWSHIP:** Jane Jakoubek, Jon Lund, Anne Clausen, the Martin-Hiner Family

## **This Week at Good Shepherd**

### **Today, Sunday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>: *First Sunday in Lent***

10:45 AM: Fellowship Time; Fellowship Hall

### **Monday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>: *Church Office Hours: 9 AM-2 PM***

9:30 AM: Church Staff Meeting

3:30 PM-8 PM: Violin Lessons

6:30 PM: AL/ANON; Fellowship Hall

### **Tuesday, February 24<sup>th</sup>: *Church Office Hours: 9 AM-2 PM***

9:30 AM: Bible Study with Pastor Kristen; Library — all are welcome

7:00 PM: WELCA Meeting; Fellowship Hall

### **Wednesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>: *Church Office Hours: 9 AM-2 PM***

1:00 PM: Acts Lenten Bible Study with Pastor Kristen; Library

3:30 PM: Men's Coffee Ministry; Lefse Lodge Kafe

5:30 PM: Soup Supper for all; Fellowship Hall

6:15 PM: Lenten Wednesday Worship

7:15 PM: Choir Practice

8:00 PM: Band Practice

### **Thursday, February 26<sup>th</sup>: *Church Office Hours: 9 AM-2 PM***

3:30 PM-8 PM: Violin Lessons

### **Friday, February 27<sup>th</sup>: *Church Office Hours: 9 AM-12 PM***

### **Saturday, February 28<sup>th</sup>:**

1:00 PM: Indivisible NEIA Meeting; Fellowship Hall

### **Sunday, February 29<sup>th</sup>: *Second Sunday in Lent***

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

Preaching and Presiding: Pastor Kristen Larsen-Schmidt

10:45 AM: Fellowship Time; Fellowship Hall



## Lent at Good Shepherd

Artwork by Anne Clausen

Each week we will hear stories from Acts acted out and stories from our community shared exploring how the Holy Spirit empowers and leads God's people in unpredictable and powerful ways. We will ponder what it looks like for us to be Spirit-led in this time and place—as individuals and as God's church.

### **Soup Supper: 5:30 Worship: 6:15**

Wed Feb 25: Spirit, Speak Through Us

Wed Mar 4: Spirit, Give Us Courage

Wed Mar 11: Spirit, Put us in the Right Place at the Right Time

Wed Mar 18: Spirit, Open Our Eyes to See You

Wed Mar 25: Spirit, Change our Minds

# Children's Offering for February

## Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Neighbors Helping Neighbors is not an organization but rather a specific fund held by the Immigration Action Network that is used for a large variety of immigration emergencies. It has generous guidelines so it can help just about any immigration related crisis, although it is not used for attorney fees.

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# Lenten Bible Study on the Book of Acts

Wednesdays in Lent, 1pm, Good Shepherd Library



If you would like to go deeper into this study of Acts, please join me for a six week Bible Study I wrote called "Get to know the Book of Acts." I will lead these sessions each Wednesday at 1, beginning on February 18 through March 18. In March this will directly follow the Lenten recitals. I will also put a few copies of this resource out in the gathering space for you to read on your own in case this time doesn't work for you.

# Prayers of Healing, Care and Joy

*Praying for others is a cherished ministry that everyone can participate in at any time. People on the prayer list are welcome to remain there for as long as is needed.*

## **Those with health concerns:**


- Verona Zelle,  
*aunt of Steve Hopkins*
- Marilyn Anderson
- BJ Overlie
- Mic Martin
- Dick Schmidt,  
*Brian Larsen-Schmidt's dad*
- Wanda Rueber
- Ruth Bruce
- Evah Raney,  
*aunt of Dan Raney*
- Barbara Nasby, *best friend of Stephanie Hoff*
- Ann Fredrickson,  
*friend of Gabby Bizal*
- Bob Wilson
- Linda and Jim Morgan, *Jane Borelli's sister and brother-in-law*
- Joan Searles
- Glenda Wuest
- Naomi Craft
- Barbara, *mother of Christy Vrtis*
- Anthony McCabe
- Mickey Slind
- Jon Wendling
- Elizabeth Hermeier
- James Barth
- Ginny Olson
- LaVerne Ramsey
- Phillip Swanson
- Harland Nelson
- Carrie Solberg
- Jutta Anderson

*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.*



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**WELCOME TO ALL GUESTS!** 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 – just follow the crowd. Sit anywhere!

- **All are welcome at Good Shepherd.** 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. Good Shepherd buildings are Carbon Neutral/Net Zero Energy use.
- **Our RACIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT** was approved by the congregation on February 6th, 2022. Find the full statement at [goodshepherddecorah.org/Racial-Justice-Statement](https://goodshepherddecorah.org/Racial-Justice-Statement) or by scanning the  code.
- **ALL ARE WELCOME TO SHARE IN HOLY COMMUNION**, the bread is all non-gluten. Wine is dark, grape juice light.

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