



GOOD SHEPHERD STAFF

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LENTEN MEALS

5:45 p.m. on Wednesdays
March 6, 13, and 20

A light meal will be served at 5:45 p.m. before each Lenten Service.

LENTEN SERVICES

6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays
March 6, 13, and 20

Each Wednesday, through Wednesday March 20, services will be held in the FAB at 6:30 p.m. There will be Holy Communion at each of these services.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Palm/Passion Sunday, March 24 at 9:30 a.m.
Maundy Thursday, March 28 at 7:00 p.m.
Good Friday, March 29 at 7:00 p.m.



EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES

Sunrise Service at 7:00 a.m.
Service at 9:30 a.m.

Please join us and participate in the opportunities for worship that are scheduled during Lent and throughout the church year.

JOIN US FOR EASTER BREAKFAST

8:15 – 9:00 A.M.



After the Sunrise Service, everyone is invited to the FAB for our traditional Good Shepherd Easter Breakfast, served from 8:15-9:00 a.m. by the Parish Life Committee. **All are welcome – and we'd love to meet any guests you may have visiting!**

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR



Dear ones of Good Shepherd,

When I last wrote to you in this newsletter, we were getting ready to begin the season of Lent. I pray that your Lenten task of reprioritizing your life to better reflect the gospel is bearing fruit. If so, may that continue throughout this season and beyond. If not, it is never too late to recommit yourself to your walk of discipleship. There are many opportunities to give, to fast, to pray, to learn, and to worship each and every day.

As we continue through the Lenten season, I want to turn our attention toward Holy Week. When I was growing up at St. John's Lutheran Church in Spartanburg our pastor at that time held services each and every night of Holy Week! We had Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday vespers services. Then we had Maundy Thursday and Good Friday evening worship. Amazingly, many folks showed up each night! Can you imagine that happening today? Well, rest easy because we're not having all of those services here this year.

We will, of course, gather as usual on Sunday, March 24 for Palm/Passion Sunday. Until the middle of the 20th Century, these were two separate services. The 5th Sunday in Lent was Passion Sunday and the 6th Sunday was Palm Sunday. Now that we have grouped them into one service, this Sunday has two very distinctive themes. We begin the service with a procession of palms and gladly shout "Hosanna," which means, "Save us!" Just as Jesus' Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem gave way to his suffering and death, our joyful entrance into worship quickly gives way to the somber reading of the passion story—the suffering and death of Jesus. This radical shift in tone helps us come to grips with both extremes of our human nature. Those who welcomed Jesus also turned against him. We who praise him also fall short, yet he loves us nonetheless.

Our Holy Week will continue with the observance of Maundy Thursday on March 28. The term "Maundy" comes from the Latin phrase *mandatum novum*, meaning new commandment. Maundy Thursday has several facets for us to ponder. We are, of course, reminded of Jesus' new commandment that we love one another as he has loved us. We also focus on the Lord's Supper and on Jesus' washing of the disciples' feet. This is a day to reflect on the amazing love Jesus has for us that we are called to share with others. We end the service on Maundy Thursday by stripping the sanctuary bare. This somber ritual is always a meaningful experience.

Good Friday, held this year on March 29, is the only day on the church calendar when the church refrains from celebrating Holy Communion. The altar and worship space is stark and bare as we focus on Jesus' all-sufficient sacrifice and death. The cross of Christ takes central focus on this day. The bleakness and solemnity of this service makes for an amazing contrast with the bright radiance of Easter.

Although we don't have an Easter Vigil service on Saturday here at Good Shepherd, that is also a very meaningful service practiced in many congregations. At this service the community gathers outdoors around a bonfire to hear the story of salvation history from scripture. Perhaps some year we will organize such a service here and experience this ancient tradition together.

For now, however, I invite you to make Holy Week a part of your plan this year. It is always a shame to me that some folks come to worship on Palm Sunday to hear shouts of *Hosanna* and come to worship on

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Easter to hear *he is risen*, but never get to experience the story of Jesus' suffering and death that makes Easter morning possible. If you've never come to worship on Thursday and Friday of Holy Week, make this the year that you do so. I assure you that it will be time well-spent and will help you better appreciate your faith and God's love for you. I'll see you in worship!

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Andrew

CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As President of the congregation and the Council of Good Shepherd for 2024,

I have heard people say things like, "we need more people in church on Sunday," "we need more people in Sunday School classes," "we need more small groups," and on and on. However, in order to have these things we need each and every person to participate and grow our ministries. We need the laity to step up and come to worship on Sunday morning, come to Sunday School, volunteer for helping get a small group started and more importantly making the small group thrive over the long term. It has been proven that where small groups are successful new members who are part of these groups tend to feel more welcome and at home in their new church.

We want this to be a place where there is passion about the services and the programs offered. A place where we know one another and work together to make God's people outside our walls feel welcome when they enter to hear the Gospel.

Working together and participating as brothers and sisters in Christ and most importantly with the help and direction of the Holy Spirit each and every one of us can make a difference. A heartfelt thank you to all who have been here and a warm welcome back to those who may have taken a leave of absence for whatever reason.

The Council is working on a visioning process to identify what we want our legacy to be in the future. Our legacy will be determined by what we have done in the past and what we continue to do day by day.

As you read this, pray for our church, its council, its pastor and most importantly our members who together can make this all happen.

In Christian Love,
Becky Shealy

GSLC FOUNDATION SUPPORTS LOCAL SERVICES

Your GSLC Foundation awarded 16 grants in 2023 totaling \$46,000. (See complete list in the 2023 Annual Report.) Here is an update on three projects serving people in our community.



South Carolina Lutheran Retreat Centers received \$3,000 for furniture and equipment for the new swimming pool at Camp Kinard in Batesburg-Leesville. The pool has been dedicated and is ready for the many adults and youth who visit Camp Kinard for retreats and conferences and day outings.



Lutheran Services Carolinas operates a day services center for youth in Department of Social Services care. Located next door to Reformation Lutheran Church, the Center provides a safe environment for youth who don't have a place to stay during the day. There were 187 admissions from July to December 2023. With the \$3,000 grant from GSLC, Lutheran Services Carolinas purchased two arcade machines and art supplies. They also took the youth on outings to Eudora Farms, Riverbanks Zoo, the SC State Fair, SC State Museum, and Drew Wellness Center.



Gamecock Lutheran, a campus ministry based at USC, received a \$3,000 grant for support of its Sunday evening programs. About 30 students gather for discussion with Pastor Jesse, fellowship and pizza on Sunday evenings when school is in session.



GSLC FOUNDATION APPLICATION PROCESS

The Foundation aims to support more local services for diverse needs. If you're involved with an organization that serves community needs, consider sending them a grant application and offering to serve as the congregational shepherd for their proposed project. Here are the steps:

- Application form may be downloaded from Good Shepherd web site: www.gslc.com/giving/good-shepherd-foundation/. Paper copies are also on the table outside church office.
- Organization completes the application, and the congregational shepherd signs the application to affirm his/her support of the project.
- Application deadline is May 1, 2024.
- Foundation will meet in early May to select applications for award.



LENTEN SELF-DENIAL OFFERING FOR 2024

The recipients of this year's Lenten Self-Denial Offerings will be three local organizations that help individuals get back on their feet and become self-sufficient: Homeless No More, The Providence Home, and The Women's Shelter.

Homeless No More offers a spectrum of care – from emergency services to transitional and affordable housing – to keep families together and meet their needs at the right time with the right services. By providing the support to move each family toward a permanent, self-sufficient solution, they work to eradicate family homelessness and help parents and their children achieve lasting independence.

The Providence Home for Men is a Christ-based “place of new beginnings” for men. It offers a temporary home for men in life transitions or recovery. Providence's programs help men renew mind, spirit and body; seek reconciliation with family, friends and neighbors; and reintegrate fully into the community.

The Women's Shelter has been an integral part of the Columbia Community for over 30 years. As a part of the Providence Home Organization from 1976 until 1991, the shelter served homeless men, women, and children in the community. In 1991, The Women's Shelter formed a separate, private nonprofit organization from the Providence Home, in order to carry out a comprehensive ministry specific to homeless women. The changing needs of homeless women have required The Women's Shelter to adapt its programs over the years. They strive to offer more than a bed and something to eat as a means to provide lasting change in the lives of their residents. The Women's Shelter offers a variety of educational and support programs to women and families in need.

Traditionally during Lent we give up material things to focus our attention on God's spiritual gifts and to provide aid to the poor. You will be receiving a special offering envelope in the mail so you can make daily offerings throughout the Lenten season. You are invited to return your offering envelope during Holy Week. Our Lenten Offerings go to local charities that assist homeless individuals and families: Homeless No More, Providence Home for Men, and The Women's Shelter.



FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

The GSLC Food Pantry provided food to 33 families in January serving 114 individuals.



Thank you to all who donated to the Souper Bowl of Caring in February. Thanks to your donations a check for \$415 will be sent to Transitions Homeless Shelter for their needs.



SUMMER CAMP

\$200 SCHOLARSHIP IS AVAILABLE TO EACH YOUTH ATTENDING A LUTHERAN SUMMER CAMP!

Donors to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund would like to give each youth that attends a Lutheran Summer Camp a \$200 scholarship.

Guidelines:

- The \$200 scholarship is for each child for one summer camp: Lutheridge, Lutherock, Luther Springs or Lutheranch.
- When registering for camp, complete the scholarship registration and let NovusWay know that Good Shepherd Lutheran Church is paying \$200. NovusWay will then bill Good Shepherd.
- Pastor Andrew can be listed as Good Shepherd's point of contact.
- Please submit any thank you notes or pictures to the church office so they can be shared with our church family.

Camp is an important part of Faith Formation, and we value its importance! Every child should have the opportunity to attend camp. It is life changing. In addition to this scholarship, NovusWay has funds to support our youth. If additional funding is needed, please speak to Pastor Andrew.



**YOUNG FAMILY MINISTRY
EASTER EGG HUNT
SUNDAY, MARCH 24
11:45 A.M.**

Young Family Ministry will host the annual Easter Egg Hunt **for our little ones up to 2nd graders**. Kids and families please meet at the church fountain after Sunday School at 11:45 a.m.

GOD'S YOUNG FOLLOWERS (GYF) GLOW IN THE DARK— EASTER EGG HUNT

Children in 3rd – 5th grade are invited to meet in the FAB for this fun event.

Volunteers are needed for this event. Parents, please let Chris Herrmann know if your child (and friends) will be in attendance so we can plan accordingly.

*More information
to come.*



FLOWERING OF THE EASTER CROSS SATURDAY, MARCH 30

The Evangelism committee will sponsor the flowering of the outdoor cross for Easter. Anyone who would like to volunteer can contact Jason Fowler for more details, 803-743-3133, or just show up with pruning shears and a fine spirit on Saturday morning, March 30 at 10 a.m.

All church members are encouraged to bring flowers and greenery to Good Shepherd to place on the cross. Please bring them to the church on Good Friday or Saturday morning, March 30. There will be several buckets filled with water and tarps for the flowers.



ORDER EASTER LILIES BY MARCH 13



Help beautify our church for Easter worship by ordering an Easter lily for the Sanctuary using the Seasonal Flower Offering envelopes which can be found in the back of the pews. Complete the front of the envelope to indicate your dedication, place your payment in the envelope, and place the envelope in the offering plate. The cost is \$15.50 each. Make checks payable to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, designated for "Easter Lily." If you can't come to church but want to order a lily, call the church office to place your order. **All orders must be in by Wednesday, March 13 and accompanied by payment. The office will place the order Thursday morning.** Those donating lilies may take their flowers following the 9:30 a.m. Easter service on March 31.



SHROVE TUESDAY SUPPER SUCCESS!

Thank you to everyone that made the Shrove Tuesday pancake supper and Bingo night a success. Fifty plus attendees raised \$176 for youth summer missions and a great time was had by all. A special thanks to Thrivent for their financial support.



SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

9:30 am Worship Service (Sanctuary) & Live-Stream
 10:45 - 11:45 am Adult Sunday School (CL 1, 2, & Parlor)
 10:45 - 11:45 am Youth Sunday School (Youth Room)
 10:45 - 11:25 am Children's Sunday School (E-111 & E-114)
 11:25 - 11:45 am Children's Music (E-115)

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Sun	Mon	Tue
<p>3 SUNDAY SCHEDULE TIMES ABOVE</p>	4	<p>5</p> <p>11:30 am Bible Study (Conf Rm)</p> <p>6:00 pm Finance Committee meeting (Conf Rm)</p>
<p>10 SUNDAY SCHEDULE TIMES ABOVE</p> <p>Congregational Meeting</p>	<p>11</p> <p>6:00-8:00 pm [private event] Beta Sigma Phi (Conf Rm)</p>	<p>12</p> <p>11:30 am Bible Study (Conf Rm)</p> <p>3:00 pm Executive Committee meeting (Conf Rm)</p> <p>5:30 pm Social Ministry Committee meeting (Conf Rm)</p>
<p>17 SUNDAY SCHEDULE TIMES ABOVE</p> <p>Food Pantry Sunday</p> <p>6:30 pm Council Meeting (CL 2)</p>	18	<p>19</p> <p>11:30 am Bible Study (Conf Rm)</p> <p>5:30 pm Worship Life Committee meeting (CL 2)</p>
<p>24 SUNDAY SCHEDULE TIMES ABOVE</p> <p>Palm Sunday</p> <p>11:45 am Easter Egg Hunt for little ones up to 2nd grade</p>	25	<p>26</p> <p>11:30 am Bible Study (Conf Rm)</p>
<p>31</p> <p>Easter Sunday</p> <p>7:00 am Easter Sunrise Service 8:15—9:00 am Easter Breakfast (FAB) 9:30 am Easter Service (Sanctuary)</p>		



Please see an updated church calendar
and the calendar for other months at
<http://www.gslc.com/>.

Click "See the Current Calendar" at the
bottom of the page.

Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>6 8:00 am Zoom Bible Study 5:00 pm Evangelism Committee meeting (Conf Rm) 5:45—6:15 pm Lenten Supper (FAB) 6:30 pm Lenten Service (FAB) 7:00 pm Choir Practice</p>	<p>7 10:00 a.m. Mary Group meeting (FAB) 3:00 pm Shepherd's Visitors meeting (Conf Rm)</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>
<p>13 8:00 am Zoom Bible Study 5:45—6:15 pm Lenten Supper (FAB) 6:30 pm Lenten Service (FAB) Choir Practice</p>	<p>14 6:00 pm Communication Committee meeting (Conf Rm)</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>
<p>20 Newsletter Deadline 8:00 am Zoom Bible Study 5:45—6:15 pm Lenten Supper (FAB) 6:30 pm Lenten Service (FAB) Choir Practice</p>	<p>21 5:30 pm Dorcas meeting (FAB) 6:30 pm Tamar meeting (off-site)</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>
<p>27 8:00 am Zoom Bible Study Choir Practice</p>	<p>28 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service (Sanctuary)</p>	<p>29 7:00 pm Good Friday Service (Sanctuary)</p>	<p>30 10:00 a.m. Flowering of the Cross</p>



NEW MEMBERS

Join us in welcoming Harry and Gloria Oakes to the Good Shepherd family. Their address and contact information can be found on the bulletin board in the Narthex. It will also be published in our upcoming directory.

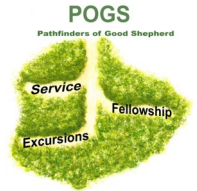


CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 10

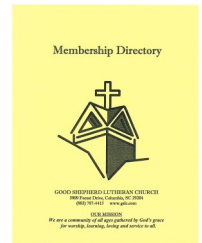
On Sunday, March 10, immediately following the 9:30 a.m. worship service there will be a Called Congregational Meeting. The purpose of this meeting is to approve a motion from Congregation Council to replace the roof on the Fellowship Activities Building (FAB) at a cost of \$28,000. Burgin Roofing will be the contractor for this project. Good Shepherd has used Burgin in the past for our roofing needs. They have immediately and professionally responded to any and all roofing issues for our Educational Building and FAB. Their bid includes using the highest quality underlayment material and shingles.

PATHFINDERS OF GOOD SHEPHERD (POGS)

Due to the Lenten season, there will be no POGS March meeting. Join us next month on Wednesday, April 10 for a special presentation from Good Shepherd's Director of Music, Jim Johnson. Jim will be doing a program at the organ entitled, "Praying Through Hymn Improvisation." He will discuss how improvising on hymns has been a very important part of his spiritual journey and prayer life. He will demonstrate how he creates improvisations by taking a text and tune of a hymn and determining an appropriate musical form for the improvisation. On two of the hymns, he will play an improvisation on each stanza of the hymns to illustrate the variety of musical possibilities that can be played using the same hymn tune but interpreting the text of each stanza. Participants will have the opportunity to sing as well.



CHURCH DIRECTORY NEWS



The question of the day is when do we get a new directory? This is the last call for your picture and correct information like phone numbers and emails for the 2024 GSLC Membership Directory. We need this info by March 11, 2024. The directory will be printed on March 13 and can be picked up in the Narthex. We ask one per family due to the cost of printing. A pdf file will be available and can be emailed upon request.

MARCH LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES



We are looking for volunteers who might be interested in serving our youth on Sunday

mornings. The youth are the future of our church. As you recall when we are baptized the entire congregation is asked to support and commit to walk alongside those that are baptized in their faith journey. You are always welcome to visit a class.

Check out the many learning opportunities available at Good Shepherd. We encourage you to participate and/or to consider serving as a Sunday School assistant. We are blessed to have dedicated lead teachers who are in need of assistants to serve on monthly rotations. Please contact Barbara Nagy, Chair of Learning Committee if you are able to volunteer with our youth Sunday School program.



Sunday School Classes

- 10:45-11:25 Children's Sunday School for grades Kindergarten-6th grade
- 11:25-11:45 Children's Music for grades Kindergarten-6th grade
- 10:45-11:45 Youth School Sunday School in Youth Room
- 10:45-11:45 Adult Sunday School

Around The Corner Adult Class: Parlor

The Around the Corner class is a discussion-based class that utilizes various resources, such as podcasts, books, music, or television shows, to inspire talking points and areas of interest. ***This class starts a little closer to 10:55, as several members need time to sign children into their Sunday School classes.*** All are welcome to join this lively class!

Additional Learning Opportunities

Weekly Bible Study

There are two weekly opportunities for Bible Study with Pastor Andrew.



Please join us Tuesdays at 11:30 a.m. in the conference room.

Virtually on Wednesdays at 8:00 a.m. for a Zoom meeting. A Zoom ID and password is sent in a weekly email.



Faith 5

Each week Pastor Andrew will send a Faith 5 Study email that includes a recommended scripture reading to guide and nurture your spiritual development through the following 5 steps.

- 1) **Share** your highs and lows of the day/week
- 2) **Read** a bible verse or story
- 3) **Talk** about how your Bible verse or Bible story might apply to your highs and lows
- 4) **Pray** for one another's highs and lows
- 5) **Bless** one another

Come and See Adult Class: Classroom 1

Bible Study Facilitators: Bruce Shealy, Mark Lovern, Ed Woodward

This class focuses on studying the Scripture and bible readings for the upcoming service.

Fellowship Adult Class: Classroom 2

The Fellowship Class, led by Don Caughman and Ben Haigh, is continuing with the Augsburg Adult Bible Studies series. The current topic is "Examining our Faith." Scripture for these lessons comes from the Gospels and other New Testament scripture. Everyone is invited to join us at any time for these informal, discussion-based classes.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS FOR MARCH

COUNCIL PERSON OF THE MONTH: **Becky Shealy**

DATE	3/3	3/10	3/17	3/24	Easter Sunday 3/31	4/7
USHERS	Bruce Shealy, Richard Inman, Lauren Chandler, Jim Tucker	Jeff Inabinet, Greg Sox, Lennae Sox, Bruce Shealy	Jeff Inabinet, Richard Inman, Lauren Chandler, Jim Tucker	Jeff Inabinet, Lennae Sox, Greg Sox, Jim Tucker	<i>See below.</i>	Stallings/Herrmann Team
WORSHIP ASSISTANTS	Lector & Communion Assistant: Stacy Gross	Lector: Becky Shealy Communion Assistant: Barbara Nagy	Lector & Communion Assistant: Jan Haigler	Lector & Communion Assistant: Bruce Shealy	<i>See below.</i>	Lector & Communion Assistant: Marcia Woodward
ACOLYTE & CRUCIFER	A: Natalie Ferlauto C: Lucas Ferlauto	A: Evelyn Ortiz C: Adam Ortiz	A: Blake Gross C: Savannah Gross	A: Callen Gilbert C: Mike Sanchez	<i>See below.</i>	A: Evelyn Ortiz C: Adam Ortiz
ALTAR GUILD	Nancy & Don Hyatt, Bobbie & Rick Storey	Nancy & Don Hyatt, Bobbie & Rick Storey	Nancy & Don Hyatt, Bobbie & Rick Storey	Nancy & Don Hyatt, Bobbie & Rick Storey	Nancy & Don Hyatt, Bobbie & Rick Storey	Janet Lockhart, Sabra Lindler, Anne Rush
TABULATORS	Mary Margaret Hoy, Rebecca Richardson	Lavina Chander, Donna Foster	Karen Lucas, Mary Stallings	Leigh Tondini David Lucas	Mary Margaret Hoy, Becky Shealy	Mike Sanchez, Steve Steck

EASTER SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS

7:00 a.m. Sunrise Service

Ushers Jeff Inabinet, Lennae Sox,
 Greg Sox, Bruce Shealy
Lector & Comm Asst Barbara Rowell
Acolyte Anna-Marie Plyler
Crucifer Becky Shealy
Banner Bearer Mike Sanchez
Torch Bearers Barbara Rowell, TBD

8:15 – 9:00 a.m. Easter Breakfast in FAB

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

Ushers Jeff Inabinet, Richard Inman,
 Lauren Chandler, Jim Tucker
Lector & Comm Asst Becky Shealy
Acolyte Natalie Ferlauto
Crucifer Lucas Ferlauto
Banner Bearer TBD
Torch Bearers Amanda Snodgrass, William Snodgrass

NOISY OFFERING

Start saving those coins. Another noisy offering is coming Easter Sunday, March 31. Some of our children will be in the Narthex that day with their buckets to accept your coins and bills and checks! You can also send your contributions to the church office any time in March. Make checks payable to Good Shepherd and designate for noisy offering.

The children's Sunday School classes will be selecting the recipient charity in the coming weeks.



MARCH 2024 MEETINGS

Please call the church office to reserve a room for any upcoming meetings.

- March 5 Finance Committee (6:00 p.m.)
- March 7 Mary Circle (10:00 a.m.)
Shepherd's Visitors (3:00 p.m.)
- March 12 Executive Committee (3:00 p.m.)
Social Ministry Committee (5:30 p.m.)
- March 14 Communication Committee (6:00 p.m.)
- March 17 Council (6:30 p.m.)
- March 19 Worship Life Committee (5:30 p.m.)
- March 21 Dorcas Circle (5:30 p.m.)
Tamar Circle (offsite)



MARCH BIRTHDAYS (ACCORDING TO CHURCH RECORDS)

- 1 Becky Struthers
- 2 Jim Tucker
- 2 Miles Kemp
- 3 Joanne Wuori
- 3 Libby Anne Inabinet
- 3 Don Caughman
- 4 Emma Peake
- 4 Madelyn Snodgrass
- 4 Eric Kemp
- 6 Jason Jakiela
- 6 Frances Plyler
- 8 Jeannine Jameson
- 12 Milford Hunter
- 14 Perry Shuping
- 14 Anna Ross
- 14 Janet Lockhart
- 14 Callen Gilbert
- 14 Julie Hendrix
- 15 Sid Havird
- 16 Emily Whitlow Stolba
- 17 Lena Duncan
- 18 Sarah Peake
- 19 Judy Stanton
- 22 Bonnie Hammond
- 22 Sara Hydrick
- 23 Dot Correll
- 23 Tory Shelton
- 23 Michelle Ortiz
- 24 Keri Hogue
- 24 Jon Frew
- 24 Raymond Hendrix
- 29 Helen Hanayik
- 30 Marianne De Werdt
- 31 Ed Beaman

LENTEN WEDNESDAY WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

- March 6**
Usher Greg Sox
Lector & Comm Asst. Don Caughman
- March 13**
Usher Jeff Inabinet
Lector & Comm Asst. Bruce Shealy
- March 20**
Usher Bruce Shealy
Lector & Comm Asst. Mike Weaver

HOLY WEEK VOLUNTEERS

- March 28**
7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday
Ushers Jeff Inabinet, Bruce Shealy, Richard Inman
Lector Kerry Stubbs
Comm Asst. Gaye Tucker
- Good Friday, March 29 at 7:00 p.m.**
- March 29**
7:00 p.m. Good Friday
Lector Don Caughman
Ushers Jeff Inabinet, Greg Sox, Lauren Chandler

LECTIONARY FOR MARCH 2024

MARCH 3 – THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

The third covenant in this year's Lenten readings is the central one of Israel's history: the gift of the law to those God freed from slavery. The commandments begin with the statement that because God alone has freed us from the powers that oppressed us, we are to let nothing else claim first place in our lives. When Jesus throws the merchants out of the temple, he is defending the worship of God alone and rejecting the ways commerce and profit-making can become our gods. The Ten Commandments are essential to our baptismal call: centered first in God's liberating love, we strive to live out justice and mercy in our communities and the world.

FIRST READING – Exodus 20:1-17

After escaping from slavery, the Israelites come to Mount Sinai, where God teaches them how to live in community. The Ten Commandments proclaim that God alone is worthy of worship. Flowing from God, the life of the community flourishes when based on honesty, trust, fidelity, and respect for life, family, and property.

PSALM – Psalm 19

The commandment of the LORD gives light to the eyes. (Ps. 19:8)

SECOND READING – 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

The word of the cross is pure foolishness and nonsense to the world because it claims that God is mostly revealed in weakness, humiliation, and death. But through such divine foolishness and weakness, God is working to save us. The center of Paul's preaching is Christ crucified.

GOSPEL – John 2:13-22

Jesus attacks the commercialization of religion by driving merchants out of the temple. When challenged, he responds mysteriously, with the first prediction of his own death and resurrection. In the midst of a seemingly stable religious center, Jesus suggests that the center itself has changed.

MARCH 10 – FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

The fourth of the Old Testament promises providing a baptismal lens this Lent is the promise God makes to Moses: those who look on the bronze serpent will live. In today's gospel Jesus says he will be lifted up on the cross like the serpent, so that those who look to him in faith will live. When we receive the sign of the cross in baptism, that cross becomes the sign we can look to in faith for healing, for restored relationship to God, for hope when we are dying.

FIRST READING – Numbers 21:4-9

Though God provides food and water for the Israelites in the wilderness, they whine and grumble. They forget about the salvation they experienced in the exodus. God punishes them for their sin, but when they repent God also provides a means of healing: a bronze serpent lifted up on a pole.

PSALM – Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

You deliver your people from their distress. (Ps. 107:19)

SECOND READING – Ephesians 2:1-10

While we were dead in our sinfulness, God acted to make us alive as a gift of grace in Christ Jesus. We are saved not by what we do but by grace through faith. Thus our good works are really a reflection of God's grace at work in our lives.

GOSPEL – John 3:14-21

To explain the salvation of God to the religious leader, Nicodemus, Jesus refers to the scripture passage quoted in today's first reading. Just as those who looked upon the bronze serpent were healed, so people will be saved when they behold Christ lifted up on the cross.

MARCH 17 – FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

God promises Jeremiah that a "new covenant" will be made in the future: a covenant that will allow all the people to know God by heart. The church sees this promise fulfilled in Christ, who draws all people to himself when he is lifted up on the cross. Our baptismal covenant draws us to God's heart through Christ and draws God's love and truth into our hearts. We join together in worship, sharing in word, song, and meal, and leave strengthened to share God's love with all the world.

FIRST READING – Jeremiah 31:31-34

The Judeans in Babylon blamed their exile on their ancestors, who had broken the covenant established at Sinai. Here the prophet looks to a day when God will make a new covenant with the people. There will be no need to teach the law, because God will write it on their hearts.

PSALM – Psalm 51:1-12

Create in me a clean heart, O God. (Ps. 51:10)

SECOND READING – Hebrews 5:5-10

Using priestly imagery and references to the Old Testament, the author explains how Christ lived in trusting obedience to God, and so God has made Christ the source of our eternal salvation.

GOSPEL – John 12:20-33

Jesus entered Jerusalem for the last time to celebrate the Passover festival. Here Jesus' words about seeds planted in the ground turn the disaster of his death into the promise of a harvest in which everyone will be gathered.

MARCH 24 – PALM SUNDAY

This week, the center of the church's year, is one of striking contrasts: Jesus rides into Jerusalem surrounded by shouts of glory, only to be left alone to die on the cross, abandoned by even his closest friends. Mark's gospel presents Jesus in his complete human vulnerability: agitated, grieved, scared, forsaken. Though we lament Christ's suffering and all human suffering, we also expect God's salvation: in the wine and bread, Jesus promises that his death will mark a new covenant with all people. We enter this holy week thirsty for the completion of God's astonishing work.

FIRST READING – Isaiah 50:4-9a

The image of the servant of God is one of the notable motifs in the book of Isaiah. Today's reading describes the mission of the servant, whom early Christians associated with Jesus. Like Jesus, the servant does not strike back at his detractors but trusts in God's steadfast love.

PSALM – Psalm 31:9-16

Into your hands, O LORD, I commend my spirit. (Ps. 31:5)

SECOND READING – Philippians 2:5-11

Christ did not act to attain status and glory but was obedient to God even to the point of death. Following Christ's example, we do not seek personal status or glory but care for others as God cared for us in Christ's death.

GOSPEL – Mark 14:1–15:47

The passion story in Mark's gospel presents Jesus as one who dies abandoned by all. He shows himself to be the true Son of God by giving his life for those who have forsaken him.

MARCH 31 – RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD: EASTER DAY

Christ is risen! Jesus is alive, and God has swallowed up death forever. With Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome, we may feel astonished and confused, unsure of what to make of the empty tomb. But this is why we gather: to proclaim, witness, praise, and affirm the liberating reality of Christ's death and resurrection. In word and feast, we celebrate God's unending love, and depart to share this good news with all the world.

Alleluia!

FIRST READING – Acts 10:34-43

Peter crosses the immense religious and social boundary that separates Jews from Gentiles in order to proclaim the good news of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, so that God's forgiveness in Jesus' name would reach out to all people.

PSALM – Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. (Ps. 118:24)

SECOND READING – 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

The core of the Christian faith and Paul's preaching is the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. As the crucified and risen Christ appeared to the earliest of his followers, so we experience the presence of the Risen One in the preaching of this faith.

GOSPEL – Mark 16:1-8

The resurrection of Jesus is announced, and the response is one of terror and amazement.

WITH PRAYER

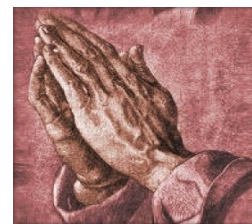
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You may call or email anytime to remove a name.

Please do not assume that we know the name should be renewed or removed.



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MARCH

Sunday Schedule

9:30 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary)

10:45 – 11:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School
(CL 1, 2, & Parlor)

10:45 – 11:45 a.m. Youth Sunday School Youth Room)

10:45 – 11:25 a.m. Children's Sunday School (E-111 & E-113)

11:25 – 11:45 a.m. Children's Music (E-115)

March 3

Sunday Schedule above

March 6

5:45 p.m. Lenten Supper

6:30 p.m. Lenten Service

March 10

Sunday Schedule above

March 13

5:45 p.m. Lenten Supper

6:30 p.m. Lenten Service

March 17

Food Pantry Sunday

Sunday Schedule above

March 20

April Newsletter Deadline

5:45 p.m. Lenten Supper

6:30 p.m. Lenten Service

March 24

Sunday Schedule above

March 28

7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday

March 29

7:00 p.m. Good Friday

March 30

10:00 a.m. Flowering of the Cross

March 31

7:00 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service

8:15-9:00 a.m. Easter Breakfast

Noisy Offering

9:30 a.m. Easter Service