



Third Sunday in Lent

March 3, 2024

10:00am

Trusting in God

*You can't always get what you want, but if you
try you might get what you need.*

Trusting God + Loving the World

Worshiping and Growing Together in Christ | Serving and Reaching Out Joyfully to All!

Welcome! We're glad you're here!

*If you are a guest and are interested in knowing more about this community and the ministries that Holy Shepherd is engaged in, please fill out the **Welcome Card** located in the pew racks. Once filled out, please place the card either in the **offering basket** as you come forward to receive communion or at the **information desk** as you enter the narthex.*

Peace to you!

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

Teach us your way, O God,

So that we might walk in your truth.

We give thanks to God with our whole heart.

We will glorify God's name forever!

Confession and Forgiveness

We begin with an honest assessment of our individual and communal life that falls short of fullness and wholeness. You are invited into this vulnerable space as a practice of opening to God's grace as we will experience it in worship.

We confess our sins before God and one another.

Remain seated or kneel. Silence is kept for reflection.

God of love, **when we look inward and are honest with ourselves, we see where we have fallen short. We have sought after our own gain rather than the good of all. We have not loved you or our neighbors as ourselves. We have denied you in what we have done and not done. Create in us clean hearts, O God, that we might become what you have called us to be.**

God whose unfathomable love went to the cross for our sake now forgives us all our sins and welcomes us all over again into the promise of eternal life in Christ's name.
Amen.

Cantor/**Assembly**

You were sent to heal the contrite of heart: Kyrie, eleison;

Assembly



You came to call sinners: Christe, eleison

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You are seated at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us: Kyrie, eleison

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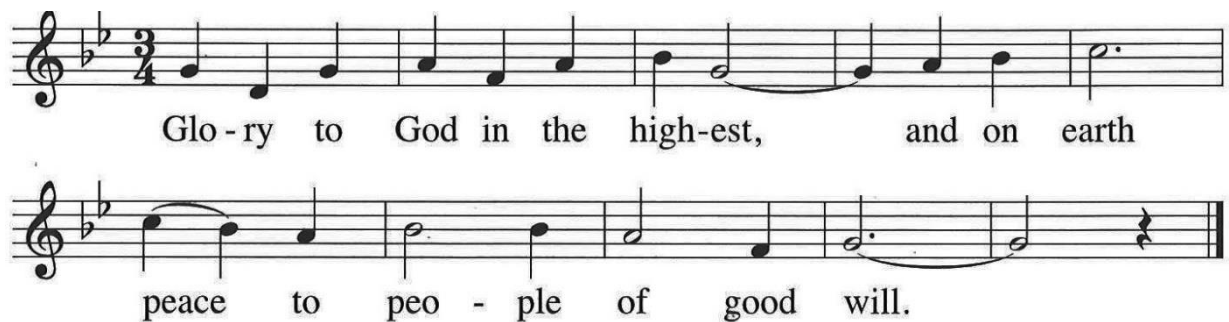
*May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life. A - men.*

Assembly



Glory to God

Refrain Sung by Assembly



Verses →

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. **Refrain**

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer,
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: have mercy on us. **Refrain**

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy spirit, in the glory of God the Father.
Amen! Amen. **Refrain**

Greeting & Prayer of the Day

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

Gracious God, **you created all that is, and everything is indelibly stamped with your holy signature. Make us to be careful stewards of all you entrust to us, that we might return it to you joyfully, knowing we have done our best to care for and keep it out of love for you. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

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

Jesus' authority is challenged. In response, Jesus tells his challengers a story about a vineyard and uses a common coin to issue a challenge of his own.

Scripture Reading

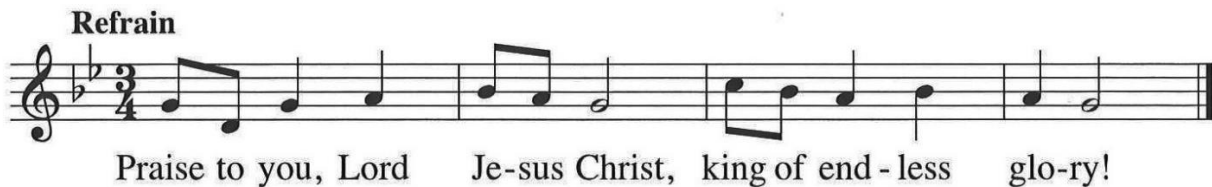
Psalms 86:8-13

There is none like you among the gods, O Lord,
nor are there any works like yours.
⁹All the nations you have made shall come
and bow down before you, O Lord,
and shall glorify your name.

- ¹⁰For you are great and do wondrous things;
you alone are God.
- ¹¹Teach me your way, O LORD,
that I may walk in your truth;
give me an undivided heart to revere your name.
- ¹²I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,
and I will glorify your name forever.
- ¹³For great is your steadfast love toward me;
you have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.

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

Gospel Acclamation



Refrain

*Lord, you are truly the Savior of the world;
give me living water, that I may never thirst again.*

Refrain

Holy Gospel

Mark 12:1-12 [13-17]

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

Then he began to speak to them in parables. "A man planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a pit for the wine press, and built a watchtower; then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. ²When the season came, he sent a slave to the tenants to collect from them his share of the produce of the vineyard. ³But they seized him, and beat him, and sent him away empty-handed. ⁴And again he sent another slave to them; this one they beat over the head and insulted. ⁵Then he sent another, and that one they killed. And so it was with many others; some they beat, and others they killed. ⁶He had still one other, a beloved son. Finally he sent him to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' ⁷But those tenants said to one another, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him, and the inheritance will be ours.' ⁸So they seized him, killed him, and threw him out of the vineyard. ⁹What then will the

owner of the vineyard do? He will come and destroy the tenants and give the vineyard to others. ¹⁰Have you not read this scripture:

'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone;

¹¹this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes'?"

¹²When they realized that he had told this parable against them, they wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowd. So they left him and went away. [¹³Then they sent to him some Pharisees and some Herodians to trap him in what he said. ¹⁴And they came and said to him, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality, but teach the way of God in accordance with truth. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not? ¹⁵Should we pay them, or should we not?" But knowing their hypocrisy, he said to them, "Why are you putting me to the test? Bring me a denarius and let me see it." ¹⁶And they brought one. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's." ¹⁷Jesus said to them, "Give to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." And they were utterly amazed at him.]

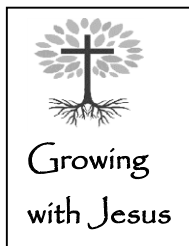
The gospel of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

+ Children's Time +

Message

Children's Church

Children age 3 – 4th Gr.
During message



Faith Talk

Youth 5th – 12th Grade
After worship

Song

Take My Life That I May Be

ELW 583

***Take my life, that I may be, consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.***

***Take my hands and let them move, at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee. Refrain***

Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect and use, ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose. *Refrain*

Take my voice and let me sing, always, only for my King;
take my lips and let them be, filled with messages from thee. *Refrain*

Prayers of the People

As we walk together through this season of contemplation and preparation,
we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

Sung before and after all prayers

**O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer:
when I call, answer me.**

**O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer:
come and listen to me.**

Prayer response:

God of the journey, **in mercy, hear our prayer.**

Confident that you walk alongside us in our need, we lift to you all our prayers,
spoken and unspoken, through Jesus Christ our savior. **Amen.**

Sharing God's Peace

May the peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also 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 God thanks and praise.**

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.

Invitation

The vineyard owner's son, our savior Jesus Christ, invites you now to this feast of bread and wine in remembrance of his sacrifice for the sake of the world. Come and meet him at this table and be strengthened by his presence with you.

+ *We Are Church. Better Together* +

Options on how to receive Holy Communion

You may come forward and stand or kneel, starting at the center and filling in along the rail. After you have received communion please exit by the side aisles and those waiting will then fill in the empty space. Bread (gluten-free) and wine or grape juice (center of the tray) will be given to you with the words spoken:

"The body of Christ given for you. The blood of Christ shed for you."

If you would like communion served in the pew, please signal to a pastor.

You are invited...

To bring an **offering** forward before or after worship or during Holy Communion.

The offering is gathered in front of the communion table where we are reminded of God's gifts given to us in Christ and our response to these gifts.

Communion Song

Lamb of God



One Bread, One Body

ELW 496

One bread, one body, one Lord of all;
one cup of blessing which we bless,
and we, though many throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.

Gentile or Jew, servant or free,
woman or man, no more. *Refrain*

Many the gifts, many the works,
one in the Lord of all. *Refrain*

Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,
gathered to one for all. *Refrain*

Post-Communion Blessing & Prayer

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

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.

Amen.

Sending Song

Jesus is a Rock in a Weary Land

ELW 333

Jesus is a rock in a weary land, a weary land, a weary land;
my Jesus is a rock in a weary land, a shelter in a time of storm.

No one can do like Jesus,
not a mumbling word he said;
he went walking down to Lazarus' grave,
and he raised him from the dead. *Refrain*

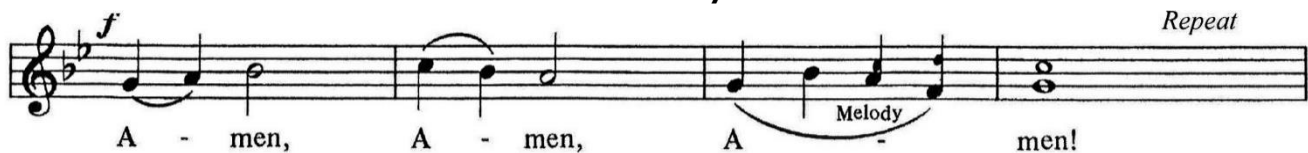
When Jesus was on earth,
the flesh was very weak;
he took a towel and girded himself
and he washed his disciples' feet. *Refrain*

Yonder comes my Savior,
him whom I love so well;
he has the palm of victory
and the keys of death and hell. *Refrain*

Doxology & Amen

Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours, forever and ever.

Assembly:



Sending

Go in peace, trust in God, love the world. **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude



Worship Leadership

- Pastor: Julie Brooks, Kim Gonia
- Organist: Jordan Ortman
- Reader: Matt Mohrbacher
- Communion Assistant: Gaylene Szaltzer, Barb Stannard
- Greeter: Delores Launder
- Usher: Bosak-Simmons Family
- Altar Guild: Susie DiPaolo
- Children's Church: Margaret Mohrbacher
- Teen Faith Talk: Terry Dunn
- Technology: Michael Boehm, Mark Lee
- Fellowship Hosts: The Powelson Clan

Song Resource Key

ELW: *Evangelical Lutheran Worship Hymnal*

ACS: *All Creation Sings*

HSSB: *Holy Shepherd Songbook*

WOV: *With One Voice*

+ WORSHIP SERVICE NOTES +

- **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.
- **HEARING ASSISTANCE DEVICES (4 devices available)** are located at the sound booth located in the back of the sanctuary on the east side.
- **FELLOWSHIP:** Once worship has finished, please feel free to stay and greet each other and go into the fellowship hall for coffee and snacks.

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 front of the sanctuary. Please make checks payable to: Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church or use the PayPal link below. *Thank you.*

KIDS ZONE

The **Kids Zone** (un- staffed) will be available to use for your family, if you need to leave the service. It is located off the hallway west of the sanctuary. The library and fellowship hall are also available.

**Narrative Lectionary Worship
Resources**

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