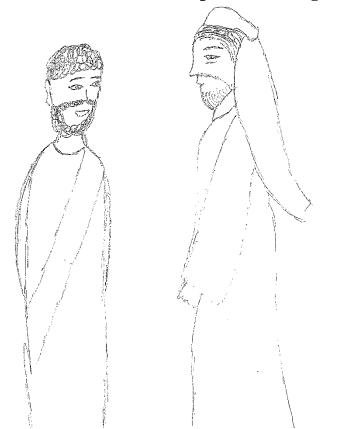
March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 9:30 am

Second Sunday of Lent Confirmation Reunion Sunday

## **GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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Art by Anna Patterso**n** 

Though we sometimes doubt and often resist God's desire to protect and save us, our God persists. In holy baptism, God's people have been called and gathered into a God-initiated relationship that will endure. Lent provides the church with a time and a tradition in which to seek the face of the Lord again. Lent provides another occasion to behold the God of our salvation in the face of the Blessed One who "comes in the name of the Lord."

### Welcome to worship at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

We would like everyone to fill out the Friendship Pad at the end of the pews and pass it along for all to fill out. Please also mark the names of all in the family who are receiving Communion. If you are visiting, please include your address and phone number.

**Nursery:** Our nursery is located out the north entrance of the sanctuary. Please feel free to use the nursery anytime during the service. Children's Worship Bulletin is Available at both entrances.

We are delighted to have you.

#### -ORDER OF WORSHIP -WOV SETTING 5 BREAD OF LIFE

#### **WELCOME**

PRELUDE

Time for reflection in silence

**Karen Niemeier** 

During the prelude you may take time for a 1-second prayer (where you may pause for a moment and say "Thank you" or "Hi" to God) or you may reflect and ponder the following question.

Where did I encounter the image of God last week?

You may use the space to write down your answers.

#### **BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

What is confession?

Confession consists of two parts. One is that we confess our sins. The other is that we receive the absolution, that is, forgiveness, from the pastor as from God himself and by no means doubt but firmly believe that our sins are thereby forgiven before God in heaven. (From Luther's Small Catechism)

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity,  $\oplus$  one God, who gathers us in the wilderness to redeem us, anoint us, and make us new.

C: Amen.

P: In these forty days, let us be honest, confess our sin, and receive God's promise of mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God at the margins,

C: We have wandered far from your home; again and again, we lose our way. We turn inward, afraid of the world around us. We forget that you have saved your people before and promise to do so again. Do not remember the deeds of our past, but turn our faces toward the future, where your forgiveness is sure, your welcome is clear, and your love overflows. Amen.

P: Like a hen who gathers her chicks, God embraces you in tender care. Like manna in the desert, God feeds you with surprising mercy.

Like a loving parent, God runs to meet you again this day, forgiving your sins for the sake of + Christ, leading you from death into life.

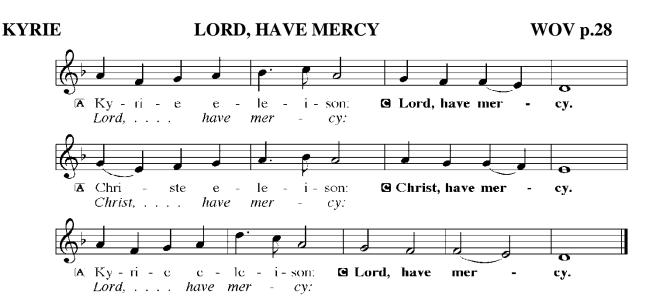
C: Amen.

**"THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION"** GATHERING HYMN (Verses 1 & 2) ELW#654 The church's one foun-da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord; 1 2 E lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth. 3 Though with a scorn-ful won - der this world sees her op - pressed, 4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult of her war, 5 Yet she on earth has u - nion with God, the Three in One, - a - tion by she is his new cre wa - ter and the word. her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth: a - sund - er, by by schisms, .rent her - e - sies dis - tressed, waits the con-sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more; she and mys-tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won. From heav'n he came and sought her his ho - ly to be bride; ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food. one keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?" saints their watch are yet till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest. cho - rus! Lord, save us by your Oh, bless - ed heav'n-ly grace, his own blood he bought her, and died. with for her life he and to one hope she press - es with ev - 'ry grace en dued. and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song. and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest. that we, like saints be - fore us, may see you face face. to

#### GREETING

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

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#### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

A: Let us pray.

C: God of the covenant, in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world. Gather all peoples into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

#### **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

#### FIRST READING: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

L: A reading from Genesis.

<sup>1</sup>After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." <sup>2</sup>But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" <sup>3</sup>And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." <sup>4</sup>But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." <sup>5</sup>He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." <sup>6</sup>And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness. <sup>7</sup>Then he said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." <sup>8</sup>But he said, "O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" <sup>9</sup>He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." <sup>10</sup>He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. <sup>11</sup>And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. <sup>12</sup>As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. <sup>17</sup>When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. <sup>18</sup>On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates." L: The word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

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**PSALM: Psalm 27** (Read responsively.)

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

# <sup>2</sup>When evildoers close in against me to devour my flesh, they, my foes and my enemies, will stumble and fall.

<sup>3</sup>Though an army encamp against me, my heart will not fear. Though war rise up against me, my trust will not be shaken.

<sup>4</sup>One thing I ask of the LORD; one thing I seek; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life; to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek God in the temple.

<sup>5</sup>For in the day of trouble God will give me shelter, hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high up-on a rock.

<sup>6</sup>Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies who surround me. Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing; I will sing and make music to the LORD.

<sup>7</sup>Hear my voice, O LORD, when I call; have mercy on me and answer me.

<sup>8</sup>My heart speaks your message— "Seek my face." Your face, O LORD, I will seek.

<sup>9</sup>Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your servant in anger. Cast me not away—you have been my helper; forsake me not, O God of my salvation.
<sup>10</sup>Though my father and my mother forsake me, the LORD will take me in.

<sup>10</sup>Though my father and my mother forsake me, the LORD will take me in. <sup>11</sup>Teach me your way, O LORD; lead me on a level path, because of my oppressors. <sup>12</sup>Subject me not to the will of my foes, for they rise up against me, false

witnesses breathing violence.

<sup>13</sup>This I believe—that I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living! <sup>14</sup>Wait for the LORD and be strong. Take heart and wait for the LORD!

#### SECOND READING: Philippians 3:17--4:1

L: A reading from Philippians.

<sup>17</sup>Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. <sup>18</sup>For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. <sup>19</sup>Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. <sup>20</sup>But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>21</sup>He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. <sup>4:1</sup>Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

L: The word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.



#### **GOSPEL:** Luke 13:31-35

P: The holy gospel according to Luke. C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Neither Herod's plotting nor Jerusalem's resistance to maternal love will deter Jesus from his sacrificial mission.

<sup>31</sup>At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to [Jesus,] "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." <sup>32</sup>He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. <sup>33</sup>Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem." <sup>34</sup>Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! <sup>35</sup>See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

P: The gospel of the Lord. C: Praise to you, O Christ.

#### **SERMON**

Pastor David Raben



#### **APOSTLES' CREED**

A: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith in the words of the 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

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#### THE PRAYERS

#### After each petition: WA: Hear us, O God. C: Your mercy is great

**WA:** Seeking the grace, mercy, and love of almighty God, we offer our prayers for the church, for people in need, and for all of creation.

#### A brief silence

**WA:** Compassionate God, call your people to stand firm as citizens of heaven. As we are humbled by your wondrous love, nurture such mercy in our hearts and ministries. Drown out the terror in the world with acts of loving kindness and generosity. Release political leaders from pride and fear to act justly and to serve citizens.

#### Hear us, O God. C: Your mercy is great.

**WA:** Loving God, we give you thanks for the members and ministries of Good Shepherd. You have blessed us for 162 years to be your hands and feet in Lena. We ask you to increase in us the spirit of faith and love, and make our fellowship an example to all believers and to all nations. Hear us, O God. C: **Your mercy is great.** 

WA: Merciful God, you are our light and our salvation. You are our stronghold. Come to the aid for those who seek your face and rush to answer those who cry out to you in time of trial, *especially Bob Lyvers, Dick and Rene Johnson, Ethel Lobdell, Gene Hesselbacher, Sheridan Brinker, Sharon Schlachter, Fern Harnish, Lois Paulsen, Abby Brinker, Greg Lloyd, Donna Euler, Robin Cross, Connor Stadermann, Jaden, Jon Forsythe, Brooke, Meabar, Subrig, Digne, Depute, Marger Control Deb Linderger Hander, Tim Colomary, Cindu* 

Meghan, Sylvia, Diane, Darren, Myron Coaty, Deb Lindeman Harder, Tim Coleman, Cindy Tessendorf, Larry Larson, Randy, Brian, Fred, Don Hoge, and Tammy. Pray for love, peace, comfort, and resurrection hope for the family and friends of LeRoy Moore. Give shelter to your vulnerable children, and cover them in the comfort of your mothering wings. Give strength and courage and your blessing this week to Steve Fahr.

#### Hear us, O God. C: Your mercy is great.

**WA:** Life-giving God, you gather us under your wings as the body of Christ. Grant your holy wisdom and joy to our church family. We especially pray for Duane, Cheryl, and Heidi Torkelson, Kevin Lones, Darlene Aurand, and Jamie and Lindsey White.

#### Hear us, O God. C: Your mercy is great.

**WA:** Living God build up your holy community of saints through the work of bishops and missionaries. Spread your word through your people for the sake of the world. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.** 

P: Reveal your will as you receive our prayers, and conform our ways to your ways; through the saving work of Jesus Christ our Lord. C: Amen.

#### PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always. C: And also with you.

#### **OFFERING**

What is offering? Offering is our response to God's blessings and abundant grace given to us. Offerings can take various forms such as prayer, voices, time, fruit from the land, money, and being the hands and feet of God's works in the world. Give thanks to our Lord!

#### CHIMES

#### "WHAT WONDROUS LOVE IS THIS"

#### **OFFERING PRAYER**

A: Let us pray.

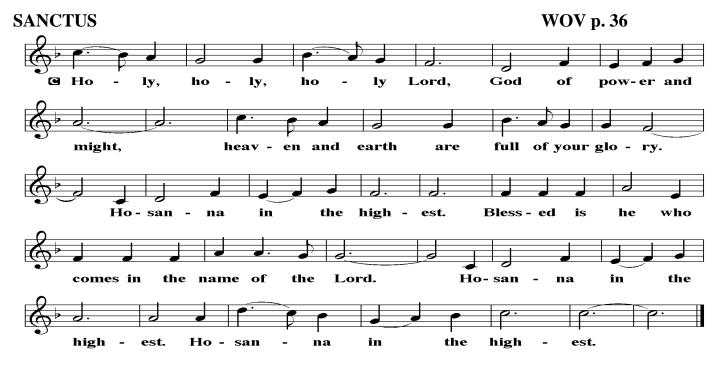
C: Generous God, you feed us with the harvest of the land, and you provide for our every need. Receive our gifts of money, imagination, and labor, and transform them into a feast that welcomes all, in Jesus Christ, our host and our guest. Amen.

#### DIALOGUE

P: The Lord be with you.	C: And also with you.
P: Lift up your hearts.	C: We lift them to the Lord.
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.	C: It is right to give our thanks and
	praise.

#### PREFACE

P: It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you,...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



#### **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

**WOV p. 37** 

#### LORD'S PRAYER

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

C: 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;

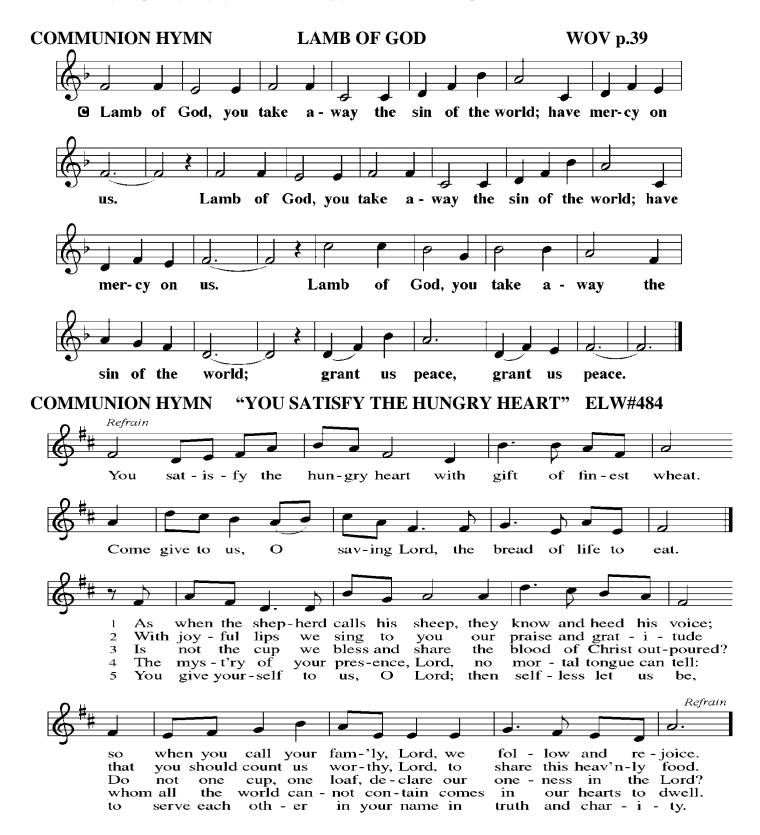
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.



#### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

We practice open Communion — Christ invites us to the table. All baptized Christians are welcome to partake the body and blood of Jesus Christ. If you wish to receive a blessing, you may come forward. Holy Communion will be celebrated by intinction (dip the bread into the chalice). The gold chalices have wine; the chrome chalices have grape juice. You will be ushered down the center aisle and return to your pew by way of the side aisles. If you need assistance, please let an usher know.



#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the Sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever. **C: Amen.** 

#### **COMMUNITY CONCERNS & CELEBRATIONS**

#### BLESSING

P: God, who fills the creation with abundance, Christ, who spreads his arms in forgiveness, Holy Spirit, who draws ever near to us,  $\pm$  bless you and bring you to life everlasting. **C: Amen**.

SENDING HYMN "THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION" ELW#654



<sup>(</sup>Verses 3, 4, & 5)

#### **DISMISSAL** (*from the back*) A: Go in peace. Remember the poor. C: Thanks be to God.

#### POSTLUDE

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#### THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERDMarch 17th through March 24th, 2019

Today	Worship Service—Confirmation Reunion Sunday	9:30 am
•	Fellowship	10:30am
	Sunday School/Confirmation	10:45am
	Choir Practice	11:00am
	Potluck luncheon	
Tuesday	Pr. Miho at PLC Committee Meeting Synod office, Rockford	10:00am-12:00pm
Wednesday	"Piece Corps" Quilting Group	8:00am-11:30am
-	Lenten Luncheon at Evangelical Free	12:00pm
	Lenten Dinner (Men's Group)	5:30 pm
	Lenten Worship Service	6:30 pm
Thursday	Good Shepherd at Friendship Center for Devotions and Dessert	1:00pm
Next Sunda	y Worship Service—Youth Sunday	9:30am
	Fellowship	10:30am
	Sunday School/Confirmation	10:45am
	Choir Practice	11:00am
	Chime Practice	5:00pm
	Attendance March 10 <sup>th</sup> – 54 +	

Total Offering 03/10/2019 - \$2086.00 amount needed - \$2607.07

An AED (defibrillator) is located on the wall in the Fellowship Hall in case of an emergency. The device is designed to deliver calm, clear voice instructions precisely timed to the responder's actions, guiding the responder every step of the way. When the door is open an alarm goes off to alert others that there is an emergency.

#### Karen Niemeier

#### **Potluck Luncheon After the Service Today**

Please join Pastor David and the Confirmation classes of 1996, 1998 and 1999 for a potluck luncheon after the service.

#### Lenten Devotion Books are here

We have two devotion books for Lent. For daily devotion: Lasting Hope: Devotion for Lent 2019. For weekly devotion: Lenten Study Guide: ELCA World Hunger's 40 days of Giving.

#### **Mid-week Lenten Evening Supper and Service**

Are you interested in deepening your spirituality? You may consider coming for the mid-week evening service. We will ponder together the Psalms from Sunday worship. No preparation is needed. Join us for supper at 5:30pm, and the service at 6:30pm. Anyone at any stage in one's walk in life are welcome to join.

The Art of Healing Art Reception featuring Mia Rudolph will be held Thursday, March 21<sup>st</sup> from 5:00pm-6:30pm at the Freeport Branch of Monroe Clinic at 1301 S. Kiwanis Drive, Freeport, IL. Refreshments will be served. Gallery Talk will be at 5:45pm. Ms. Rudolph studied art at Western Illinois University, later studies nursing and art at Highland Community College. She and her husband Charles reside in Freeport with their three young daughters.

#### Stephen Ministry - Workshop at Our Savior's, Rockford

Would you like to learn active listening skills? Stephen Ministry is a lay led ministry for caring for God's children through listening and praying. There will be an introductory workshop at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Rockford on Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9am-1pm. We need at least 4 people to register as a group. (We do not have 4 people yet.) If you are interested, please contact the church office by tomorrow.

#### **Installation Service at Prince of Peace**

The Rev. Karen E. Tews has been called to serve as pastor of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church. She will be installed on Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm. The Rev. Jeffery Clements, Bishop of the Northern Illinois Synod will preside. All are invited, reception immediately following service in Fellowship Hall.

#### **Spring Choral Concert**

Highland Community College and Ferguson Fine Arts Center will be presenting their Spring Choral Concert, Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup> at 3:00pm in the Fine Arts Center, 2998 W. Pearl City Road, Freeport, IL. Come listen to classic and traditional melodies preformed by the Chorale, Chamber and Youth Choir. The show will feature music by George Gershwin, George Frideric Handel, Stephen Lawrence and more. For more information visit highland.edu/box office or call 815-599-3718

#### **Thank You**

Dear Good Shepherd Family. Your kindness is deeply appreciated, thank you for the great food for Dad's (Verl Price) funeral. It was all great, Barb Price.

