

March 13th 2016 at 9:30 am

Fifth Sunday in Lent

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*Welcome to worship at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
If you are visiting with us today, we want you to feel welcome
and to know that we are delighted to have you here*

WELCOME! We want you to be at ease - we won't ask you to stand up and be recognized, but we'd love it if you would introduce yourself. Welcome to Good Shepherd!

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 Children are always welcome at our worship services; however, if you desire, please feel free to use the nursery located out the north entrance of the sanctuary.

<u>Interim Pastor:</u>	Pastor Art Stees	<u>Custodian:</u>	Taylor Bastian
<u>Secretary:</u>	Darlene Barr	<u>Pianists:</u>	Tena Rackow, Sarah Baker
<u>Organist:</u>	Karen Niemeier	<u>Missionaries to Tanzania:</u>	Randy&Carol Stubbs Family
<u>Choir Dir. /accomp:</u>	Janis Kurth / Marion Fahr	<u>Lector</u>	Wayne Kurth
<u>Acolyte:</u>	Taylor Patterson	<u>Assisting Minister</u>	Austin Andrews
<u>Worship Assistant:</u>	Sondra Winters	<u>Communion Usher</u>	Virgil Gordon, Tim Gordon
<u>Welcome Visitor:</u>	Sharon Schlachter	<u>Communion Set-up</u>	Bob and Sharon Schlachter
<u>Communion Asst:</u>	Tony and Jackie Jordan		
<u>Elevator Operator</u>	Coltin Coonts, Jeremy and Cara Schriener		
<u>Sound System:</u>	Troy Doubler, Taylor Bastian		
<u>Greeters:</u>	Willie Kayser, Darlene Aurand		
<u>Ushers:</u>	Virgil Gordon, Tim Gordon, Claire and Helen Cross		

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– **ORDER OF WORSHIP** –
ELW SETTING 10

PRELUDE
Chime Choir

(A time for prayer and reflection)
“The Old Rugged Cross”

Tena Rackow

Announcements & Community Concerns

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *(Please stand)*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
who brings us safely through the sea,
who gives us water from the rock,
who leads us into the land of milk and honey.

Amen.

Let us come home to God, confessing our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful Father,
we have sinned against heaven and before you.
We do not fully live as your sons and daughters.
We use your gifts to our own ends.
Forgive us and restore us,
that we may resist all that draws us away from you,
and be at peace with one another. Amen.

We are reconciled to God through Christ;
for his sake, God does not count our trespasses against us.
Once dead in sin, we are now alive to God.
Once lost, we now are found.
God clothes you in the finest robe of all,
the righteousness of ☩ Jesus Christ,
forgiving you all your sins
and making of you a new creation.
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN:

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

ELW#803

1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the
 2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the
 3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and
 4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a

prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I
 death of Christ, my God; all the vain things that
 love flow min - gled down. Did e'er such love and
 pres - ent far too small; love so a - maz - ing,

count but loss and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
 charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
 sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
 so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

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 (Sung by all)

- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
- 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.

We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
 Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
 Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: Let us pray **C: Creator God, you prepare a new way in the wilderness, and your grace waters our desert. Open our hearts to be transformed by the new thing you are doing, that our lives may proclaim the extravagance of your love given to all through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Please be seated

L: The 1st READING is from Isaiah 43:16-21

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

¹⁶Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, ¹⁷who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: ¹⁸Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. ¹⁹I 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. ²⁰The 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, ²¹the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise. L: The word of the Lord! **C: Thanks be to God!**

Psalm 126 (*Please join the Assisting Minister in reading the psalm responsively*) **ELW#126**

¹When the LORD restored the fortunes 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.”**

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

⁴**Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like the watercourses of the Negeb.**

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

⁶**Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.**

L: The 2nd READING is from 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: ⁵circumcised 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; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. ⁷Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸More 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 ⁹and 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. ¹⁰I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. ¹²Not 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. ¹³Beloved, 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, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus. L: The word of the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

Gospel Acclamation *Stand*



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.

P: THE HOLY GOSPEL according to John 12:1-8 **C: Glory to you, O Lord!**

Judas willfully misinterprets as waste Mary's extravagant act of anointing Jesus' feet with costly perfume. Jesus recognizes that her lavish gift is both an expression of love and an anticipation of his burial.

¹Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ²There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. ³Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. ⁴But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, ⁵“Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?” ⁶(He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) ⁷Jesus said, “Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial.

⁸You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.” P: The gospel of the Lord!

C: Praise to you, O Christ. *Please be seated*

CHILDREN 'S MESSAGE! Meet Mr. Furr

SERMON

Pastor Art Stees

HYMN OF THE DAY

Take My Life, That I May Be

ELW#685

1 Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
 2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
 3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;
 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would I with - hold;

take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise.
 take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
 take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sag - es from thee.
 take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it thine;
 it shall be no longer mine.
 Take my heart, it is thine own;
 it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour
 at thy feet its treasure store;
 take myself, and I will be
 ever, only, all for thee.

APOSTLES' CREED *Please Stand*

A: God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

C: **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 OF THE PEOPLE

After each petition: WA: Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: Hearing the call to return to the Lord, let us join the whole people of God in prayer for all who cry out in pain and in hope. *brief silence.*

WA: Holy God, in times of both joy and sorrow you call us to worship you. Bless the work of musicians, altar guilds, readers, presiding and assisting ministers, and all who serve in worship. Sustain them with your Spirit as we journey toward Holy Week. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

WA: For conflicts between political parties, we ask for your discernment and wisdom, merciful Lord. Enable citizens and elected officials to listen to one another and to work together for your justice.

Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.** .

WA: Living God, you require mercy and justice. Bless the work of all organizations that work to restore cities and countries, especially Lutheran Volunteer Corps and Lutheran Disaster Response.

Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: Compassionate God, you make a way out of no way. Give your peace and vision to all who struggle with addiction, depression, grief, or illness especially *Jean Wenzel, Bob Lyvers, Donna Euler, Katy Lartz, Kim, Kelli Huneke, Tony, Ardie and Mike*. We lift up the family and friends of Eva Guequierre comfort them in their grief with love and the hope we have in Jesus Christ our Savior. Make plain that in the midst of suffering, you are suffering, and that your desire is wholeness and life. Strengthen and encourage *Verl Price, Steve Fahr* Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: Shepherding God, you tend your flock with mercy and love. Guide the outreach ministries of this congregation. Strengthen our relationships in this community as we serve our neighbors in love.

Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: Triune God, in you there is abundant life. Deepen our union with you, that in living we may die and in dying we may live with all your saints. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer**

Pastor: To you, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your boundless mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

PEACE

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

Congregation may greet one another using these or similar words: Peace be with you.

Please be seated.

OFFERING

What Can Wash Away My Sin?

Choir Anthem

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church locally and throughout the world, including those in need. We also offer up prayers to God as we offer ourselves (time, talents, gifts, and interests) to the Lord's service and dedicate our lives to God's work in the world. During this time, the table is set. After the table is set, the offering is gathered & the anthem concludes, the acolyte walks out to the edge of the chancel steps to receive the offering from the ushers.

OFFERING PRAYER (congregation stands)

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.**

DIALOGUE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

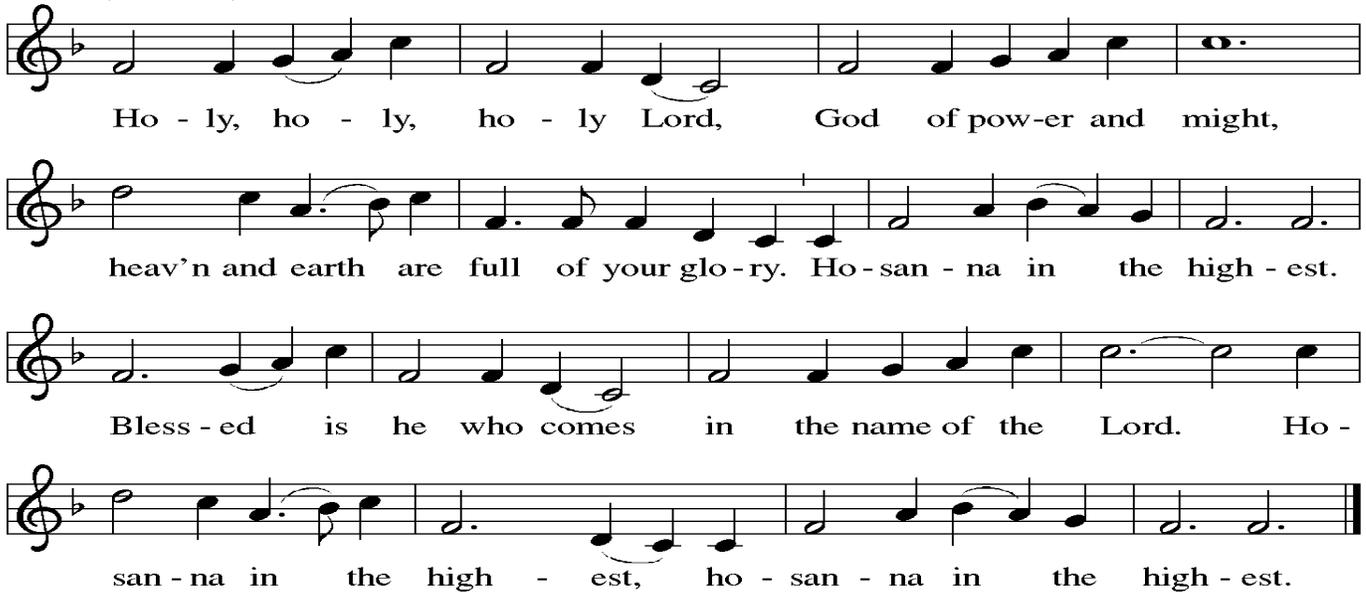
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise

PREFACE

P: It is indeed right we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



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.

P: In the night in which he was betrayed... Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

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

We practice open Communion here — you don't have to be a member to participate. All who share our belief that Jesus is present in his holy meal are welcome to receive the bread and cup. Children and adults who do not commune are invited to come forward to receive a special blessing. Holy Communion will be celebrated today using intinction (you will dip the wafer into the chalice of wine). 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 wish to commune and are unable to come forward or need other assistance, please let an usher know so that we can serve you.



COMMUNION SONG

Lamb of God



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 SONG

O Living Bread from Heaven

ELW#542



1 O liv - ing Bread from heav - en, how well you feed your guest!
 2 My Sav - ior, you have led me with - in your ho - liest place,
 3 You gave me all I want - ed; this food can death de - stroy.
 4 Oh, grant me then, well - strength - ened with heav'n - ly food, while here



The gifts that you have giv - en have filled my heart with rest.
 and here your - self have fed me with trea - sures of your grace;
 And you have free - ly grant - ed the cup of end - less joy.
 my course on earth is length - ened, to serve you, free from fear;



O won - drous food of bless - ing! O cup that heals our woes!
 for you have free - ly giv - en what earth could nev - er buy,
 My Lord, I do not mer - it the fa - vor you have shown,
 and bring me home to praise you where none can peace de - stroy,



My heart, this gift pos - sess - ing, in thank - ful song o'er - flows!
 the bread of life from heav - en, that now I shall not die.
 and all my soul and spir - it bow down be - fore your throne.
 where I will ev - er raise you glad songs in end - less joy.



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray, O God, we thank you for gathering and feeding us as a mother hen embraces her young. Release us now to go on our way in these forty days, ready to see our work as prayer, ready to fast from complacency, and ready to share with those in need; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen.**

BENEDICTION P: Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
C: Amen.

SENDING SONG

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

ELW#597

1 My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je-sus' blood and righ-teous-ness;
 2 When dark-ness veils his love-ly face, I rest on his un - chang-ing grace;
 3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sus - tain me in the rag - ing flood;
 4 When he shall come with trum-pet sound, oh, may I then in him be found,

no mer-it of my own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
 in ev-'ry high and storm - y gale my an - chor holds with-in the veil.
 when all sup-ports are washed a-way, he then is all my hope and stay.
 clothed in his righ-teous - ness a - lone, re - deemed to stand be - fore the throne!

Refrain

On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is

sink - ing sand, all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

DISMISSAL (from back)

A: Go in peace. Christ is with you!

C: Thanks be to God

POSTLUDE

Tena Rackow

THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD

March 13th thru March 20^h 2016

Today	Worship Service with Holy Communion	9:30 am
	Fellowship	10:30 am
	Sunday School	10:45 am
	Choir Practice	11:00 am
	Chime Choir Practice	5:00 pm
Monday	Parkinson Meeting	1:30 pm
	Worship Committee Meeting	6:30 pm
Tuesday	Call Committee Meeting	6:30pm
Wednesday	"Piece Corps" Quilting Group	8:00 am-11:30 am
	Community Mid-Week Lenten Service	12:00 pm
	With soup lunch Beloved Church at Lena Methodist Church	
	After School Program at The Hangout	3:30-5:00 pm
	Lenten Dinner	5:30 pm
	Lenten Worship Service	6:30 pm
Saturday	Men's Group	4:30 pm
Next Sunday	Worship Service with Procession of Palms and Holy Communion	9:30 am
	Fellowship	10:30 am
	Sunday School	10:45 am
	Choir Practice	11:00 am
	Chime Choir Practice	5:00 pm

Attendance March 6 was 69

Total Offering March 6, 2016: \$3,271.00 - Amount needed to meet budget: \$2,764.27

Prayer Requests

We pray for all of those who are lonely, injured, sick, needing healing, or in need in any way. This week we especially pray for, especially *Jean Wenzel, Bob Lyvers, Donna Euler, Katy Lartz, Kim, Kelli Huneke, Tony, Ardie and Mike* and homebound members *Verl Price, Steve Fahr*.

Community Mid-Week Service at Noon

Beloved Church will be hosting at Lena Methodist Church Wednesday mid-week services at noon March 16th. The services begin with a soup luncheon, followed by a message

Wednesdays During Lent

GOD'S LOVE BREAKS THROUGH

That's the title of the series that will be the theme of our mid-week Lenten service Wednesday March 16th. The evening will begin with a light supper at 5:30 pm followed by worship at 6:30 pm. Pastor Stees and Denny Luke will be worship leaders while members of the confirmation class will assist in various capacities. We think "God's Love Breaks Through" will be an interesting series for our Lenten devotions.

It is time to order Easter Lilies

Lilies will be \$10.00 per plant and can be ordered by using the 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 13th. Lilies may be picked up after 9:30 am Easter Sunday Service.

Easter Breakfast Sunday, March 27, 2016 at 8 am

The Good Shepherd youth will be serving Easter Breakfast on Easter Morning at 8am in the Fellowship Hall to raise funds for the youth. Make your reservation by Monday, March 21st by placing your reservation slip in offering plate or turning it in to the Church office.

All Youth and Children of Good Shepherd: We will be meeting on Saturday, March 26th at 4:00 pm

To prepare for the Easter Breakfast.

Also, Easter Sunday, March 27th we will meet at 7:30 am to serve the Easter Breakfast together.

Parkinson Support Group Meeting-March 14th, 2016 at 1:30 All are Welcome

Our speaker will be: Ashley Polizzi, Midland States Bank Topic will be: **"IDENTY THEFT"**