

**PALM SUNDAY AND  
SUNDAY OF THE PASSION  
APRIL 13, 2025**

**GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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## **WELCOME TO GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**WELCOME!** We are delighted to have you worship with us. If you do not have a church home, we invite you to share ours. Please sign our “Friendship Register” providing the requested information. Be sure to introduce yourself to Pastor Andrew; he would love to meet you.

**NURSERY** The nursery is open for parents to take their small children during worship service. The space is available but not staffed. Parents are invited to take their children to play. For your convenience a TV is provided to watch a live stream of the worship service. Please make yourself at home and pick up toys before leaving. For your safety, the Education Building is locked. Please see an usher to open the door if you do not have a key.

**FOR THOSE CHILDREN REMAINING IN THE SANCTUARY,** Quiet Bags filled with activities are hanging on the coat racks in the Narthex. Parents of young children are invited to pick up a bag at the beginning of the service. Ushers can direct you to their location.

**ALL BAPTIZED CHRISTIANS ARE WELCOME TO THE FEAST AT THE LORD’S TABLE.**

If you are unable to come forward for communion, please notify an usher so that communion may be brought to you at your seat. If you are unable to receive either the bread or wine, please be assured that the fullness of our Lord’s presence is complete in either element alone. Grape juice and gluten-free wafers are available; please let the communion server know of your need. Young children who commune should be assisted by their parents.

**A PRAYER BOX** is located in the Narthex for any Prayer Requests that you might have.

**PLEASE SEE THE CALENDAR** in this bulletin for a listing of events taking place at Good Shepherd this week. There is also a monthly calendar on the web page at [www.gslc.com](http://www.gslc.com).

**IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND WORSHIP,** our services are live-streamed and archived for viewing at other times. See the web page at [www.gslc.com](http://www.gslc.com) for links to these services.

**THE GOOD SHEPHERD FOOD PANTRY** collects non-perishable food items throughout the month with special emphasis on collection the third Sunday of every month. It is open for distribution Wednesdays from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

**REMEMBER YOUR CHURCH FAMILY,** especially those you have not seen for a while. Send a card, make a phone call, or pay a visit. Let them know we love and care for them and wish them God’s blessings.

**THE CHURCH OFFICE** is closed on Saturdays and Sundays. Office hours are Monday – Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Friday 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. In the event of an emergency, call the church office at (803) 787-4413 or Pastor Andrew Isenhower at (803) 409-8270. His email address is [pastor@gslc.com](mailto:pastor@gslc.com).

## ✠ PROCESSION WITH PALMS ✠

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

**Hosanna to the Son of David.**

Let us pray.

Mercifully assist us, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts whereby you have given us life everlasting; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

### PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL

**LUKE 19:28-40**

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>28</sup>After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

<sup>29</sup>When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, <sup>30</sup>saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. <sup>31</sup>If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" <sup>32</sup>So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. <sup>33</sup>As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" <sup>34</sup>They said, "The Lord needs it."

<sup>35</sup>Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. <sup>36</sup>As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. <sup>37</sup>As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, <sup>38</sup>saying,

"Blessed is the king  
who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Peace in heaven,  
and glory in the highest heaven!"

<sup>39</sup>Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop."

<sup>40</sup>He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*The worshipers raise their palm branches.*

We praise and thank you, O God, for the great acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your son, Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph and was acclaimed Son of David and King of Kings by those who scattered their garments and branches of palms in his path.

We ask that you bless these branches and those who bear them, and grant that we may ever hail him as our Lord and King and follow him with perfect confidence; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

Let us go forth in peace,

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

*Refrain*

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, re - deem - er, king,  
 to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

- 1 You are the king of Is - rael and Da - vid's roy - al Son,
- 2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels are prais - ing you on high;
- 3 The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims with palms be - fore you went;
- 4 To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise.
- 5 Their prais - es you ac - cept - ed; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

*Refrain*

now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and Bless - ed One.  
 cre - a - tion and all mor - tals in cho - rus make re - ply.  
 our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore you we pre - sent.  
 To you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.  
 great au - thor of all good - ness, O good and gra - cious King.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
**Hosanna in the highest.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Congregation sits*

**ANTHEM**

**LIFT UP YOUR HEADS**

**HANDEL**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** *Please sign the attendance sheet.*

## ✠WORD✠

### FIRST READING

ISAIAH 50:4-9A

A reading from Isaiah.

<sup>4</sup>The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens — wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. <sup>5</sup>The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. <sup>6</sup>I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. <sup>7</sup>The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; <sup>8</sup>he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. <sup>9</sup>It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM 31:9-16

<sup>9</sup>Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble;  
my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.

<sup>10</sup>**For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing;  
my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.**

<sup>11</sup>I am the scorn of all my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors, a dismay to my acquaintances;  
when they see me in the street they avoid me.

<sup>12</sup>**Like the dead I am forgotten, out of mind;**

**I am as useless as a broken pot.**

<sup>13</sup>For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around;  
they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my life.

<sup>14</sup>**But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD.**

**I have said, “You are my God.**

<sup>15</sup>My times are in your hand;

rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

<sup>16</sup>**Let your face shine up- on your servant;  
save me in your steadfast love.”**

### SECOND READING

PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11

A reading from Philippians.

<sup>5</sup>Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, <sup>7</sup>but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, <sup>8</sup>he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death — even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup>Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup>and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *Congregation stands as able for the reading of the gospel.*

Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and  
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in  
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

**GOSPEL**

**LUKE 22:14—23:56**

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>14</sup> When the hour came, [Jesus] took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. <sup>15</sup> He said to them, “I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; <sup>16</sup> for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.” <sup>17</sup> Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said, “Take this and divide it among yourselves; <sup>18</sup> for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.” <sup>19</sup> Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” <sup>20</sup> And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying, “This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood. <sup>21</sup> But see, the one who betrays me is with me, and his hand is on the table. <sup>22</sup> For the Son of Man is going as it has been determined, but woe to that one by whom he is betrayed!” <sup>23</sup> Then they began to ask one another which one of them it could be who would do this.

<sup>24</sup> A dispute also arose among them as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. <sup>25</sup> But he said to them, “The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. <sup>26</sup> But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. <sup>27</sup> For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves. <sup>28</sup> “You are those who have stood by me in my trials; <sup>29</sup> and I confer on you, just as my Father has conferred on me, a kingdom, <sup>30</sup> so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

<sup>31</sup> “Simon, Simon, listen! Satan has demanded to sift all of you like wheat, <sup>32</sup> but I have prayed for you that your own faith may not fail; and you, when once you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.” <sup>33</sup> And he said to him, “Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death!” <sup>34</sup> Jesus said, “I tell you, Peter, the cock will not crow this day, until you have denied three times that you know me.”

<sup>35</sup> He said to them, “When I sent you out without a purse, bag, or sandals, did you lack anything?” They said, “No, not a thing.” <sup>36</sup> He said to them, “But now, the one who has a purse must take it, and likewise a bag. And the one who has no sword must sell his cloak and buy one. <sup>37</sup> For I tell you, this scripture must be fulfilled in me, ‘And he was counted among the lawless’; and indeed what is written about me is being fulfilled.” <sup>38</sup> They said, “Lord, look, here are two swords.” He replied, “It is enough.”

<sup>39</sup> He came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples followed him.

<sup>40</sup> When he reached the place, he said to them, “Pray that you may not come into the time of trial.”

<sup>41</sup> Then he withdrew from them about a stone’s throw, knelt down, and prayed, <sup>42</sup> “Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me; yet, not my will but yours be done.” <sup>43</sup> [Then an angel from heaven appeared to him and gave him strength. <sup>44</sup> In his anguish he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down on the ground.] <sup>45</sup> When he got up from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping because of grief, <sup>46</sup> and he said to them, “Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not come into the time of trial.”

<sup>47</sup> While he was still speaking, suddenly a crowd came, and the one called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him; <sup>48</sup> but Jesus said to him, “Judas, is it with a kiss that you are betraying the Son of Man?” <sup>49</sup> When those who were around him saw what was coming, they asked, “Lord, should we strike with the sword?” <sup>50</sup> Then one of them struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his right ear. <sup>51</sup> But Jesus said, “No more of this!” And he touched his ear and healed him. <sup>52</sup> Then Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple police, and the elders who had come for him, “Have you come out with swords and clubs as if I were a bandit? <sup>53</sup> When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness!”

<sup>54</sup> Then they seized him and led him away, bringing him into the high priest’s house. But Peter was following at a distance. <sup>55</sup> When they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat among them. <sup>56</sup> Then a servant-girl, seeing him in the firelight, stared at him and said, “This man also was with him.” <sup>57</sup> But he denied it, saying, “Woman, I do not know him.” <sup>58</sup> A little later someone else, on seeing him, said, “You also are one of them.” But Peter said, “Man, I am not!” <sup>59</sup> Then about an hour later still another kept insisting, “Surely this man also was with him; for he is a Galilean.” <sup>60</sup> But Peter said, “Man, I do not know what you are talking about!” At that moment, while he was still speaking, the cock crowed. <sup>61</sup> The Lord turned and looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said to him, “Before the cock crows today, you will deny me three times.” <sup>62</sup> And he went out and wept bitterly. <sup>63</sup> Now the men who were holding Jesus began to mock him and beat him; <sup>64</sup> they also blindfolded him and kept asking him, “Prophecy! Who is it that struck you?” <sup>65</sup> They kept heaping many other insults on him.

<sup>66</sup> When day came, the assembly of the elders of the people, both chief priests and scribes, gathered together, and they brought him to their council. <sup>67</sup> They said, “If you are the Messiah, tell us.” He replied, “If I tell you, you will not believe; <sup>68</sup> and if I question you, you will not answer. <sup>69</sup> But from now on the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God.” <sup>70</sup> All of them asked, “Are you, then, the Son of God?” He said to them, “You say that I am.” <sup>71</sup> Then they said, “What further testimony do we need? We have heard it ourselves from his own lips!”

<sup>23:1</sup> Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. <sup>2</sup> They began to accuse him, saying, “We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king.” <sup>3</sup> Then Pilate asked him, “Are you the king of the Jews?” He answered, “You say so.” <sup>4</sup> Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, “I find no basis for an accusation against this man.” <sup>5</sup> But they were insistent and said, “He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place.”

<sup>6</sup> When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. <sup>7</sup> And when he learned that he was under Herod’s jurisdiction, he sent him off to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time.

<sup>8</sup> When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had been wanting to see him for a long time, because he had heard about him and was hoping to see him perform some sign. <sup>9</sup> He questioned him at some length, but Jesus gave him no answer.

<sup>10</sup> The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. <sup>11</sup> Even Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him; then he put an elegant robe on him, and sent him back to Pilate. <sup>12</sup> That same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other; before this they had been enemies.

<sup>13</sup> Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, <sup>14</sup> and said to them, “You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him. <sup>15</sup> Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. <sup>16</sup> I will therefore have him flogged and release him.”

<sup>18</sup> Then they all shouted out together, “Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!” <sup>19</sup> (This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder.)

<sup>20</sup> Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; <sup>21</sup> but they kept shouting, “Crucify, crucify him!” <sup>22</sup> A third time he said to them, “Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release him.” <sup>23</sup> But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their voices prevailed. <sup>24</sup> So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. <sup>25</sup> He released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished.

<sup>26</sup> As they led him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus. <sup>27</sup> A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him.

<sup>28</sup> But Jesus turned to them and said, “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. <sup>29</sup> For the days are surely coming when they will say, ‘Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed.’ <sup>30</sup> Then they will begin to say to the mountains, ‘Fall on us’; and to the hills, ‘Cover us.’ <sup>31</sup> For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?”

<sup>32</sup> Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. <sup>33</sup> When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. <sup>34</sup> [Then Jesus said, “Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.”] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. <sup>35</sup> And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!” <sup>36</sup> The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, <sup>37</sup> and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” <sup>38</sup> There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.”

<sup>39</sup> One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, “Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!” <sup>40</sup> But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? <sup>41</sup> And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.” <sup>42</sup> Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” <sup>43</sup> He replied, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”

<sup>44</sup> It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, <sup>45</sup> while the sun’s light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. <sup>46</sup> Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, “Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.” Having said this, he breathed his last.

<sup>47</sup> When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said, “Certainly this man was innocent.” <sup>48</sup> And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. <sup>49</sup> But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.



<sup>50</sup> Now there was a good and righteous man named Joseph, who, though a member of the council,  
<sup>51</sup> had not agreed to their plan and action. He came from the Jewish town of Arimathea, and he was  
waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God. <sup>52</sup> This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of  
Jesus. <sup>53</sup> Then he took it down, wrapped it in a linen cloth, and laid it in a rock-hewn tomb where no  
one had ever been laid. <sup>54</sup> It was the day of Preparation, and the sabbath was beginning. <sup>55</sup> The women  
who had come with him from Galilee followed, and they saw the tomb and how his body was laid.  
<sup>56</sup> Then they returned, and prepared spices and ointments.

On the sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**ANTHEM**

***HOSANNA BE THE CHILDREN'S SONG***

**WIENHORST**

**CHILDREN'S SERMON** *Congregation sits.*

**PASTOR ANDREW ISENHOWER**

**SERMON**

**PASTOR ANDREW ISENHOWER**

**HYMN OF THE DAY 349** *Congregation stands.*

***AH, HOLY JESUS***

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| 1 Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended<br>that we to judge thee have in hate<br>pretended?<br>By foes derided, by thine own rejected,<br>O most afflicted.          | 3 Lo, the Good Shepherd for the sheep is<br>offered;<br>the slave hath sinned, and the Son hath<br>suffered;<br>for our atonement, while we nothing heeded,<br>God interceded. |
| 2 Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon<br>thee?<br>Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee.<br>'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee;<br>I crucified thee. | 4 For me, kind Jesus, was thine incarnation,<br>thy mortal sorrow, and thy life's oblation;<br>thy death of anguish and thy bitter passion,<br>for my salvation.               |
|   | 5 Therefore, kind Jesus, since I cannot pay<br>thee,<br>I do adore thee, and will ever pray thee;<br>think on thy pity and thy love unswerving,<br>not my deserving.           |

**APOSTLES' CREED**

God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we  
confess our faith.

**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 to the dead. 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 catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness  
of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION** *Congregation kneels or sits.*

Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the church, the world, and all those in need.

*A brief silence.*

Guide your church this Holy Week as we follow in the servant way of Jesus. Protect those who face hostility or oppression for their faith. Humble those who would use faith to dominate others and reinforce their own power. God, in your mercy,

**receive our prayer.**

Make your creation a living witness to Christ's passion and resurrection: in waving palms, shouting stones, fragrant vineyards, murmuring wheat, and revealing fire. Make us attentive to your holy presence in the world, that we may care for the earth you love. God, in your mercy,

**receive our prayer.**

Let your face shine upon the leaders of nations and let the same mind be in them as was in Christ Jesus, so that those with the most power may humble themselves to serve the most vulnerable. God, in your mercy,

**receive our prayer.**

Sustain the weary with a word. Grant perseverance to political prisoners and to any who are exploited, unjustly accused, or wrongly convicted. Abide with all who are in jails, detention centers, or prisons. Console all who experience times of trial or suffering, especially those whom we name at this time. God, in your mercy,

**receive our prayer.**

Give strength to those who will lead worship during Holy Week: pastors and deacons, altar guilds and sacristans, musicians and assisting ministers, ushers, and office staff. Instill in them awe and joy, that their service may reflect the love of Jesus. God, in your mercy,

**receive our prayer.**

We give thanks to you for our beloved dead, trusting that as the cross of Jesus led to the empty tomb, so you welcome those who have died into the paradise of your presence. God, in your mercy,

**receive our prayer.**

Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life.

**Amen.**

**PEACE** *Congregation stands.*

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*Congregation sits.*

✠MEAL✠

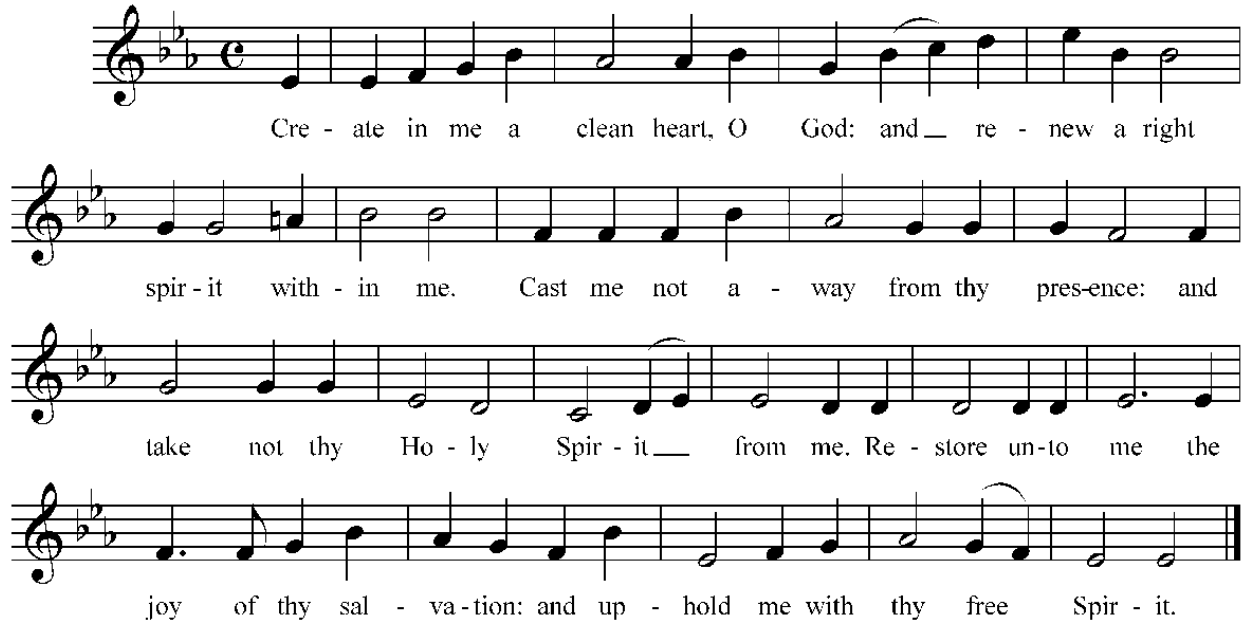
**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**

*AH, HOLY JESUS*  
**MARY MARGARET HOY, FLUTE**

**CALLAHAN**

**OFFERING SONG** *Congregation stands.*



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God: and re - new a right  
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from thy pres-ence: and  
take not thy Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store un-to me the  
joy of thy sal - va-tion: and up - hold me with thy free Spir - it.

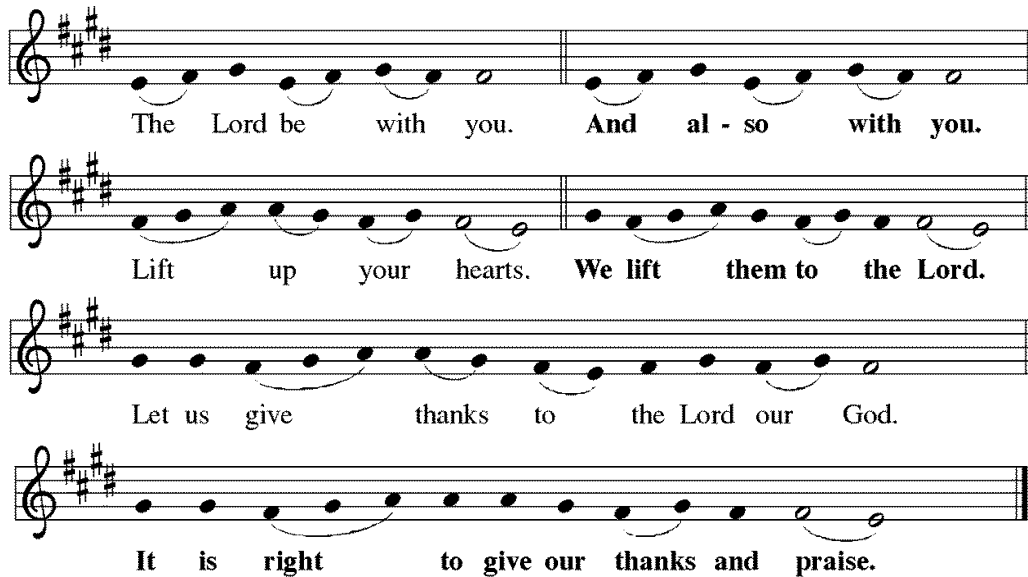
**OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray.

Gracious Provider, you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world. As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love, deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

**GREAT THANKSGIVING**



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## PREFACE AND RESPONSE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ, whose suffering and death gave salvation to all. You gather your people around the tree of the cross, transforming death into life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -  
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -  
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God of the universe.  
Your mercy is everlasting  
and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.  
Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.  
Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.  
Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness  
to the land of milk and honey.  
Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.  
Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.  
Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup  
we remember our Lord's passover from death to life  
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

O God of resurrection and new life:  
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us  
and on these gifts of bread and wine.  
Bless this feast.

Grace our table with your presence.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.

Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.

Breathe new life into us.

Send us forth,

burning with justice, peace, and love.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

With your holy ones of all times and places,  
with the earth and all its creatures,  
with sun and moon and stars,  
we praise you, O God,  
blessed and holy Trinity,  
now and forever.

**Amen.**

#### **LORD'S PRAYER**

**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, forever and ever. Amen.**

#### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

All who are hungry, come! The feast of grace is spread.

**Thanks be to God!**

**COMMUNION** *Congregation sits.*

All baptized Christians are welcome at the Lord's table. Young children who commune should be assisted by their parents. If you are unable to receive either the bread or wine, please be assured that the fullness of our Lord's presence is complete in either element. Gluten-free wafers and grape juice are available; please let the communion server know of your need. After communing, please return to your seat. If you are unable to come to the altar, please notify an usher so that communion may be brought to you.

**MUSIC DURING COMMUNION**

1. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
have mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world:  
grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

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**COMMUNION HYMN 616**  
**COMMUNION HYMN 342**

***JESUS, REMEMBER ME***  
***THERE IN GOD'S GARDEN***

**BLESSING OF THE COMMUNICANTS** *Congregation stands.*

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.  
**Amen.**

**PRAYER**

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**BENEDICTION**

Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

*The congregation faces the cross as it leaves the sanctuary, following the cross as we follow Jesus into the world. All remain facing the cross for the dismissal.*

**SENDING HYMN 351**

***O SACRED HEAD, NOW WOUNDED***

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| 1 O sacred head, now wounded,<br>with grief and shame weighed down,<br>now scornfully surrounded<br>with thorns, thine only crown;<br>O sacred head, what glory,<br>what bliss till now was thine!<br>Yet, though despised and gory,<br>I joy to call thee mine.       | 3 What language shall I borrow<br>to thank thee, dearest friend,<br>for this thy dying sorrow,<br>thy pity without end?<br>Oh, make me thine forever,<br>and should I fainting be,<br>Lord, let me never, never<br>outlive my love to thee.      |
| 2 How pale thou art with anguish,<br>with sore abuse and scorn;<br>how does thy face now languish,<br>which once was bright as morn!<br>Thy grief and bitter passion<br>were all for sinners' gain;<br>mine, mine was the transgression,<br>but thine the deadly pain. | 4 Lord, be my consolation;<br>shield me when I must die;<br>remind me of thy passion<br>when my last hour draws nigh.<br>These eyes, new faith receiving,<br>from thee shall never move;<br>for all who die believing<br>die safely in thy love. |

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

***HAIL TO THEE, MERCIFUL JESUS***

**BACH**

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**LET US REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS**

**Brickmont of John's Creek Assisted Living** – Lena Duncan  
**The Heritage at Lowman** – Rosemarie Brown, Marianne De Werdt  
**Harmony** – Billie Jones  
**The Palmettos** – Sara Loyd  
**Rice Estate** – Grace Boozer  
**Vitality Life** – Mary Clare McAbee  
**Wellmore of Lexington** – Dot Correll  
**Wellmore of Daniel Island** – Barbara Sutton  
**At their homes** – Gwen Barnes, Steve Bowden, Sylvia Anne Derrick, Larry Evans, Bonnie Hammond, Jeannine Jameson, Justine Parker

**APRIL 6, 2025 ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS**

9:30 a.m. Worship Service: 96      Sunday School: 41  
 Wednesday Lenten Services: 12 Noon: 36 6:30 p.m.: 15

- \*Budgeted Weekly Benevolence Collections needed: \$9,325
- \*Current Expenses & Benevolences Received: \$14,036

**OTHER MISCELLANEOUS OFFERINGS**

Noisy Offering – Epworth Children’s Home	\$10	Social Ministry Monthly Focus – Lutheran Services Carolinas	\$100
Synod – Lutheran World Relief	\$100	Memorial Garden Reservation	\$650
Synod – Lutheran Disaster Response	\$100	Memorial Garden Nameplate	\$350
Memorial Fund	\$200	Seasonal Flowers	\$310.50
Capital Improvement Fund	\$55	Altar Flowers	\$80
Reduce Expenses Youth & Children – candy for Easter Egg Hunts	\$10	Lenten Self-Denial Envelopes	\$196
		VANCO Processing Fees	\$17

**FOOD PANTRY** – Next Sunday (4/20/2025) is Food Pantry Sunday and the pantry needs canned soup (chicken, vegetable, tomato), canned corn, canned carrots, and boxed cereal (corn flakes, raisin brand, shredded wheat).

**LENTEN SELF-DENIAL OFFERING** – 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. The Lenten Self-Denial envelopes were mailed. If you don’t receive your envelope, let the church office know.

**75<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY SPRING MUSIC FESTIVAL** – Join us on Sunday, April 27, at 4:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. The program will feature the musical talents of Good Shepherd members.

**ANNIVERSARY STICKER** – Pick up your 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary commemorative car sticker located on the table in the Narthex. One per person please. Displaying your sticker will help remind our community of our faithful 75 years of service.

**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES** – Packets from the month’s council meeting are available on the table under the bulletin board in the Narthex. This packet consists of the current committee minutes/reports and approved prior month’s council meeting minutes.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY** bulletins are due by 12 noon each Wednesday. Email your announcements to Deborah Mitchell, Parish Administrator, at parishadmin@gslc.com.

**PLEASE SEE THE MONTHLY CALENDAR** – on the web page at www.gslc.com for a listing of events taking place at Good Shepherd.

- 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service, April 17**
- 7:00 p.m. Good Friday Service, April 18**
- Easter Sunday, April 20**
- 7:00 a.m. Sunrise Easter Service (Sanctuary)
- 8:15 – 9:00 a.m. Breakfast (FAB)
- 9:30 a.m. Easter Service (Sanctuary)



**SERVING IN WORSHIP**

**USHERS:** Bruce Shealy, Jim Tucker, Russ Cox, Greg Sox  
**LECTOR:** Charlene Fink  
**COMMUNION ASST:** Charlene Fink  
**ACOLYTE:** Anna-Marie Plyler  
**CRUCIFER:** Mike Sanchez  
**ALTAR GUILD:** Becky Shealy, Pat Quattlebaum  
**TABULATORS:** Mary Stallings, David Lucas  
**CC PERSON OF MONTH:** Becky Shealy

## THIS WEEK AT GSLC

- April 13      **Palm Sunday**  
9:30 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary)  
10:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School (CL 1, 2, Parlor)  
10:45-11:45 a.m. Confirmation Class (E-112)  
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)  
11:05-11:20 a.m. Preschool Music (E-115)  
11:25-11:45 a.m. Children's Music (E-115)  
6:30 p.m. Council meeting (Conference Room)
- April 14      6:00-8:00 p.m. [private event] Beta Sigma Phi (Conference Room)
- April 15      **May Newsletter Deadline**  
11:30 a.m. Bible Study (Conference Room)  
5:00 p.m. MORE Justice Team meeting (Conference Room)
- April 16      8:00 a.m. Zoom Bible Study  
5:30 p.m. Evangelism Committee meeting (CL 2)  
5:30 p.m. Mutual Ministry meeting (Conference Room)  
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice (Choir Room)
- April 17      **7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service** (Sanctuary)
- April 18      **7:00 p.m. Good Friday Service** (Sanctuary)
- April 19      10:00 a.m. Flowering of the Easter Cross
- April 20      **Easter Sunday**  
**Food Pantry Sunday**  
7:00 a.m. Sunrise Easter Worship Service (Sanctuary)  
8:15-9:00 a.m. Easter Breakfast (FAB)  
9:30 a.m. Easter Worship Service (Sanctuary)  
No Sunday School
- April 21      **Church Office Closed**

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75th Anniversary Celebration

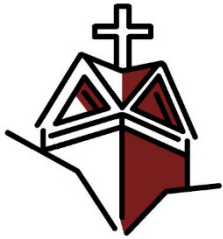


Spring Music Festival  
April 27 at 4:00 p.m.

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*We are a community of all ages gathered by God's grace  
for worship, learning, loving, and service to all.*

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