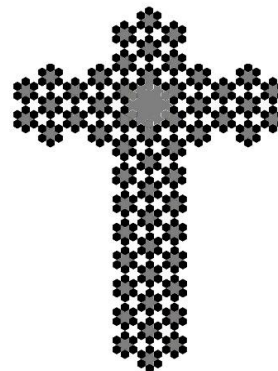


# THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 30, 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... Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

*All* **Amen.**

# THE WORD OF GOD

*Please be seated.*

## THE FIRST READING

Joshua 5:9-12

*Lector*      *The First Reading is taken from Joshua chapter 5...*

The Lord said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day. While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

*Lector*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 32

*Lector*      *We will read responsively from Psalm 32...*

*Lector*      Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sin is put away!

*People*      **Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, and in whose spirit there is no guile!**

*Lector*      While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, because of my groaning all day long.

*People*      **For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.**

*Lector*      Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not conceal my guilt.

*People*      **I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.**

*Lector*      Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.

*People*      **You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance.**

*Lector*      "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; I will guide you with my eye.

*People*      **Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you."**

*Lector*      Great are the tribulations of the wicked; but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.

*People*      **Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord; shout for joy, all who are true of heart.**

## THE SECOND READING

II Corinthians 5:16-21

*Lector*        *The Second Reading is taken from Second Corinthians chapter 5....*

From now on, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

*Lector*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

## THE GOSPEL

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

*Please stand.*

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

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

*Celebrant*    All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." So Jesus told them this parable:

"There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.'" So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe--the best one--and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

"Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for

you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People* **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

**SERMON** The Rev. Andrew Gerns

**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, especially Barbara Rennie, 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 Mariann Taylor, Helen Marie Heald, Jerald Ozbun, Kara Strickland and for the anniversaries of Beth and Patrick Brinsko, Carly and Edward



Hopwood, and 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* Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was in every way tempted as we are, yet did not sin; by whose grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer unto ourselves, but unto him who died for us and rose again. 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

Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling

Robert A. Hobby

## 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

Erhalt uns Herr bei deinem Wort  
(Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Thy Word)

Dietrich Buxtehude  
(1637-1707)

## SERVING US TODAY

Celebrant	The Rev. Andrew Gerns
Organist	Tom Huffman
Crucifer/Chalicer	Laura McGary
Lector	Edward Hopwood
Ushers	Bob DeStefano, Ed Steponaitis

**Prayers are requested for:**

**The Week of March 23** – 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, John R, Ally F

**Celebrations this week: Birthdays** – Mariann Taylor, Helen Marie Heald, Jerald Ozbun, Kara Strickland

**Anniversaries** – Beth and Patrick Brinsko, Carly and Edward Hopwood

*\* 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**

**Daughters of the King Collection** – Today all loose plate offering will be directed to Good Shepherd's chapter of Daughters of the King.

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

**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.

**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.

**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.

### **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*