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# The Second Sunday in Lent

March 16, 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: "God of Grace and God of Glory"



1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple  
2 Lo! The hosts of e - vil round us scorn the Christ, as -  
3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to  
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils



pour your pow'r; crown your an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;  
sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us  
your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,  
we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion



bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age  
free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age  
rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,



for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.  
for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.  
lest we miss your king - dom's goal, lest we miss your king - dom's goal.  
serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

## 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.**

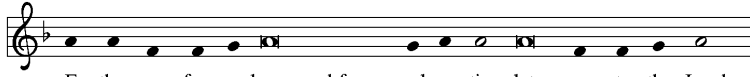
# Kyrie



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 the covenant, in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world.

**Gather all peoples into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share in 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 15:1-12, 17-18

<sup>1</sup> After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." <sup>2</sup> But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" <sup>3</sup> And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." <sup>4</sup> But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." <sup>5</sup> He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." <sup>6</sup> And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness. <sup>7</sup> Then he said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." <sup>8</sup> But he said, "O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" <sup>9</sup> He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." <sup>10</sup> He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. <sup>11</sup> And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. <sup>12</sup> As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. <sup>17</sup> When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. <sup>18</sup> On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates."

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Second Reading

Philippians 3:17- 4:1

<sup>17</sup> Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. <sup>18</sup> For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. <sup>19</sup> Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. <sup>20</sup> But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>21</sup> He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. <sup>4:1</sup> Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

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 13th chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>31</sup> At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to [Jesus,] “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.” <sup>32</sup> He said to them, “Go and tell that fox for me, ‘Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. <sup>33</sup> Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.’ <sup>34</sup> Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! <sup>35</sup> See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, ‘Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.’”

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

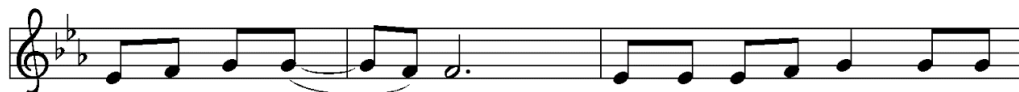
God, in your mercy,  
receive our prayer.

### *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,



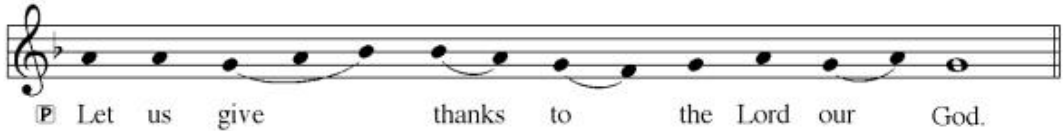
and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.

#### Offering Prayer

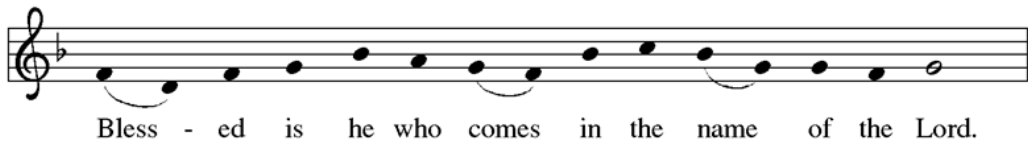
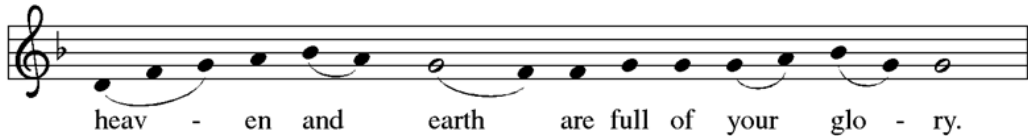
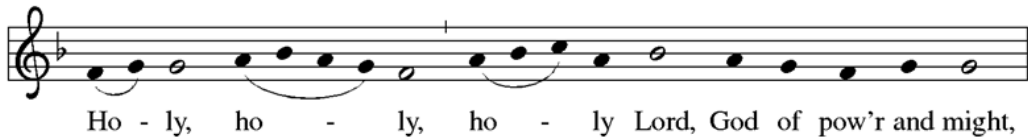
Gracious Provider, you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world.

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

## Celebration of Holy Communion

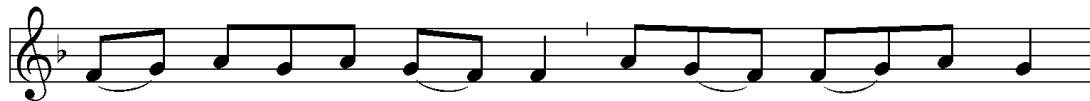


It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



## 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-against 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.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Distribution of Communion'. It consists of five staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is written on a treble clef staff. The lyrics are printed below the notes. The first staff begins with 'Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the'. The second staff continues with 'world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you'. The third staff continues with 'take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy'. The fourth staff continues with 'on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the'. The fifth and final staff concludes with 'sin of the world; grant us peace. A - men.' The music features various note values including quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, with many notes beamed together and some phrases marked with slurs.

## Song

## “Thy Holy Wings”



1 Thy ho - ly wings, O Sav - ior, spread gent - ly o - ver me,  
2 Oh, let me nes - tle near thee, with - in thy down - y breast  
3 Oh, wash me in the wa - ters of No - ah's cleans - ing flood.



and let me rest se - cure - ly through good and ill in thee.  
where I will find sweet com - fort and peace with - in thy nest.  
Give me a will - ing spir - it, a heart both clean and good.



Oh, be my strength and por - tion, my rock and hid - ing place,  
Oh, close thy wings a - round me and keep me safe - ly there,  
Oh, take in - to thy keep - ing thy chil - dren great and small,



and let my ev - 'ry mo - ment be lived with - in thy grace.  
for I am but a new - born and need thy ten - der care.  
and while we sweet - ly slum - ber, en - fold us one and all.

## *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: "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"



1 My hope is built on noth - ing less than  
2 When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I  
3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sus -  
4 When he shall come with trum - pet sound, oh,



Je - sus' blood and righ - teous - ness; no mer - it of my  
rest on his un - chang - ing grace; in ev - 'ry high and  
tain me in the rag - ing flood; when all sup - ports are  
may I then in him be found, clothed in his righ - teous -



own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.  
storm - y gale my an - chor holds with - in the veil.  
washed a - way, he then is all my hope and stay.  
ness a - lone, re - deemed to stand be - fore the throne!

#### *Refrain*



On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

## 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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## **Annual St. Patrick's Day Breakfast**

Join us following the service TODAY  
for delicious food & fellowship.

## **Youth Art Sale**

The youth group is sponsoring a sale TODAY. We have numerous candid photo prints . Everything must go!

Check it out in the Meeting Room across from the kitchen.

## **Blessing Box**

This week we could: peanut butter/jelly, rice, crackers, condiments, laundry detergent, baby supplies/formula, coffee, sugar, dried fruit, shampoo/conditioner, toilet paper, feminine care products, dish soap.

## **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.



Our next **Contemplative Prayer Group** will be meeting on Saturday, March 22nd from 10-11am at the church. Everyone is welcome, regardless of whether you have participated in the past or not. Give it a try for personal meditation and for searching for a deeper, more personal relationship with our God.

### **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](mailto:gsglenvillepastor@gmail.com) if you would like to register.

### **Sunday School**

Reminder, you don't need to be a Sunday School participant to join our monthly activities. All are welcome!

Upcoming Activities: April 6 - Tulip Pots

### **Good Shepherd Hiking Group**

TODAY at 1 PM - the Dwaaskill Preserve (Pierce Road in Clifton Park) We'll hike about 2.5 miles on the rolling trails of this lovely preserve to two vantage points which overlook wetlands. If you'd like to come along, please let us know by emailing [kreissigwang@yahoo.com](mailto:kreissigwang@yahoo.com) or by calling 518-380-3303.

### **Good Shepherd Book Club**

Our next discussion will be on March 25<sup>th</sup> 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 2025



**Fridays**  
**During Lent**  
**3/7, 3/14, 3/21,**  
**3/28, 4/4, 4/11**  
**5p-7p\*** or until sold out


**FRIDAY FISH FRY** **\$16**  
**\$10 kids**  
**under 12**

**Haddock, Fries or Salt**  
**Potatoes, Cole Slaw, Dessert**  
**Dine In Reservations Requested**  
**Drive Thru Pre-Orders Recommended**

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**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

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



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