

March 29, 2026

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

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



Gathering

We assemble in the gathering space

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love
and the fellowship of the holy Spirit be with you all. **Amen.**

With palm branches in hand, we greet the
One who comes to save us from our sins.

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

With raised voices, we glorify the Messiah
who comes humbly riding on a donkey.

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

With jubilant song, we worship the king who comes to
rule in righteousness and peace.

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

With penitent hearts, we repent before the Lord who is holy and just.

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

With soaring spirits, we rejoice in the God of our salvation.

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

Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king
comes to you sitting on a donkey's colt. **Amen.**

Please proceed in to the sanctuary.

When all have entered we will sing the hymn listed below.

Hymn

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

ELW 344

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

On Palm Sunday...absolve our iniquity.

Most merciful God, we have sinned much and are in need of your salvation. We cry to you “Hosanna save us!” We ask you not to remember our evil but instead to forgive our transgression. For the sake of your humble servant, Jesus Christ, pardon us and restore us in righteousness. Renew our spirits so that we walk in obedience to your Word, to the glory of your holy name.

We cry to you for mercy.

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Hear the good news!...because his love is steadfast. **Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

Response: Amen.

Word

Please be seated

First Reading

Isaiah 50:4-9a

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. The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. 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. 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; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

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

Second Reading

Philippians 2:5-11

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

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

Matthew 21:1-11

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 21st chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, ‘The Lord needs them.’ And he will send them immediately.” This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet: “Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.” The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks

on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

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

Please be seated through the Offering

Homily

Your King Comes to You

Pastor Eli

Response to the Word

Hymn of the Day

Ride On, Ride On in Majesty!

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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***

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...*

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

Lord's Prayer

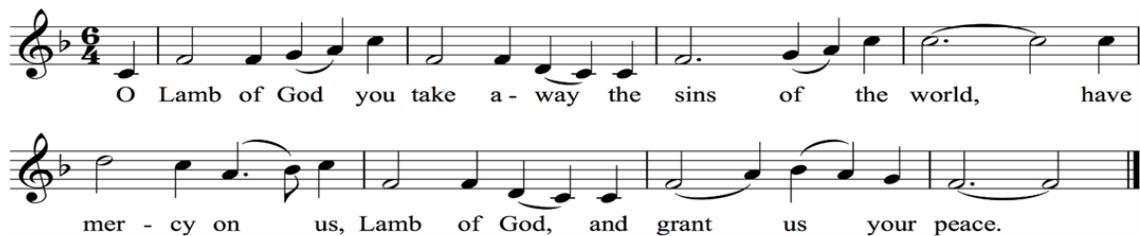
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we

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

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

Communion is being served at the altar rail.

*Ushers will direct you to come forward **after** the Lamb of God to receive communion at the altar rail. You may kneel or stand to receive. When receiving the host, place hands on top of each other, **palms up**, and Pastor will place a host in your open palm. If you are gluten intolerant, please let Pastor know; we have gluten free host. After you have received the host, the communion assistant will offer you the cup (wine or white grape juice). We practice open communion, therefore anyone who is baptized and believes in Jesus as Savior is welcome to communion.*

Prayer after Communion

Response: Amen

Service Of Diminishing Lights

Sending

Blessing

Response: **Amen.**

Hymn

Christ, the Life of All the Living

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Dismissal

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

Postlude

Thank you, Maira & God Speed

Today is Maira Liliestedt's last day with Good Shepherd. She has accepted a position playing, full time, for a church in Barberton. Thank you, Maira, for your service to Good Shepherd! We wish you well in all of your future endeavors!! God Speed!



Worship Assistants

Celebrant

Rev. Eli Klingensmith

Lector

Anne Fahrner

Greeter

Jill Toy

Ushers

Karen & Chuck Pressler

Main Camera/Production

Carl & Anne Fahrner

Pianist

Maira Liliestedt



**April 2nd- Maundy Thursday Communion Service-
7pm**

April 3rd- Good Friday Service- 7pm

**April 5th- Festival Easter Worship and Welcoming
New Members 9:15am**



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



If you are interested in joining Good Shepherd on Easter Sunday, please let Lei Fahrner know **TODAY!!** Thank you!



Sunday school is cancelled **TODAY** and Easter Sunday. We will resume on April 12th.



Choir Practice **TODAY** after service



Chair Yoga Cancelled April 2nd & 9th

Due to Mike, our instructor, being unavailable, Thursday chair yoga is cancelled for April 2nd and April 9th.

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
3/29	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
5/3	Kathy & Dave Schmidt	Judy Flading	Chuck Pressler	Jill & Bill Toy	Pat Long	Miller
5/10	Lorelei & Rod Lopick	Nancy Miller	Jan Carlson	Jill & Bill Toy	Pat Long	Burgess
5/17	Linda Burgess/Rod Swartz	Cindy Leasure	Donna Jakmides	Kathy Schmidt	Pat Long	Robinson
5/24	Nancy 7 TJ Miller	Neil Carlson	Linda Burgess	Kathy Schmidt	Pat Long	Davenport

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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	30	31 Lenten Book Study 6:30p	1 AA 7p	2 Maundy Thurs. Service 7pm	3 Quilting 10a Good Friday Service 7pm	4