

Unless a grain of wheat



falls into the earth
and dies, it remains
just a single grain;
but if it dies,
it bears much fruit.

John 12:24

**Fifth Sunday in Lent
March 17th, 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 “In the Cross of Christ I Glory”

ELW 324

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



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 "The Word of God is Source and Seed" ELW 506

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 a musical score for 'The Great Thanksgiving' in G major, 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music. The lyrics are: '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 melody is simple and hymn-like, with a final cadence on the fourth staff.

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 a musical score for 'Sanctus and Benedictus' in G major, 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music. The lyrics are: '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 melody is simple and hymn-like, with a final cadence on the fourth staff.

EUCHARISTIC 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.

LAMB OF GOD (AGNUS DEI)

S 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.

Communion Hymn "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" ELW 759

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 ful-
 filled. 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 "I Bind unto Myself Today" ELW 450

This hymn was written by Patrick. It was composed in the time of Loiguire son of Niall. The occasion for its composition was to protect Patrick and his monks against the deadly perils that these clergymen faced. This is a breastplate of faith for protection of body and soul against demons, men, and evils.

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

Organist/Choir: Karoline Van Horn

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



Members

Healing, comfort & strength

Darlene Kline

Steve Kline

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

Carolyn Absher

Family & Friends

Healing, comfort, strength & peace

Ken and Judy Baker, *friends of Marilyn Fahringer*

Scott Huff, *friend of Marilyn Fahringer*

Family and Friends of William Yates, *comfort in sorrow, friend of Cody Nelson*

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

Christina French, *wife of Robert French*

In the Community

Comfort, Strength, Hope, and Peace

Mary Miller

Janice Oglesby

Gabriela Cid

Tina Evans

William Baily

Rachel Keeling

Jennifer Jones

Loretta Beck

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

Our deepest heartfelt thanks to the anonymous donor of canned goods and snacks to the Food Pantry. Our deepest heartfelt thanks to each of you for your generous donations, support, and prayers for the Food Pantry.

On Monday, February 19, 2024, 15 people came to the Food Pantry. Only two people of the 15 had come to the Pantry before for food and supplies.

A total of 46 people were served.

Thank you.

My deepest heartfelt thanks to Felicia Brandt and Marilyn Fahringer for their tremendous help.

In His Light and Love,
Chris Thompson

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!

Installation Service

Pastor Bill's installation service has been rescheduled to April 7th at 2:00 pm.

News from Deborah Circle

All ladies of The Good Shepherd and their friends are invited to attend our next Deborah Circle meeting on Friday, March 15 at 10:00 a.m. in the Narthex.

Join us for our Bible Study of Chapter 4 in "Power Surge".

Marilyn Fahringer will lead the discussion. We will have devotions and a business meeting.

We hope to start cleaning the nursery.

We look forward to seeing everyone on Friday, March 15.

In His Wondrous Love,

Chris Thompson

Secretary

EMERGENCY CONTACT FILE

If you have already reviewed and made corrections to your original emergency contact form, thank you.

If you have not reviewed your original contact form or have never completed one, please do. The contact forms can be found on the high table in the Narthex. Please place completed forms in the box on the high table.

The Peer Ministry is preparing an Emergency Contact File for the members of

The Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. This information would be used if and when

an emergency should occur at the church, and we would need to get in touch with a member of your family.

We would appreciate you updating your form and/or completing a new form. Thank you for your cooperation.

Blessings,

Chris Thompson, Peerage

COMING UP AT GOOD SHEPHERD

Daily Morning Prayer 9:00 am, unless otherwise announced
Daily Holy Communion 9:30 am, unless otherwise announced

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

Sunday, March 31 Easter Sunday
Easter Breakfast
10:00 am Worship Service

Tuesday, April 2 6:00 pm American Legion

Sunday, April 7 Second Sunday of Easter
10:00 am Worship Service
11:15 am Matthew Bible Study
2:00 pm Installation of Pastor Bill Carr

Wednesday, April 10 4:00 pm—6:00 pm Community Dinner

Thursday, April 11 6:30 pm Church Council

Saturday, April 13 GFWC District 1 All Day

Monday, April 15 10:00 am—12:00 pm Food Pantry