



*Sir, let it alone
for one more year...*

The Third Sunday in Lent

March 23, 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: "O Jesus Joy, of Loving Hearts"



1 O Je - sus, joy of lov - ing hearts, the fount of
2 We taste you, ev - er - liv - ing bread, and long to
3 For you our rest - less spir - its yearn, wher - e'er our
4 O Je - sus, ev - er with us stay! Make all our



life, the light of all: from ev - 'ry bliss that earth im -
feast up - on you still; we drink of you, the foun - tain -
chang - ing lot is cast; glad, when your smile on us you
mo - ments fair and bright! Oh, chase the night of sin a -



parts we turn, un - filled, to hear your call.
head; our thirst - ing souls from you we fill.
turn, blest, when by faith we hold you fast.
way! Shed o'er the world your ho - ly light.

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.

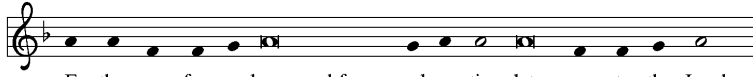
Kyrie



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.



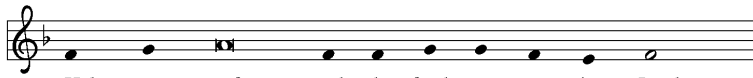
For this ho - ly house, and for all who of - fer here their wor - ship and praise,



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

Eternal God, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son.

Help us to hear your word and obey it, and bring your saving love to fruition in our lives, 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

Isaiah 55:1-9

¹ Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. ² Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. ³ Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. ⁴ See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. ⁵ See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. ⁶ Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; ⁷ let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. ⁸ For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. ⁹ For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

¹ I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, ² and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³ and all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴ and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. ⁵ Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness. ⁶ Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. ⁷ Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." ⁸ We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. ⁹ We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. ¹⁰ And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. ¹¹ These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. ¹² So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. ¹³ No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

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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 13th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices.²[Jesus] asked them, “Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans?”³No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. ⁴Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? ⁵No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.” ⁶Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. ⁷So he said to the gardener, ‘See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?’ ⁸He replied, ‘Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. ⁹If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’”

The Gospel of the Lord,

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Song:

“Better Is One Day”

How lovely is Your dwelling place
O Lord almighty
For my soul longs and even faints for You
For here my heart is satisfied
Within Your presence
I sing beneath the shadow of Your wings

Chorus

***Better is one day in Your courts
Better is one day in Your house
Better is one day in Your courts
Than thousands elsewhere
(Than thousands elsewhere)***

One thing I ask and I would seek
To see Your beauty
To find You in the place
Your glory dwells (REPEAT)

Bridge 1

My heart and flesh cry out
For You the living God
Your Spirit's water to my soul
I've tasted and I've seen
Come once again to me
I will draw near to You
I will draw near to You to You

Bridge 2

Better is one day better is one day
Better is one day than thousands elsewhere
Better is one day better is one day
Better is one day than thousands elsewhere

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



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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

“Beautiful Things”

All this pain
I wonder if I'll ever find my way
I wonder if my life could really change
At all

All this earth
Could all that is lost ever be found
Could a garden come up from this ground
At all

Chorus

You make beautiful things

You make beautiful things out of the dust

You make beautiful things

You make beautiful things out of us

All around
Hope is springing up from this old ground
Out of chaos life is being found
In You ***Chorus 2X***

You make me new You are making me new
You make me new You are making me new ***Chorus 2X***

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: "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"



1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee;
2 Not the la - bors of my hands can ful - fill thy law's de - mands;
3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring; sim - ply to thy cross I cling.
4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when mine eye - lids close in death,



let the wa - ter and the blood, from thy riv - en side which flowed,
could my zeal no res - pite know, could my tears for - ev - er flow,
Na - ked, come to thee for dress; help - less, look to thee for grace;
when I soar to worlds un - known, see thee on thy judg - ment throne,



be of sin the dou - ble cure; cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.
all for sin could not a - tone; thou must save, and thou a - lone.
foul, I to the foun - tain fly; wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.
Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.

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

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.

Thursdays in Lent

Join us Thursdays in Lent for a series on some key Bible stories from the Gospel of John. A simpler liturgy will surround this study along with some favorite Lenten Hymns.

On Saturday, April 12th, Good Shepherd is hosting a **First Communion Workshop** from 9 am - 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 if you would like to register.

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.

Thanks again to Black & Blue!

Good Shepherd Book Club

Our next discussion will be on March 25th at 7pm.

March: A Novel by Geraldine Brooks

Save the Date - 70th Anniversary Weekend

Saturday, May 3rd at 7pm - Musical Celebration

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



Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
Holy Week Worship Services

Palm Sunday 4/13 @ 9:30am
Maundy Thursday 4/17
@ 7:00pm
Good Friday 4/18 @ 7:00pm
Easter Sunday 4/20
@ 8:30 & 10:45am

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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

Drive Thru Pre-Orders Recommended

Gluten Free
Dinners Available

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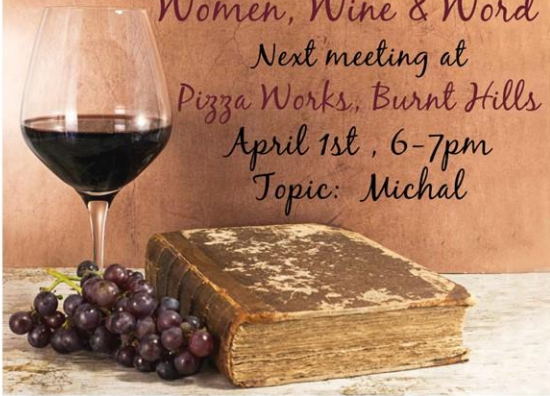
Women, Wine & Word

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 Cathi Duncan
in celebration of Alyssa Duncan's birthday.*



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