



# The Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 22, 2026 @ 9:30am

## *GATHERING*

### **Prelude**

### **Confession and Forgiveness**

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

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin before God, who removes our guilt  
and blots out all offenses.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For seeking worldly delights that deceive us and dishonor you: Gracious God,

**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For desiring self-reliance instead of hungering for your word: Gracious God,

**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For failing to recognize your coming reign,

and for hindering the work of the Spirit: Gracious God,

**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For drawing from the well of self-serving ambition,

and for disdaining the living water Christ offers: Gracious God,

**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For disregarding voices from the margin, and for distrusting signs of your  
healing and hope in the world: Gracious God,

**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For dwelling in tombs of self-pity and discontent,

and for disregarding Christ's call to come forth to life: Gracious God,

**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

God's steadfast love, grace, and forgiveness abound. Through faith, the free  
gift of God, you have been clothed in the righteousness of Christ. In the name  
of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. The Spirit of the One who raised  
Christ from the dead dwells in you, pours God's love into your hearts,  
and gives you life and peace. **Amen.**

## Sharing of the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

## Gathering Song:

“Christ, the Life of All the Living”



- 1 Christ, the life of all the liv - ing, Christ, the death of death, our foe,
- 2 You have suf - fered great af - flic - tion and have borne it pa - tient - ly,
- 3 Then, for all that bought my par - don, for the sor - rows deep and sore,



Christ, your - self for me once giv - ing to the dark - est depths of woe:  
e - ven death by cru - ci - fix - ion, ful - ly to a - tone for me;  
for the an - guish in the gar - den, I will thank you ev - er - more;



through your suf - f'ring, death, and mer - it life e - ter - nal I in - her - it.  
for you chose to be tor - ment - ed that my doom should be pre - vent - ed.  
thank you for the groan - ing, sigh - ing, for the bleed - ing and the dy - ing,



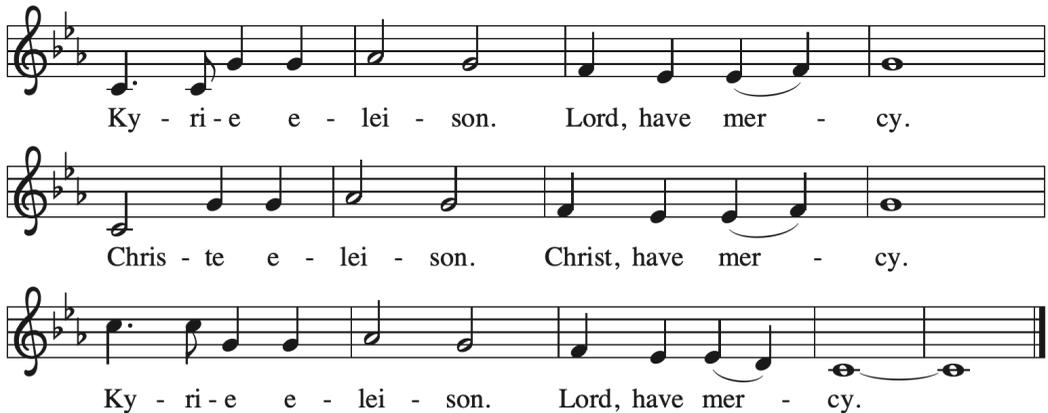
Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks are due, dear - est Je - sus, un - to you.  
Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks are due, dear - est Je - sus, un - to you.  
for that last tri - um - phant cry, praise you ev - er - more on high.

## 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



Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

Chris - te e - lei - son. Christ, have mer - cy.

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

## Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death.

**Breathe upon us the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ and serve you in righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

# WORD

## First Reading

Ezekiel 37:1-14

<sup>1</sup> The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. <sup>2</sup> He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. <sup>3</sup> He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." <sup>4</sup> Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. <sup>5</sup> Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. <sup>6</sup> I will lay sinews on you and will cause flesh to come upon you and cover you with skin and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD."

<sup>7</sup> So I prophesied as I had been commanded, and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. <sup>8</sup> I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them, but there was no breath in them. <sup>9</sup> Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." <sup>10</sup> I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

<sup>11</sup> Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' <sup>12</sup> Therefore prophesy and say to them: Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people, and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. <sup>13</sup> And you shall know that I am the LORD when I open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people. <sup>14</sup> I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD."

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**



## Holy Gospel

The Holy Gospel according to John, the 11th chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus,

**“Lord, he whom you love is ill.”**

But when Jesus heard it, he said, “This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.” Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. Then after this he said to the disciples, “Let us go to Judea again.” The disciples said to him, “Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?” “Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them.” After saying this, he told them, “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.”

“Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.” Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, “Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.” Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, “Let us also go, that we may die with him.” When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus,

**“Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.**

**But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.”**

“Your brother will rise again.”

**“I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.”** *Jesus:* “I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?”

**“Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.”**

When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately,

**“The Teacher is here and is calling for you.”**

And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him.

Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him,

**“Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.”**

When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said,

“Where have you laid him?”

**“Lord, come and see.”**

Jesus wept. So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?” Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. “Take away the stone.”

Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him,

**“Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.”**

“Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?” So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.” When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.” Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

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

**Sermon**

**Hymn:**

“There's Nothing That Our God Can't Do”

Just one word  
You calm the storm that surrounds me  
Just one word  
The darkness has to retreat  
Just one touch  
I feel the presence of heaven  
Just one touch  
My eyes were opened to see  
My heart can't help but believe

*Chorus 1*

*There's nothing that our God can't do  
There's not a mountain that He can't  
move  
Oh praise the name that makes a way  
There's nothing that our God can't do*

Just one word  
You heal what's broken inside me  
Just one word  
And you revive ev'ry dream  
Just one touch  
I feel the power of heaven  
Just one touch  
My eyes were opened to see  
My heart can't help but believe

*Chorus 2*

*There's nothing that our God can't do  
There's not a mountain that He can't  
move  
Oh praise the name that makes a way  
There's nothing that our God can't do  
There's nothing that our God can't do  
There's not a prison wall He can't break  
through  
Oh praise the name that makes a way  
There's nothing that our God can't do*

Bridge 1

I will believe for greater things  
There's no power like the power of  
Jesus  
Let faith arise let all agree  
There's no power like the power of  
Jesus

Bridge 2

I will believe for greater things  
There's no power like the power of  
Jesus  
Let faith arise let all agree  
There's no power like His power

Ending

Oh sing oh oh oh  
There's nothing there's nothing  
There's nothing there's nothing  
Oh oh oh  
(There's nothing that our God can't do)

## **Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again 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**

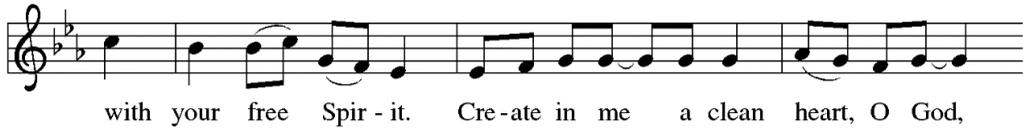
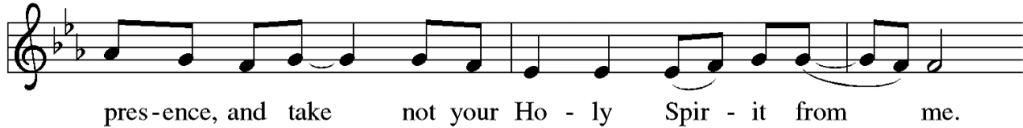
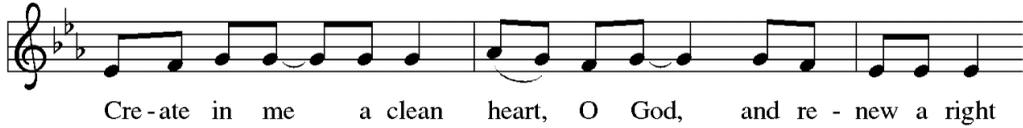
## **Prayers of the People**

**Hear us, O God.**

**Your mercy is great.**

# MEAL

## Offering/Ministry Opportunities/Invitation to Communion



## Offering Prayer

O God, maker of heaven and earth, your steadfast love embraces all creation. You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty. Through these gifts of bread and wine, draw us into the death and life of your Son, who calls us to bear witness to his saving work. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

## Celebration of Holy Communion

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

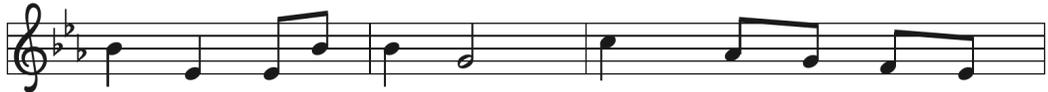
Lift up your hearts.

**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, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and



God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your



glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the



Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Blessing at the Table

## Lord's Prayer

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

## Distribution of Communion



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, grant us peace.

## Song

### “In the Bulb There Is a Flower”



1 In the bulb there is a flow - er; in the seed, an ap - ple tree;  
2 There's a song in ev - 'ry si - lence, seek - ing word and mel - o - dy;  
3 In our end is our be - gin - ning; in our time, in - fin - i - ty;



in co - coons, a hid - den prom - ise: but - ter - flies will soon be free!  
there's a dawn in ev - 'ry dark - ness, bring - ing hope to you and me.  
in our doubt there is be - liev - ing; in our life, e - ter - ni - ty;



In the cold and snow of win - ter there's a spring that waits to be,  
From the past will come the fu - ture; what it holds, a mys - ter - y,  
in our death, a res - ur - rec - tion; at the last, a vic - to - ry,



un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.

## *SENDING*

### Post-Communion Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

**Amen.**

### Prayer after Communion

God of our salvation, we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls, reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey.

**Through the body and blood of your Son, may we become Christ's body in the world, bearing witness to your love for all creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## Blessing

### Sending Song: "Blessed Assurance"



- 1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
- 2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
- 3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,



Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.  
an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.  
watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

#### *Refrain*



This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long:



this is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.

## Dismissal

As people of the Good Shepherd ...

**We are a Christian community rooted in grace, connected through inclusive worship and fellowship.**

Together

**We embrace and value all people and serve our broader community with compassion.**

Go in peace. Remember the poor.

**Thanks be to God**

## **March Mission of the Month**

Center for Hope - provides resources to educate, assist and support families and friends cope with the pain/and uncertainty in dealing with a missing person.

## **Blessing Box Needs**

**Peanut butter**, cereal, instant oatmeal, **granola bars**, pasta sauce, canned fruit, dry infant formula, boxed milk, tea/coffee, pancake supplies, microwave meals, shampoo/conditioner, feminine care products, deodorant, tooth care, hand soap.

## **Living Last Supper**

The apostles will be meeting for the next two weeks preparing to present their individual stories about the death of Jesus to the congregation on Good Friday, April 3 at 7:00 pm. There'll be beautiful music, communion, and many questions offered and answered. Was Peter truly sorry after abandoning Christ? Was Judas really a villain or just a frightened weakling? AND perhaps Mary Magdelene, not considered an apostle, was really the most loyal of all? Come...and think.

**IT'S NOT TOO LATE!!!**...To be included in the upcoming photo directory.

You can send your photo to: [gsglenvilleoffice@gmail.com](mailto:gsglenvilleoffice@gmail.com)

Please include name(s) of all in photo. Photos accepted until March 25th.

Any questions please contact Marge Smith at: [margsmith396@gmail.com](mailto:margsmith396@gmail.com).

Thanks Good Shepherd family for participating in this great project!!!

*Today's altar flowers were donated  
by the Duncan Family in celebration of Alyssa's birthday  
and by Ray and Marge Smith in loving memory of Nicholas O'Rourke.*

**GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
 2/20, 2/27, 3/6 **FRIDAY FISH FRY** 3/13, 3/20, 3/27  
 5p-7p\*  
\*or until sold out  
**Haddock, Fries or Salt Potatoes, Cole Slaw, Dessert**  
**\$18**  
\$10 kids 12 & under  
**Dine In Reservations Requested**  
**Drive-Thru Pre-Orders Recommended**  
 Pre-Orders/Reservations Taken Until 12pm Each Friday by calling:  
**518.389.8522**  
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# Contemplative Prayer

Saturday, March 21st  
 10am - at the church  
 Everyone is welcome.  
 Give it a try for personal meditation and for searching for a deeper, more personal relationship with our God.



## Women's Whimsical Wednesday

March 25<sup>th</sup> @ 12pm  
 Ravenswood  
 1021 Rt 146, Clifton Park

Call Linda VanSchaick at 518-858-2063 by Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> to reserve a seat at the table



## First Communion Workshop

March 28th  
 9am - 2:30pm

3rd graders attend with a parent  
(or older students who have missed the opportunity in the past)

Please contact Pastor Deron (518 399 4540) or [gsglennvillepastor@gmail.com](mailto:gsglennvillepastor@gmail.com) if you would like to register

Students will receive their First Holy Communion on Thursday, April 2nd at 7pm



# LENT COLLECTION

Collecting items not covered by Food Stamps for the Blessing Box

toilet paper, paper towels, napkins, tissues  
 garbage bags, ziplock bags, foil, cleaning supplies,  
 laundry detergent, dish detergent, glass cleaner  
 all purpose cleaner, clorox, sponges, bathroom cleaner  
 shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, lotion, lip balm  
 soap, tooth paste, tooth brushes  
 diapers, wipes, baby soap,  
 womens hygiene products




## Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, 7 - 8 pm

PIZZA WORKS 720 SARATOGA RD. BURNT HILLS

Guys are invited to this casual bible event discussion over your favorite beer or soft drink.



A wooden cross stands on a hill against a dramatic sunset sky with orange, yellow, and purple hues. The sun is partially obscured by the cross, creating a bright glow.

*Good Shepherd Lutheran Church*  
*Holy Week Worship Services*

**Palm Sunday 3/29 @ 9:30am**

**Maundy Thursday 4/2 @ 7pm**

**Good Friday 4/3 @ 7pm**

**Easter Sunday 4/5  
@ 8:30 & 10:45am**

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