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March 1, 2020 at 9:30 am

First Sunday of Lent

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# GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Anna Patterson

*Lent is a season of repentance, renewal, and reassurance of our baptisms.*

***Welcome to worship at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.***

**We would like everyone to fill out the Friendship Pad at the end of the pews** and pass it along for all to fill out. Please also mark the names of all in the family who are receiving Communion.

If you are visiting, please include your address and phone number.

**Nursery:** Our nursery is located out the north entrance of the sanctuary.

Please feel free to use the nursery anytime during the service.

**Children's Worship Bulletins** are available at both entrances.

We are delighted to have you.



*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.*

*Liturgy for the season of Lent and Easter is ELW setting 3.*

## WELCOME

*Let us prepare our hearts for worship.*

## PRELUDE

**Terry Hart**

## GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

*Assembly may stand.*

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

**ELW p. 94-96**

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: 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.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Most Merciful God,

**C: 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.**

P: 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.

**C: Amen.**

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**

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

C: And also with you.

**KYRIE**

ELW p. 138-9

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, 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 unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mer - cy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

A: Let us pray.

*A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

**C: 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.**

*Assembly may be seated.*

**WORD**

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE****OLD TESTAMENT READING: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7**

*Human beings were formed with great care, to be in relationship with the creator, creation, and one another. The serpent's promise to the first couple that their eyes would be opened led, ironically, to the discovery only that they were naked.*

L: A reading from Genesis.

<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.

L: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm 32** *(Read responsively.)*

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

<sup>2</sup>**Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt, and in whose spirit there is no guile!**

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

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

<sup>5</sup>Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not conceal my guilt. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

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

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

<sup>8</sup>**"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; I will guide you with my eye.**

<sup>9</sup>Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you."

<sup>10</sup>**Great are the tribulations of the wicked; but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.**

<sup>11</sup>Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD; shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

ELW p. 142



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and



mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in



stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

**GOSPEL: Matthew 4:1-11**

P: The holy gospel according to Matthew.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Jesus experiences anew the temptations that Israel faced in the wilderness. As the Son of God, he endures the testing of the evil one.*

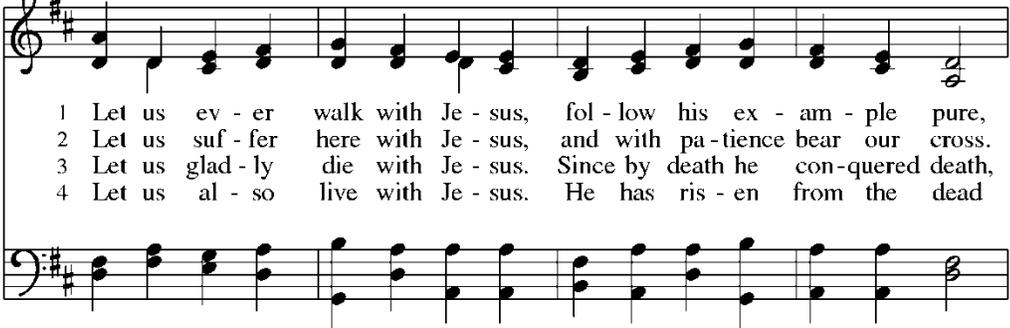
<sup>1</sup>Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. <sup>2</sup>He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. <sup>3</sup>The tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” <sup>4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

P: The gospel of the Lord.

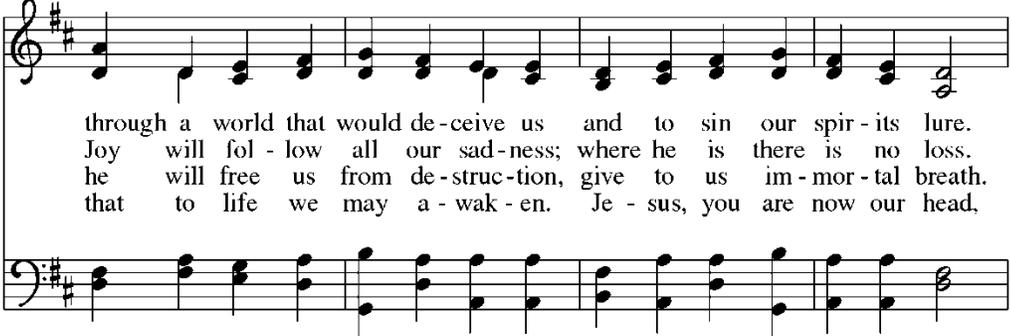
**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

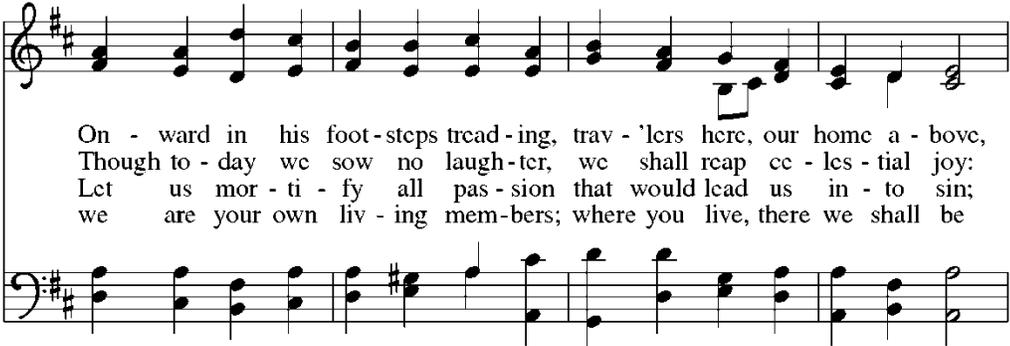
## HYMN OF THE DAY "LET US EVER WALK WITH JESUS" ELW#802



1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, fol - low his ex - am - ple pure,  
 2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus, and with pa - tience bear our cross.  
 3 Let us glad - ly die with Je - sus. Since by death he con - quered death,  
 4 Let us al - so live with Je - sus. He has ris - en from the dead



through a world that would de - ceive us and to sin our spir - its lure.  
 Joy will fol - low all our sad - ness; where he is there is no loss.  
 he will free us from de - struc - tion, give to us im - mor - tal breath.  
 that to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus, you are now our head,



On - ward in his foot - steps tread - ing, trav - 'lers here, our home a - bove,  
 Though to - day we sow no laugh - ter, we shall reap ce - les - tial joy:  
 Let us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion that would lead us in - to sin;  
 we are your own liv - ing mem - bers; where you live, there we shall be



full of faith and hope and love, let us do our Sav - ior's bid - ding.  
 all dis - com - forts that an - noy shall give way to mirth here - af - ter.  
 and the grave that shuts us in shall but prove the gate of heav - en.  
 in your pres - ence con - stant - ly, liv - ing there with you for - ev - er.



Faith - ful Lord, with me a - bide; I shall fol - low where you guide.  
 Je - sus, here I share your woe; help me there your joy to know.  
 Je - sus, here with you I die, there to live with you on high.  
 Je - sus, let me faith - ful be; life e - ter - nal grant to me.

**CREED**

A: God has made us God's people through our baptism into Christ. Let us profess our faith in the word of the 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 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.**

**THE PRAYERS**

*After each petition:* WA: Hear us, O God **C: Your mercy is great.**

WA: Turning our hearts to God who is gracious and merciful, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence*

WA: God of the wilderness, we pray for the church. Lead us in showing grace and hospitality to all who struggle with doubt or shame. Make your church holy ground where all people can be seen and loved for who you have created them to be. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

WA: We pray for creation. Show your glory in deserts and on mountaintops. Nourish gardens and orchards and bless those who tend them. Forgive us for our desire to dominate creation instead of serving as faithful stewards and caretakers. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

WA: We pray for the nations. Liberate leaders and governments from the temptation to exercise unjust dominion over those whom they are called to lead and serve. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

WA: We pray for those in need. Sustain those who are hungry and alone, those who are anxious, those facing difficult decisions, and those facing a recent diagnosis or new grief, especially **Bob and Lynn Lyvers, Dick Johnson, Delbert Scheider, Jerry, Sheridan Brinker, Gene Hesselbacher, Fern Harnish, Bill Jacobs, Connor Stadermann, Jaden, Jon Forsythe, Brooke, Diane, Deb Lindeman Harder, Cindy Tessendorf, Randy, Brian, Don Hoge, the Heimann family, Dave Heinkel, Janet, Paul Heller, Lori, J.T., Dan and Sue White, Irene, Jeff and Deb, Ryse Stone, Harry Perra Jr. Nicole, Meghan, Hailey Bettenhauser, Mary Schick, Kyle, Dave Lartz, and Brian Gobeli.** We give thanks for elders among us. We are touched by their knowledge and faith. Bless **Lois Paulsen** this week. Pour out your Spirit, that our elders may continue to dream dreams and testify to the love of Christ. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

WA: We praise you for bringing us through the desert into the promised land of your kingdom. We give thanks for saints who have guided us in times of trial and joy. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

P: According to your steadfast love, O God, hear these and all our prayers as we commend them to you; through Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.**

### PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

*Please greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.*

### MEAL

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

### OFFERING

#### OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray.

**C: God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### GREAT THANKSGIVING

#### DIALOGUE

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

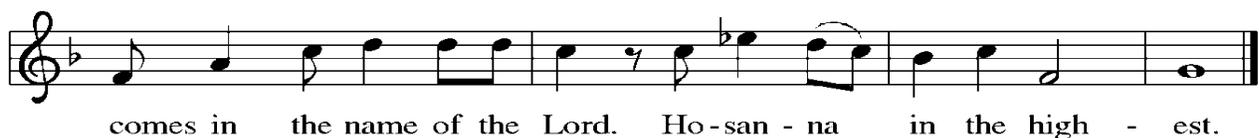
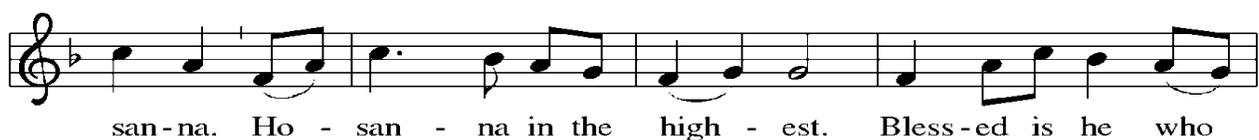
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed...we praise you name and join your unending hymn:

### HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

ELW p. 144



## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

### LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,  
As we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever.  
Amen.**

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.*

*We practice open Communion — Christ invites us to the table. All baptized Christians are welcome to partake the body and blood of Jesus Christ. If you wish to receive a blessing, you may come forward. Holy Communion will be celebrated by intinction (dip the bread into the chalice). The gold chalices have wine; the chrome chalices have grape juice. You will be ushered down the center aisle and return to your pew by way of the side aisles. If you need assistance, please let an usher know.*



### COMMUNION SONG

### “LAMB OF GOD”

ELW p. 146

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

## COMMUNION SONG "LORD, KEEP US STEADFAST IN YOUR WORD" ELW #517

1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in your word; curb those who  
 2 Lord Je - sus Christ, your pow'r make known, for you are  
 3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, send peace and

by de - ceit or sword would wrest the king - dom from your Son  
 Lord of lords a - lone; de - fend your ho - ly church, that we  
 u - ni - ty on earth; sup - port us in our fi - nal strife

and bring to naught all he has done.  
 and may sing your praise e - ter - nal - ly.  
 and lead us out of death to life.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray.

Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen.**

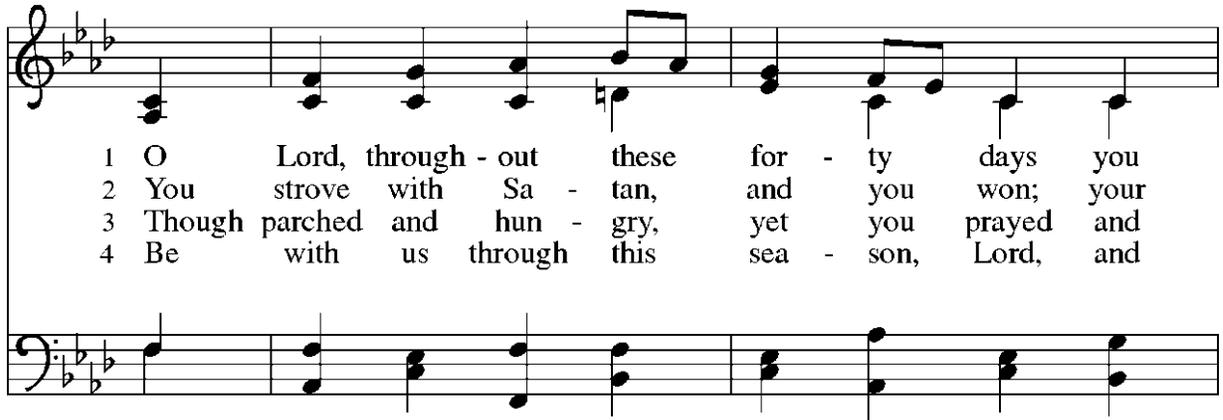
## SENDING

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

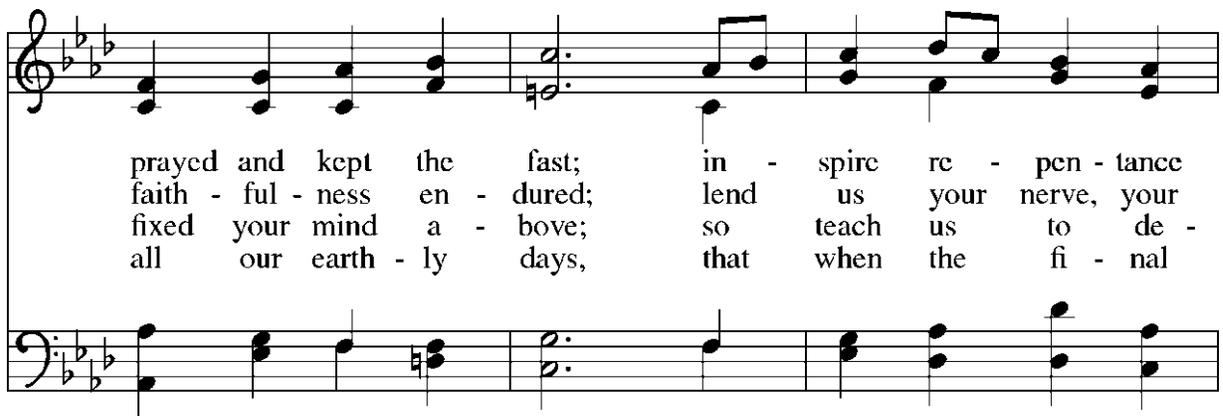
## COMMUNITY CONCERNS &amp; CELEBRATIONS

**BLESSING**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace. **C: Amen.**

**SENDING SONG "O LORD, THROUGHOUT THOSE FORTY DAYS" ELW#319**


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.

**DISMISSAL**

A: Go in peace. Share the good news. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

**Terry Hart**

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### Worship Assistants

Pastor Miho Yasukawa

Choir Director/Accomp: Janis Kurth and Tena Rackow

Pianist: Tena Rackow, Sarah Baker, and Terry Hart    Organist: Karen Niemeier

Lector: Tena Rackow

Assisting Minister: Wayne Kurth

Worship Assistant: Marybeth Brinker

Acolyte: Kayla Runkle

Greeters: Bari Raymer, Tim Gordon

Chris and Angie Brinker

Ushers: Virgil Gordon, Tim Gordon

Don and Lisa Wienand

Communion Set-up: Bob and Sharon Schlachter

Communion Assistant: Jay and Michelle Andrews

Communion Ushers: Andrew Martin and Jim Swain

Sound System: Denny Luke and open

Elevator Operator: Sue Diddens

### THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD

March 1<sup>st</sup> through, March 8<sup>th</sup> 2020

<b>Today:</b>	<b>Worship Service – First Sunday of Lent</b>	<b>9:30am</b>
	Fellowship	10:30am
	Sunday School	10:45 am
	Choir Practice	11:00am
	Confirmation Class	11:00am
	Chime Practice	12:00pm
Monday:	Property Committee Meeting	6:00pm
Wednesday:	Lenten Luncheon at Good Shepherd	12:00pm
	Mid-week Lenten supper and service	5:30pm (supper) 6:30pm (service)
Thursday:	Hannah Circle	9:00am
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	<b>Worship Service-Second Sunday of Lent</b>	<b>9:30am</b>
	Fellowship	10:30am
	Sunday School	10:45 am
	Choir Practice	11:00am
	Chime Practice	12:00pm

Attendance: February 23<sup>rd</sup> - 44

Total Offering 02/23/2020 - \$1301.00 amount needed; \$2618.80



### Go and Cheer!

We are your “grandparents”  
Tuesday, (March 3<sup>rd</sup>), Le-Win solo and Ensemble Recital at Le-Win starting at 6:30pm.  
*Art Exhibit @ Highland Until March 4<sup>t</sup>.*

If your games, concerts, plays, etc. are coming up, please share with the church office.

### Mid-Week Evening Service

Every Wednesday evening during Lent we gather for meal, worship, reading scripture, and prayer.

This year we will explore vocation, God’s call. All are welcome to join.

Supper starts at 5:30pm and worship at 6:30pm.

**TODAY-Chili/Filled Noodle Supper at Trinity Lutheran, Derinda**

Come today from 4-7pm to Trinity Lutheran (8393 Derinda Road, Elizabeth) for the handmade filled noodles and homemade chili, salads, and fresh baked desserts. Adults \$8; children 5-12 \$6; children under 5 eat free! There will be fun for all ages with the snack/cake walk as well!

**Christ Lutheran Church, Chili/Filled Noodle Supper**

Christ Lutheran WELCA of 600 South Main Street, Stockton will host its annual Chili/Beef Noodle Supper on Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup> from 4:30pm-7:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to join in the meal which includes; soup, sandwich, veggie cup, dessert and beverage. Carry-outs are available. Proceeds will benefit a youth trip to Minneapolis and Mark Kruse and his family. Mark is undergoing cancer treatments. For additional information please call 815-275-0303 or visit their website at christlutheranstockton.com.

**St. John's Lutheran Church, Euchre & Dominoes Party**

St. John's Lutheran Church, 229 S. First Street, Pearl City, IL will be hosting Euchre & Dominoes party on Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup> from 1:30pm-4:30pm, cost will be \$5.00 at the door. You can play for fun, prizes or both. Sandwiches, chips dessert, and drinks will be served after playing. Sponsored by the St. John's Women's Gathering. Questions, please call, 815-443-2555.

**Congregational Resourcing Event-March 14<sup>th</sup>**

CRE is a learning event sponsored by the synod. This year's keynote speaker is ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton. There will be various workshops (ex. youth, worship, spirituality, social justice) and opportunities to meet more church members. Register at the synod website: <https://cre.nisynod.org/> Registration fee including lunch is \$30.

**Mental Health First Aid Training-Youth**

Monroe Clinic and CONTAC of Northern Illinois are offering a Mental Health First Aid Training-Youth at Senior Resource Center (206 E. Stephenson St. Freeport) on Friday March 20<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested, contact Tammie Jamiska at 608-324-2639 or e-mail: [tammie.jamiska@ssmhealth.com](mailto:tammie.jamiska@ssmhealth.com)

**It is time to order Easter Lilies**

Lilies will be **\$12.00** per plant and can be ordered by using the flower envelopes provided in the pews. Please place them in the offering plate or you can drop them off at the church office. Orders must be in by **March 15<sup>th</sup>**. Lilies may be picked up after the 9:30 am Easter Sunday Service.

**Lenten Lunch Schedule**

Theme: Picture of Bread

March 4 at Good Shepherd

March 11 at E-Free

March 18 at Synergy hosted by Synergy/ Beloved

March 25 at St. John's

April 1 at St. Joseph

April 8 at Lena UMC hosted by Salem UCC.

Lunch starts at noon followed by short devotion.

Free will offering will be accepted

*Devotion for Lent 2020*

**Wondrous Love**

What wondrous love Jesus shows for us and the world in his journey from baptism to the empty tomb! **Wondrous Love** provides devotion for each day with evocative image, scriptural passage, questions to ponder, reflection, and prayers.