

**March 1, 2026**

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*Our Mission: Created, saved and strengthened through God's grace,  
we give, share, love and care for all people.*



# Gathering

## Welcome and Announcements

### Prelude

*Please stand as able*

### Confession and forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, our refuge, our delight, our beginning and our end. **Amen.**

Let us come in truth before the one who loves us and has freed us from our sin. Eternal One, robed in majesty and mercy, **we confess that sin has taken hold of us and we are complicit in its power. We are disturbed in spirit and our hearts cannot rest. Unbind us and set us free. Lead us again to the waters of rebirth, that we may live just and generous lives for the good of your world and the care of our neighbors, following in the servant way of Jesus. Amen.**

These words are trustworthy and true: Christ bore our sins once, for all, on the cross, swallowing up death forever. For his sake, you are forgiven and God remembers your sin no more. Let your heart be glad again, and rejoice in your salvation. **Amen.**

### Hymn

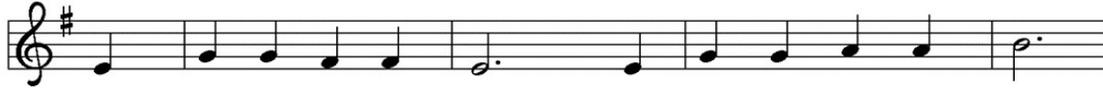
Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!

ELW 413

### 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



- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
- 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.  
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.  
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

## Prayer of the Day

*Response: Amen.*

# Word

*Please be seated*

## First Reading

Genesis 12:1-4a

The Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." So Abram went, as the Lord had told him, and Lot went with him.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

## Second Reading

Romans 4:1-5,13-17

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who does not work but trusts him who justifies the ungodly,

such faith is reckoned as righteousness. For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law, neither is there transgression. For this reason the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace, so that it may be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (who is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations"), in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand if able at the introduction*

### **Gospel Acclamation**



We are turn - ing, Lord, to hear you; you are mer - ci - ful and kind—



slow to an - ger, rich in bless-ing, and with love to us in - clined.

### **Gospel**

John 3:1-17

The Holy Gospel according to John, the 3rd chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? “Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen, yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. “Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated through the Offering*

**Homily**

## **Response to the Word**

**Hymn of the Day**

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

ELW 611

**Apostles' Creed**

**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

*Reconciled by God's mercy and sustained by God's presence, ...Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.***

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

## Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you. **And also with you.**  
*Greet those near you.*

## Offering

*Please stand as able through the Holy, Holy*

## Offering Response

We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;

all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord from thee.

## Offering Prayer

# Aleal

## 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**

## Preface *join their unending hymn... (4 measure intro)*

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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*Please be seated*

## Thanksgiving at the Table

### Invitation to Communion

Come to the table. **Feast on God’s goodness and mercy.**

### Lamb of God

O Lamb of God you take a - way the sins of the world, have  
 mer - cy on us, Lamb of God, and grant us your peace.

### Communion

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

*(All take the wafer located in the bottom of the chalice)*

The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

*(All drink from the top of the chalice)*

### Prayer after Communion

*Response: Amen*

### Service Of Diminishing Lights

# Sending

## Blessing

*Response: Amen.*

## Hymn

Beautiful Savior

ELW 838

## Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve in love. **Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

### Worship Assistants

#### **Homilist**

*Lei Fahrner*

#### **Lector**

*Neil Carlson*

#### **Greeter**

*Annick Schrader*

#### **Ushers**

*Jill & Bill Toy*

#### **Main Camera/Production**

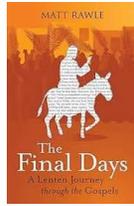
*Carl & Anne Fahrner*

#### **Pianist**

*Maira Liliestedt*



*Today's altar flowers are given by  
Annick Schrader to the glory of  
God and happy 80th birthday to  
my late husband, Jack Schrader*



**Lenten Book Study**  
***The Final Days***  
**Tuesdays at 6:30pm**

Pastor Eli's book study continues on Tuesdays through March 31st. Mark your calendars!



**March Concern Of the Month**  
**Monetary Donations for Easter Food**  
**Gift Cards**

We will be collecting monetary donations for Easter food gift cards. The cards will be distributed to those in need in the community.



**Lutheranism & What Lutherans**  
**Believe**

On Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> we will interrupt our regularly scheduled Sunday school for a presentation on Lutheranism and what Lutherans believe. Although this is geared for the folks who are interested in joining Good Shepherd, **everyone** is welcome to attend! In good Lutheran fashion, there will be cookies and coffee! All interested new members will be officially welcomed into Good Shepherd on Easter Sunday.

***Please turn mobile phones off or put them in the vibrate mode.***

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# Worship

# Assistants



Date	Usher	Lector	Greeter	Flower Wrapper	Pew Racks	Opening
3/1	Jill & Bill Toy	Neil Carlson	Annick Schrader	Jill & Bill Toy	Gloria Kohl	Miller
3/8	Lorelei & Rod Lopick	Cindy Leasure	Linda Lautenschlager	Linda Lautenschlager	Gloria Kohl	Burgess
3/15	Linda & Gary Miller	Pat Long	Diane Deem	Linda Lautenschlager	Gloria Kohl	Robinson
3/22	Pat Hoffman & Rod Swartz	Jen Lowry	Gay Rankin	Gay Rankin	Gloria Kohl	Davenport
3/29	Karen & Chuck Pressler	Anne Fahrner	Jill Toy	Gay Rankin	Gloria Kohl	Hoffman
4/2 MT	Annick Schrader/Alan Fahrner	Lei Fahrner	Gary Miller	None	Donna Jakmides	Hoffman
4/3 GF	Cindy & Howard Leasure	Rod Swartz	Wil Baum	None	Donna Jakmides	Hoffman
4/5	Judy & Wil Baum	Jen Lowry	Pat Long	Karen Pressler	Donna Jakmides	Miller
4/12	Judy Flading/Pat Long	Pat Hoffman	Cindy Leasure	Karen Pressler	Donna Jakmides	Burgess
4/19	Jan & Neil Carlson	Gary Miller	Judy Flading	Judy Flading	Donna Jakmides	Robinson
4/26	Jill & Bill Toy	Jan Carlson	Gay Rankin	Judy Flading	Donna Jakmides	Davenport

# March 2026



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Lei Worship 9:15a S School 10:30a	2	3 Lenten Book Study 6:30p	4 AA 7p	5 Yoga 10a	6 Quilting 10a	7
8 Pastor Eli Worship 9:15a S School 10:30a	9	10 Lenten Book Study 6:30p	11 AA 7p Council 7p	12 Yoga 10a	13 Crafts & Con- versations 10a	14
15 Lei Worship 9:15a S School 10:30a	16	17  Lenten Book Study 6:30p	18 AA 7p	19 Yoga 10a	20 Quilting 10a	21
22 Pastor Eli Worship 9:15a New Member Class	23	24 Lenten Book Study 6:30p	25 AA 7p	26 Yoga 10a	27 Crafts & Con- versations 10a	28
29 Pastor Eli Worship 9:15a S School 10:30a	30	31 Lenten Book Study 6:30p				