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March 16th, 2025 9:30am

Second Sunday in Lent



*A Lutheran Mass - Setting by Thomas Mosbo
Please leave your offering in the plate at the door
You may stand at times marked with an asterisk (*)*

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Prelude and Contemplation

Karen Niemeier

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

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 hidden: 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: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

* Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

God of the covenant, in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world. Gather all peoples into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

First Reading: *Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18*

L: A reading from Genesis.

15 After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: "Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ² But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I shall die childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³ And Abram said, "Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir." ⁴ And behold, the word of the LORD came to him: "This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir." ⁵ And he brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be." ⁶ And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

⁷ And he said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you out from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land to possess." ⁸ But he said, "O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" ⁹ He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." ¹⁰ And he brought him all these, cut them in half, and laid each half over against the other. But he did not cut the birds in half. ¹¹ And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

¹² As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell on Abram. And behold, dreadful and great darkness fell upon him.

¹⁷ When the sun had gone down and it was dark, behold, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. ¹⁸ On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your offspring I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates. *[ESV]*

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm: 27

L: Let us read responsively Psalm 27.

¹ The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?
The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

² **When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh,
my adversaries and foes, it is they who stumble and fall.**

³ Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear;
though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.

⁴ **One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after:
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life,
to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD
and to meditate in his temple.**

⁵ For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;
he will lift me high upon a rock.

⁶ **And now my head shall be lifted up
above my enemies all around me,
and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy;
I will sing and make melody to the LORD.**

⁷ Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me!

⁸ **You have said, “Seek my face.”**

My heart says to you, “Your face, LORD, do I seek.”

⁹ Hide not your face from me.

Turn not your servant away in anger, O you who have been my help.

Cast me not off; forsake me not, O God of my salvation!

¹⁰ **For my father and my mother have forsaken me,
but the LORD will take me in.**

¹¹ Teach me your way, O LORD,
and lead me on a level path because of my enemies.

¹² **Give me not up to the will of my adversaries;
for false witnesses have risen against me,
and they breathe out violence.**

¹³ I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the LORD
in the land of the living!

¹⁴ **Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage;
wait for the LORD! [ESV]**

Second Reading: *Philippians 3:17--4:1*

L: A reading from Paul’s letter to the Philippians.

¹⁷ Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸ For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. ¹⁹ Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. ²⁰ But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

4 Therefore, my brothers, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved. *[ESV]*

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

*** Gospel Acclamation**

**C: Return to the Lord, your God,
for he is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.**

*** Gospel: *Luke 13:31-35***

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

³¹ At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.” ³² And he said to them, “Go and tell that fox, ‘Behold, I cast out demons and perform cures today and tomorrow, and the third day I finish my course.’ ³³ Nevertheless, I must go on my way today and tomorrow and the day following, for it cannot be that a prophet should perish away from Jerusalem.’ ³⁴ O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! ³⁵ Behold, your house is forsaken. And I tell you, you will not see me until you say, ‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!’” *[ESV]*

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Rev. Thomas Mosbo

* Hymn

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

ELW # 597

* Nicene Creed

P: With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

C: **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father,
through whom all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven**

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

Please respond to each petition with the following:

L: ... God, in your mercy,

C: **receive our prayer.**

P: Father, receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, your Son, who leads us from death to life.

C: **Amen.**

We lift our prayers for

Lynn Lyvers, Jerry, Fern Harnish, Denny Bergmann, Rene', Paul Fahr, Gary Hudik, Virgil Martin, Marilyn Fulfs, Caroline Jam, Curt Diddens, Cyndy Schumacher, Duane Tessendorf, Connor Stadermann, Brooke, Diane, Randy, Brian, Paul Heller, Janet, Ryse Stone, Nicole, Meghan and her baby, John, Chuck, Joyce, Terri, Tina, Julie, Jamie, Crystal, Katie, Anna, Abby, Karla, Jacob and his family, Richard Gordon, Kay, Kathy, Charlie, Brad, Jack, Tina, Joe, Sue, Emma, Cindy, Lamar Hail, Connie, Rachel Collins, Hanna, Mr. & Mrs. Ron Heckman, Bruce Stewart, Pam, Caroline, Tina D., Howard D., Jim DeMontigny Jr., Linda Kruger-Kleckler, Norman, Vivian, Tina Cheeney, Dennis Bokemeier, Susan Anderson, Brenda, Madilyn Yeager, Kara Allen, Christine Beyer, Judy, Bob Schulz, Kenny Frie,, Steve Rothschadl, Nathan Lott, Gary L. Hartwig Josh and Ellie Joy, Hannah, Ray Phillips Bob Stufflebeam, Carlee R. and Allison Biddick. Pray for love, peace, comfort and hope of resurrection for the family and friends of Pete Grandstad and Tana Herman.

LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

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

Chime Anthem *Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley*

Responses

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, our duty and our joy...

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy

C: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Eucharistic Prayer

P: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord...
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

C: Amen.

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.**

Canticle

Lamb of God

**C: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace.**

Distribution

*All are welcome to come to receive Christ's body and blood
or you may come to receive a blessing.*

Once all have received:

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

Canticle

Now, Lord

**C: Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace;
your word has been fulfilled.**

**My own eyes have seen the salvation
which you have prepared in the sight of every people:
a light to reveal you to the nations
and the glory of your people Israel.**

Blessing

P: The Lord bless you and keep you,
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you,
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace,
In the name of the Father, † and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit..

C: Amen.

* **Hymn** *God Be with You Till We Meet Again* **ELW # 536**

* **Dismissal**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Karen Niemeier

Good Shepherd Council Meeting

Good Shepherd's Council Meeting

Has been rescheduled.

Piece Corps Quilting Group

Meets every Wednesday from 8-11:30am at Good Shepherd in Fellowship Hall.

Everyone welcome.

Men's Group

Saturday, March 26th

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

If you have any announcements or meetings scheduled for April, please notify the office, via email at goodshepherdlena@outlook.com or drop off a note to the secretary.

Thank you.

Mystery Dinner

Saturday, March 22nd, 2025 at 6:00pm

Mysterious Menu???

(let your imagination run amuck)

Sign-up sheet by Fellowship Hall

Please sign up before March 16th

*A freewill donation would be welcomed
to cover expenses.*

*Anything donated above expenses would be
donated to Good Shepherd*

Join us each Wednesday

**At Evangelical Free Church of Lena during Lent at 1 p.m. in
Fellowship Hall as we celebrate with music!**

March 19 Deb Leininger

March 26 Freeport Sacred Youth Choir

April 2 Glenda Linneman

April 9 Brian/Sharon Lieb/Gone Fishin'

April 16 DELTA II

Service will be 45-60 minutes long.



Marilyn J. Hardel, age 95, formerly of Lena, IL, passed away on Wednesday February 19, 2025, in Middleton, WI. Marilyn was a lifelong member of Good Shepherd. Her visitation will take place from 11:30 a.m. till 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 22, 2025, at the Leamon Funeral Home in Lena. Private family graveside service to be held.

Marilyn is survived by 3 children- David (Ann) Hardel of Madison, WI, Sharon (Richard) Moore of Milwaukee, WI, and Deborah (Keith) Iborg of St. Charles, MO; daughter-in-law- Rita Martin of

Holy Week and Easter Schedule 2025

- 13 April, 9:30 am - *Palm Sunday / Sunday of the Passion* - Sunday worship with procession of palms and a reading of the Passion according to Luke
- 17 April, 7:00 pm - *Maundy Thursday* - Communion service
- 18 April, 7:00 pm - *Good Friday* - Tenebrae service
- 20 April, 7:00 am - *Easter Morning* - Sunrise service
- 20 April, 9:30 am - *Easter Day* - Festive celebration with Holy Communion

Easter Breakfast will be served Easter Sunday, reservation forms available by Fellowship Hall.



*Attendance March 2nd
In-person 35, Online - 56*