



THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

March 8, 2026

9:30 A.M.

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

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OFFICE HOURS: MON-THURS 9 A.M.- 4:30 P.M.; FRI 9 A.M.-2:00 P.M.

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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.

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 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.

‡ GATHERING ‡

As we gather for worship, please be aware of those around you who may be in a time of quiet reflection before the service starts. Please remember to silence any electronic devices.

PRELUDE

O BLESSED SPRING

CHERWIEN

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS *Please sign the attendance sheet.*

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *Congregation stands.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ‡ one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.
Amen.

Let us confess our sin before God, who removes our guilt
and blots out all offenses.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God,
have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.
For seeking worldly delights that deceive us and dishonor you:
Gracious God,
have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

For desiring self-reliance instead of hungering for your word:
Gracious God,
have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

For failing to recognize your coming reign,
and for hindering the work of the Spirit: Gracious God,
have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

For drawing from the well of self-serving ambition,
and for disdain the living water Christ offers: Gracious God,
have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

For disregarding voices from the margin,
and for distrusting signs of your healing and hope in the world:
Gracious God,
have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

For dwelling in tombs of self-pity and discontent,
and for disregarding Christ's call to come forth to life:
Gracious God,
have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

God's steadfast love, grace, and forgiveness abound.
Through faith, the free gift of God,
you have been clothed in the righteousness of Christ.

In the name of ‡ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.
The Spirit of the One who raised Christ from the dead
dwells in you,
pours God's love into your hearts,
and gives you life and peace.
Amen.

*The congregation turns to face the cross in procession,
reminding us that Christ leads us into the presence and love of God.*

GATHERING HYMN 533

OPEN NOW THY GATES OF BEAUTY

- 1 Open now thy gates of beauty,
Zion, let me enter there,
where my soul in joyful duty
waits for God who answers prayer.
Oh, how blessed is this place,
filled with solace, light, and grace!
- 2 Gracious God, I come before thee;
come thou also unto me;
where we find thee and adore thee,
there a heav'n on earth must be.
To my heart, oh, enter thou,
let it be thy temple now!
- 3 Here thy praise is gladly chanted,
here thy seed is duly sown;
let my soul, where it is planted,







- bring forth precious sheaves alone,
so that all I hear may be
fruitful unto life in me.
- 4 Thou my faith increase and quicken,
let me keep thy gift divine;
howsoe'er temptations thicken,
may thy word still o'er me shine
as my guiding star through life,
as my comfort in all strife.
- 5 Speak, O God, and I will hear thee,
let thy will be done indeed;
may I undisturbed draw near thee
while thou dost thy people feed.
Here of life the fountain flows;
here is balm for all our woes.

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

KYRIE

Assisting Minister	Congregation
	
Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son:	Lord, have mer - cy.
	
Chri - ste e - le - i - son:	Christ, have mer - cy.
	
Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son:	Lord, have mer - cy.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Merciful God, the fountain of living water, you quench our thirst and wash away our sin. Give us this water always. Bring us to drink from the well that flows with the beauty of your truth through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

FIRST READING *Congregation sits.*

EXODUS 17:1-7

A reading from Exodus.

¹ 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. ² 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?" ³ 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?" ⁴ So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do for this people? They are almost ready to stone me." ⁵ 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. ⁶ 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. ⁷ He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 95

¹ Come, let us sing | to the LORD;

let us shout for joy to the rock of | our salvation.

² **Let us come before God's presence | with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to the | LORD with psalms.**

³ For you, LORD, | are a great God,
and a great ruler a- | bove all gods.

⁴ **In your hand are the caverns | of the earth;
the heights of the hills are | also yours.**

⁵ The sea is yours, | for you made it,
and your hands have molded | the dry land.

⁶ **Come, let us worship | and bow down,
let us kneel before the | LORD our maker.**

⁷ For the LORD is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep | of God's hand.
Oh, that today you would | hear God's voice!

⁸ **"Harden | not your hearts,
as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah | in the desert.**

⁹ There your ancestors | tested me,
they put me to the test, though they had | seen my works.

¹⁰ **Forty years I loathed that gener- | ation, saying,
'The heart of this people goes astray; they do not | know my ways.'**

¹¹ Indeed I swore | in my anger,
'They shall never come | to my rest.' "

SECOND READING

ROMANS 5:1-11

A reading from Romans.

¹ Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² 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. ³ And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, ⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵ and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

⁶ For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸ But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. ⁹ Much more surely, therefore, since we have now been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰ 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. ¹¹ But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Congregation stands.*

Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.

Save us as you prom-ised; we will trust your word.

GOSPEL

JOHN 4:5-42

The Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁵ [Jesus] came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶ Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

⁷ A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." ⁸ (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) ⁹ 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.) ¹⁰ 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." ¹¹ The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? ¹² Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" ¹³ Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴ 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." ¹⁵ 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."

¹⁶ Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." ¹⁷ The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband,' ¹⁸ for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" ¹⁹ The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. ²⁰ Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." ²¹ Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²² You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³ 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. ²⁴ God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." ²⁵ 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." ²⁶ Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

²⁷ 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?" ²⁸ Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, ²⁹ "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" ³⁰ They left the city and were on their way to him.

³¹ Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." ³² But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." ³³ So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" ³⁴ Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. ³⁵ 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. ³⁶ The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. ³⁷ For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' ³⁸ I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."

³⁹ Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." ⁴⁰ So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. ⁴¹ And many more believed because of his word. ⁴² 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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

PASTOR ANDREW ISENHOWER

SERMON

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HYMN OF THE DAY 777 *Congregation stands.*

COME TO ME, ALL PILGRIMS THIRSTY

1 "Come to me, all pilgrims thirsty;
drink the water I will give.
If you knew what gift I offer,
you would come to me and live."

Come, receive the gift I offer,
turn to me and seek my face." *Refrain*

Refrain

Jesus, ever flowing fountain,
give us water from your well.
In the gracious gift you offer
there is joy no tongue can tell.

4 "Come to me, repentant sinners;
leave behind your guilt and shame.
Come and know divine compassion,
turn to me, I call your name." *Refrain*

2 "Come to me, all travelers weary;
come that I may give you rest.
Drink the cup of life I offer;
at this table be my guest." *Refrain*

5 "Come to me, distressed and needy;
I would be your trusted friend.
Come and seek the gift I offer,
come, your open hands extend." *Refrain*

3 "Come to me, believers burdened;
find refreshment in this place.

6 "Come to me, abandoned, orphaned;
lonely ways no longer roam.
Come and take the gift I offer,
let me make in you my home." *Refrain*

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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.*

Reconciled by God's mercy and sustained by God's presence, let us pray for the world and its needs.

A brief silence.

O God, when suffering arises, preserve your church. Give to pastors, deacons, bishops, and all servants of your gospel the endurance that produces character and the hope that will never disappoint. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

When the waters run dry, sustain this earth. Send water to places languishing with drought and bring relief to places damaged by floods. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

When quarrels ensue, soften our hearts. Quell hostilities between nations and peoples, and reconcile all humans across the lines of race, class, nationality, moral conviction, religion, and all else that divides or oppresses. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

When your people thirst, satisfy their needs. Send water and food to all who need nourishment. Grant welcome to all who are excluded. Show your mercy to any in need, especially those whom we name now. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

When we gather to worship, send us your Spirit. Renew our hearts through the joyful noise we make and bless the work of our church musicians and musical ensembles. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

O God, when death draws near, we rejoice in the promise of life with you. We remember all who have entered eternal rest, and we pray that you bring us the hope of sharing in your glory. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Receive our prayers, O God, through Jesus Christ, our strength and salvation.

Amen.

PEACE *Congregation stands.*

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

✠ MEAL ✠

OFFERING *Congregation sits.*

ANTHEM

COME TO THE WATER

HASSELER

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.

God of majesty, no eye has seen, no ear has heard what you have prepared for those who love you, yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy. Use what we have gathered to feed us with the reign of God come near, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And also 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.

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. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. 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,

ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

heav-en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy God, our living Water and our merciful Guide,
together with rivers and seas, wells and springs
we bless and magnify you.

You led your people Israel through the desert,
and provided them water from the rock.

We praise you for Christ, our Rock and our Water,
who joined us in our desert,
pouring out his life for the world.

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.

Remembering, therefore,
his life, death, and resurrection,
we await your salvation for all this thirsty world.

Pour out your Spirit on this holy food
and on all the baptized gathered for this feast:

wash away our sin,
that we may be revived for our journey by the love of Christ.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church,
both now and forever. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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

Come to the table.

Feast on God's goodness and mercy.

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

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

COMMUNION HYMN 447

O BLESSED SPRING

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 AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.
God of our salvation, we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls, reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey. Through the body and blood of your Son, may we become Christ's body in the world, bearing witness to your love for all creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

✠ SENDING ✠

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 618

GUIDE ME EVER, GREAT REDEEMER

- 1 Guide me ever, great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but you are mighty;
hold me with your pow'rful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore,
feed me now and evermore.
- 2 Open now the crystal fountain
where the healing waters flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.

- Strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer,
shield me with your mighty arm,
shield me with your mighty arm.
- 3 When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs and praises, songs and praises,
I will raise forevermore,
I will raise forevermore.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

GUIDE ME EVER, GREAT REDEEMER

WOLD

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LET US REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

- The Heritage at Lowman** –Marianne De Werdt, Violet Fetner
The Palmettos – Sara Loyd
Rice Estate – Grace Boozer
Vitality Living – 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, Sara Hydrick, Joyce Mobley, Justine Parker, Charlie Sigel

FEBRUARY 22, 2026 ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS

9:30 a.m. Worship Service: 105 Sunday School: 31

***Budgeted Weekly Benevolence Collections needed: \$9,371**

***Current Expenses & Benevolences Received: \$10,424**

OTHER MISCELLANEOUS OFFERINGS

Lenten Self-Denial Envelopes	\$600	Jan & Feb Social Ministry Focus – Woodyard Fund	\$100
Memorial Fund	\$415	Food Pantry	\$110
Offering Envelope Collection	\$5	Supper Club	\$420
Pastor's Discretionary Fund	\$160	Seasonal Flowers	\$96

FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY – Next Sunday (3/15/2026) is Food Pantry Sunday. The pantry particularly needs **chili, spam, grits (boxes of individual packets), corn, mixed vegetables, and carrots**, but any shelf-stable food items that have not expired are welcome. Thanks always for your donations!

PALM SUNDAY EASTER EGG HUNT 2026 – Join us March 29th for an egg-citing start to Holy Week!

- **Pre-K – 2nd Grade:** Playground, immediately following Sunday School.
- **3rd – 5th Grade:** During Sunday School in their classroom.

We need donations of wrapped candy or small toys! Please contact Ben Haigh (803-528-5350 / benjamin.haigh@yahoo.com) to donate.

SIGN UP NOW! – It is not too late to sign up to be a Children's Sunday School helper! No preparation is needed. A sign-up sheet and more information is located in the Narthex.

WEDNESDAY LENTEN SERVICES AND MEALS – There are two opportunities for you to worship on Wednesdays during Lent. Lenten Services are in the FAB at 12 noon and at 6:30 p.m. There will be a meal following the 12 noon service and a meal at 5:30 p.m. prior to the evening service.

PATHFINDERS OF GOOD SHEPHERD (POGS) will have a meeting this Wednesday, March 11, 2026, in the FAB after the Lenten Worship Service. The meal will be catered by Tim's Catering. There will be no charge for the meal, however there will be a love offering taken. We will not have a program for this event. Even though there is no charge for the meal, reservations will be required. Please complete the bulletin insert to reserve your space. **Reservation deadline is TODAY.** We look forward to seeing you there.

DEADLINE TO REGISTER FOR THE GOOD SHEPHERD 2026 CONGREGATIONAL RETREAT – Registration forms must be completed no later than March 15. Pick up your form in the Narthex. Join us April 24-26, 2026, at Lutheridge for fun and celebration of "Walking in the Spirit" for 75 Years! You may pay online or put the form and money in the offering plate. If you pay online, you will still need to turn in a registration form.

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 didn't receive your envelope, let the church office know.

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY – OPEN HANDS: LETTING GO TO GROW

See sign-up sheets and information and description sheet in the Narthex. There are four small group sessions available on various days in various locations. Sign up today!

TODAY IS MY PEACEFUL DAY – During this contemplative season of Lent, you are invited to press pause and join others who are choosing to do the same. Please join Pastor Andrew and Mary Aitchison (RYT-200) each Friday in March right here in our beautiful church. Gathering together, we'll slow down, move mindfully, breathe deeply, find unhurried moments of stillness, and make space for what longs to be renewed. In the hush, there is room for reflection and connection. An offering rooted in peace, dressed in what allows you to move comfortably, we will remain seated during most of our time. *May this be your peaceful day.*

No experience needed. | No expectations to meet. | Come exactly as you are. | All are welcome. | Fridays in March from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. | Classroom 1

GROUNDS BEAUTIFICATION DAY – The Property Committee will have a grounds beautification day on Saturday, March 21 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. with lunch served afterwards. A sign-up sheet will be in the Narthex for volunteers to sign up.

EASTER LILIES – You only have until Sunday, March 22 to reserve an Easter lily. 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 it in the offering plate. The cost is \$16.00 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 or you can go online to gslc.com and place your order there. To place your order online, select Giving, Online Giving, and then Give Online. At that time, select the Fund Seasonal Flowers. Don’t forget to type your dedication in the Memo section. All orders must be in by Sunday, March 22 and accompanied by payment.** Those donating lilies may take their flowers following the 9:30 a.m. Easter service on April 5.

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.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

GREETER:	Sue O’Cain
USHERS:	Dick Sturkie, Russ Cox, Bruce Shealy
LECTOR:	Stacy Gross
COMMUNION ASST:	Stacy Gross
ACOLYTE:	James Isenhower
CRUCIFER:	Blake Gross
ALTAR GUILD:	Nancy & Don Hyatt, Bobbie & Rick Storey
TABULATORS:	Donna Foster, Mike Sanchez
CC PERSON OF MONTH:	Mike Weaver

THIS WEEK AT GSLC

- March 8 **Spring Forward**
Third Sunday in Lent
9:30 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary)
10:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School (CL 1 & 2)
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)
11:05-11:25 a.m. Preschool Music (E-115)
11:25-11:45 a.m. Children's Choir (E-115)
5:30 p.m. Lenten Bible Study (Starbucks Forest Drive)
- March 9 5:30 p.m. Parish Life Committee meeting (CL 2)
5:30 p.m. [private event] Beta Sigma Phi Council meeting (Conf Rm)
- March 10 11:30 a.m. Bible Study (Conference Room)
3:00 p.m. Executive Committee meeting (Conference Room)
5:00 p.m. Finance Committee meeting (Conference Room)
6:00 p.m. Social Ministry Committee meeting (CL 2)
- March 11 8:15 – 8:45 a.m. Wednesday Virtual Bible Study
11:00 Lenten Bible Study (Conference Room)
12:00 noon Lenten Service (FAB)
12:45 p.m. POGS luncheon & meeting (FAB) **Reservation needed.**
5:30 p.m. Lenten meal (FAB)
6:30 p.m. Lenten Service (FAB)
7:15 p.m. Choir Practice (Choir Room)
- March 12 1:00 p.m. Lenten Bible Study (Plyler home)
4:30 p.m. Lenten Bible Study (Shealy home)
- March 13 5:30 p.m. Peaceful Time of Reflection (CL 1)
- March 14 12:00-4:00 p.m. Whitlow Family funeral meal (FAB)
- March 15 **April Newsletter Deadline**
Food Pantry Sunday
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*Empowering every generation to seek the missing,
shepherd the weary, and share the table.*

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