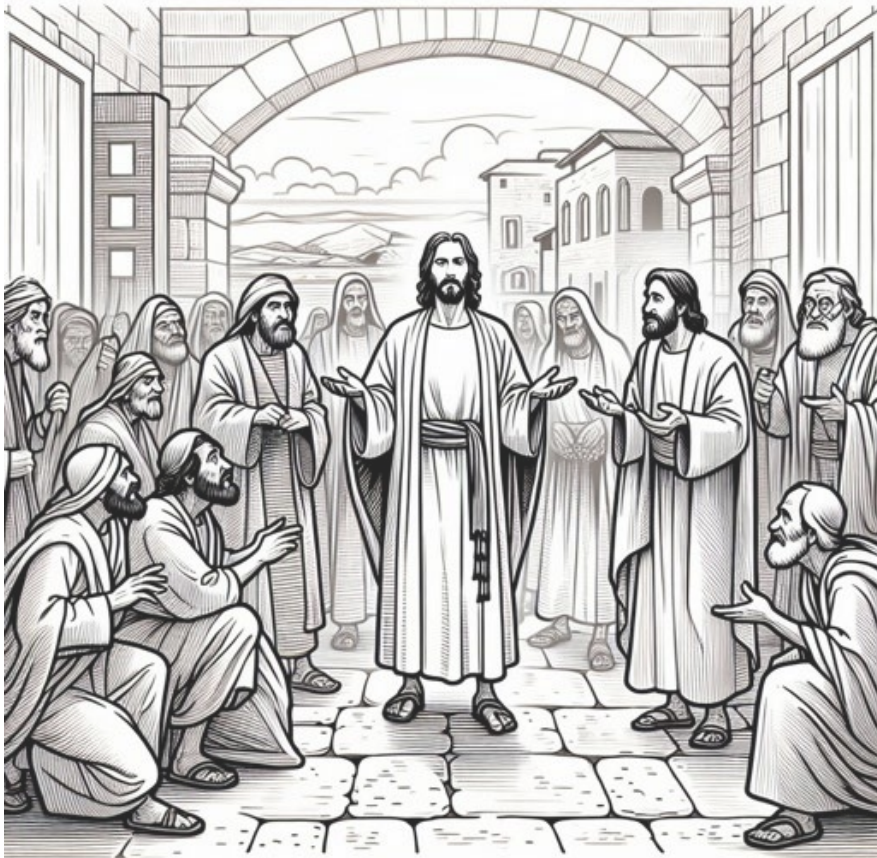


Good Shepherd Lutheran Church of South Hills

March 30, 2025 // 10:15 am Worship Service

Fourth Sunday in Lent

The mission of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church is to know and praise Christ, to grow in Christ and to share Christ with others.



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As we gather together for worship, we remember...

“Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works”
- Hebrews 10:23-24

Jesus invites his followers to participate in **The Lord’s Supper**. He gives His very body and blood in, with and under the bread and wine (Matthew 26:26-28). Paul encourages us to **examine** our hearts and our relationships as we prepare to share in this meal together (I Corinthians 11:27-29). For those unable to drink wine, the center ring holds cups intinctured with wine. If you have any questions, feel free to talk to Pastor.

- Psalm 139:23-24

~WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

~INVOCATION

~OPENING HYMN

Christ, the Life of All the Living

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Verses 1-4

~CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 32:1-7

P: Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.

C: **Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity,
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

P: For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away
through my groaning all day long.

C: **For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.**

P: I acknowledged my sin to you,
and I did not cover my iniquity;
I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,”
and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

C: **Therefore let everyone who is godly
offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found;
surely in the rush of great waters,
they shall not reach him.**

All: **You are a hiding place for me;
you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.**

~ CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have**

mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

~HYMN OF PRAISE God So Loved

Verse 1 Come all you weary
 Come all you thirsty
 Come to the well that never runs dry
 Drink of the water
 Come and thirst no more

Verse 2 Come all you sinners
 Come find His mercy
 Come to the table He will satisfy
 Taste of His goodness
 Find what you're looking for

Chorus 1 For God so loved the world that He gave us
 His one and only Son to save us
 Whoever believes in Him will live forever

Verse 3 Bring all your failures
 Bring your addictions
 Come lay them down at the foot of the cross
 Jesus is waiting there
 With open arms

Chorus 2 For God so loved the world that He gave us
 His one and only Son to save us
 Whoever believes in Him will live forever
 The power of hell forever defeated
 Now it is well I'm walking in freedom
 For God so loved God so loved the world

Bridge Praise God praise God
 From whom all blessings flow
 Praise Him praise Him
 For the wonders of His love (repeat)

Chorus 3 For God so loved the world that He gave us
His one and only Son to save us
For God so loved the world that He gave us
His one and only Son to save us
Whoever believes in Him will live forever

Bridge 2 The power of Hell, Forever defeated
Now it is well, I'm walking in freedom
For God so loved, God so loved the world

Verse 4 Bring all your failures
Bring your addictions
Come lay them down at the foot of the cross
Jesus is waiting
God so loved the world

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~PRAYER

All: We ask you, Master, to be our helper and protector. Save those among us who are in distress; have mercy on the humble; raise up the fallen; show yourself to those in need; heal the sick; turn back those of your people who wander; feed the hungry; ransom our prisoners; raise up the weak; comfort the discouraged. Let all the nations know that you are the only God, that Jesus Christ is your servant, and that we are your people and the sheep of your pasture. Amen.

Please be seated

~OLD TESTAMENT *Isaiah 12:1-6 (The Lord Is My Strength and My Song)*

You will say in that day:

*"I will give thanks to you, O Lord,
for though you were angry with me,
your anger turned away,
that you might comfort me.*

² *"Behold, God is my salvation;
I will trust, and will not be afraid;
for the Lord God[b] is my strength and my song,
and he has become my salvation."*

³ *With joy you[c] will draw water from the wells of salvation. ⁴ And you will say in that day:
"Give thanks to the Lord,
call upon his name,*

*make known his deeds among the peoples,
proclaim that his name is exalted.*

⁵ *“Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously;
let this be made known in all the earth.*

⁶ *Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion,
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.”*

~EPISTLE 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

¹⁶ *From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. ¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. ¹⁸ All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹ that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰ Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹ For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.*

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

~GOSPEL Luke 15:1-3, 11-32 *(The Parable of the Prodigal Son)*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fifteenth chapter.

C: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him. ² And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, “This man receives sinners and eats with them.”

³ *So he told them this parable:*

¹¹ *And he said, “There was a man who had two sons. ¹² And the younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.’ And he divided his property between them. ¹³ Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. ¹⁴ And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵ So he went and hired himself out to ^[a] one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶ And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything.*

¹⁷ *“But when he came to himself, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! ¹⁸ I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to*

him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. ¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.'" ²⁰ And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. ²¹ And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.'^[b] ²² But the father said to his servants,^[c] 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. ²³ And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. ²⁴ For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to celebrate. ²⁵ "Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶ And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. ²⁷ And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.' ²⁸ But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, ²⁹ but he answered his father, 'Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰ But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!' ³¹ And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³² It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.'"

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Please be seated

~CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

~HYMN OF THE DAY

Jesus, Refuge of the Weary

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~MESSAGE

"Jesus Christ Embraces you with His Eternal Love and Peace"
Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Please stand

~APOSTLES' CREED

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Please be seated

~OFFERING

~OFFERTORY PRAYER

All: We give Thee but Thine own, whatever the gift may be. For all that we have is Thine alone, a trust O Lord from Thee. Amen

~PRAYERS

**following all prayers the response will be:*

P: Lord in your mercy,

C: **Hear our prayer.**

~LORD'S PRAYER

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++ THE LORD'S SUPPER ++

~PREFACE

~WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**Please be seated.*

~PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20

P: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

~DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

**The usher will direct you down the center aisle.*

~DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

O Come to the Alter

Verse 1 Are you hurting and broken within
 Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin
 Jesus is calling
 Have you come to the end of yourself
 Do you thirst for a drink from the well
 Jesus is calling

Chorus O come to the altar
 The Father's arms are open wide
 Forgiveness was bought with
 The precious blood of Jesus Christ

Verse 2 Leave behind your regrets and mistakes
 Come today there's no reason to wait
 Jesus is calling
 Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy
 From the ashes a new life is born
 Jesus is calling;

Chorus O come to the altar
The Father's arms are open wide
Forgiveness was bought with
The precious blood of Jesus Christ
Forgiveness was bought with
The precious blood of Jesus Christ

Bridge Oh, what a Savior
Isn't He wonderful?
Sing hallelujah, Christ is risen
Bow down before Him
For He is Lord of all
Sing hallelujah, Christ is risen

Bow down before Him
For He is Lord of all
Sing hallelujah, Christ is risen

Chorus x2

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Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive

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~POST COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

~BENEDICTION

P: May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ give you grace and peace. Now you have every spiritual gift you need as you eagerly wait for the return of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will keep you strong to the end so that you will be free from blame on the day when our Lord Jesus Christ returns.

C: Amen

~CLOSING SONG

Christ, the Life of All the Living

**LSB 420
Verses 5-7**



*Thanks for worshiping with us!
See you next week!*

