



Ash Wednesday

March 2, 2022 10:00am & 6:30pm

*Worshipping and Growing Together in Christ
Serving and Reaching Out Joyfully to All.*

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

We Gather in Silence

Welcome

Friends in Christ, today with the whole church we enter the time of remembering Jesus' Passover from death to life, and our life in Christ is renewed.

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

Prayer of the Day

Good shepherd, we come to you broken, for we have broken your world. Heal what we have harmed, and make us whole again. **Amen.**

Song

King of Love My Shepherd Is

Red ELW 502 vv. 1,2,6

**The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his and he is mine forever.**

**Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul he leadeth
and, where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.**

**And so, through all the length of days, thy goodness faileth never.
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.**

Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song

Scripture Reading

Psalm 23

¹The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

²He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;

³he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

⁴Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me;
your rod and your staff— they comfort me.

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

*Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.***

Gospel Acclamation

Refrain

Re - turn to God with all your heart, the
Source of grace and mer - cy; come seek the ten - der
faith - ful - ness of God.

Gospel Reading

John 10:1-18

The holy gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

“Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. ²The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” ⁶Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. ⁷So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly. ¹¹“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³The hired hand runs away because a hired hand

does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

*The gospel of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.***

Message

+ Invitation to Lent +

We begin this holy season by acknowledging our need for repentance and for God's mercy. We are created to experience joy in communion with God, to love one another, and to live in harmony with creation. But our sinful rebellion separates us from God, our neighbors, and creation, so that we do not enjoy the life our creator intended.

As disciples of Jesus, we are called to a discipline that contends against evil and resists whatever leads us away from love of God and neighbor. I invite you, therefore, to the discipline of Lent—self-examination and repentance, prayer and fasting, sacrificial giving and works of love—strengthened by the gifts of word and sacrament. Let us continue our journey through these forty days to the great Three Days of Jesus' death and resurrection.

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

The assembly kneels or remains seated. Silence is kept for reflection.

Most holy and merciful God,

we confess to you and to one another, and before the whole company of heaven, that we have sinned by our fault, by our own fault, by our own most grievous fault, 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, and mind, and strength.

We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven.

Have mercy on us, O God.

We have shut our ears to your call to serve as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy Spirit.

Have mercy on us, O God.

Our past unfaithfulness, the pride, envy, hypocrisy, and apathy that have infected our lives, we confess to you.

Have mercy on us, O God.

Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people, we confess to you.

Have mercy on us, O God.

Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to share the faith that is in us, we confess to you.

Have mercy on us, O God.

Our neglect of human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty, we confess to you.

Have mercy on us, O God.

Our false judgments, our uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us, we confess to you.

Have mercy on us, O God.

Our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us, we confess to you.

Have mercy on us, O God.

Restore us, O God, and let your anger depart from us.

Hear us, O God, for your mercy is great.

Prayers of Intercession

As we confess our sin and draw close to the heart of God, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Accept our confession, O God, and the prayers we bring on behalf of a world in need, for the sake of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

✠ Holy Communion & Imposition of Ashes ✠

Words of Institution

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.

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Let us pray. Almighty God, we remember this day that you have created us out of the dust of the earth and breathed life into us by your Spirit. May these ashes be a sign of our mortality and penitence as we embrace the journey; finding everlasting life in the cross of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray.

Amen.

Invitation

Come and receive the ashes as a sign of frailty and repentance; remembering that your life is in God's hands.

Receive food and drink for the journey; where goodness and mercy follow you all the days of your life.

Communion and ashes are available at Stations during Open Space:

For those who wish to receive ashes, please make your way to the back of the church and into the narthex. Options are available for receiving a sign of the cross in ashes from the pastor or tracing it upon your own forehead. You may hear or say the words, "From dust you are and to dust you shall return." You are welcome to use the kneeler or to stand.

For communion, you may take a pre-prepared kit to your seat, located at the back entrance, and receive communion at your seat, or you may come forward to the front of the church. The bread and wine can be taken from the table and trays and the assistants will speak these words: "The body of Christ given for you. The blood of Christ shed for you."

All are Welcome

You are invited . . .

to bring an **offering** forward during Holy Communion. The offering is gathered near the altar where we are reminded of God's gifts given to us in Christ and our response to these gifts.

Prayer

In this meal and in these ashes,
Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation,
that we may show forth your glory in the world.
By the cross and passion of your Son, our Savior,
bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

We thank you, living God, for the body and blood of your Son, which sustains us in the wilderness and the garden alike. As Christ has loved us in this feast, so send us to love Christ in our neighbors. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Blessing

You are children of God, anointed with the oil of gladness and strengthened for the journey. Almighty God, motherly, majestic, and mighty, ✠ bless you this day and always. **Amen.**

Sending Song

Take, Oh Take Me As I Am

Red ELW 814

Sung Twice

**Take, oh, take me as I am; summon out what I shall be;
set your seal upon my heart and live in me.**

Dismissal

Go in peace. Jesus meets you on the way. **Thanks be to God.**

Silent Recessional

✝ WORSHIP SERVICE GUIDELINES ✝

- Please wear a mask that fully covers your nose and mouth **inside** the building.
- You are welcome to sit anywhere in the sanctuary. Please be respectful of the personal space when choosing a seat next to those who are already seated. Make sure to maintain social distancing when interacting with those outside your household.
- **THANK YOU** for being considerate of disabled worshippers and their families. Please leave the pew cuts and several adjoining seats available for those with walkers, wheelchairs, or electric carts and their families.

Additionally, we will have a “socially distanced” zone in the 3 back pews in the sanctuary. This space is created for those with families who have unvaccinated children in mind and those who feel more safe in a designated socially distanced area.

- Once you are in your seat we ask that you not move around the sanctuary to greet each other, but remain in your spot for the duration of service.
- You may remove your mask to take communion, but we ask that you put your mask back over your mouth and nose as soon as you have received communion. Communion will be received in your own pew—you will not come forward to receive communion.
- **HEARING ASSISTANCE DEVICES (4 devices available)** are located at the sound booth located in the back of the sanctuary on the east side.
- **Prayer station** is available before and after worship for candle-lighting. Please be mindful of personal space around one another.
- **Fellowship:** Once service has concluded, if you would like to greet one another, the narthex, fellowship hall, library and columbarium are available for fellowship.

OFFERING

If you would like to make a donation to the mission of Holy Shepherd, which will be used to serve the community, neighborhood and the world, there is an offering plate located at the entrance to the sanctuary. Please make checks payable to: Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church. *Thank you.*

DISPENSING OF COMMUNION CUPS AND BULLETINS

Following worship, when leaving the sanctuary, please take your bulletin and communion cup with you to be dispensed with at the entrance to the sanctuary. You are welcome to take your bulletin home with you, but if not, please put your bulletin in the recycle basket and your communion cup in the trash basket.

NURSERY

The nursery (un-staffed) will be available to use for your family, if you need to leave the service. The library and Fellowship Hall are also available



Worship Leadership

- Pastors: Julie Brooks
- Organist: Jordan Ortman
- Communion Assistants:
 - 10:00am – Donna Madsen, Susie DiPaolo
 - 6:30pm – Amy Evancheck, Denise & Scott Ikenberry
- Readers: 10:00am - Bob Gordon
6:30pm – Bonnie Yockstick
- Ushers: 10:00am – Del Holz
6:30pm – Rod TeKrony
- Altar Guild: Donna Madsen, Susie DiPaolo
- Technology: Mike Madsen, Karen Novess
- Monitor: 10:00am – Del Holz
6:30pm – Jim Freeman

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