



Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd

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March 8, 2020 10:30 am. — Holy Communion / The Second Sunday in Lent

Welcome! We are pleased to have you with us this morning.

Please sign our visitors' register in the entryway.

Upon entering the narthex and sanctuary, please keep your conversation to a minimum. Many use this quiet time to reflect and meditate in church before the worship service begins. Conversation is encouraged where it will not disturb others.

COMMUNION CONSIDERATION FOR GUESTS

- ❖ Here at Good Shepherd we celebrate *Jesus Holy Communion with us*. All are welcome to eat and drink the True Body and Blood of Jesus Christ through this blessed Sacrament providing they believe and accept the merits of Jesus Christ and His atonement and our need to repent of our sins, and desire to receive the forgiveness of such sins through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ on our behalf
- ❖ If you would prefer “grape juice” please put your hand on your heart to so indicate

(ELW = Evangelical Lutheran Worship hymnal)

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(please remain seated)

SHARING OF THE PEACE

(please stand)

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

GOD SIGHTINGS & PRAYER

(please be seated)

GENERAL CONFSSIONAL PRAYERS

(please stand)

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C. **Amen.**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us come before the throne of grace. Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C: Who made heaven and earth.

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

C: And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen. Lutheran Service Book

**OPENING HYMN - Congregation
(please remain standing)**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty – ELW #858

**APOSTLES' CREED
(please remain standing)**

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**PETITION & INTERCESSORY PRAYERS
(please be seated)**

A: Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

**LOVE OFFERING & PRAYER
(please remain seated)**

Exodus 35:4-5, 20-21 NLT

Then Moses called together the whole congregation of Israel and said, "This is what the Lord commanded: Take a sacred offering for the LORD. Let those with generous hearts present their gifts to the LORD.

So the entire assembly of Israel left Moses and returned to their tents. All whose hearts were stirred and whose spirits were moved came and brought their sacred offerings to the LORD. They brought all the materials needed for the Tabernacle, for the performance of its rituals and for the sacred objects."

OFFERTORY:

HYMN OF THANKSGIVING:

(please stand)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above the heavenly host
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost
Amen.**

HOLY SCRIPTURE READINGS

(please be seated)

L: A reading from Genesis 12:1-4a

¹The LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. ²I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.” ^{4a}So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him.

A reading from Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

¹What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? ²For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³For what does the scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.” ⁴Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. ⁵But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

¹³For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

¹⁶For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, ¹⁷as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”)—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(please stand)

L: The Holy Gospel according to John 3:1-17

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ²He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” ³Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” ⁴Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” ⁵Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ ⁸The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is

born of the Spirit.”⁹ Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?”¹⁰ Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?”

¹¹“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

L: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON HYMN -- Congregation
(please remain standing)

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross – ELW #803

MESSAGE
(please be seated)
by Pastor Arthur Doring

THE LORD'S PRAYER -- ELW p 112
(please stand)

COMMUNION HYMN -- Congregation
(please remain standing)

Shine, Jesus, Shine – ELW #671

COMMUNION PRAYER
(please remain standing)

*P: Heavenly Father, help us now transition from feeding upon your Word of Life to feeding on your Body and Blood of Life through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Thank you for this divine moment to confess our sins and to receive the forgiveness of sins through this Holy Sacrament.

C: O most merciful God, we do not presume to come to this, Your Table, trusting in our own righteousness, but in Your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under Your Table. But You are the same Lord, whose divine desire is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of Your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink His blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by His body, and our souls washed through His most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us.

Amen. Book of Common Prayer

P: Lord, in your forgiveness,

C: Hear our prayer

JESUS' WORDS OF INSTITUTION
(please remain standing)

“Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples and said: *“Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me.”*”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: *“Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”*”

“As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.”

RECEPTION OF ELEMENTS

(please be seated)

GOD’S DECLARED ABSOLUTION

(please stand)

P: Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desires not the death of sinners, but rather that they may turn from their wickedness and live. Has given power, and commandment through Christ’s Word & Sacrament to those who are truly penitent to hear and receive the Absolution and Remission of their sins. God pardons and absolves all those who truly repent, and faithfully believe His holy Gospel.

BLESSING

(please remain standing)

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

PEOPLE’S BLESSING: Please form a large circle and join hands.

May the Lord, mighty God, bless and keep you forever. Grant you peace, perfect peace, courage in every endeavor. Lift up your eyes and see His face, feel his grace surround you. May the Lord, mighty God, bless and keep you forever.

DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

This Week

Mo: 7:00p—Water Gap	We: 6:30p—Choir/Band Practice
Tu: 5:00p—Deaconess Meeting	Sa: 8:30a—Weight Watchers
We: 6:00p—Soup Supper Bible Study	

Last Week

Attendance: 26 Operating: \$955 Approximately **\$1,633** each Sunday through December 31 will fully fund our 2020 operating budget.

Serving in Worship	This Week	Next Week	Serving in Worship	This Week	Next Week
Ministers	All the people of Good Shepherd				
Presider Preacher	S Sopko A Doring	D Meagher E Moeller	Music Sunday School	Organ MJ Gagliardi	Sunday Morning Singers MJ Gagliardi
Assisting Minister	M Konecnik	D Meagher	Altar Guild	MJ Gagliardi	M Konecnik
Lector	M Konecnik	D Grefe	Acolyte	B Dayton	D Dayton
Usher	M Laracuentе	D Grefe	Offering Counter	P Gagliardi	M Laracuentе
Usher Sunday School	L Roberts	M Salvadore	Coffee Hour	Duffy	Laracuentе

Please pray for ...Cancer: B Magnusson, Georgialou, Cathy Noon, Sherri Foley, Judy Davis, Kathy Blossiers, Lincoln Hagedorn, Rick Meagher, Pat, Shui-Yen Huang, John Lontos, Mike Turner, Trisha Foreman. **Various Health Concerns:** Kathy Todd, Alex Crisman, Mary Reynolds, Ellie Konecnik, Jack Kalafut, Mel Kent, Pat Tobachnik, Ronnie Moebius, May Nodzak, Grace Honigsberg, Diane Reese, Sandra Dorrell, David Konecnik, Diane Duffy, Kay Kleindienst, Luzy Lang, Michael Chenken, David Capucci, Maureen Konecnik, Peggy Cribb, Carol Moore, Jack Stella, Nancy Turner, Al Koelsch, Marlies Junge, Barbara Walkinshaw, Joyce Mahon, Betty Jane Lindsay, Pat Klemm, Herman Mantey, Kristina Lambert, Susan Davis, Pastor Bob Klemm. **Missionaries:** Walter and Diane Kennedy, missionaries to Papua, Indonesia; Carol Hawthorne and Dayspring Ministries. **Mission of the Month:** Gideons International

Please pray for our Military: Isaac Cutting, nephew of Steve and Lesley Sopko, Air Force; Gabby Gagliardi, daughter of Pete and Mary Jane Gagliardi, Air Force ROTC, Daytona, FL; Corey Murphy, friend of Maureen Konecnik, National Guard, Somalia; Adam Murphy, friend of Maureen Konecnik, National Guard, Somalia; Caulen Sopko, son of Lesley and Steve Sopko, Navy; Brandon Mickelsen, grandson of Jack and Ginny Kalafut, Marines; Corey Berke, nephew of Mike and Diane Laracuentе, National Guard; Zach Belton, nephew of Kathy and Steve Belton, Air Force; John Clark, Army National Guard; Chris Walker, nephew of Laura Morrow, Navy, Washington; Wesley Busch, nephew of Gretchen and Scott Wolfrum, Navy, Norfolk, VA; Shane Crone, nephew of Kathy Read, Air Force, Wyoming.

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God.

MISSION OF THE MONTH: Gideons International – The Gideons International is an Association of Christian business and professional men and their wives dedicated to telling people about Jesus through associating together for service, sharing personal testimony, and by providing Bibles and New Testaments. While we are often recognized for our work with hotels, we also place and distribute Scriptures in strategic locations so they are available to those who want them, as well as to those who may not know they need them.

The Elders are available for congregants with special needs. Please talk to any Elder that you are comfortable with. The Elders are: Maureen Konecnik and Pete Gagliardi.

Sunday School Teacher Needed – We are in need of a Sunday School teacher to help with the younger class. If you are interested in teaching, please see Mary Jane Gagliardi.

Worship Assistance - We are in need of people to help with the worship service. We are looking for people to be "Presiders", Assisting Ministers, and to help count the offering. If you would like to help in one or both of these positions or would like more information on what is required, please see Mary Jane Gagliardi.

Council Vacancy – The Social Ministries position on council is vacant. If you are interested in this position, please see Debbie Grefe or another member of council.

Lenten Soup Suppers – The sign up sheets are on the bulletin board for our Lenten Soup Suppers. Please feel free to sign up and join us.

Due to the Flu and Corona Virus season we will be refraining from shaking/holding hands during the service. Thanks for your understanding.

We have added Wi-Fi to the church sound system. We can now live-stream the audio part of the service so you can use your smart phone and earphones to hear the service. You can download the free app at the sites listed on the card on the bulletin board. If you have an old smart phone that you are no longer using, please consider donating it to the church to be used for this purpose. All phones should be set back to the factory settings.

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