

Fourth Sunday of Lent – March 15, 2026

8:30 & 11:00 a.m. and Livestream



**FAITH . DISCIPLESHIP . COMMUNITY**  
**THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD**

The Rev. Drew McCaffery, Pastor

At The Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, we embrace the uniqueness of every individual and respect their dignity and worth, for all are created in the image of God.

We strive to welcome everyone in the fullness of who they are.

Let us call together for reconciliation, and live out God's vision of love for people of every sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, socio-economic status, age, physical or mental ability, political persuasion, race, ethnicity, and personal history.

Let us walk together to strive for racial equity, as Jesus calls us to do.

All people are welcome here to worship, build community, and grow together as Jesus' disciples at this place.



## ✦ GATHERING ✦

### Prelude

### Confession and Forgiveness

**P** *Family of Faith, every week we pray the Prayer of Confession, because every week we need to be reminded of God's abundant grace. Every week we need to be reminded of God's love. Every week we need to be reminded that we too can grow and change. So join me in this moment of honesty as we seek transformation.*

*Silence for reflection and confession*

**P** *Let us Pray. God said, "When a foreigner resides among you in your land, do not mistreat them."*

**C** **Holy God, we confess, we have mistreated the immigrants in our land.**

**P** *Jesus said, "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God."*

**C** **We confess, we have clung to guns and war more than we have pursued peace.**

**P** *God said, "When you gather the grapes of your vineyard, do not glean what is left; it shall be for the alien, the orphan, and the widow."*

**C** **We confess, we have hoarded our resources and failed to care for our neighbors.**

**P** *Jesus said, "Let the children come to me, and do not stop them."*

**C** **We confess, we have gatekept the good news in unfair ways.**

**P** *Fortunately for all of us, God also said,  
“Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;  
I have called you by name; you are mine.”*

**C** **By God’s grace, despite our sin and shortcomings,  
we are redeemed, claimed, forgiven, and loved.**

**P** *May this good news change our lives!*

**C** **Amen.**

**Gathering Hymn**

*There Is a Balm in Gilead*

No. 614



There is a balm in Gil-e-ad to make the wound-ed whole;



there is a balm in Gil-e-ad to heal the sin-sick soul.



1 Some - times I feel dis - cour-aged and think my work's in vain,  
2 If you can - not preach like Pe - ter, if you can-not pray like Paul,  
3 Don't ev - er be dis - cour-aged, for Je - sus is your friend;



but then the Ho - ly Spir - it re - vives my soul a - gain.  
you can tell the love of Je - sus and say, “He died for all.”  
and if you lack for knowl-edge, he'll ne'er re - fuse to lend.

**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.**

Amazing grace how sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me  
I once was lost but now I'm found  
Was blind but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear  
And grace my fears relieved  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed

**Refrain**

My chains are gone I've been set free  
My God my Savior has ransomed me  
And like a flood His mercy rains  
Unending love amazing grace

The Lord has promised good to me  
His word my hope secures  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow  
The sun forbear to shine  
But God who called me here below  
Will be forever mine  
Will be forever mine  
You are forever mine

**P** *The Lord be with you.*

**C** **And also with you.**

**A** *Let us pray. Holy One,*  
**C** sometimes the simplest of your commands are the hardest for us to hear. You say, “Love your enemy.” “Turn the other cheek.” “Care for the widow and the orphan.” And we want to know: How? When? Where? Today as we turn to your word, open up space in us to simply hear your truth for what it is. Open up space in our hearts to dream new dreams, to imagine new realities, to draw closer to you and closer to love. With hope for a better tomorrow, we listen, we pray. Amen.

✦ THE WORD ✦

Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful,  
 slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

**Lesson**

Deuteronomy 24:17-22

**P** *A reading from Deuteronomy* <sup>17</sup> “You shall not deprive a resident alien or an orphan of justice; you shall not take a widow’s garment in pledge. <sup>18</sup> Remember that you were a slave in Egypt and the Lord your God redeemed you from there; therefore I command you to do this.

<sup>19</sup> “When you reap your harvest in your field and forget a sheaf in the field, you shall not go back to get it; it shall be left for the alien, the orphan, and the widow, so that the Lord your God may bless you in all your undertakings. <sup>20</sup> When you beat your olive trees, do not

*strip what is left; it shall be for the alien, the orphan, and the widow.*

*<sup>21</sup> “When you gather the grapes of your vineyard, do not glean what is left; it shall be for the alien, the orphan, and the widow. <sup>22</sup> Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt; therefore I am commanding you to do this.*

**P** *The Word of the Lord.*

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

*Please be seated.*

## **Sermon**

The Rev. Drew McCaffery

### ***Visual Art Project***

### ***Tell Me Something Good!***

*Each week this Lent, we are practicing the art of noticing goodness. In a world where bad news is loud and constant, we are choosing to listen for the good news Jesus proclaimed and embodied. So, we ask one simple question: Tell me something good? Take a moment to reflect on the question this week, write your response on a leaf, and as you come up for communion place it in the leaf basket. As we name goodness together, we trust that it will take root among us and grow.*

### **Today's question**

*Where did you see someone protected, included, or given the chance to thrive?*

*Please rise, as you are able.*

## Hymn of the Day

## *Build a Longer Table*



1 Build a long - er ta - ble, not a high - er wall,  
2 Build a saf - er ref - uge, not a larg - er jail;  
3 Build a broad - er door - way, not a long - er fence.  
4 When we lived as ex - iles, ref - u - gees a - broad,



feed - ing those who hun - ger, mak - ing room for all.  
where the weak find shel - ter, mer - cy will not fail.  
Love pro - tects all peo - ple, spar - ing no ex - pense.  
Christ be - came our door - way to the reign of God.



Feast - ing to - geth - er, strang - er turns to friend,  
For an - y place where jus - tice is de - nied,  
When we em - brace com - pas - sion more than fear,  
So must our ta - bles wel - come those who roam.



Christ breaks walls to piec - es; false di - vi - sions end.  
Christ will breach the jail wall, free - ing all in - side.  
Christ tears down our fenc - es; all are wel - come here.  
None can be ex - clud - ed; all must find a home.

**A** *Let us confess our faith using the words of the Nicene Creed.*

**C** **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**A** *Reconciled by God's mercy and sustained by God's presence, let us pray for the world and its needs.*

*A brief silence.*

*After each portion of the prayers:*

**A** *Hear us O God,*

**C** **Your mercy is great.**

*The prayers conclude:*

**P** *Receive our prayers, O God, through Jesus Christ, our strength and salvation.*      **C**      **Amen.**

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

**C** **And also with you.**

**Offering Anthem**

*He Shall Feed His Flock*

Frideric Handel

*As the gifts are presented, please stand, as you are able.*



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles-sing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that



we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of



all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble



with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

**A** *Let us pray. O God, maker of heaven and earth,*  
**C** **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.**

✦ **THE EUCHARIST** ✦

**P** *The Lord be with you.*  
**C** **And also with you.**

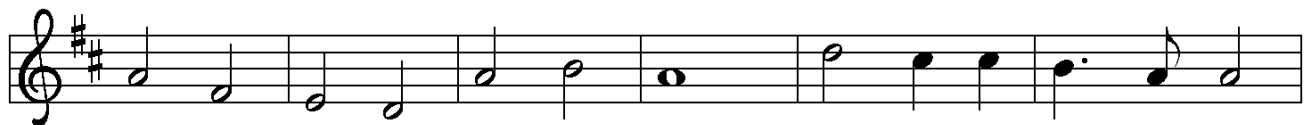
**P** *Lift up your hearts.*

**C** **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

**C** **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**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. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



heav'n 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.

**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.*

**P** *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.**

**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.**

**P** *Come to the table. Feast on God's goodness and mercy.*

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

*Please be seated.*

*All are welcome at the Lord's Table! Whether you are a member of this church or a visitor, the Communion celebrated here is "open" to all who trust that our Lord Jesus Christ—his true Body and his true Blood—is present for All of God's People.*

*(Note: should you prefer, we also offer gluten free wafers and white grape juice.)*

*During the distribution, the following is sung:*



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.

**Communion Hymn**

*All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly*

No. 461



1 All who hun - ger, gath - er glad - ly; ho - ly man - na is our bread.  
2 All who hun - ger, nev - er strang - ers; seek - er, be a wel - come guest.  
3 All who hun - ger, sing to - geth - er, Je - sus Christ is liv - ing bread.



Come from wil - der - ness and wan - d'ring. Here in truth we will be fed.  
Come from rest - less - ness and roam - ing. Here in joy we keep the feast.  
Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing. Here in peace we have been fed.



You that yearn for days of full - ness, all a - round us is our food.  
We that once were lost and scat - tered in com - mu - nion's love have stood.  
Blest are those who from this ta - ble live their days in grat - i - tude.



Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.  
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*After all have communed, please rise, as you are able.*

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

**C** **Amen.**

**A** *Let us pray. God of our Salvation,*

**C** **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**

✦ SENDING ✦

**P** *As you leave this place, when you meet anger, speak with love. When you meet fear, speak with hope. When you meet pain, speak with gentleness. But no matter what, speak this good news. For the good news of the gospel is love and justice for all. It is joy that surprises, and nonviolence that transforms. The good news of the gospel is alive in the world, so go forth speaking. For if you won't, then who will? Thanks be to God for this good, good news.*

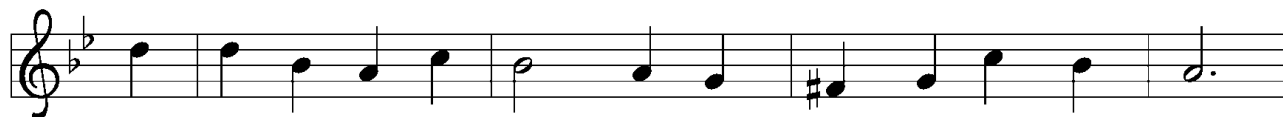
**C** **Amen.**



1 Bless now, O God, the jour - ney that all your peo - ple make,  
2 Bless so - journ-ers and pil - grims who share this wind-ing way;  
3 Di - vine e - ter - nal lov - er, you meet us on the road.



the path through noise and si - lence, the way of give and take.  
your hope burns through the ter - rors, your love sus-tains the day.  
We wait for lands of prom - ise where milk and hon-ey flow,



The trail is found in des - ert and winds the moun-tain round,  
We yearn for ho - ly free - dom while of - ten we are bound;  
but wait-ing not for plac - es, you meet us all a - round.



then leads be - side still wa - ters, the road where faith is found.  
to - geth-er we are seek - ing the road where faith is found.  
Our cov - e - nant is writ - ten on roads, as faith is found.

**A** *Go in peace. Believe the good news.*

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

**Pray for Those That Need God's Healing**

*Gail, Phyllis, Paul, Ann, Kathy, Donna, Andrea, Al,  
Joan, Teri, Betty, Carol, Merrill, Jean, Joan S., Jocelyn,  
Karen, Nick, Lois, Linda, Barbara & Bruce*

**The Altar Flowers are Given to the Glory of God**

*by Shirley Ernst in memory of Ed Tausendschoen on  
the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his passing*

*and*

*by Bill, Jeff and Gavin Adams in memory of Debbie Adams*



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# WORSHIP WITH US!

## Lent to Easter

2/25-3/25 Lent Dinner Church: Wednesdays 6:45PM

3/29 Palm Sunday: 8:30 & 11AM

4/2 Maundy Thursday: 6:45PM

4/3 Good Friday: Noon & 6:45PM

4/5 Easter Sunday: 8:30 & 11AM  
Easter Breakfast 9:30-10:30AM  
in Celebration Hall



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We invite you to scan the QR code to add yourself to the worship assistant Sign-up for any upcoming worship services.

**Thank you for being the Church together!**

## SERVING TODAY

**8:30 a.m.**

**11:00 a.m.**

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