

The Second Sunday in Lent

March 1, 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: "What Wondrous Love Is This"



1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
2 When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when
3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; to
4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and



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I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when I was sink - ing down
God and to the Lamb I will sing; to God and to the Lamb,
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free,



that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread-ful curse for my
be - neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my
who is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will
I'll sing God's love for me, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing



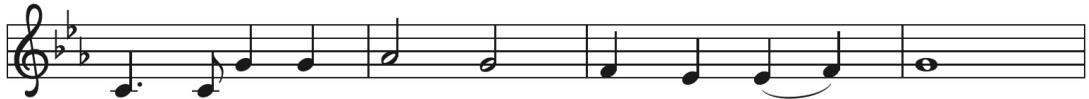
soul, for my soul, to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul?
soul, for my soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul.
sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing.
on, I'll sing on; and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

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

O God, our leader and guide, in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth to live as your children.

Strengthen our faith in your promises, that by your Spirit we may lift up your life to all the world 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.

WORD

First Reading

Genesis 12:1-4a

¹The LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ²I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." ^{4a} So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 121

read responsively

I lift up my eyes to the hills - from where will my help come?

²My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

³He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.

⁴He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

⁵The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand.

⁶The sun shall not strike you by day nor the moon by night.

⁷The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.

⁸The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.

Second Reading

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

¹ What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? ² For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³ For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." ⁴ Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. ⁵ But to one who does not work but trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

¹³ For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴ For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵ For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law, neither is there transgression.

¹⁶ For this reason the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace, so that it may be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (who is the father of all of us, ¹⁷ as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations"), in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

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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.



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Holy Gospel

The Holy Gospel according to John, the 3rd chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him,

"Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God."

Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above."

"How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?"

Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."

"How can these things be?"

"Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

The Gospel of the Lord,

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn: "Beauty For Ashes"

God of the new beginnings	Love met me in the ruins
God of the second chance	Of all my past mistakes
Your grace an endless river	Love walked me to the river
Your love an avalanche	Love broke apart these chains
There in my darkest moment	Love spoke a new tomorrow
All hope burnt to the ground	Opened my eyes to see
That's where Your mercy found me	Love washed away this sadness
That's when Your love came down	Love came and rescued me

Pre-Chorus
You turned my mourning into dancing
You turned my sorrow into praise

Chorus
(Yeah) (Oh)
(You give me)
beauty for ashes beauty for ashes
You give me
beauty for ashes beauty for ashes

Bridge
Oh (I) thank You God
I'm overwhelmed by Your incredible
love
You make ev'rything new
Oh (I) thank You God
For all You've done and yet to do
Oh You make ev'rything new
(REPEAT)

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



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your
pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me.
Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me
with your free Spir - it. Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God,
and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.

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.

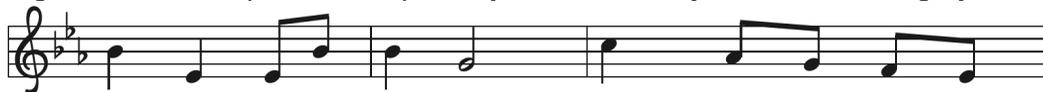
Lift up your hearts.

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

“God Loved the World”



1 God loved the world so that he gave his on - ly
2 Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith, who was made
3 If you are ill, if death draws near, this truth your
4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son for - gives all
5 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly



Son the lost to save, that all who would in
flesh and suf - fered death; all who con - fide in
trou - bled heart can cheer: Christ Je - sus res - cues
sins that you have done, and jus - ti - fied by
Spir - it, Three in One! To you, O bless - ed



him be - lieve should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.
Christ a - lone are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.
us from death; that is the firm - est ground of faith.
Je - sus' blood, your bap - tism grants the high - est good.
Trin - i - ty, be praise now and e - ter - nal - ly!

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: "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"



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.

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, cereal, baby supplies/food, coffee, pancake supplies, microwave meals, deodorant.

Living Last Supper Update

Our casting is near completion, but we can always use a stand-by or two in the event of a needed unexpected substitution. An introductory meeting for participants is set for Sunday, March 1 at 6 pm for anyone interested in knowing more or wanting to offer their talents. Easter music preparations, including the LLS music start on Thursday March 5 at 7:30. The more voices, the greater the jubilant sound. Thinking about joining in? Hop aboard.

*Today's altar flowers were donated by Andy Tomko
in loving memory of his sunshine, Peg Tomko.*

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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Gluten Free
 Dinners Available 547 Saratoga Road
 Glenville 12302

The Eastern New York Chapter, American Guild of Organists presents:
Mozart and the Organ

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church 547 Saratoga Road, Glenville, NY
 Sunday, March 1, 2026 3:00 PM
 Free Admission



Celebrate the 270th anniversary of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's birth! Don't miss this rare opportunity to hear Mozart church sonatas for organ and strings and other organ works by the master.



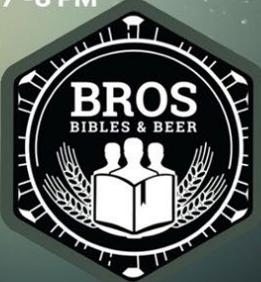
Organists:
 Alfred Fedak Malcom Moran
 Justan Foster Gloria Norton
 Susan Lohnas Brian Taylor
 Shalisha Woelfersheim

String ensemble:
 Ann-Marie Barker Schwartz, violin
 Heather Chan, violin
 André O'Neil, cello

MONDAY, MARCH 2ND, 7 - 8 PM

**BROS, BIBLES
 & BEER EVENT**

**PIZZA WORKS
 720 SARATOGA RD.
 BURNT HILLS**

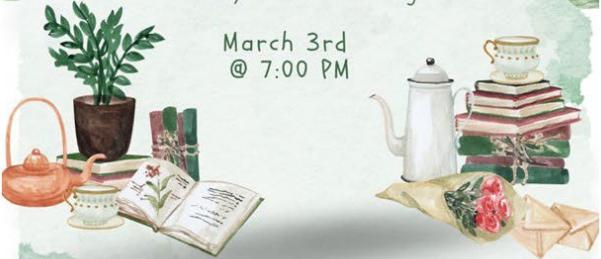


Guys are invited to this casual bible event discussion over your favorite beer or soft drink.

Good Shepherd Book Club

Our next Book Club Gathering will center around the book *Wild Dark Shores* by Charlotte McConaghy. The novel is set on an island near Antarctica and touches the themes of family love and climate change.

March 3rd
 @ 7:00 PM




**Women
 Word
 & Wine**

Next meeting:
 Pizza Works, Burnt Hills
 March 9th , 6 - 8pm

**GOOD SHEPHERD
 HIKING**

Our March hike on Sunday, March 8, will celebrate the return of Daylight Savings Time. We'll meet at the Whipple Bridge on Riverview Road at 1PM to continue exploring the Vischer Ferry Preserve.

Total mileage will be 2.5 to 3 miles.
 If you'd like to join us, please email Karen Wang at kreissigwang@yahoo.com or call/text 518-380-3303.



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




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

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




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