



# The Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 15, 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: "Be Thou My Vision"



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;  
3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,  
4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:  
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.  
thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:  
may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought both by day and by night,  
Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,  
thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,  
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



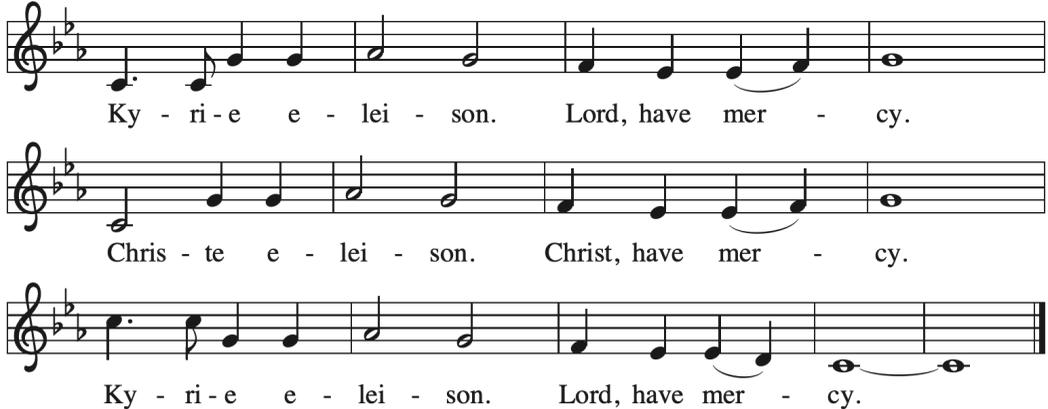
wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.  
great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.  
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

## 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

Bend your ear to our prayers, Lord Christ, and come among us.

**By your gracious life and death for us, bring light into the darkness of our hearts, and anoint us with your Spirit, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## *WORD*

### **First Reading**

1 Samuel 16:1-13

<sup>1</sup> The LORD said to Samuel, “How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.” <sup>2</sup> Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.” And the LORD said, “Take a heifer with you and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.’” <sup>3</sup> Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do, and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.” <sup>4</sup> Samuel did what the LORD commanded and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling and said, “Do you come peaceably?” <sup>5</sup> He said, “Peaceably. I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.” And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

<sup>6</sup> When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, “Surely his anointed is now before the LORD.” <sup>7</sup> But the LORD said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him, for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart.” <sup>8</sup> Then Jesse called Abinadab and made him pass before Samuel. He said, “Neither has the LORD chosen this one.” <sup>9</sup> Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, “Neither has the LORD chosen this one.” <sup>10</sup> Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, “The LORD has not chosen any of these.” <sup>11</sup> Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?” And he said, “There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and bring him, for we will not sit down until he comes here.” <sup>12</sup> He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was handsome. The LORD said, “Rise and anoint him, for this is the one.” <sup>13</sup> Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Second Reading

Ephesians 5:8-14

<sup>8</sup> Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Walk as children of light, <sup>9</sup> for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. <sup>10</sup> Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. <sup>11</sup> Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness; rather, expose them. <sup>12</sup> For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly, <sup>13</sup> but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, <sup>14</sup> for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

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## Children's Time

### Lenten Acclamation



Noth-ing in all cre - a - tion can sep-a-rate us from the love of God.



Noth-ing in all cre - a - tion can sep-a-rate us from the love of God.

## Holy Gospel

The Holy Gospel according to John, the 9th chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him,

**"Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?"**

Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask,

**"Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?"**

Some were saying,

**"It is he."**

Others were saying,

**"No, but it is someone like him."**

He kept saying, "I am the man." But they kept asking him,

**"Then how were your eyes opened?" *Man born blind***

"The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight."

**"Where is he?"**

"I do not know." They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see."

Some of the Pharisees said,

**"This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath."**

But others said,

**"How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?"**

And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man,

**"What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened."**

"He is a prophet." The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them,

**"Is this your son, who you say was born blind?"**

### **How then does he now see?"**

His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him." So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him,

**"Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner."**

"I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see."

**"What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?"**

"I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" Then they reviled him, saying,

**"You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from."**

"Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing."

**"You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?"**

And they drove him out. Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him. Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind." Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him,

**"Surely we are not blind, are we?"**

"If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains."

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

## Sermon

### Hymn:

### “Jesus, Refuge of the Weary”



1 Je - sus, ref - uge of the wea - ry, blest re - deem - er, whom we love,  
2 Do we pass that cross un - heed - ing, breath - ing no re - pen - tant vow,  
3 Je - sus, may our hearts be burn - ing with more fer - vent love for you;



foun - tain in life's des - ert drea - ry, Sav - ior from the world a - bove:  
though we see you wound - ed, bleed - ing, see your thorn - en - cir - cled brow?  
may our eyes be ev - er turn - ing to be - hold your cross a - new;



of - ten have your eyes, of - fend - ed, gazed up - on the sin - ner's fall;  
Yet your sin - less death has brought us life e - ter - nal, peace, and rest;  
till in glo - ry, part - ed nev - er from the bless - ed Sav - ior's side,



yet up - on the cross ex - tend - ed, you have borne the pain of all.  
on - ly what your grace has taught us calms the sin - ner's deep dis - tress.  
grav - en in our hearts for - ev - er, dwell the cross, the Cru - ci - fied.

## **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**

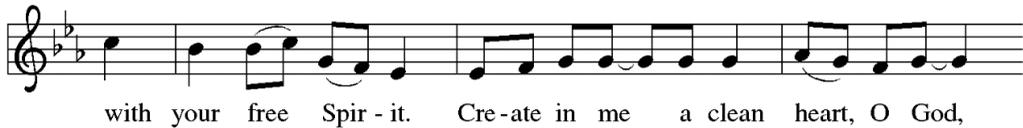
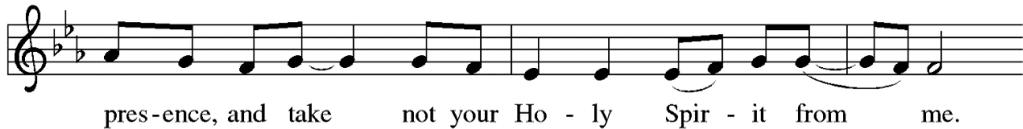
## **Prayers of the People**

**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.**

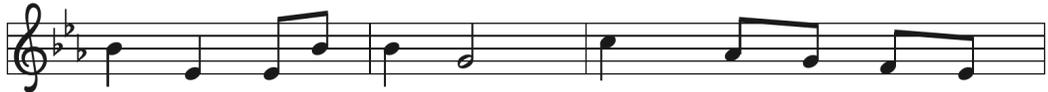
Lift up your hearts.

**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

“Open The Eyes Of My Heart”

### **Chorus**

*Open the eyes of my heart Lord  
Open the eyes of my heart  
I want to see You  
I want to see You (repeat)*

To see You high and lifted up  
Shining in the light of Your glory  
Pour out Your power and love  
As we sing holy holy holy **Chorus 2x**

Holy holy holy, holy holy holy  
Holy holy holy, I want to see You

Holy holy holy, holy holy holy  
Holy holy holy, I want to see You

Holy holy holy, holy holy holy  
Holy holy holy, I want to see You.

## ***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:** "Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)"

Amazing grace how sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me  
I once was lost but now I'm found  
Was blind but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear  
And grace my fears relieved  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed

***Chorus***

***My chains are gone I've been set free  
My God my Savior has ransomed me  
And like a flood His mercy rains  
Unending love amazing grace***

*The Lord has promised good to me  
His word my hope secures  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures **Chorus 2x***

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow  
The sun forbear to shine  
But God who called me here below  
Will be forever mine  
Will be forever mine  
You are forever mine.

**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**, rice, pasta, **granola bars**, pasta sauce, **canned fruit**, baby supplies/infant formula, boxed milk, coffee, pancake supplies, microwave meals, shampoo/conditioner, feminine care products, hand soap, dish soap.

### **Living Last Supper**

The apostles will be meeting for the next four 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!!!

### **Computer Recycling**

Elfun Computer Rehab is in need of any working and non-working laptops, desktop computers, servers, tablets, printers, speakers, and cell phones. They also accept flat screen monitors larger than 17". The Elfuns **cannot** accept CRT (big old monitors), TVs or flat screen TVs. That which is not refurbished will be recycled responsibly.

**COLLECTING ONE DAY ONLY, Sunday March 22<sup>nd</sup>  
in the Good Shepherd parking lot 8:30am to noon.**

*Today's altar flowers were donated by the Bruette Family  
in celebration of Lucas and Annabelle's birthdays.*

**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:  
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*Easter Flowers*  
 ORDER LILIES, MUMS OR TULIPS  
 MARCH 1ST THROUGH MARCH 15TH  
 BEFORE OR AFTER THE SERVICE

*Irish Fellowship Breakfast*  
 Join us after the service  
 on Sunday, March 15th



**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  
 gsglenvillepastor@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

## BROS BIBLES & BEER

**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.

*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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