

Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested by the devil

*H. P. ...*



# The First Sunday in Lent

February 22, 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: "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -  
2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -  
3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat - 'ning to de -  
4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who



to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and  
ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom  
vour us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they  
fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with



wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe  
God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?  
can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;  
weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,



has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might  
The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,  
in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;  
goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,



he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.  
God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.  
God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.  
they can - not win the day. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

## 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

Lord God, our strength, the struggle between good and evil rages within and around us, and the devil and all the forces that defy you tempt us with empty promises.

**Keep us steadfast in your word, and when we fall, raise us again and restore us 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 2:15-17; 3:1-7

<sup>15</sup> The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. <sup>16</sup> And the LORD God commanded the man, “You may freely eat of every tree of the garden, <sup>17</sup> but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.” <sup>3:1</sup> Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God say, ‘You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?’”



<sup>2</sup> The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, <sup>3</sup> but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.’” <sup>4</sup> But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not die, <sup>5</sup> for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” <sup>6</sup> So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food and that it was a delight to the eyes and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. <sup>7</sup> Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked, and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Second Reading

Romans 5:12-19

<sup>12</sup> Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned <sup>13</sup> for sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. <sup>14</sup> Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who did not sin in the likeness of Adam, who is a pattern of the one who was to come. <sup>15</sup> But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man’s trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. <sup>16</sup> And the gift is not like the effect of the one man’s sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the gift following many trespasses brings justification. <sup>17</sup> If, because of the one man’s trespass, death reigned through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup> Therefore just as one man’s trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man’s act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. <sup>19</sup> For just as through the one man’s disobedience the many were made sinners, so through the one man’s obedience the many will be made righteous.

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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 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: "Guide My Feet"



1 Guide my feet  
2 Hold my hand  
3 Stand by me while I run this race.  
4 I'm your child  
5 Search my heart



Guide my feet  
Hold my hand  
Stand by me while I run this race.  
I'm your child  
Search my heart



Guide my feet  
Hold my hand  
Stand by me while I run this race,  
I'm your child  
Search my heart



for I don't want to run this race in vain.

## **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



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## 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.**

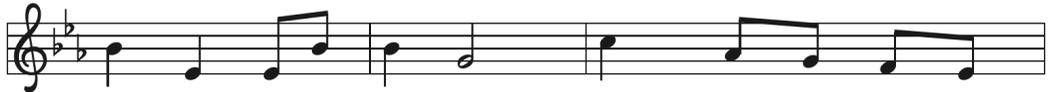
Lift up your hearts.

**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

### “Jesus Messiah”

He became sin who knew no sin  
That we might become His righteousness  
He humbled Himself and carried the cross  
Love so amazing love so amazing

#### **Chorus**

***Jesus Messiah Name above all names  
Blessed Redeemer Emmanuel  
The Rescue for sinners  
The Ransom from heaven  
Jesus Messiah Lord of all***

His body the bread His blood the wine  
Broken and poured out all for love  
The whole earth trembled and the veil was torn  
Love so amazing love so amazing

#### Bridge

All our hope is in You  
All our hope is in You  
All the glory to You God  
The Light of the world

#### Ending

Jesus Messiah  
Lord of all  
The Lord of all  
The Lord of 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

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.

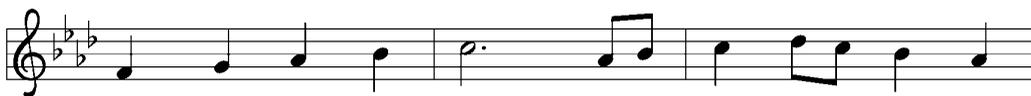
**Through the body and blood of your Son, may we become Christ's body in the world, bearing witness to your love for all creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## Blessing

### Sending Song: "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.

## 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**

## February Mission of the Month

Kids in Action – Supports Good Shepherd youth service projects throughout the calendar year and may continually change each year.

### Blessing Box (running low on items in bold)

**Peanut butter**, pasta, crackers, baby supplies/food, coffee, **toilet paper**, paper towels, hair products, **feminine products**, **tooth care**, deodorant, soap

### 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.



**Lenten Collection** - Items not Covered by Food Stamps.  
February 22nd - Palm Sunday. Please place items around the Altar.

*Today's altar flowers were donated by Jeff Breedon, Renee Janack, Amber Cook & Paige Cook in loving memory of Robert Janack.*

*Whimsical  
Wednesday*  
**WOMEN'S LUNCHEON**

February 25<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 p.m.  
Grecian Gardens, 1612 US 9, Clifton Park, NY  
Call Linda VanSchaick at 518-858-2063  
by Tuesday, February 24<sup>th</sup> to reserve a seat at the table

**CONTEMPLATIVE**  
*Prayer*

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH**  
**10AM - AT THE CHURCH**  
EVERYONE IS WELCOME.  
GIVE IT A TRY FOR PERSONAL  
MEDITATION AND FOR SEARCHING FOR  
A DEEPER, MORE PERSONAL  
RELATIONSHIP WITH OUR GOD.

**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

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