



**First Sunday in Lent  
February 18th, 2024**

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**\* WORSHIP NOTES \***

- \* *Welcome to worship at Good Shepherd. We warmly greet you in the name of the Lord and give God thanks for your presence today.*
- \* *Most hymns are found in the Hymnal located in the pews. Hymns from other hymnals will be printed and provided in the insert.*
- \* *All baptized believing Christians are welcome to gather at the altar for Holy Communion. **Grape juice and low gluten wafers are available. Please see a greeter or pastor prior to the beginning of service.***
- \* *When it comes time for sharing of the peace, you may pass the peace by sign or physically to your neighbors as you are comfortable.*
- \* *We will be serving communion around the altar for Lent. If able, you are invited to kneel around the altar to receive Holy Communion.*

**SETTING TWO—EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP**

**+ + + GATHERING + + +**

*Please maintain silence in the Sanctuary as we prepare for worship*

**PRELUDE**

*We Stand*

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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

**C: Amen.**

P: Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hid:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you  
and worthily magnify your holy name,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection*

P: Holy God,

**C: 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.**

P: 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.

**C: Amen.**

**Gathering Hymn**    “Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross”    ELW 335

#### **GREETING**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

#### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us pray...

**C: Amen.**

+++ WORD +++

*We sit*

FIRST READING

Celebrate Insert

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Celebrate Insert

SECOND READING

Celebrate Insert

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

*We stand*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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Let your stead - fast love come to us, O Lord.



Save us as you prom - ised; we will trust your word.



Save us as you prom - ised; we will trust your word.

P: The holy gospel according to ...

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL

Celebrate Insert

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Rev. Bill Carr

*Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

*We stand*

Hymn of the Day

“A Mighty Fortress”

ELW 503

APOSTLE’S CREED

P: With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come 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 INTERCESSION

Celebrate Insert

PEACE *(a time set aside for sharing only God's peace)*

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

+++ MEAL +++

*We Sit*

OFFERING

*We stand*

OFFERING HYMN

ELW #186



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.

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray.

C: Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal.

Bless these gifts that we have gathered  
that all people may know your goodness.

Feed us not only with this holy food  
but with hunger for justice and peace.

We pray this in your name. Amen.

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 our thanks and praise.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major, 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The first staff has two measures, the second and third have two measures each, and the fourth has two measures. The notes are mostly quarter and eighth notes, with some rests.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; ...we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

## SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

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. Ho -  
san-na. 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.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major, 4/4 time. The melody is more complex than the previous piece, featuring eighth and sixteenth notes. The lyrics are written below each staff. The first staff has four measures, the second and third have four measures each, and the fourth has four measures. The notes are mostly quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, with some rests.

## **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

**P:** Blessed are you, O God of the universe.  
Your mercy is everlasting  
and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.  
Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.  
Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.  
Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness  
to the land of milk and honey.  
Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.  
Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.  
Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death  
to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

**P:** O God of resurrection and new life:  
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us  
and on these gifts of bread and wine.  
Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

**C: Come, Holy Spirit.**

**P:** Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.  
Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.  
Breathe new life into us.  
Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

**C: Come, Holy Spirit.**



P: With your holy ones of all times and places,  
with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars,  
we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.  
**C: Amen.**

#### LORD'S PRAYER

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**C: 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.**

#### COMMUNION

P: Bread for the journey. A feast for hungry hearts. Come!

*When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say*

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

*and each person may respond*

**Amen.**

**Communion Hymn    "Bread of Life from Heaven"    ELW 474**

## LAMB OF GOD (AGNUS DEI)

5 146

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.

*We stand*

### TABLE BLESSING

**P:** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C:** Amen.

## CANTICLE (NUNC DIMITIS)

ELW #113



Now, Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace: your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre-pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: a light to re-veal you to the na - tions and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

Now, Lord, you let your ser - vant go in peace.

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A: Let us pray...

Generous God,  
 at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace.  
 As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread,  
 now make us one loaf to feed the world;  
 in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life.

C: Amen.

+++ SENDING +++

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **BLESSING**

P: Beloved, we are God's own people, holy, washed, renewed.  
God bless you and keep you, shower you with mercy,  
fill you with courage, and † give you peace.

C: **Amen.**

**Sending Hymn "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word" ELW 517**

## **DISMISSAL**

A: Go in peace. Share your bread.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## **REMINDERS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Communion Assistant:** Matt Bergstresser

**Communion Setup:** Wylene Hinkle

**Pastor:** Rev. Bill Carr

**Lector:** Amy Hancock

**Musician/Violinist:** Bergen Gray

**Zoom:** Shannon Hancock

## **24 HOURS THAT CHANGED THE WORLD: MID-WEEK LENTEN STUDY**

Join us as we read and discuss the book *24 Hours That Changed the World* by Adam Hamilton. Complimentary copies of the book are available for all who participate. We will meet in the narthex at 7:00 pm for about an hour on the Wednesday Evenings of February 21, 28, March 6, 13, 20, and 27. A soup supper will be served at 6:00 pm before the study.



## WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER



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### Members

*Healing, comfort & strength*

**Robert French**, *comfort in sorrow, death of his niece Dawn Habard.*

**Carolyn Absher**

**Josh & Bergen Gray**, *God's guidance*

### Family & Friends

*Healing, comfort, strength & peace*

**Family and Friends of Dawn Habard**, *comfort in sorrow*

**Christina French**, *wife of Robert French*

**Family and Friends of Louise Dyer**, *comfort in sorrow*

**Family and Friends of Alex Cuningham**, *comfort in sorrow*

**Ken and Judy Baker**, *friends of Marilyn Fahringer*

**Frankie Wolff**, *wife of pastor Ed Wolff*

### Military Serving our Country

*Protection, comfort & strength*

**John Gray**, *Joshua Gray's brother*

**Ian Anderson**, *Alan Anderson's nephew*

**Joshua Sheaf**, *Good Shepherd member*

## FOOD PANTRY

Many thanks to everyone who has contributed to the Food Pantry. At this time, we are asking for volunteers to man the Food Pantry on the third Monday of each month. The sign-up sheet is on the high table in the Narthex.

If you have any prepackaged plasticware, especially those that are packaged with the plasticware, napkin and pepper and salt packets, please bring them to Church to donate to the Food Pantry. Thank you. The Food Pantry will be opened on Monday, February 19 from 10:00 a.m. till noon. Thank you for your prayers and support of the Food Pantry. Blessings, Chris Thompson

COMING UP AT GOOD SHEPHERD

**Daily Morning Prayer** 9 am unless otherwise announced  
**Daily Holy Communion** 9:30 am unless otherwise announced

Sunday, February 18 First Sunday in Lent  
9:00 am Matins  
10:00 am Worship Service  
11:15 am Matthew Bible Study  
1:30—9 pm Christ News Ordination

Monday, February 19 10 am—12 pm Food Pantry

Wednesday, February 21 6:00 pm Soup Supper  
7:00 pm Lenten Study

Sunday, February 25 Second Sunday in Lent  
9:00 am Matins  
10:00 am Worship Service  
11:15 am Matthew Bible Study

Wednesday, February 28 6:00 pm Soup Supper  
7:00 pm Lenten Study

Sunday, March 3 Third Sunday in Lent  
10:00 am Worship Service  
11:15 am Matthew Bible Study

Wednesday, March 6 6:00 pm Soup Supper  
7:00 pm Lenten Study

Tuesday, March 5 6:00 pm American Legion

Sunday, March 3 Fourth Sunday in Lent  
10:00 am Worship Service  
11:15 am Matthew Bible Study

Wednesday, March 13 6:00 pm Soup Supper  
7:00 pm Lenten Study

Thursday, March 14 6:30 pm Church Council

Friday, March 15 10:00 am Deborah Circle, narthex

Sunday, March 17	Fifth Sunday in Lent 10:00 am Worship Service 11:15 am Matthew Bible Study
Monday, March 18	10 am—12 pm Food Pantry
Wednesday, March 20	6:00 pm Soup Supper 7:00 pm Lenten Study
Sunday, March 24	Palm/Passion Sunday 10:00 am Worship Service 11:15 am Matthew Bible Study
Wednesday, March 27	6:00 pm Soup Supper 7:00 pm Lenten Study
Thursday, March 28	7:00 pm Maundy Thursday
Friday, March 29	7:00 pm Good Friday

**NATIONAL LUTHERAN CHOIR**  
**AT LENOIR-RHYNE COLLEGE**

Our Conference Dean, Pr. Scottie Burkhalter, has asked us to share this invitation:

On Friday, March 1st, Holy Trinity Kingsport has secured a 48 passenger bus to travel to Lenoir Rhyne University to hear the National Lutheran Choir perform. If you've never heard them you will be in for a treat. They are a very good choir. We did this in 2020 when they were in Hickory, NC and we are glad to be returning.

We have approximately 25 seats available should you have members of your congregation who would like to join us. We will pay for the bus. The cost of the ticket is \$25.00. You will simply be asked to buy your ticket and your food. In order for this to work, we will accept up to 25 commitments with the \$25.00 payment which we will in turn use for your ticket. So we need this commitment up front with the money. We will let you know once the bus is full so in essence, the first 25 commitments we receive will have a spot to go with us. I will give you more information about how we will order food ahead so it will be ready if you decide to go with us.

Please let Pr. Bill know ASAP if you want to join. Seats are available on a first-come first-served basis.

### **Pr. Bill wants to meet you!**

Pr. Bill is inviting all congregation members to come by the office for fifteen minutes just to make brief introductions (or re-acquaintance, as the case may be), and he has four questions he'd like to ask you:

1. Who are you? (Tell me about yourself).
2. What do you love about Good Shepherd? (What do we do well, or what brought you here?)
3. Are there any ministries you'd like to see us either do better or start doing?
4. How can I pray for you today?

In this way, I can get to know y'all better, and get a sense of direction for Good Shepherd's direction in ministry and my place in it. Feel free to contact me to set up your fifteen-minute appointment!

**Notes:**