

# THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

March 8, 2026

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.



Virtual Worship Bulletins

# GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please remain seated.*

## THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Please stand as you are able.*

*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 as you are able.*

*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.**

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## 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

Exodus 17:1-7

*Lector*        *The First Reading is taken from Exodus chapter 17...*

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

*Lector*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM 95

*Lector*        *We will read responsively from Psalm 95...*

*Lector*        Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

*People*        **Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving  
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.**

*Lector*        For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

*People*        **In his hand are the caverns of the earth,  
and the heights of the hills are his also.**

*Lector*        The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands have molded the dry land.

*People*        **Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee,  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.**

*Lector*        For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.  
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

*People*        **Harden not your hearts, as your forebears did in the wilderness,  
at Meribah, and on that day at Massah, when they tempted me.**

*Lector*        They put me to the test, though they had seen my works.

*People*        **Forty years long I detested that generation and said,  
"This people are wayward in their hearts; they do not know my ways."**

*Lector*        So I swore in my wrath, "They shall not enter into my rest."

## THE SECOND READING

Romans 5:1-11

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

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person-- though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

*Lector*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

## THE GOSPEL

John 4:5-42

*Please stand as you are able.*

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

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

*Celebrant*    Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come back.” The woman answered him, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You are right in saying, ‘I have no husband’; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!” The woman said to him, “Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.” Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming” (who is called Christ). “When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.” Jesus said to her, “I am he, the one who is speaking to you.”

Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, “What do you want?” or, “Why are you speaking with her?” Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, “Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?” They left the city and were on their way to him.

Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, “Rabbi, eat something.” But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.” So the disciples said to one another, “Surely no one has brought him something to eat?” Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, ‘Four months more, then comes the harvest’? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’ I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.”

Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I have ever done.” So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world.”

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

**SERMON**

The Rev. Whitney Burton

## NICENE CREED

*Please stand as you are able.*

*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 Marc Jacobson, Maryellen Tilly, Timothy Felder, and Hazel DeStefano, 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 as able.*

*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**

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

Raymond H. Haan

### **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 as able.*

*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**

From God I Ne'er Will Turn Me

Dietrich Buxtehude

## **SERVING US TODAY**

Celebrant	The Rev. Whitney Burton
Organist	Tom Huffman
Crucifer/Chalicer	Tony Bowman
Lector	Gail Griffin
Ushers	John Schmidt and Jay Harvey

## **PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR**

Linda R, Bob S, the people of Ukraine, Dana R, Tracy O, Jay O, Jay H, Gloria and Dan S, Carol C, Tony B, Lynne H, Butch N, Mary Ann W, Maureen B, Helen Marie, Bonnie S, Bill G, Priscilla B, Indra E, Mark and Maryellen, and Kam M.

## **CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK**

**Birthdays** – Marc Jacobson, Maryellen Tilly, Timothy Felder, and Hazel DeStefano

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Will You?: A Lenten Study of Baptismal Promises** – Join Rev. Whitney and Cindy Huffman for a Lenten Study on the Baptismal Covenant. We will use Amanda Perkins McGriff's book *Will You?: A Lenten Study of Baptismal Promises* as a guide as we dive into this timely topic. Thursdays in Lent at 11:30 AM.

**Lenten Organ Recitals** – This Tuesday, March 10 at noon, our Tom Huffman will be at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Largo, and on Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup> at noon, Kevin Johnson will be here at Good Shepherd.

**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, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2026. A minimum donation of \$25 is requested.

**The Legacy Continues** – If you ordered a book and have not picked it up you may do so from the church office. Books are still available for \$40.00.

**Episcopal Relief & Development** – During Lent we will be collecting offerings for Episcopal Relief & Development until Good Friday. Checks may be marked ERD in the memo section. You may also give online or by mail.

### Regular Events –

**Wednesday Bible Study** meets at 1:30 in the lounge.

**Youth Group** meets every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday at 11:30 in the Youth Room.

**Soul Sisters** meet every 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday at 10 AM in Kirk Hall.

**Dunedin Cares** collection is sent every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday.

**Cursillista** meeting is March 15 following both services in the Patio Room.

**Daughters of the King** meet each 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday except in April, we will meet on April 19<sup>th</sup>.