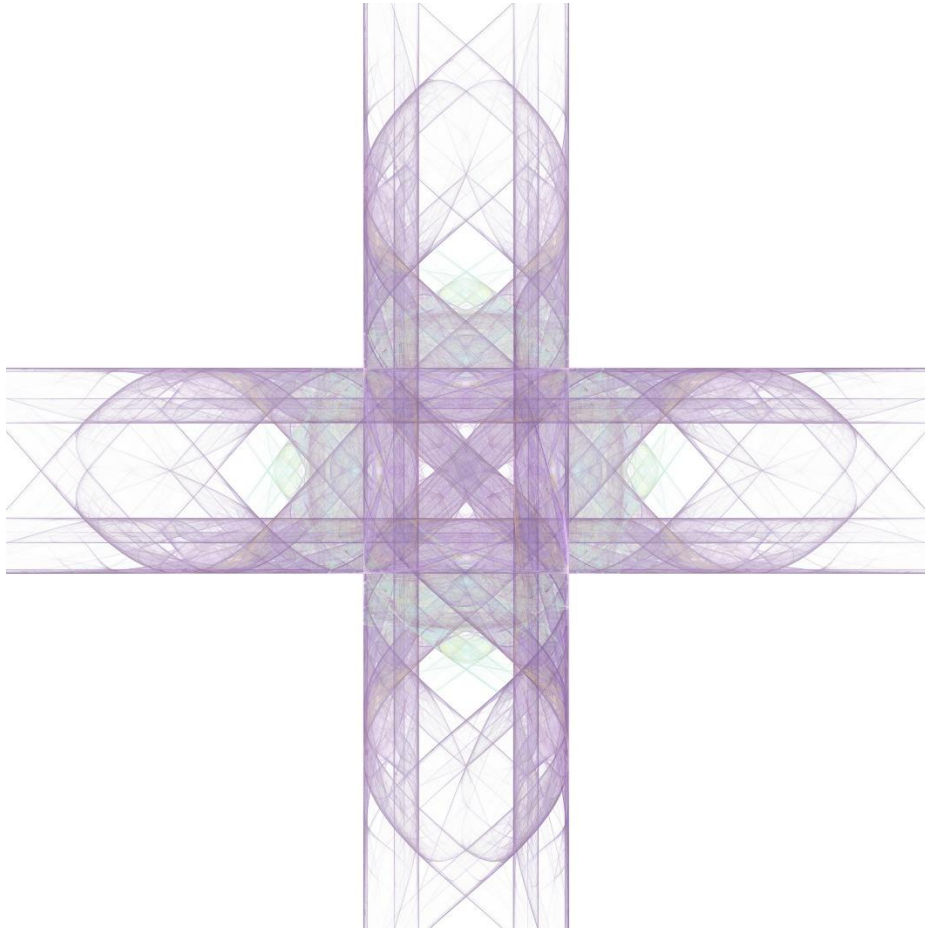


The Season of Lent



Lament over Jerusalem

We cannot interpret our lives to discern our standing with God. We have all fallen short and have an equal need for God's mercy, which is why Jesus has come.

March 16, 2025 | 10:00am

Welcome!

*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.*

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

Let us go to the house of God!
We are glad to gather in God's holy house.
Peace be within these walls,
And may we carry that peace out beyond them.

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 the journey,

We do not want to follow where you lead. Instead, we turn inward, focusing on satisfying our own wants, even at the expense of our neighbors. We do not see their suffering; we do not act for their justice. We are motivated by the fear of not getting what we want, or of losing what we have. We ignore the example of your sacrificial love, which has the power to heal and make whole. Forgive us for refusing to heed your call. Change our hearts, our minds, and our actions, so that we might return to following you, no matter where your journey leads.

Our God is a God of abundant grace and mercy, and never lets us go. For the sake of Jesus, God With Us, who gave all for the redemption of creation, your sins are forgiven. Follow in Christ's loving footsteps. **Amen.**

Kyrie

Musical score for Kyrie in 3/4 time, featuring Cantor and All parts. The score is divided into three systems, each with a Cantor part and an All part. The lyrics are: Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son. Chri - ste, e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son.

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 call us to gather under your wings and yet we turn away. Open our ears to hear and our hearts to receive the truth that you desire to be in relationship with us. Help us to seek your care and provision each and every day. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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

Jesus clarifies in the strongest terms that every one of us is liable to judgment and is in need of a savior. Thankfully, he has come not to scatter but to shelter us from that judgment.

Scripture Reading

Psalm 122

¹I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord!"

²Our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.

³Jerusalem—built as a city that is bound firmly together.

⁴To it the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, as was decreed for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the Lord.

⁵For there the thrones for judgment were set up, the thrones of the house of David.

⁶Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May they prosper who love you.

⁷Peace be within your walls, and security within your towers."

⁸For the sake of my relatives and friends I will say, "Peace be within you."

⁹For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek your good.

Gospel Acclamation

9 Glo-ry to you, O Word of God, Lord_ Je - sus Christ!

Glo - ry to you, O Word of God, Lord_____

14 1. Jes - sus Christ! 2. Christ!_____

Holy Gospel

Luke 13:1-9, 31-35

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

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. ²He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? ³No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. ⁴Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? ⁵No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did."

⁶Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. ⁷So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' ⁸He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. ⁹If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

³¹At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." ³²He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. ³³Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' ³⁴Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! ³⁵See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ.**

+ Children's Time +

Message

(Silence for reflection follows)



Children's Church
Children age 3 – 4th Gr.
During message



Song

O God Why Are You Silent

ELW 703

**O God, why are you silent? I cannot hear your voice;
the proud and strong and violent, all claim you and rejoice;
you promised you would hold me, with tenderness and care.
Draw near, O Love, enfold me, and ease the pain I bear.**

**My hope lies bruised and battered, my wounded heart is torn;
my spirit spent and shattered, by life's relentless storm;
will you not bend to hear me, my cries from deep within?
Have you no word to cheer me, when night is closing in?**

Through endless nights of weeping, through weary days of grief,
my heart is in your keeping, my comfort, my relief.
Come, share my tears and sadness, come, suffer in my pain,
oh, bring me home to gladness, restore my hope again.

May pain draw forth compassion, let wisdom rise from loss;
oh, take my heart and fashion the image of your cross;
then may I know your healing, through healing that I share,
your grace and love revealing, your tenderness and care.

Installation of Council Members

Prayers of the People

With trust and hope, we pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.
Sung before and after all prayers



O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: when I call, an - swer me.
OR The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: all my hope comes from God.



O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: come and lis - ten to me.
The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: God, the well-spring of life.

Prayer response:
Merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

We entrust all these prayers and those of our hearts to you, O God.
In Jesus name we pray. **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.**

Eucharistic Prayer

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory. Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

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

Jesus, our savior and friend, invites you now to this holy table, where he meets you in the bread and wine that is his own body and blood. Come and be fed, for all is prepared.

+ All are welcome at the table +

Options on how to receive Holy Communion

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

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins___ of the world, have mer - cy have

6
mer - cy on us. 1. 2. Lamb of God, you

11
take a-way the sins___ of the world, grant us, grant_ us___ peace.

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,
calling for you and for me.
See, on the portals he's waiting and watching,
watching for you and for me.

Refrain

"Come home, (Come home,)
come home! (come home!)
You who are weary, come home."
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,
calling, "O sinner, come home!"

Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading,
pleading for you and for me?
Why should we linger and heed not his mercies,
mercies for you and for me? *Refrain*

Oh, for the wonderful love he has promised,
promised for you and for me!
Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon,
pardon for you and for me. *Refrain*

Prayer After Communion

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

Generous Host, you have shared your feast with us and made us new.
Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities,
that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom,
in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.



Blessing

God our tender parent, God the crucified one,
God the reconciling Spirit, ✚ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Sending Song

O God of Mercy, God of Light

ELW 714 vs. 1,2,4

**O God of mercy, God of light,
in love and mercy infinite,
teach us, as ever in your sight,
to live our lives in you.**

**You sent your Son to die for all,
that our lost world might hear your call;
oh, hear us lest we stray and fall!
We rest our hope in you.**

**For all are kindred, far and wide,
since Jesus Christ for all has died;
grant us the will, and grace provide,
to love them all in you.**

Sending

Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude



Worship Leadership

- Pastor: Julie Brooks, Kim Gonia
- Organist: Jordan Ortman
- Reader: Randy Updike
- Communion Assistants: Susan Linner, Corene Morcom
- Greeter: Becky Sauer
- Usher: Del Felton
- Altar Guild: Donna Madsen
- Children's Church: Children's Church Team
- Technology: Judy Ekberg, Mark Lee
- Fellowship Hosts: Congregation: Please bring appetizers

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 +

- **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** are located at the sound booth located in the back of the sanctuary on the east side. You can also download the app WaveCast Receiver which is designed for hearing aids with Bluetooth capability. See Diane Klinkerfues or our sound engineer Mark, in our sound booth. (Back of the sanctuary, SE corner).
- **PRAYER WALL/CANDLE STATION** is available during worship for candle-lighting and writing prayers and placing them in the prayer wall. Blue paper for writing prayers is available at the prayer wall or in the pews where the offering envelopes are located.
- **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. *Thank you.*

WORSHIP VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

There are many ways to engage in worship volunteer opportunities, and we'd love to have you! If you are interested in any of the volunteer opportunities below or just want to hear more about them please contact Diane Klinkerfues at dklinkerfues@holyshepherd.com

- Reader, communion assistant, altar guild (preparing the wine and bread), screen operator, usher, or greeter.

KIDS AREA

The **Kids Area** (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.

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