





# The First Sunday in Lent

March 9, 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.

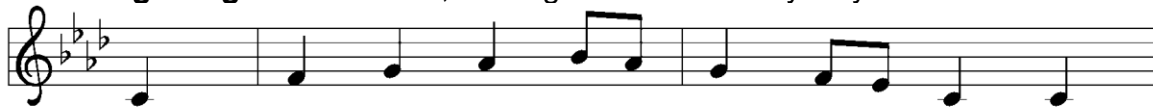
**Amen.**

### **Sharing of the Peace**

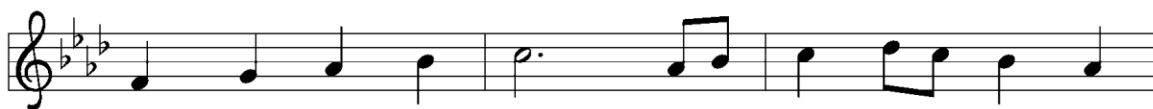
The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

**Gathering Song:** "O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days"



1 O Lord, through - out these for - ty days you  
2 You strove with Sa - tan, and you won; your  
3 Though parched and hun - gry, yet you prayed and  
4 Be with us through this sea - son, Lord, and



prayed and kept the fast; in - spire re - pen - tance  
faith - ful - ness en - dured; lend us your nerve, your  
fixed your mind a - bove; so teach us to de -  
all our earth - ly days, that when the fi - nal



for our sin, and free us from our past.  
skill and trust in God's e - ter - nal word.  
ny our - selves that we may know God's love.  
Eas - ter dawns, we join in heav - en's praise.

**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.**

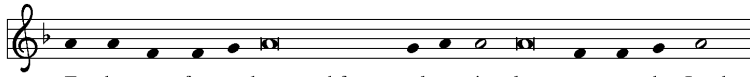
# Kyrie



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

O Lord God, you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land.

**Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life you alone can give, 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

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

<sup>1</sup> When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, <sup>2</sup> you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. <sup>3</sup> You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us." <sup>4</sup> When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, <sup>5</sup> you shall make this response before the LORD your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. <sup>6</sup> When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, <sup>7</sup> we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. <sup>8</sup> The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; <sup>9</sup> and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. <sup>10</sup> So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me." You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. <sup>11</sup> Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Second Reading

Romans 10:8b-13

<sup>8b</sup> “The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); <sup>9</sup> because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup> For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. <sup>11</sup> The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” <sup>12</sup> For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. <sup>13</sup> For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

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 4th chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, <sup>2</sup> where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. <sup>3</sup> The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.” <sup>4</sup> Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone.’” <sup>5</sup> Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. <sup>6</sup> And the devil said to him, “To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please.

<sup>7</sup> If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” <sup>8</sup> Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’” <sup>9</sup> Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, <sup>10</sup> for it is written, ‘He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,’ <sup>11</sup> and ‘On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’” <sup>12</sup> Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” <sup>13</sup> When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

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

### Sermon

### Hymn:

### “When We Are Tested”



1 When we are test - ed and wres - tle a - lone,  
 2 When in the des - ert we cry for re - lief,  
 3 When we are tempt - ed to bar - ter our souls,  
 4 When we have strug - gled and searched through the night,



fam - ished for bread when the world of - fers stone,  
 plead - ing for paths marked by cer - tain be - lief,  
 trad - ing the truth for the pow'r to con - trol,  
 sort - ing and sift - ing the wrong from the right,



nour - ish us, God, by your word and your way,  
 lift us to love you be - yond sign and test,  
 teach us to wor - ship and praise on - ly you,  
 Sav - ior, sur - round us with cir - cles of care,



food that sus - tains us by night and by day.  
 trust - ing your pres - ence, our on - ly true rest.  
 seek - ing your will in the work that we do.  
 an - gels of heal - ing, of hope, and of prayer.



### **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



**P** The Lord be with you. **G** And al - so with you.



**P** Lift up your hearts. **G** We lift them to the Lord.




**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

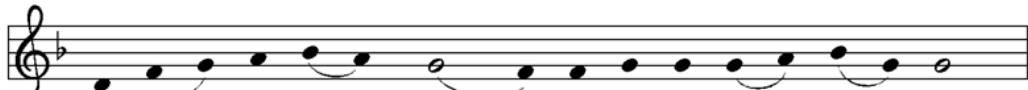


**G** It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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.



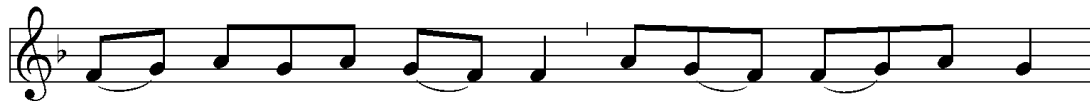
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.



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-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 minor (one flat) and 3/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The melody is simple and repetitive, with a focus on the central phrase 'Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world'. The score ends with a double bar line.

## Song

### “Lord I Need You”

Lord I come I confess, bowing here I find my rest  
And without You I fall apart  
You're the one that guides my heart

#### **Chorus**

*Lord I need You oh I need You, ev'ry hour I need You  
My one defense my righteousness, oh God how I need You*

Where sin runs deep Your grace is more  
Where grace is found is where You are  
And where You are Lord I am free, holiness is Christ in me  
Where You are Lord I am free, holiness is Christ in me **Chorus**

So teach my song to rise to You  
When temptation comes my way  
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You  
Jesus You're my hope and stay  
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You  
Jesus You're my hope and stay **Chorus 2x**

My one defense my righteousness  
Oh God how I need 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**

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:** "Blessed Be Your Name"

Blessed be Your name, in the land that is plentiful  
Where Your streams of abundance flow  
Blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name, when I'm found in the desert place  
Though I walk through the wilderness  
Blessed be Your name

Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise  
When the darkness closes in Lord still I will say

### ***Chorus***

***Blessed be the name of the Lord***

***Blessed be Your name***

***Blessed be the name of the Lord***

***Blessed be Your glorious name***

Blessed be Your name, when the sun's shining down on me  
When the world's all as it should be  
Blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name, on the road marked with suffering  
Though there's pain in the offering  
Blessed be Your name

Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise  
When the darkness closes in Lord still I will say

### ***Chorus***

You give and take away, You give and take away  
My heart will choose to say Lord blessed be Your name.

### ***Chorus***

## 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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## 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.



### **Youth Art Sale**

The youth group is sponsoring a sale on Sunday, March 16th. We have numerous candid photo prints . Everything must go! Check it out in the Meeting Room across from the kitchen.



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

Join us following the service on March 16th for delicious food & fellowship.

### **Sunday School**

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

Upcoming Activities: March 9 - Lenten Pretzels, April 6 - Tulip Pots

### **Good Shepherd Hiking Group**

Sunday March 16 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 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**  
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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 Larry Cusma  
in loving memory of Mary Lou Cusma.*



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