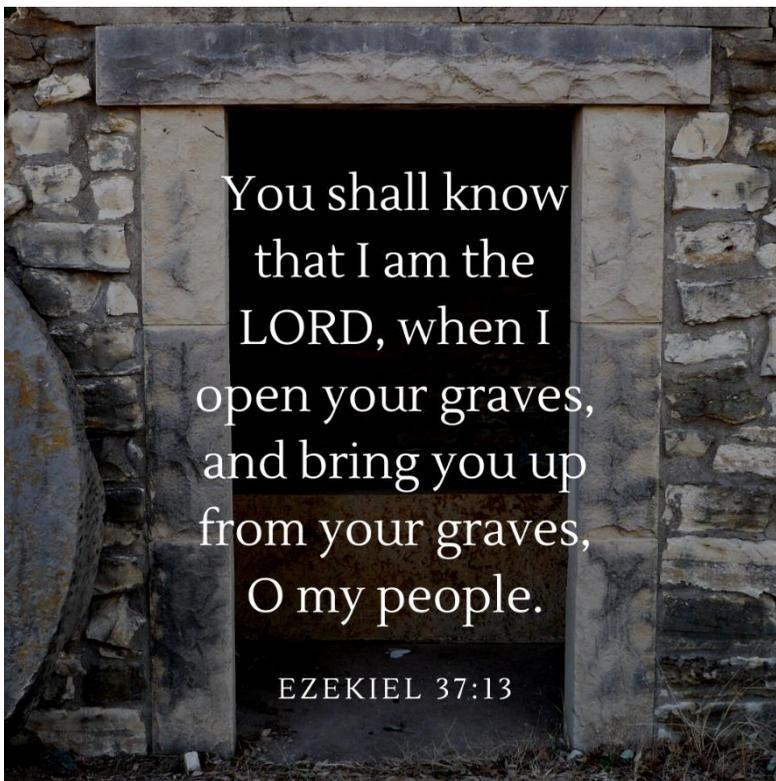


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EVERYDAY DISCIPLES



THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 21 & 22, 2026

SHARING CHRIST, CHANGING LIVES!

Gathering, Growing, Giving, Going

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP TODAY The illness and death of Lazarus happened *“that the Son of God may be glorified through it”* (John 11:4). Jesus’ miracle of raising Lazarus prompted His arrest and crucifixion, whereby He would die *“for the nation”* and gather *“into one the children of God who are scattered abroad”* (John 11:51–52). As He called Lazarus from the tomb and commanded others to *“unbind him, and let him go”* (John 11:44), Jesus also calls us and releases us from the bondage of sin and death. We would not *“submit to God’s law,”* nor could we *“please God”* (Rom. 8:7–8), but *“he condemned sin”* in His own flesh so *“that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us”* (Rom. 8:3–4). Now through the Gospel, *“the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells”* in us (Rom. 8:11). His Word breathes His Spirit into our mortal flesh, animating us with His own life. As His ministers preach according to His divine command, the LORD Jesus calls us from the grave into the good land that He gives us (Ezek. 37:12, 14). If you are our guest, we pray that you find the Spirit of God alive and moving in our congregation. We rejoice that you joined us in that Spirit today. Please come again!

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CONNECTION CARD READING OR MEMORY WORK:

Read: Ezekiel 37: 1 – 14 and/or Memorize: Ezekiel 37: 13

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If you prefer the convenience of offering your gift via your smartphone there is a way to do that. Go to the Apple Store or Google Play and search for “Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement” (the half purple V) to download for free. Then enter Good Shepherd; next tap *Donate Now*. 3. Choose a fund and a preset amount or enter another amount. You can make a one-time donation or set up recurring giving right through the app. Select *Add* to add another fund or move forward to the payment information. 4. Scan or enter your card or bank account information. 5. Review your donation summary then select *Complete Donation*. Or if you prefer to have your gift automatically withdrawn from your checking or savings account, check that box on the right side of your connection card, *“Automating My Giving”* or contact the church office and we will provide you with the form you will need to complete in order for us to set that up.

HEARING LOOP

Good Shepherd is equipped with a hearing loop in both the Worship Space and the Gathering Space. If you don’t have a hearing aid but need hearing assistance, we have system devices that you can use. Please see the folks at the tech board and they will supply you with one.

THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 22nd, Anno Domini (The Year of Our LORD) 2026

✠ Preparation ✠

Welcome and Connection Cards

Stand

Opening Hymn - LSB 913 - O Holy Spirit, Enter In



1 O Ho - ly Spir - it, en - ter in, And in our hearts
2 Give to Your Word im - pres - sive pow'r, That in our hearts
3 O might - y Rock, O Source of life, Let Your dear Word,



Your work be - gin, Your dwell - ing place now make us.
from this good hour As fire it may be glow - ing,
in doubt and strife, In us be strong - ly burn - ing



Sun of the soul, O Light di - vine, A - round and in
That in true Chris - tian u - ni - ty We faith - ful wit -
That we be faith - ful un - to death And live in love



us bright - ly shine, To joy and glad - ness wake us
ness - es may be, Your glo - ry ev - er show - ing.
and ho - ly faith, From You true wis - dom learn - ing.



That we may be Tru - ly liv - ing, To You giv - ing
Hear us, cheer us By Your teach - ing; Let our preach - ing
Your grace and peace On us show - er; By Your pow - er



Prayer un - ceas - ing And in love be still in - creas - ing.
And our la - bor Praise You, Lord, and serve our neigh - bor.
Christ con - fess - ing, Let us see our Sav - ior's bless - ing.

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The sign of the cross ✠ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

P In the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy Name. Amen.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

✠ Service of the Word ✠

Introit

Psalm 116:1–4, 8; antiphon: v. 15

Precious in the sight of the LORD
is the death of his saints.

I love the LORD, because he has heard
my voice and my pleas for mercy.

Because he inclined his ear to me,
therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;

I suffered distress and anguish.

Then I called on the Name of the LORD:

“O LORD, I pray, deliver my soul!”

For you have delivered my soul from death,
my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;**

as it was in the beginning,

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Precious in the sight of the LORD
is the death of his saints.

Kyrie

LSB 152

P In peace let us pray to the LORD.

C LORD, have mercy.

- P** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the LORD.
- C** **LORD, have mercy.**
- P** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the LORD.
- C** **LORD, have mercy.**
- P** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the LORD.
- C** **LORD, have mercy.**
- P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious LORD.
- C** **Amen.**

Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P** The LORD be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** Let us pray.
 Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our LORD, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

Sit

Prayer Shawls for Little Lambs

(11 a.m. only) Children between the ages of 3 years old and 5th grade are invited to meet Cathie Geske in the Gathering Space.

Old Testament Reading

Ezekiel 37:1–14

¹The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. ²And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. ³And he said to me, “Son of man, can these bones live?” And I

answered, “O LORD God, you know.” ⁴Then he said to me, “Prophecy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. ⁵Thus says the LORD God to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I AM the LORD.”

⁷So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. ⁹Then he said to me, “Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the LORD God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live.” ¹⁰So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

¹¹Then he said to me, “Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are clean cut off.’ ¹²Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the LORD God: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. ¹³And you shall know that I AM the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I AM the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD.”

L This is the Word of the LORD.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 130; antiphon: v. 7

¹Out of the depths

I cry to you, O LORD!

²O LORD, hear my voice!
Let your ears be attentive
to the voice of my pleas for mercy!

³If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities,
O LORD, who could stand?

⁴But with you there is forgiveness,
that you may be feared.

⁵I wait for the LORD, my soul waits,
and in his word I hope;

⁶my soul waits for the LORD
more than watchmen for the morning,
more than watchmen for the morning.

⁷O Israel, hope in the LORD!
For with the LORD there is steadfast love,
and with him is plentiful redemption.

⁸And he will redeem Israel
from all his iniquities.

Epistle Reading

Romans 8:1–11

¹There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ²For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. ³For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. ⁸Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

L This is the Word of the LORD.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Verse for Lent

LSB 157



C 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, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

Holy Gospel

John 11:1-45

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eleventh chapter.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

¹Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ²It was Mary who anointed the LORD with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was ill. ³So the sisters sent to him, saying, “LORD, he whom you love is ill.” ⁴But when Jesus heard it he said, “This illness does not lead to death. It is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.”

⁵Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. ⁶So, when he heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. ⁷Then after this he said to the disciples, “Let us go to Judea again.” ⁸The disciples said to him, “Rabbi, the Jews were just now seeking to stone you, and are you going there again?” ⁹Jesus answered, “Are there not twelve hours in the day? If anyone walks in the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. ¹⁰But if anyone walks in the night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him.” ¹¹After saying these things, he said to them, “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I go to awaken him.” ¹²The disciples said to him, “LORD, if he has fallen asleep, he will recover.” ¹³Now Jesus had spoken of his death, but they thought that he meant taking rest in sleep. ¹⁴Then Jesus told them plainly, “Lazarus has died, ¹⁵and for your sake I am glad that I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.” ¹⁶So Thomas, called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, “Let us also go, that we may die with him.”

¹⁷Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, ¹⁹and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. ²⁰So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house. ²¹Martha said to Jesus, “LORD, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²²But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you.” ²³Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” ²⁴Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.” ²⁵Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life.

Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, ²⁶and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" ²⁷She said to him, "Yes, LORD; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world."

²⁸When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in private, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." ²⁹And when she heard it, she rose quickly and went to him. ³⁰Now Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still in the place where Martha had met him. ³¹When the Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary rise quickly and go out, they followed her, supposing that she was going to the tomb to weep there. ³²Now when Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet, saying to him, "LORD, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." ³³When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in his spirit and greatly troubled. ³⁴And he said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "LORD, come and see." ³⁵Jesus wept. ³⁶So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" ³⁷But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man also have kept this man from dying?"

³⁸Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. ³⁹Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "LORD, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days." ⁴⁰Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" ⁴¹So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. ⁴²I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me." ⁴³When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out." ⁴⁴The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

⁴⁵Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what he did, believed in him.

P This is the Gospel of the LORD.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

Hymn of the Day - Red 164 - Breathe on Me, Breath of God

Breathe on Me, Breath of God 164

EDWIN HATCH, 1835-1889 TRENTHAM ROBERT JACKSON, 1842-1914

1. Breathe on me, Breath of God, Fill me with life a - new,
2. Breathe on me, Breath of God, Un - til my heart is pure,
3. Breathe on me, Breath of God, Till I am whol - ly Thine,
4. Breathe on me, Breath of God, So shall I nev - er die,

That I may love what Thou dost love And do what Thou wouldst do.
Un - til with Thee I will one will - To do and to en - dure.
Till all this earth - ly part of me Glows with Thy fire di - vine.
But live with Thee the per - fect life Of Thine e - ter - ni - ty.

Sermon *"I Will Put My Spirit In You and You Will Live"* *Ezekiel 37:1-14*

MEMORY VERSE: *Ezekiel 37: 13*

¹³ "And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people." Ezekiel 37:13

Stand

Apostles' Creed

**All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life † everlasting. Amen.**

Prayer of the Church

The congregation now greets one another in the Name of the LORD, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).

(11 a.m. only) Please wave to all the worshipers online!

Pax Domini

LSB 180

P The peace of the LORD be with you always.

C Amen.

Sit

Connection Cards

Stand

Offering and Offertory

LSB 159



C What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to



me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will



call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-



va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my



vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the



courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

✠ Service of the Sacrament ✠

As Lutheran Christians we understand that the body and blood of Jesus is present in, with, and under the bread and wine. St. Paul exhorts in 1 Corinthians 11(:27-32) that we ought to examine ourselves and recognize the body and blood of Christ in this sacrament. We welcome all to the LORD's Table who are baptized in the Name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit and wish to participate with this understanding.

Stand

Preface

LSB 160

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 Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy LORD, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our LORD, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and singing:

Sanctus

LSB 161



C 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 Words of Our LORD

P Our LORD Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

LORD’s Prayer

**All: 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.

Agnus Dei

LSB 163



C 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.

Sit

The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive.

Distribution Hymn - LSB 430 - My Song is Love Unknown



1 My song is love un - known, My Sav - ior's love to
 2 He came from His blest throne Sal - va - tion to be -
 3 Some - times they strew His way And His sweet prais - es
 4 Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and



me, Love to the love - less shown That they might love - ly
 stow; But men made strange, and none The longed - for Christ would
 sing; Re - sound - ing all the day Ho - san - nas to their
 spite? He made the lame to run, He gave the blind their



be. Oh, who am I That for my sake
 know. But, oh, my friend, My friend in - deed,
 King. Then "Cru - ci - fy!" Is all their breath,
 sight. Sweet in - ju - ries! Yet they at these



My Lord should take Frail flesh and die?
 Who at my need His life did spend!
 And for His death They thirst and cry.
 Them - selves dis - please And 'gainst Him rise.

5. They rise and needs will have
 My dear LORD made away;
 A murderer they save,
 The Prince of Life they slay.
 Yet cheerful He
 To suff'ring goes
 That He His foes
 From thence might free.

6. In life no house, no home
 My LORD on earth might have;
 In death no friendly tomb
 But what a stranger gave.
 What may I say?
 Heav'n was His home
 But mine the tomb
 Wherein He lay.

7. Here might I stay and sing,
 No story so divine!
 Never was love, dear King,
 Never was grief like Thine.
 This is my friend,
 In whose sweet praise
 I all my days
 Could gladly spend!

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Distribution Hymn - LSB 440 Jesus I Will Ponder Now



1 Je - sus, I will pon - der now On Your ho - ly pas - sion;
 2 Make me see Your great dis - tress, An - guish, and af - flic - tion,
 3 Yet, O Lord, not thus a - lone Make me see Your pas - sion,
 4 Grant that I Your pas - sion view With re - pen - tant griev - ing.



With Your Spir - it me en - dow For such med - i - ta - tion.
 Bonds and stripes and wretch - ed - ness And Your cru - ci - fix - ion;
 But its cause to me make known And its ter - mi - na - tion.
 Let me not bring shame to You By un - ho - ly liv - ing.



Grant that I in love and faith May the im - age cher - ish
Make me see how scourge and rod, Spear and nails did wound You,
Ah! I al - so and my sin Wrought Your deep af - flic - tion;
How could I re - fuse to shun Ev - 'ry sin - ful plea - sure



Of Your suf - f'ring, pain, and death That I may not per - ish.
How for them You died, O God, Who with thorns had crowned You.
This in - deed the cause has been Of Your cru - ci - fix - ion.
Since for me God's on - ly Son Suf - fered with - out mea - sure?

5 If my sins give me alarm
And my conscience grieve me,
Let Your cross my fear disarm;
Peace of conscience give me.
Help me see forgiveness won
By Your holy passion.
If for me He slays His Son,
God must have compassion!

6 Graciously my faith renew;
Help me bear my crosses,
Learning humbleness from You,
Peace mid pain and losses.
May I give You love for love!
Hear me, O my Savior,
That I may in heav'n above
Sing Your praise forever.

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Stand

Communion Dismissal

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 165



Lord, now 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.



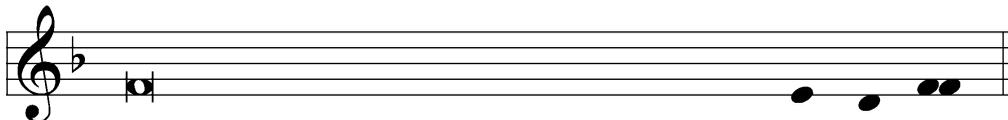
Glo-ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir-it;



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.

Benediction

LSB 166



P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



C A - men.

Sit

Announcements

Stand

(11 a.m. only) Children are invited to come forward and assist in leading the Closing Song with percussion instruments

Closing Hymn - LSB 752 - Be Still My Soul



1 Be still, my soul; the Lord is on your side; Bear pa-tient-
2 Be still, my soul; your God will un-der-take To guide the
3 Be still, my soul; though dear-est friends de-part And all is
4 Be still, my soul; the hour is has-t'ning on When we shall



ly the cross of grief or pain; Leave to your God to or-der
fu-ture as He has the past. Your hope, your con-fi-dence let
dark-ened in this vale of tears; Then you will bet-ter know His
be for-ev-er with the Lord, When dis-ap-point-ment, grief, and



and pro - vide; In ev - 'ry change He faith - ful will re -
 noth - ing shake; All now mys - te - rious shall be bright at
 love, His heart, Who comes to soothe your sor - rows and your
 fear are gone, Sor - row for - got, love's pur - est joys re -



main. Be still, my soul; your best, your heav'n - ly Friend
 last. Be still, my soul; the waves and winds still know
 fears. Be still, my soul; your Je - sus can re - pay
 stored. Be still, my soul; when change and tears are past,



Through thorn - y ways leads to a joy - ful end.
 His voice who ruled them while He dwelt be - low.
 From His own full - ness all He takes a - way.
 All safe and bless - ed we shall meet at last.

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Our elders offer a ministry of prayer. If you would like personal prayer or for them to gather others to pray with you, please speak to anyone whose name tag says "Elder" on it.

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- P** Pastor or Presiding minister; sole pastor, Liturgist
- C** Congregation
- L** Leader or Lector; an Elder, one of the Readers, or another lay person
- A** Assisting minister; an Elder, Commissioned Minister or other trained worship leader
- All:** Pastor or Leader and the congregation speak together
- △** Doxological verse; the congregation stands in praise and honor of the Holy Trinity
- ✙** The pastor makes the sign of the cross; individual worshipers may also as fits personal preference; this is a kinesthetic reminder of grace

GENERAL INFORMATION

CALENDAR OF EVENTS March 22 - 29, 2026 (at church unless noted)

- Sunday: Worship/Communion, 8 & 11 AM
 Sunday School, 9:30 AM
 Prayer Shawl Group, 12:30 PM
 **Little Lambs Prayer Shawls, 11 AM Worship
- Monday: Women's Bible Study, 1 PM
- Tuesday: Bible Study, 9:30 AM
 Church Council, 7 PM
- Wednesday: Lenten Supper – Open Table, 6 PM
 Devotion, 7 PM
- Saturday: Worship/Communion, 5:30 PM
- Sunday: Worship/Communion, 8 & 11 AM
 Sunday School, 9:30 AM
 Prayer Shawl Group, 12:30 PM

THANKS TO THOSE SERVING JESUS

We thank Andy & Amanda Reding and Michael & Stephanie Cheney for working out a means for us to share worship with you this week. We also thank Lisa Serron, Linda Benivegna, Lisa Brahm, Hugh Shipley, Glenn Banke, Doc Tessendorf, Sandy Voigt, Jacki Scheib, Stephanie Cheney, John Pilecki, Gary Paradise & Bob Jauch for their work in the office and building. A great big thank you to Doc Tessendorf, John Pilecki & Gary Paradise for their continued work in the sacristy. We also thank all who serve at worship this weekend. There are many “angels” in our congregation and community who go about living out their vocations as the Body of Christ. We know they do this not to be recognized, but because God has called and led them to do what they do. God bless you all and thank you to all!

SERVING ON MARCH 28 & 29

SATURDAY EVENING: Kathy Chapman, Mark Carlson, Lisa Serron

EARLY CHURCH: Richard Landholm, Greg Trost, Deborah Adams, Lisa Serron, Leslie Smith

LATE CHURCH: Karyl Hammond, Bob Smith, Jill Persson, Amanda, Andy & Ian Reding, Marcus Battaglia, Tammy Beattie, Jacki Scheib, Kathey Drennan, Gary & Collen Paradise, Amanda Modzel , Christine Davis, Hugh Shipley, John & JoAnn Pilecki

WHAT'S HAPPENING

“HELP BEAUTIFY OUR EASTER WORSHIP” – LAST DAY TO ORDER!



Every year we have the privilege of purchasing spring plants that will beautify the Altar for Easter Sunday, April 5th. You may take your plants home after late worship on Easter Sunday or anytime the following week. Then you can enjoy them all over again by planting them at home.

Order forms are on The Usher Station. **They are DUE to Linda Benivigna's mail box OR the Office No later than Sunday, March 22nd.** Please remember to note “Easter Flowers” on your check.

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

Are you a Thrivent Member with Choice Dollars to direct? Did you know that both Good Shepherd and Little Lambs can receive your directed Choice Dollars? They can! Remember to direct your 2025 Choice Dollars by March 31 at: **thrivent.com/thriventchoice**. Thank you!

NEW ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS, BEGINNING APRIL 12

Interested in diving into the Bible and getting a better understanding of God's word and plan, but find it difficult? Join us on Sunday mornings during Sunday school for a book discussion on approaching the Bible in a less intimidating and more proactive way. We will be reading “No More Boring Bible Study” by Faith Womack. Books are available through the office and class and we will begin our discussion on Sunday, April 12. Please contact Jill Persson at jill.m.persson@gmail.com or 585-301-1568 if you have any questions.

LENT SOUP SUPPERS AND DEVOTIONS

Our last Lenten Soup Supper and Devotion will be March 25th. join us at 6 PM for a pleasant evening of fellowship and devotions. We'll eat at 6 PM, followed by a short time for devotions at 7 PM. You can sign up to come on the sheet on the Wittenberg Door or your connection card. You can also sign up on the Wittenberg Door to bring soup or bread or both, if you so desire.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT NOTRE DAME RETREAT HOUSE TUESDAY, MARCH 31ST

We are privileged to have an amazing place to walk the Stations of the Cross once again this year. Notre Dame Retreat House has opened their grounds to us on the evening of Tuesday, March 31st between the hours of 4 – 6 PM. We will once again be offering a guided walk and scripture reading or you may choose to take a printed guide and take a contemplative walk on your own.

***Sign up on your connection card or the Wittenberg Door to be a docent to lead a few walks while you are there . Please indicate the time that you prefer.

HOLY WEEK/EASTER OFFERING

This Holy Week and Easter, our Special offerings will be designated to be a blessing to our community. These offerings will be used to bless Family Promise of Ontario County.

There will be special offering envelopes available at the usher table, as well as using the special offering envelopes for Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter.

[Genesis 12:2-3 \(ESV\)](#): "I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing... and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed".

Holy Week Events

- **Palm/Passion Worship, Sat. & Sun., March 28 & 29**, begins with a celebration of Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem amid cheers and the waving of Palms and moves through the events ending in His bitter suffering and death.
- **Tuesday, March 26 - Stations of the Cross at Notre Dame Retreat Center, 5151 Foster Road, Canandaigua, 4 – 6 PM**
- **Thursday, April 2nd Maundy Thursday – 7 PM**
- **Friday, April 3rd Good Friday – Worship at Noon and Tenebrae at 7 PM**
- **Saturday, April 4th – Easter Vigil, 5:30 PM**
- **Sunday, April 5th – Easter Celebration – 8 & 11 AM**
 - **Easter Breakfast, 9:30 – 10:45 AM Easter Morning**

EASTER BREAKFAST



Please join us for our annual Easter pancake, egg, and sausage breakfast. It's a great way to enjoy your Easter morning. Breakfast is served between services at 9:15 Easter morning. Reservations are appreciated, but all are welcome. No charge, but a free-will offering is appreciated to cover the cost of groceries. Sign up on your connection card or on the Wittenburg door. Hope to see you there!

BREAKFAST GOODIES

Because man does not live by pancakes alone, but also by muffins, coffee cakes, sticky buns, and the like, we're asking for bakers to bring some goodies for Easter breakfast. You may drop them off at church Saturday afternoon between 1 and 2:30, bring them to the Easter Vigil



Saturday night, or bring them with you Sunday morning. Please sign up on the Wittenburg door or on your connection card. Thanks!

GRIEF SHARE GROUP, BEGINS APRIL 7

The next cycle of Grief Share will begin on Tuesday, April 7th at 5:30 PM. The group will meet in the Teen Room. This is a 13 week program and is for anyone grieving a loss.

OH, MY - A LITTLE LAMB'S PIE!



Little Lambs will be taking orders for delicious frozen pies from the "Special Touch Bakery"-(Holy Childhood) to raise money for classroom equipment and supplies. Choices will be: Chocolate Peanut Butter Pie - \$25, Apple Crumb, Strawberry/Rhubarb, Cherry and Rumbleberry (blueberry, blackberry & raspberry) - each for \$20. These are 10 inch pies and can last in the freezer for up to a year! PRE-PAID orders are due by April 17th with a pick up date of May 8th. Order forms are available in the Gathering Space. Please consider supporting Little

Lamb's AND your Mom!

WHAT IS LWML?

Hello Ladies of Good Shepherd! As promised here is a bit more information about the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) and in particular one of the national publications called the LWML Quarterly. The Quarterly is a magazine published by the national LWML and includes many articles about missions around the country and the globe being carried out by women just like you! An online free version is available (with limited content) at

<https://www.lwml.org/lutheran-womans-quarterly> or you can purchase the annual four publications for \$8. We will have one online subscription which Cathie Geske will print and can be passed around if you want to see the whole thing. Please check out the LWML at lwml.org and see what women are doing to further the gospel here and abroad!



LWML Genessee Zone Spring Rally, April 18

Dearest Ladies of Good Shepherd,

I am cordially inviting you to a lovely afternoon of fellowship, fun and an opportunity to learn more about our new ministry Camp-in-Daigua as well as meet new women in mission from our wider church body called the LWML. The LWML is Lutheran Women in Mission and is an auxiliary of our Lutheran Church Missouri Synod and you are already part of this group just by being a Lutheran Woman in mission! It is for confirmed women of all ages! Look for more information about the LWML in weekly devotions coming up this Lent. I genuinely hope to see you all there!

Your Fellow Woman in Mission,
Cathie Geske

Registration 9:30 a.m.

Rally 10:00 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Interpreter and child care available upon request.

The Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd

320 S. Pearl St.

Canandaigua, NY 14424

\$5 registration

Please see sign-up if you would like to help serve or cook lunch that day – we would like to give our ladies in Christ a warm welcome to our congregation!

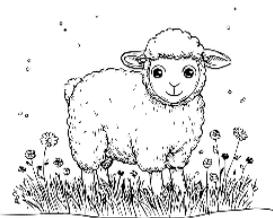
See poster on the Wittenberg Door for more information.

CAMP-IN-DAIGUA MERCHANDISE AVAILABLE TO ORDER

We have Camp-in-Daigua SWAG (Shirts, Wearables, And Gifts) available for pre-order. Please call/text Cathie Geske at (585) 369-5696 for more details, or talk to her after service. Thanks for supporting, and advertising, our new outreach ministry!



NOW ACCEPTING REGISTRATION FOR FALL LITTLE LAMBS!



Do you know someone with a child who is ready for preschool? Suggest Little Lambs! We are now accepting registration for the 2026/2027 school year. If they have questions, they are free to call the church office and Miss Kelly will return their call. Remember, word of mouth is the best advertisement!

REMEMBER THE GARAGE SALE!

Are cleaning your house for Easter? As you do so, consider donating any items that you no longer use and that are in good working order with all their parts to the Church Garage Sale. There are pallets in the basement all year for your donations. As always, remember that we cannot accept: TV's, computers or computer equipment, large exercise equipment and items for babies that might have a recall such as cribs & car seats.



**** SAVE THE DATE – MEN’S RETREAT****

Lutheran Laymen's League - 2026 Men's Retreat
May 29, 30, & 31 (Friday - Sunday)

Theme: "Discipleship in the Lion's Den"
Speaker: Dr. Gregory P. Seltz, PhD.

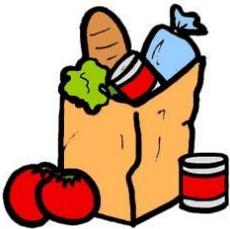
Pastor Seltz is the former speaker of the Lutheran Hour radio program and current director of the Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty. The retreat will start at 4 pm on Friday, May 29, 2026, continue thru Saturday, May 30, and end at noon Sunday, May 31.

Location: Pioneer on the Lake
9324 Lake Shore Road
Angola, NY 14006

If you haven't taken a look at the Pioneer camp lately, you need to give it another look! If you have never attended, come and see what you have been missing. If you haven't joined us in a while, please come back.

SUPPORT

CCIA UPDATE



Items running low at the food pantry are: Pasta sauce and tuna fish.

The need is greater than ever. Please be as generous as you can. If you would like, Tammy Beattie can do the shopping for you! Just put your gift in an envelope in Tammy Beattie's mailbox marked "CCIA". Or, you can certainly shop yourself! Your food donations can be placed in the wooden box labeled CCIA under the Mission counter in the coat room. Thanks in advance for being a good servant!

A THOUGHT FROM THE PRAYER TEAM
“Everyday Disciples, Sharing Christ, Changing Lives!”
Gathering, Growing, Giving, Going

We show our repentance by our prayers, being remorseful for doing wrong and by our desire to seek reconciliation with God and those we have harmed. The season of Lent gives us an opportunity for prayer, self-examination and repentance as we contemplate our sinful nature, our need for forgiveness and the salvation offered by Jesus Christ at the cross.

Let us humble ourselves in prayer before God asking His help in turning away from sin .

Humble yourselves before the LORD, and he will lift you up in honor James 4:10

For a better understanding read the surrounding verses

******Check out the prayer resources in the prayer room. Prayer Shawls are available should you desire to have one or wish to gift one to someone you know.

CARING NOTES

- Leon & Theresa Pfuntner as they both deal with health issues
- Donna Allhusen, daughter of Mary, as she deals with health issues
- Delores Furnum as she deals with health issues
- Marlene Pawlukewicz, (spouse, Joe) as she deals with health issues
- Jonathan Allhusen, son of Mary, (wife, Andrea, son, Christian), as he deals with health issues
- Steve Schneider (spouse, Barb) as he deals with health issues
- Sandy Pittenger, as she recuperates

If you would like to send a note to any of these friends, contact the church office for their address.



SERVING OUR LORD AT WORSHIP THIS WEEKEND,
MARCH 21 & 22, 2026

SERVING OUR LORD SATURDAY EVENING

ELDER	Pete Ellison
A/V	
ALTAR CARE	Lisa Serron

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SERVING OUR LORD AT 8 AM

ELDER	Richard Landholm
A/V TEAM	Matt Meyers
LECTOR	Scott Norris
ALTAR CARE	Tracy Romano
COMMUNION ASSISTANT	Deborah Adams
USHER	Vince Romano
GREETERS	Fred Salvagni

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SERVING OUR LORD AT 11 AM

ELDER	Jenny Tessororf
ASSIST MINISTER	Cindy Hemingway
SERVICE SHEPHERD	Bob Smith
A/V TEAM	Andy & Amanda Reding
LECTOR	Sandy Smith
ACOLYTES	Addy Modzel
ALTAR CARE	Tommy Reding
KIDS' WORSHIP	Cathie Geske
COMMUNION ASSISTANT	Dave Pittenger
USHERS	Jared Reding
GREETER	Kelly Brainard-Nichols
HOST	Sandy Voigt
OPENERS & CLOSERS	Fred Salvagni & Hugh Shipley

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SERVING OUR LORD

The Ministers

Rev. Steven R. Geske, Pastor

Rev. Don Muller, Pastor Emeritus

Lisa Serron, Office Manager

Linda Benivegna, Administrative Assistant

Stephanie Cheney, Music Director

Doc Tessendorf, Building Coordinator

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Lisa Brahm, Custodian, Preschool Aide

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ONGOING PRAYERS

Connected to Good Shepherd by family or friendship:

Pat & Mark Gunn, Tashi & Emma Benivegna, Mike & Kerri Eames, family & friends of Benivegna's; **Donna & Jonathan Allhusen**, daughter & son of Mary; **Marsha Johnson, Theresa Pulver**, family & friends of Terry & Linda Savage; **John & Sandy Beatty, Allison Sacheli and Rena Faulkner**, friends of Bill Fuge; **Sara Romano**, s-i-l of Vince and Tracy Romano; **Erin Smith Bernard**, daughter of Bob & Sandy Smith; **Judy Brainard**, mother of Kelly Nichols; **Charles & Allan Bucher**, brothers of Jean Bucher; **Debbie Hendershot**, d-i-l of Don & Gayle Hendershot; **Cary's Appel**, d-i-l of Mike Thompson; **Tim Genaway**, friend of Tammy Beattie; **Ruth Boselli**, sister of Pastor Don & Roxann MülleR

In our **PRAYERS** today we remember:

- **Slade Tiller** - son of Tammy Beatty - liver tests were normal but needs pain management
 - **Marcus Battaglia**, as he recovers from a concussion
 - **Steve and Barb Schnieder** – on going health issues
 - **Robert Joslyn** – ongoing health issues
 - **Bart and Deborah Adams** – on going health issues
 - **Jon Allhusen** – waiting for heart and liver transplants
 - **Bill and Judy Ballway** – on going health issues
 - **Bill Fuge** – broken foot
 - **Leon and Theresa Pfuntner** – on going health issues
 - **Sandy Pittenger** – on going health issues
 - **Family of Jim Russell** - friend of Tammy Beattie, who died recently.
- Jean Bucher** – rejoicing for healing

WORSHIP NEXT WEEKEND
PALM/PASSION SUNDAY
March 28th, 2026 5:30 p.m.
March 29th, 2026 8 and 11 a.m.
Divine Service, Setting One
 -With Holy Communion-