



*...he was lost  
and has been found*



# The Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 30, 2025 @ 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 return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's abiding love.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Compassionate One,

**you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love,  
but our lives do not always reflect you and your love for the world.  
We do not show others the tender compassion  
you have shown to us.**

**We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality  
you grant to all people. We oppress others,  
even though you have set us free again and again.**

**We squander the abundant gifts of the earth.**

**Transform our lives and guide us again in the way of the cross.**

**Amen.**

Beloved in Christ,  
God's arms are always stretched open wide  
to welcome the wandering ones home.

In † Christ your sins are forgiven.

You have a place in God's house forever.

**Amen.**

### **Sharing of the Peace**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

**Gathering Song:** "Come Thou Fount (I Will Sing)"

Come Thou Fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace  
Streams of mercy never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise  
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above  
Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it, mount of Thy redeeming love

Here I raise my Ebenezer, hither by Thy help I come  
And I hope by Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home  
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God  
He to rescue me from danger, interposed His precious blood

***Chorus***

***How Your kindness yet pursues me  
How Your mercy never fails me  
'Til the day that death shall loose me  
I will sing oh I will sing***

Oh to grace how great a debtor, daily I'm constrained to be  
Let Thy goodness like a fetter, bind my wand'ring heart to Thee  
Prone to wander Lord I feel it, prone to leave the God I love  
Here's my heart Lord take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above

***Chorus 2X***

***'Til the day that death shall loose me  
I will sing oh I will sing***

Prone to wander Lord I feel it, prone to leave the God I love  
Here's my heart Lord take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above  
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**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.**

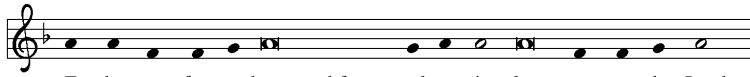
# Kyrie



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



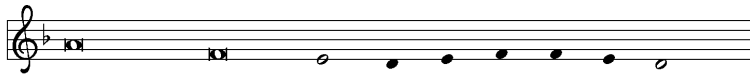
For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - va - tion, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well - being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this ho - ly house, and for all who of - fer here their wor - ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men.

## Prayer of the Day

God of compassion, you welcome the wayward, and you embrace us all with your mercy.

**By our baptism clothe us with garments of your grace, and feed us at the table of your love, 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

Joshua 5:9-12

<sup>9</sup>The LORD said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day. <sup>10</sup>While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. <sup>11</sup>On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. <sup>12</sup>The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 32

*(Read Responsively)*

Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

**<sup>2</sup>Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity  
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

<sup>3</sup>While I kept silent, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long.

**<sup>4</sup>For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;  
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.**

<sup>5</sup>Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity;

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,"  
and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

**<sup>6</sup>Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you;  
at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them.**

<sup>7</sup>You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble;  
you surround me with glad cries of deliverance.

**<sup>8</sup> I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go;  
I will counsel you with my eye upon you.**

<sup>9</sup>Do not be like a horse or a mule, without understanding,  
whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle,  
else it will not stay near you.

**<sup>10</sup>Many are the torments of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds  
those who trust in the Lord.**

<sup>11</sup>Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy,  
all you upright in heart.

## Second Reading

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

<sup>16</sup>From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. <sup>17</sup>So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! <sup>18</sup>All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; <sup>19</sup>that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. <sup>20</sup>So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup>For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Children's Time

### Lenten Acclamation



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.

## **Holy Gospel**

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 15th chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus.] <sup>2</sup> And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." <sup>3</sup> So he told them this parable: <sup>1b</sup> "There was a man who had two sons. <sup>12</sup> The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. <sup>13</sup> A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. <sup>14</sup> When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. <sup>15</sup> So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. <sup>16</sup> He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. <sup>17</sup> But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! <sup>18</sup> I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; <sup>19</sup> I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands."' <sup>20</sup> So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. <sup>21</sup> Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' <sup>22</sup> But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe - the best one - and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. <sup>23</sup> And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; <sup>24</sup> for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate. <sup>25</sup> "Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. <sup>26</sup> He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. <sup>27</sup> He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' <sup>28</sup> Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. <sup>29</sup> But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. <sup>30</sup> But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' <sup>31</sup> Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. <sup>32</sup> But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.' "

The Gospel of the Lord,

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **Sermon**



**Song:** "Your Love Awakens Me"

There were walls between us  
By the cross You came and broke them down  
You broke them down  
And there were chains around us  
By Your grace we are no longer bound  
No longer bound

Pre-Chorus

You called me out of the grave  
You called me into the light  
You called my name and then my heart came alive

**Chorus**

***Your love is greater***

***Your love is stronger***

***Your love awakens awakens awakens me (REPEAT)***

Feel the darkness shaking  
All the dead are coming back to life  
I'm back to life  
Hear the song awaken  
All creation singing we're alive  
'Cause You're alive

Bridge

And what a love we've found  
Death can't hold us down  
We shout it out  
We're alive 'cause You're alive

Ending

Your love awakens me  
Your love is greater  
Your love is stronger  
Your love awakens awakens awakens me

## **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**

**God, in your mercy,  
receive our prayer.**

## **Offering/Ministry Opportunities/Invitation to Communion**



**Scan to donate to Good Shepherd's Ministries**

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

Gracious Provider, you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world.

**As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love, deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*MEAL*


## Celebration of Holy Communion



♩ The Lord be with you. ♪ And al - so with you.



♩ Lift up your hearts. ♪ We lift them to the Lord.

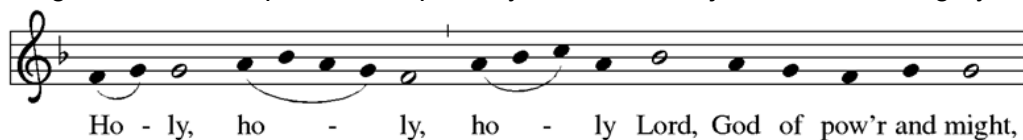


♩ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

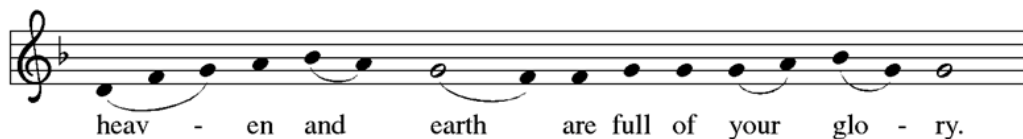


♩ It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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 might,



heav - en 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.

## Blessing at the Table

### Lord's Prayer



Our Fa-ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your name,  
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in  
heav - en. Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.  
For - give us our sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.  
Save us from the time of tri - al and de - liv - er us from e - vil.  
For the king - dom, the pow'r, and the glo - ry are  
yours, now and for - ev - er. A - men

## Distribution of Communion

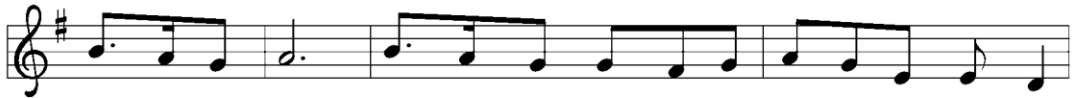
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you  
take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy  
on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace. A - men.

## Song

## “Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling”



1 Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing for  
2 Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing, plead - ing for  
3 Oh, for the won - der - ful love he has prom - ised, prom - ised for



you and for me. See, on the por - tals he's wait - ing and watch - ing,  
you and for me? Why should we lin - ger and heed not his mer - cies,  
you and for me! Though we have sinned, he has mer - cy and par - don,



watch - ing for you and for me.  
mer - cies for you and for me? “Come home, come home!”  
par - don for you and for me.



You who are wea - ry, come home.” Ear - nest - ly, ten - der - ly,



Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing, “O sin - ner, come home!”

## *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

Generous Host, you have shared your feast with us and made us new.

**Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities, that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom, in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our 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**

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## Help Needed

Extra ushers are needed for Easter Sunday. Please let Kurt Andress (carshopr@nycap.rr.com) know if you can help at the 8:30 or 10:45am service.

## Blessing Box

This week we could: cereal, pasta sauce (plastic jars), canned fruit, laundry detergent, baby supplies/formula, boxed milk, tea, pancake mix/syrup, microwave meals, shampoo/conditioner, feminine care, tooth care, deodorant

## March Mission of the Month

The Center for Hope – provides resources to help families and friends cope with the pain/and uncertainty in dealing with a missing person.

After the disappearance of Suzanne Lyall from the SUNY campus, her parents formed the Center for HOPE dedicated to missing persons & their families. Renee Janack graduated with Suzanne & has been a Board member with the organization which has been instrumental in passing a State Law named after Suzanne, hosting an annual international gathering of affected families, politicians and government officials named **NYS Missing Person's Day, April 6**. An eternal flame and memorial stands on a hilltop in Albany where families can remember their loved ones and pray for their return. Monies from the generous Good Shepherd family helped erect it.

We are all welcome to attend Missing Person's Day.

On Saturday, April 12th, Good Shepherd is hosting a **First Communion Workshop** from 9am - 2:30pm. This is open to third graders and any older student that might have missed this opportunity in the past. Please contact Pastor Deron (518-399-4540) or gsglenvillepastor@gmail.com.

## Sunday School

The children are making tulips pots and vases after church on April 6th. They will make one to take home and one for a gift. Social Ministry will distribute the gifts. We will also make Easter bags for the City Mission. Come join the fun!

Black & Blue Thumbs have finished the Nursery, Thank you for all your hard work! Sunday School Staff invites you to see the new room and donate gently used toys like blocks and cars. No battery operated toys or plushies, please.

## Good Shepherd Hike

We will be heading out on Sunday April 27 to explore the new Saratoga Plan trails at the Graphite Community Forest which is located on Rt 9. We'll meet at 1PM and will walk on the rolling, well-designed trails for about 3 miles. We'll take a look at the remains of the graphite mining operation that took place there in the early twentieth century and likely spot some spring wildflowers.

If you're not already on the distribution list for this group, please contact kreissigwang@yahoo.com so that you can receive more detailed information.

## Save the Date - 70th Anniversary Weekend

Saturday, May 3rd at 7pm - Musical Celebration

Sunday, May 4th at 11am - Festival Worship (Luncheon to Follow)



# Easter Flowers

\$15 per plant

Easter Flower Signups: Now - April 6th

Tulips, lilies, daffodils and mums

Please see Nancy Woods before or after church service.

All online sales must be in by March 30th



## Good Shepherd Lutheran Church 2025

FRIDAY FISH FRY

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Fridays  
During Lent

3/7, 3/14, 3/21,  
3/28, 4/4, 4/11

5p-7p\* or until sold out

\$16

\$10 kids  
under 12

Haddock, Fries or Salt  
Potatoes, Cole Slaw, Dessert  
Dine In Reservations Requested

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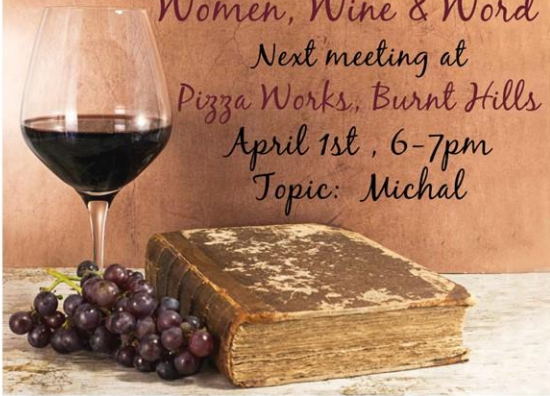
## Women, Wine & Word

Next meeting at

Pizza Works, Burnt Hills

April 1st, 6-7pm

Topic: Michal



Monday, April 7th, 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.

## Lent Personal Care Item Collection

Place items around the altar by April 13th



- Shampoo and Conditioner
- Body Wash/Bar Soap
- Deodorant
- Feminine Products
- Toothbrushes (single or two-pack)
- Paper Towels
- Toothpaste
- Toilet Paper
- Floss
- Hand Soap
- Dish Soap
- Laundry Detergent

*Today's altar flowers were donated by Kurt Andress  
in loving memory of Eric Andress.*



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