

**Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
March 3, 2024
Third Sunday of Lent**

Prelude Susan Berg, Piano

Announcements

Opening Hymn "Crown Him with Many Crowns" (verses 1, 3, 5)
Song Leaders and Congregation

1.
Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;
hark, how the heav'nly anthems drown all music but its own.
Awake my soul and sing of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless king through all eternity.

3.
Crown him the Lord of love – behold his hands and side,
rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified.
No angels in the sky can fully bear that sight,
but downward bend their burning eyes at mysteries so bright.

5.
Crown him the Lord of years, the potentate of time,
creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail! for thou hast died for me;
thy praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity.

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, +one God, who writes the law on our hearts, who
draws all people together through Jesus.

Amen.

Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one
another.

Silence is kept for reflection

Holy God,

we confess that we are caught in snares of sin and cannot break free.

We hoard resources while our neighbors are hungry and cold.

We speak in ways that silence others.

We are silent when we should speak up.

We keep score in our hearts.

**We let hurts grow into hatred.
For all these things and for sins only you know, forgive us, Lord.
Amen.**

Here is a flood of grace:
Out of love for the whole world.
God draws near to us, breaks every snare of sin, washes away our wrongs, and restores the promise of life through +Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Prayer of the Day

P: We pray together ...

C: Holy God, through your Son you have called us to live faithfully and act courageously. Keep us steadfast in your covenant of grace, and teach us the wisdom that comes only through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Exodus 20:1-17

New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition

The Ten Commandments

20 Then God spoke all these words,

² "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; ³ you shall have no other gods before^[a] me.

⁴ "You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above or that is on the earth beneath or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵ You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me ⁶ but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation^[b] of those who love me and keep my commandments.

⁷ "You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

⁸ “Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy. ⁹ Six days you shall labor and do all your work. ¹⁰ But the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. ¹¹ For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and consecrated it.

¹² “Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

¹³ “You shall not murder.^[c]

¹⁴ “You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵ “You shall not steal.

¹⁶ “You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

¹⁷ “You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, male or female slave, ox, donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.”

SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

Christ the Power and Wisdom of God

¹⁹ For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

²⁰ Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scholar? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹ For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of the proclamation, to save those who believe. ²² For

Jews ask for signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³ but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to gentiles, ²⁴ but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵ For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

GOSPEL

John 2:13-22

Jesus Cleanses the Temple

¹³ The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴ In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves and the money changers seated at their tables. ¹⁵ Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, with the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶ He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" ¹⁷ His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." ¹⁸ The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" ¹⁹ Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." ²⁰ The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" ²¹ But he was speaking of the temple of his body. ²² After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

Sermon

"RIGHTEOUS INDIGNATION"

Sermon Hymn

"Indescribable"

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From the highest of heights to the depths of the sea Creation's revealing Your
majesty

From the colors of Fall to the fragrance of Spring Every creature unique in the song that it sings – All exclaiming:

Indescribable, uncontainable You placed the stars in the sky and You know them by name

You are amazing God All powerful, untamable Awestruck we fall to our knees as we humbly proclaim You are amazing God

Who has told every lightning bolt where it should go Or seen heavenly storehouses

laden with snow

Who imagined the sun and gives source to its light Yet conceals it to bring us the coolness of night None can fathom

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Prayers of the People

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Father God, thank you for the Ten Commandments. Even though we are convicted by nearly every one of them, Lord, we need to hear them again and again. We are weak and forgetful, and we would rather go our own way, instead of following rules and regulations. But the Ten Commandments are important; blessings accompany us when we keep them, remembering that you gave them in love. ***Lord in your mercy...***

Lord, you are an amazing God! We forget that out of nothing you spoke the universe into existence. You made each of us in your image, but without the knowledge of a living God who loves us more than we can possibly imagine. Our epistle lesson asks the question, "*Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?*" In our digital age, we believe we can duplicate even the human brain, and certainly you've given humankind the ability to do amazing feats. But Saint Paul compares our abilities to that of our Creator, saying "*The foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.*" Thank you, Lord, for your love and wisdom. ***Lord in your mercy...***

We pray for our nation, state and city; our president, governor, mayor and the leaders of the world who are woefully inadequate in solving the problems of our troubled earth. We work within the limits of our capacities, but you invite us to seek after your guidance which is greater than our knowledge or understanding. Show us how to be good stewards of the gifts and talents you have given us. When He was on earth, Jesus dealt with this world through love-speak. He portrayed the infinite wisdom of His Father in Heaven often through parables or lessons shrouded in mystery. ***Lord in your mercy...***

Remember this congregation, its pastor and people, as we share the love of Jesus. Touch those who have asked for prayer with healing, comfort and growth in God's grace. We name those among us who have asked for prayer. And for what else do the people of God pray or praise? ***Lord in your mercy...***

But Jesus also spoke with the authority of the Godhead. He rebuked those who desecrated the temple, demanding that God's house be a place of worship not commerce. Lord, show us how to keep your commandments and follow your leading. In Jesus' mighty name, we pray. ***Amen.*** CAROLYN T. LINN

Special Music

"Lamb of God, What Wondrous Love"
Cheryl Montgomery & John Montgomery, Duet

Scripture Reading: Exodus 20:1-17

To forgive is to set a prisoner free, and discover that the prisoner is you! —Lewis B. Smedes

Jess Walter's book, *The Cold Millions*, was one of 2020's most anticipated books. It told a fictionalized account of the labor and free speech struggles in the early 1900s in Spokane, Washington. The story features two brothers of different temperaments trying to make their dreams come true. Along the way, they meet a young firebrand, only in her early twenties, but who is already turning the world upside down. Elizabeth Gurley Flynn would go on to become a founding member of the ACLU.

In this book, Walters tells the following story.

A preacher, having given a sermon on grace in a small mining town, was approached at the church door by one of the miners. The man was looking distraught. He told the preacher he'd give anything if only he could believe that God really forgives sins.

"I can't believe he'll forgive me if I just turn to him," the miner admitted. "It's too cheap."

"You were working in the mine yesterday, weren't you?" the preacher asked.

"Yes, of course," said the miner.

"And how did you get out of the pit?"

"The way I usually do; I got into the cage and was pulled to the top."

"How much did you pay to come out of the pit?"

"Why, nothing," the miner admitted.

"You weren't afraid to trust yourself to the cage? Was it not too cheap?"

"Oh, no," said the miner. "It was cheap for me, but it cost the company a lot of money to sink that shaft."

As soon as he said it, a change came over the miner's face. He saw the preacher's meaning. Forgiveness is free for us — but it was purchased at a terrible price, a price paid by Jesus on the cross.

—Timothy Merrill

Prayer: Lord, thank you for all of the spiritual blessings I enjoy at no cost to myself. May I be even more grateful as I stand beneath the shadow of the cross to receive them. Amen.

Prayer Concerns

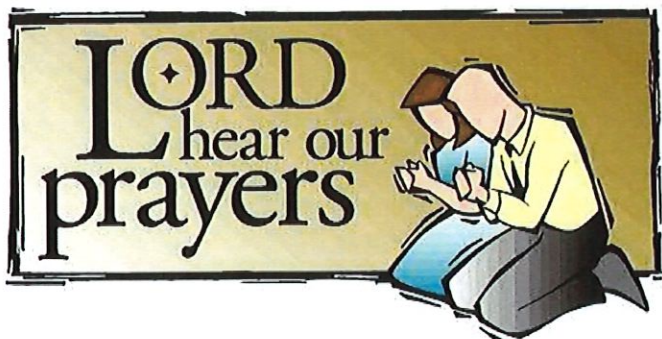


Members in Need of Prayer:

Jennifer Neer
Diane Fake
Sheila Boehringer
JoAnn Huebner
Dee Wright
Jim, Jimmy Sanborn & Stacy
Lairson on the loss of Stacy's
father, Ken.
Yvonne Smith
Mona White
Neil and Verna Walden
Robert Harris
Jackie Miller
Mary Schmidt
Liz Smith
Bill Biggs
Arlene Robbins
Mary Norris & Family
Connie Alvarado
Susan Berg
Irene Pierini
Jocelyn Miller
Kirsten Linder
Jim Thompson

Family and Friends:

Debbie (Sullivan Family Friend)
Owen (Fake)
Josue & Maria Zamora (Visitor)
Jim & Judi (Werfelmann)
Anthony Collichio (Norris)
Mickey Cecil (Norris)
David Torres (Hays)
Jeanne Grant (Anderson)
Dorothy Lee Bruce (Julie)
Monica & Kyle Sedra (Werfelmann)
Jacob, Abbe & Family (Werfelmann)
Kevin & Collee (Pastor)
Brad, Sam, & Luke Kossow
Janet Sharp (Fake)
Karl & Pauline Ritterbush (Fake)
Art & Children (Anderson)
Debbie West's Daughter, Christine
Jennifer Wenzel (Wilk)
Bob Knous (Anderson)
Melissa (Sandy T.)
Joy Kensinger (Miller)
Jenna Vance (Kossow)
Frank and Anita Porco (Vonny)
Jim D. (Norris)
Jade Dixon (Julie)
Pam (Smith)
Grace Johnson (Fake)
Sandy Robbins (Robbins)
JJ Werfelmann (Julie)
Emily & Sawyer Bogart (Anderson)
Roger Robbins (Robbins)
Hudson Otten (Anderson)
Karen Ohanesian (Hays)
Rosemary (Vonny)
Nathan Robbins (Robbins)



The 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,
for ever and ever.
Amen.
Matthew 6:9-13

Blessing

Closing Hymn

"Forever"

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Song Leaders and Congregation

Give thanks to the Lord, Our God and King His love endures forever.
For he is good, He is above all things. His love endures forever.
Sing praise Sing praise
With a mighty hand and outstretched arm His love endures forever.
For the life that's been reborn His love endures forever.
Sing praise Sing praise Sing praise Sing praise
Forever God is faithful, Forever God is strong. Forever God is with us. Forever,
forever.
Forever God is faithful, Forever God is strong. Forever God is with us. Forever,
forever. Forever.
From the rising to the setting sun His love endures forever.
And by the grace of God we will carry on, His love endures forever.
Sing praise Sing praise Sing praise Sing praise
Forever God is faithful, Forever God is strong. Forever God is with us. Forever,
forever.

Forever God is faithful, Forever God is strong. Forever God is with us. Forever, forever. Forever.

Sending

P: Go in peace. Share your bread.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Susan Berg, Piano

Daily Bible Readings

Sunday: Leviticus 1-4
Monday: Leviticus 5-7
Tuesday: Leviticus 8-10
Wednesday: Leviticus 11-13
Thursday: Leviticus 14-16
Friday: Leviticus 17-19
Saturday: Psalms 22-24

Verse to Remember

*Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the
house of the LORD my whole life long. —Psalm 23:6*

1. thumb, hornet, earth _____
2. little, leg, casserole _____
3. rites, straw, word _____
4. hat, elephant, knight _____
5. arrest, plant, fly _____
6. frame, perfect, this _____
7. jacket, fever, journalism _____
8. weight, tiger, mache _____
9. picker, bomb, tomato _____
10. ahead, line, away _____
11. saucer, buttress, squirrel _____
12. association, fall, born _____
13. friend, scout, Friday _____
14. eye, house, blower _____
15. digger, dust, coast _____

ADD a WORD

Directions: Add one word to the beginning of each word in the series to create a phrase. For example, to the words **alert**, **carpet** and **herring**, you could insert the word **red** to create **red alert**, **red carpet** and **red herring**. Write the word that is common to all in the space provided.

MATH SHAPES

Directions: Determine the value of each shape.

$$\bigcirc \times \square = 12$$

$$\square + \square = 8$$

$$\bigcirc + \diamond = 10$$

$$\bigcirc = ? \quad \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

$$\square = ? \quad \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

$$\diamond = ? \quad \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$



Answers:

1. green
2. chicken
3. last
4. white
5. house
6. picture
7. yellow
8. paper
9. cherry
10. straight
11. flying
12. free
13. girl
14. glass
15. gold

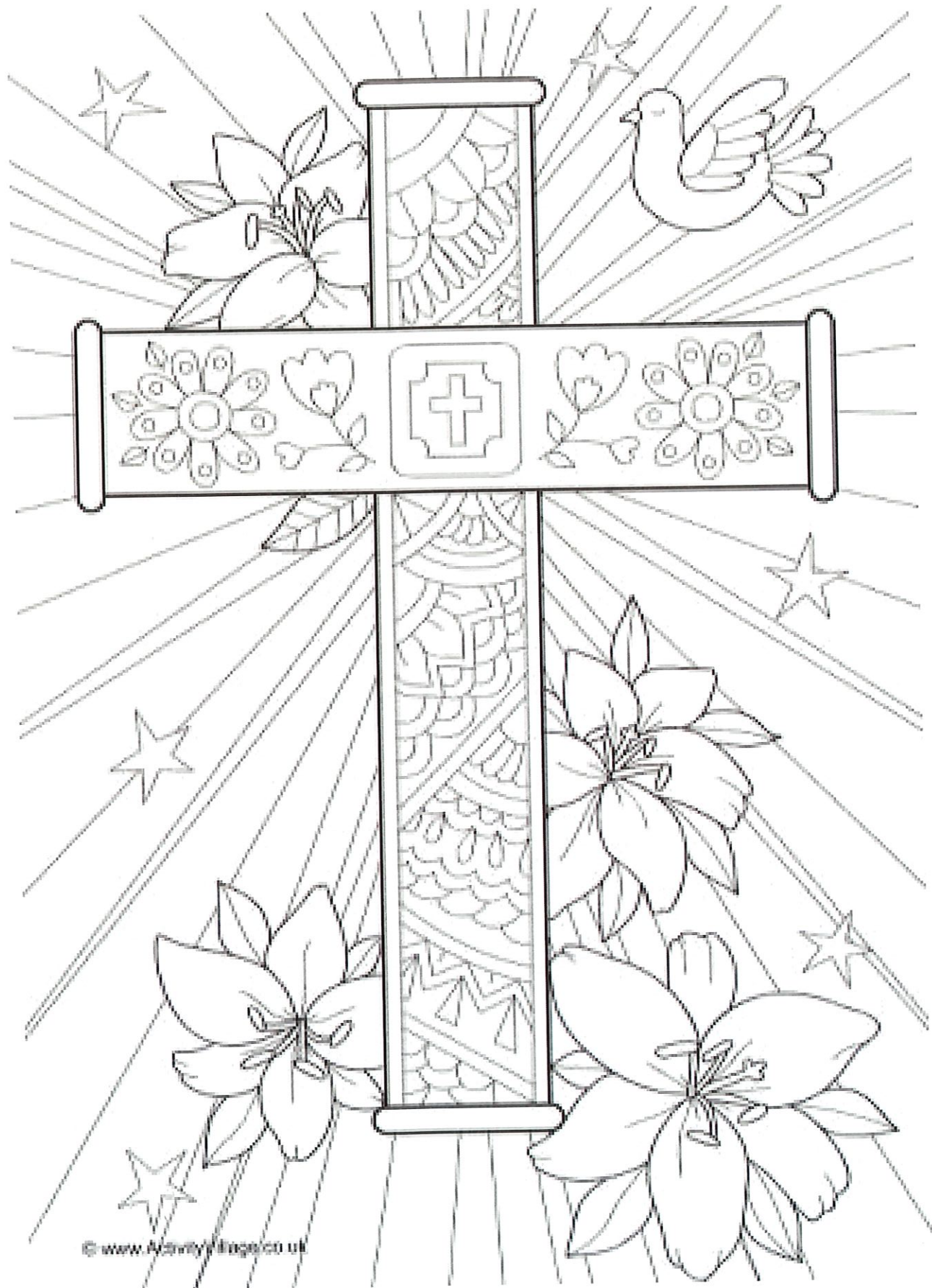
MATH

SHAPES:

$$\bigcirc = 3; \square = 4;$$

$$\diamond = 7$$

¹⁸ For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. 1 Corinthians 1:18



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lenten Soup Suppers, Wednesdays @ 6:15

Please consider making soup for your church family on one of the remaining Wednesdays of Lent: **3/6 or 3/20**. You can partner with another and bring 2 kinds of soup or use the kitchen on a Sunday morning to make it for the following Wednesday. Typically we need enough soup for 15-20 people, along with a bread of your choice. Your expenses will be reimbursed from the supper offering. The O'Sullivan's have signed up for 3/13 and will bring their world famous potato leek soup with soda bread! Many thanks to Deb Wilk and Lisa Kossow for so deliciously covering our Wednesday meals for the first two weeks of Lent!! There is a sign up sheet on the usher's table. Questions? See Deb Wilk, Carol Sullivan, or Julie W.



Easter Lily Order



The cost will be \$20.00 each. We would like to offer you the opportunity to order one or two either in memory or in honor of someone. Please pick up an order form from ushers table. You can include the \$20.00 per lily in your envelope, just indicate how many lilies you'd like to order. March 24th will be the last day to order. Thanks, Carol S.

GSLC Lenten Wednesdays

For all the Wednesdays of Lent we will be offering food for the body and soul. 6:15 Soup Supper in Jacobson & 7-8 Adult Class with Pastor Ted or Kids Time with Julie. Please plan to make Wednesday nights @ Good Shepherd part of your Lenten journey this year. Come and be fed!



OWLS March 18 @ 12PM



OWLS will soar to Sandy's on March 18, Monday. A NOON potluck of hoots and hollers will have every piece of tableware provided. Hopefully we can finally play Crazy 8's and UNO this time.

Daylight Savings Begins

Don't forget to set your clocks forward one hour on Saturday.

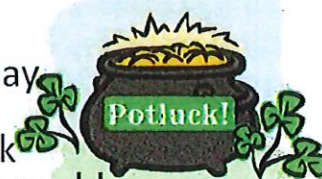


2024 Lenten Project & St Patty's Day Potluck on Sunday, March 17!



Most years our Christian Education team likes to come up with some sort of creative activity or craft during Lent that we can make and then use to enhance our Easter worship. This year we will be making butterfly and Easter egg magnets. Please plan now to join your church family for this activity along with an Irish themed potluck on 3/17 after worship.

You can cook or bake whatever you like, of course, but we thought it would be fun to have a little St Patrick's Day theme for lunch since it falls on Sunday this year. Don't forget to wear green and get your Irish on! You can cook or bake whatever you like, of course, but we thought it would be fun to have a little St Patrick's Day theme for lunch since it falls on Sunday this year. Don't forget to wear green and get your Irish on!



It's Girl Scout Cookie Season!



Girl Scout Cookies are available until April 5! You may go to <https://www.girlscouts.org/en/cookies/how-to-buy-cookies.html> or email Sheri Eggebraaten at massagesbysheri@aol.com or if you prefer, you may call Sheri at 559-903-1851 to place your order. They even deliver your cookies! The cost is \$6.00 a box.

Here are the cookies for 2024: Adventurefuls, Caramel Chocolate Chip, Samoas, Do-si-dos, Girl Scout S'mores, Lemonade, LemonUps, Tagalongs, Thin Mints, Toast-Yay!, Trefoils.

FYI—Looking for a Car

We have a close friend that is looking for an affordable 4 door sedan. If anyone knows of anyone selling a vehicle or has any suggestions speak to Mary N.



Bring a Friend to Worship



There are business cards paper clipped in stacks of 5 to use to invite people to worship service. Hand them out in your neighborhood or at your local stores. You can ask an usher for the cards if you can't find them.

Pantry Needs Restocking

We could use: Rice, bagged pasta, canned sauces, canned vegetables (Corn, Green Beans), canned fruit (fruit cocktail, peaches, pineapple), canned chili beans, egg noodles, Cream of mushroom or chicken soup, Mayo, canned tuna, chicken or beef, ramen noodles, Mac N Cheese, boxed pasta meals, peanut butter and grape jelly. Donations can be dropped off at the office M - F, from 9AM - 1PM.



GOOD SHEPHERD IS HOSTING OUR CONFERENCE ASSEMBLY



We are hosting all the Lutheran churches in the Fresno area at 1:00 on March 9. We need people to provide cookies or snacks. If you can help please bring them to the church office this

week sometime between 9-1. You are also welcome to attend the Assembly. It will be led by our Dean, Pastor Jodi Golden-Lund. Thank you for helping! If you have any questions, please see Pastor Ted.

Community Concert

The world-renowned Concordia Choir of Moorhead, Minnesota, under the direction of Dr. Michael Culloton, will perform in Paul Shaghoian Memorial Concert Hall on Thursday, March 14, 2024 at 7:30 p.m. From the music of J.S. Bach to familiar hymn arrangements, The Concordia Choir will amaze you with their technical mastery and incredible sound. Visit ConcordiaTickets.com for tickets. For more information see the poster on the breezeway bulletin board. For any questions contact Susan Berg by email at: bergkenneth@comcast.net.



Egg-Stuffing and Decorating Jacobson on Saturday, 3/30 @ 10 a.m.

Please mark your calendars now and plan to join together to get ready for the Easter Egg Hunt and Easter Breakfast on Saturday, March 30th. We will meet at 10 a.m. in Jacobson and decorate the tables as well as stuff all the Easter Eggs for the hunt on Easter morning. All help is much appreciated! Please contact Julie with questions and to confirm your attendance. Thank you.



Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday, 3/31 @ 11:00! Collecting Wrapped Candy, etc.



We will once again host an Easter Egg Hunt for the children on Easter Sunday this year in the courtyard after the 10AM service. We are collecting **wrapped** candy, stickers, coins, etc. to use to stuff the eggs on Saturday, 3/30. If you can donate toward this fun tradition, please bring in your items and place them in the appropriate bin. We have PLENTY of plastic eggs to stuff, so please don't bring any more of those. Way to go with the reusing, friends!

3/31/24 GSLC Easter Schedule:

Sunrise Worship Service @8AM, Outside at the Cross
Breakfast Served, 8:30—10AM, Jacobson Hall
Easter Worship Service @ 10AM, Sanctuary
Easter Egg Hunt @ 11AM, Court Yard



Looking for Easter Breakfast Help 3/31

We need some kitchen help Easter morning flipping pancakes and serving plated breakfasts. Volunteers will be needed from 7:45-9:45, which includes both prep and cleanup. People are welcome to stay the entire time period or just an hour, and all ages are welcome. Please sign up on the clipboard so we can make sure we are fully staffed. **Also, we are hoping to include egg casseroles this year as part of our breakfast.** Please contact Julie @ 559-287-3457 or 13jdixon13@gmail.com if you would like to make one to share with your Good Shepherd family. You can bring it by Saturday between 10-12 to bake here or Easter morning by 8:30 if already baked at home.

Hallelujah Chorus Sing



The Worship Service for Easter Sunday, March 31, will close by singing Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus" from *The Messiah*. Anyone from the congregation is invited to sing this beloved choral number as we lift our praises to Our Risen Lord!. Music will be provided.

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