



# *Fourth Sunday in Lent*

March 10, 2024

10:00am

*Trusting in God*  
*God doesn't know math.*

Trusting God + Loving the World

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*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

Hear, O Israel!

**Our God is one!**

Love God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength.

**We will love our neighbors as ourselves.**

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*

### Assembly



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

### Assembly



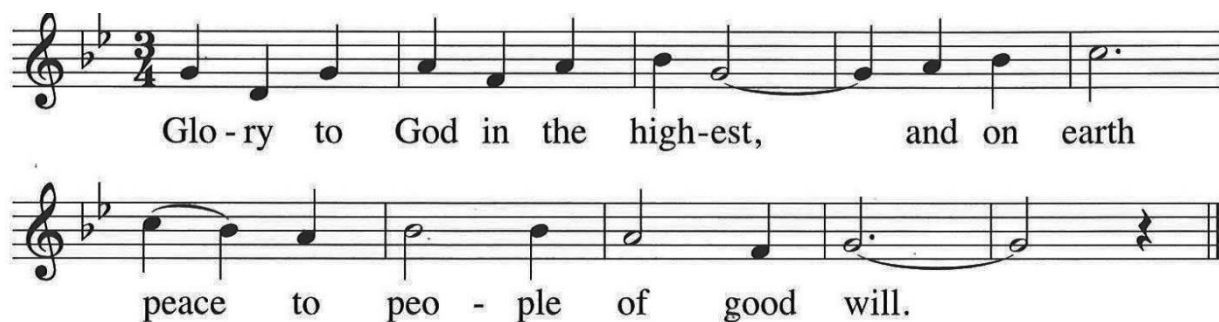
*May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins,  
and bring us to everlasting life. A - men.*

### 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.**

Holy God, **you have taught us what it is to live in community with one another in sacrificial love. Give us hearts for service so that all might have their needs met, and be freed to give back for the good of others and of all creation. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

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

*As Jesus is teaching in the Temple, a poor widow gives a generous donation to the treasury in a perfect example of the genuine, trust-building love that Jesus has been explaining to the scribes.*

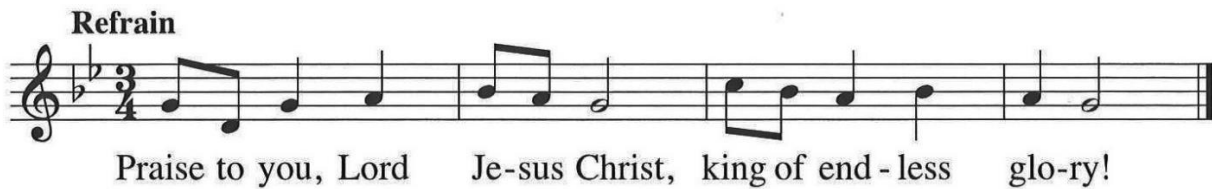
## Scripture Reading

**Psalms 89:1-4**

I will sing of your steadfast love, O LORD, forever;  
with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.  
<sup>2</sup>I declare that your steadfast love is established forever;  
your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.  
<sup>3</sup>You said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one,  
I have sworn to my servant David:  
<sup>4</sup>"I will establish your descendants forever,  
and build your throne for all generations.'"

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 12:28-44**

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

One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, "Which commandment is the first of all?" <sup>29</sup>Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; <sup>30</sup>you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' <sup>31</sup>The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." <sup>32</sup>Then the scribe said to him, "You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that 'he is one, and besides him there is no other'; <sup>33</sup>and 'to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,' and 'to love one's neighbor as oneself,' —this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices." <sup>34</sup>When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." After that no one dared to ask him any question.

<sup>35</sup>While Jesus was teaching in the temple, he said, "How can the scribes say that the Messiah is the son of David? <sup>36</sup>David himself, by the Holy Spirit, declared, 'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet."' <sup>37</sup>David himself calls him Lord; so how can he be his son?" And the large crowd was listening to him with delight.

<sup>38</sup>As he taught, he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, <sup>39</sup>and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! <sup>40</sup>They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation." <sup>41</sup>He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. <sup>42</sup>A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny.

<sup>43</sup>Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. <sup>44</sup>For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

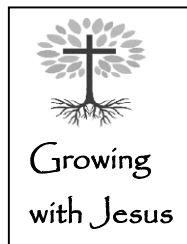
The gospel of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## + Children's Time +

### Message

#### **Children's Church**

Children age 3 – 4<sup>th</sup> Gr.  
During message



#### **Faith Talk**

Youth 5<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade  
After worship

### Song

#### **O Love How Deep**

ELW 322

Oh, love, how deep, how broad, how high,  
beyond all thought and fantasy,  
that God, the Son of God, should take  
our mortal form for mortals' sake!

God sent no angel to our race,  
of higher or of lower place,  
but wore the robe of human frame,  
in Christ our Lord to this world came.

For us baptized, for us he bore  
his holy fast and hungered sore;  
for us temptation sharp he knew;  
for us the tempter overthrew.

For us he prayed; for us he taught;  
for us his daily works he wrought,  
by words and signs and actions thus  
still seeking not himself, but us.

# 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

Come and be fed at the table of life, where Jesus meets us in bread and wine and fills us with all good things, that we might love God with all our hearts, souls, minds, and strength, and our neighbors as ourselves.

+ *We Are Church. Better Together* +

*All Are Welcome*

### 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 Songs

## Lamb of God



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## Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

ELW 712 vs. 1-3

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**Lord, whose love in humble service, bore the weight of human need,  
who upon the cross, forsaken: worked your mercy's perfect deed:  
we, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart;  
consecrating to your purpose ev'ry gift which you impart.**

**Still your children wander homeless; still the hungry cry for bread;  
still the captives long for freedom; still in grief we mourn our dead.  
As you, Lord, in deep compassion healed the sick and freed the soul,  
by your Spirit send your power to our world to make it whole.**

**As we worship, grant us vision, till your love's revealing light  
in its height and depth and greatness dawns upon our quickened sight,  
making known the needs and burdens your compassion bids us bear,  
stirring us to ardent service, your abundant life to share.**

## 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.**

*God blesses us and sends us put in mission to the world*

## Sending Song

*When the Poor Ones*

ELW 725 vs. 1,2,4

**When the poor ones, who have nothing, still are giving;  
when the thirsty pass the cup, water to share;  
when the wounded offer others strength and healing:**

### *Refrain*

**We see God, here by our side, walking our way;  
we see God, here by our side, walking our way.**

**When compassion gives the suff'ring consolation;  
when expecting brings to birth hope that was lost;  
when we choose love, not the hatred all around us: *Refrain***

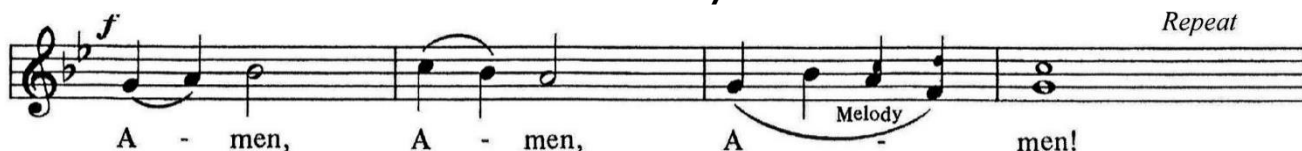
**When the goodness poured from heaven fills our dwellings;  
when the nations work to change war into peace;  
when the stranger is accepted as our neighbor: *Refrain***

+ **Blessing** +

## 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
- Assisting Minister: Amy Evancheck
- Organist: Jordan Ortman
- Reader: Bob Gordan
- Communion Assistant: Del Felton
- Greeters: Kurt and Darlene Mader
- Usher: Don Threlkeld
- Altar Guild: Judy Ekberg
- Children's Church: Pam Klenz
- Teen Faith Talk: Pat Mohrbacher
- Technology: Mike Madsen, Mark Lee
- Fellowship Hosts: Pat & Gerry Scholten

### **Song Resource Key**

***ELW:*** *Evangelical Lutheran Worship Hymnal*

***ACS:*** *All Creation Sings*

***HSSB:*** *Holy Shepherd Songbook*

***WOV:*** *With One Voice*

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## + WORSHIP SERVICE NOTES +

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- **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.

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## OFFERING

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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.*

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## KIDS ZONE

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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 to the west of the sanctuary. The library and fellowship hall are also available.

**Narrative Lectionary Worship  
Resources**

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