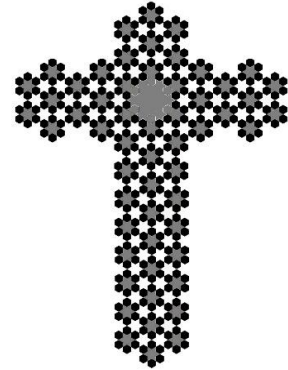


THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

March 23, 2025

8:00 AM Service

Holy Communion: Rite I



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WELCOME TO GOOD SHEPHERD

Restrooms: Handicap-accessible restrooms are located to the right as you go up the ramp through the archway across from the doors of the sanctuary.

We have gluten-free wafers available: Please tell us when you come to the altar rail.

Standing, sitting, and kneeling: Throughout the bulletin, there are invitations to stand, sit or kneel, as you choose. You are free to be seated at any time when that is best for you.

A gentle Reminder: Please enter the Nave quietly and reverently and silence your phones.

Most of the sung music is found in the blue hymnal, *The Hymnal, 1982*. In the bulletin, an "H" indicates the hymn section of the book; an "S" indicates it's from the service music section in the front of the book.

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please remain seated.

THE PENITENTIAL ORDER

Please stand.

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins;

People **His mercy endureth for ever.**

THE DECALOGUE

Please stand or kneel as you prefer.

Celebrant God spake these words, and said: I am the Lord thy God who brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt have none other gods but me.

People **Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Celebrant Thou shalt not make to thyself any graven image, nor the likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or in the earth beneath, or in the water under the earth; thou shalt not bow down to them, nor worship them.

People **Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Celebrant Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain.

People **Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Celebrant Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath day.

People **Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Celebrant Honor thy father and thy mother.

People **Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Celebrant Thou shalt do no murder.

People **Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Celebrant Thou shalt not commit adultery.

People **Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Celebrant Thou shalt not steal.

People **Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Celebrant Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

People **Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Celebrant Thou shalt not covet.

People **Lord have mercy upon us, and write all these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.**

Celebrant If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us; but if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:8,9

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Please kneel or stand.

Celebrant Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God. [*Silence is kept.*] Most merciful God,

People **We confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.**

Celebrant The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit.

People **Amen.**

Celebrant Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One.

All **Have mercy upon us.**

Celebrant Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One.

All **Have mercy upon us.**

Celebrant Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One.

All **Have mercy upon us.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy Spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray... Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

Please be seated.

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 55:1-9

Lector *The First Reading is taken from Isaiah chapter 55...*

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 63:1-8

Lector *We will read responsively from Psalm 63...*

Lector O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you, as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.

People **Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, that I might behold your power and your glory.**

Lector For your loving-kindness is better than life itself; my lips shall give you praise.

People **So will I bless you as long as I live and lift up my hands in your Name.**

Lector My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness, and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,

People **When I remember you upon my bed, and meditate on you in the night watches.**

Lector For you have been my helper, and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.

People **My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast.**

THE SECOND READING

I Corinthians 10:1-13

Lector *The Second Reading is taken from First Corinthians chapter 10....*

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL

Luke 13:1-9

Please stand.

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Celebrant At that very time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or 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? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did." Then 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. So 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?' He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

SERMON

The Rev. Kathleen Walter

NICENE CREED *Please stand.*

People We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten
of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.
AMEN.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please sit, stand, or kneel, as you prefer.

Celebrant Let us pray, remembering that our penitence is never disconnected from our
gratitude, and that in our prayer, fasting, and almsgiving we create a space for the
abundant presence of God, responding to the cry of prayer with “Kyrie eleison.”

Lector For the church, that it may welcome those with heavy hearts, offer the prayers of
thanksgiving that become our daily bread, forgive all those who enter, and repent of
its own injustices, we pray:

People **Kyrie eleison.**

Lector For all those in authority and all the nations of the world, that our lust for power may
be left at the foot of the cross, rendering our own plans as ash in light of the
abundant God who showers joy and thanksgiving on all of creation, we pray:

People **Kyrie eleison.**

Lector For the good of the whole world, for the flourishing of those in need, for the wealthy to give away more and live with less, for generosity of love to be present in all of God's people, that the whole world would turn toward gratitude and away from scarcity, we pray:

People **Kyrie eleison.**

Lector For those around us, that in this season of dying to ourselves, we might also die to one another, loving those around us more fervently, loving friend and stranger out of the heart of thanksgiving we find in our confession, we pray:

People **Kyrie eleison.**

Lector For all suffering, for humankind and all of creation, for illness, for the sin-sickness from which only God can give us rest, and for those on our prayer list and those we name aloud or in our hearts (*pause*) that we may be called during this season of devotion into caring for the suffering around us and inside of ourselves, with gratitude that God is with us in all of it, we pray:

People **Kyrie eleison.**

Lector For all who have died in hope of the resurrection and those we name aloud or in our hearts (*pause*) who join with us as we wait for resurrection this season, and for all the saints who have modeled perseverance for us as we become pilgrims in the wilderness, journeying toward the cross with gratitude as the light for our path, we pray:

People **Kyrie eleison.**

Lector For the reminder of your steadfastness that we receive when we are thankful, when we survey the riches of your grace, when we give thanks especially for the birthdays this coming week of Susan Fowler, Kenneth Tomlinson, Jean Herbert, Kyle Hopwood, Hank Nalewajek, when we count the blessings we now name, either aloud or in the silence of our hearts.... (*pause*) In our gratitude, we pray:

People **Kyrie eleison.**

Celebrant God of all mercy, we thank you that you hear our cries for forgiveness, for abundant life, for comfort in death, for resurrection into eternal life. May we bless the Lord, not forgetting all his benefits, his forgiveness of our iniquities, his healing all our diseases, the God who redeems us from the pit, who crowns us with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies us with good. Send us, we pray, into the world to love others out of gratitude for God's love for us, that we may follow in Christ's commandment to love God and love one another.

People **Amen.**

THE GREETING OF PEACE

Please stand.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Please be seated.

THE PRESENTATION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer II

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People **It is meet and right so to do.**

Celebrant It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Celebrant says a proper preface

Therefore, with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

People **Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts: Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.**

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Please kneel or stand, as you choose.

Celebrant All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory. And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

People **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

People **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, for ever and ever. AMEN.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All are invited to receive the Sacrament. If you would like to receive wine you may do so by sipping from the chalice or allowing the Eucharistic Minister to intinct (dip) the wafer for you.

If you desire a blessing instead of Communion, cross your arms over your chest.

COMMUNION

As the Deer

Douglas E. Wagner

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant Let us pray.

People **Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.**

THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Please stand.

Celebrant announces the blessing.

People **Amen.**

Celebrant Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
People **Thanks be to God!**

VOLUNTARY

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

arr. Paul Manz
(1919-2009)

SERVING US TODAY

Celebrant	The Rev. Kathleen Walter
Organist	Tom Huffman
Crucifer/Chalicer	Tony Bowman
Lector	Gail Griffin
Ushers	John Schmidt, Jay Harvey

Prayers are requested for:

The Week of March 16 – Judith & Nels A, Helen Marie, Maureen B, Ryan S and Family, Gerry B, Billy G, Michelle and Family, Rhiannon S, Mandeville P, Mavis S, Milly L, Lynda & Tim E

Celebrations this week: Birthdays – Susan Fowler, Kenneth Tomlinson, Jean Herbert, Kyle Hopwood, Hank Nalewajek

** During Lent prayer requests will not be read aloud
due to the change in liturgy for the season.
All prayer requests will be printed as usual.*

Announcements

Episcopal Relief & Development Collection – During Lent we will be collecting offerings for Episcopal Relief & Development until Good Friday. You may collect change in an ER&D box or checks may be marked ER&D. You may also give online or by mail.

Easter Flowers & Music - Donations are now being accepted toward music and flowers for our Easter services. To donate, please either fill out an envelope located in the church or complete the online form. Please clearly print if your donation is given in memory or in honor of loved ones. The deadline for receiving reservations and monetary donations in the church office or collection plate is Sunday, April 6, 2025. A minimum donation of \$25 is requested.

24 Hours that Changed the World – Our Lenten Study continues on Mondays at 5:30PM in the Patio Room. Adam Hamilton's book chronicles the last 24 hours of Christ's earthly life.

Fifth Sunday Feast– Join us in Kirk Hall after the 10am service on March 30 for a breakfast feast. Tickets are \$10 per person. Family tickets are \$30 and children 10 and under are free.

Rector's Discretionary Fund Sunday – On Sunday, April 2, all loose plate offering will be directed to the Rector's Discretionary Fund to help those in our parish and our community. Checks may be marked with RDF.

Spring Formation – Join us during Lent for continued learning and exploration of our faith at our various formation opportunities: Sunday Adult Bible Study, Children's Sunday School, Mindful Mondays, Monday Lenten Study, Wednesday Bible Study, Book Club, Youth Group. See the formation flyers, website and newsletter for details.

Holy Week Services

April 13, Palm Sunday, 8 AM & 10 AM*

April 16, Holy Wednesday, No Wednesday Worship Service

April 17, Maundy Thursday, 6:30 PM*, Service including Foot Washing and Stripping of Altar

April 17, The Gethsemane Watch 8 PM – 8 AM, Prayer Vigil

April 18, Good Friday, 12 PM Traditional Worship, 6:30 PM* Tenebrae Service

April 19, Easter Vigil, 6:30 PM, Service followed by celebratory reception

April 20, Easter Sunday, 8 AM & 10 AM*

April 20, Easter Egg Hunt, 11:30 AM on the playground

* *Livestreamed services*