
March 11th, 2018 9:30 am

Fourth Sunday of Lent

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

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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. We are delighted to have you.

Nursery: Our nursery is located out the north entrance of the sanctuary.
Please feel free to use the nursery anytime during the service.

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.

**–ORDER OF WORSHIP –
WOV SETTING 6**

PRELUDE

(A time for prayer and reflection)

Karen Niemeier

Announcements & Community Concerns

Chimes

“The Old Rugged Cross”

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: In the words of a reformation hymn,
let us confess our sin before God.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: Out of the depths I cry to you;

C: O Lord God, hear me calling.

**Incline your ear to my distress
in spite of my rebelling.**

Do not regard my sinful deeds.

Send me the grace my spirit needs.

Without it I am nothing. Amen.

P: In God alone, in God we hope,
and not in our own merit.

We hope as Israel in the Lord,

who sends redemption through the ✠ Word.

Praise God for grace and mercy!

C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

ELW#335

1 Je - sus, keep me near the cross, there's a pre - cious foun - tain;
 2 Near the cross, a trem - bling soul, love and mer - cy found me;
 3 Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes be - fore me;
 4 Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hop - ing, trust - ing ev - er,

free to all, a heal - ing stream flows from Cal - v'ry's moun - tain.
 there the bright and morn - ing star sheds its beams a - round me.
 help me walk from day to day with its shad - ow o'er me.
 till I reach the gold - en strand just be - yond the riv - er.

Refrain

In the cross, in the cross be my glo - ry ev - er;

till my ran - somed soul shall find rest be - yond the riv - er.

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.**

KYRIE

Lord Have Mercy (*Verses 1 & 2*)

WOV#602

1, 3 Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.
 2 Chris - te e - lei - son. Chris - te e - lei - son.
 1, 3 Lord, . . . have mer - cy. Lord, . . . have mer - cy.
 2 Christ, . . . have mer - cy. Christ, . . . have mer - cy.

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.
 Chris - te e - le - i - son.
 Lord, . . . have mer - cy.
 Christ, . . . have mer - cy.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: Let us pray. C: O God, rich in mercy, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world and rescued us from the hopelessness of death. Lead us into your light, that all our deeds may reflect your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated

L: The 1st READING is Numbers 21:4-9

⁴From Mount Hor [the Israelites] set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. ⁵The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." ⁶Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. ⁷The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." ⁹So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

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

Psalm: Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22 (*Please join the Assisting Minister in reading the psalm responsively*) **ELW#107**

¹Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good, for God's mercy endures forever.

²**Let the redeemed of the LORD proclaim that God redeemed them from the hand of the foe,**

³gathering them in from the lands; from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

¹⁷**Some were fools and took rebellious paths; through their sins they were afflicted.**

¹⁸They loathed all manner of food and drew near to death's door.

¹⁹**Then in their trouble they cried to the LORD and you delivered them from their distress.**

²⁰You sent forth your word and healed them and rescued them from the grave.

²¹**Let them give thanks to you, LORD, for your steadfast love and your wonderful works for all people.**

²²Let them offer sacrifices of thanksgiving and tell of your deeds with shouts of joy.

L: The 2nd READING is from Ephesians 2:1-10

¹You were dead through the trespasses and sins ²in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. ³All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. ⁴But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us ⁵even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—⁶and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—⁹not the result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life. L: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (spoken)

C: Return to the Lord, your God, who is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love

P: THE HOLY GOSPEL according to John 3:14-21 **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] ¹⁴“Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ¹⁶“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. ¹⁷“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. ¹⁸Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. ²¹But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”P: The gospel of the Lord! **C: Praise to you, O Christ!**

Please be seated

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

“Valley of the Dry Bones”

Sunday School Children

SERMON

Pastor Miho Yasukawa

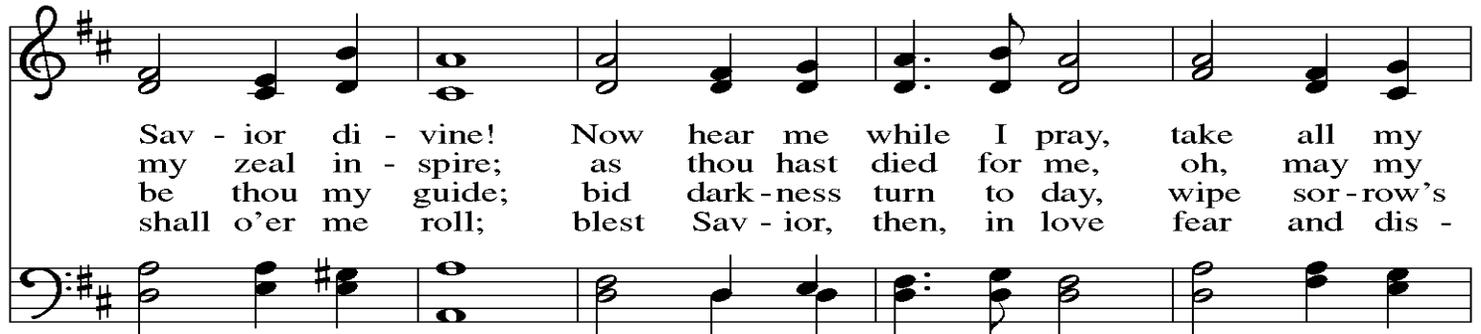
HYMN OF THE DAY

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

ELW#759



1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
 2 May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart,
 3 While life's dark maze I tread and griefs a - round me spread,
 4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, when death's cold, sul - len stream



Sav - ior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my
 my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, oh, may my
 be thou my guide; bid dark - ness turn to day, wipe sor - row's
 shall o'er me roll; blest Sav - ior, then, in love fear and dis -



guilt a - way, oh, let me from this day be whol - ly thine!
 love to thee pure, warm, and change - less be, a liv - ing fire!
 tears a - way, nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.
 trust re - move; oh, bear me safe a - bove, a ran - somed soul!

CREED (from the explanation of Luther's Small Catechism) *Please Stand*

A: With the whole church, let us confess our faith through Luther's Small Catechism.

P: The Third Article: On Being Made Holy

C: 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.

P: What does this mean?

C: I believe that by my own understanding or strength I cannot believe in Jesus Christ my Lord or come to him, but instead the Holy Spirit has called me through the gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, made me holy and kept me in the true faith, just as he calls, gathers, enlightens, and makes holy the whole Christian church on earth and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one common, true faith. Daily in this Christian church the Holy Spirit abundantly forgives all sins—mine and those of all believers. On the last day the Holy Spirit will raise me and all the dead and will give to me and all believers in Christ eternal life. This is most certainly true.

THE PRAYERS

After each petition: WA: Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: Renewed in the promises of baptism, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence

WA: We pray for the church. Direct and guide us in following your will. Grant us clarity in the midst of confusion, and give us courage in the face of challenge. We lift up our sisters and brothers in Trinity Lutheran in Milledgeville and First Lutheran in Mt. Carroll. Make us passionate to share the gospel.

Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: We pray for the world you so deeply love. For wilderness places. For deserts and mountains, fruit trees and gardens. For places devastated by flooding or drought, by wind, fire, or earthquake. Restore damaged habitats and protect fragile environments. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer**

WA: We pray for the nations. Grant wisdom to our leaders. Teach us to resolve conflicts without violence. Strengthen those who protect human rights, civil rights, and civil liberties. Bring an end to warfare, famine, and hunger. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: We pray for those in need. For those who lack meaningful employment or stable housing. For those who live with mental illness. For those who have chronic pain, and for all who are grieving, sick, or injured *especially Bob Lyvers, Dick Johnson, Ethel Lobdell, Tena Rackow, Richard Rutter, Leona Block, Donna Euler, Carol Stubbs, Kathy Baumgartner, Robin Cross, Millie Anderson, Connor Stadermann, Justin, Jon Forsythe, Meghan, Sharon, Lucy, Sharon Peska, Tom Pye, Jamie, Jean, Nick, Pam, Bruce and Darren.* Strengthen and encourage *Verl Price and Steve Fahr.* Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: We pray for this assembly. For all who provide health care in our community. For Piece Corps Quilting Group and the Stubbs family. For ministries of prayer, hymn sing, card making, and visitation. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: With thanksgiving, we remember those who have died in faith, especially those whom we have known and loved. Bring us with them to the fulfillment of your promise of life eternal with you. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer**

Pastor: Trusting in your covenant of mercy, O God, we lift our prayers to you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior. **C: Amen.**

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you

Offering

“Are You Walking, and Talking for the Lord”

Men’s Choir

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church locally and throughout the world, including those in need. We also offer up prayers to God as we offer ourselves (time, talents, gifts, and interests) to the Lord’s service and dedicate our lives to God’s work in the world.

Please stand

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray, C: Merciful God, receive the sacrifice of our praise and thanksgiving and the offering of our lives, that following in the way of the cross, we may know the joy of the resurrection; through Christ our Lord. 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

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy.....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

WOV#616



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might:
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave 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

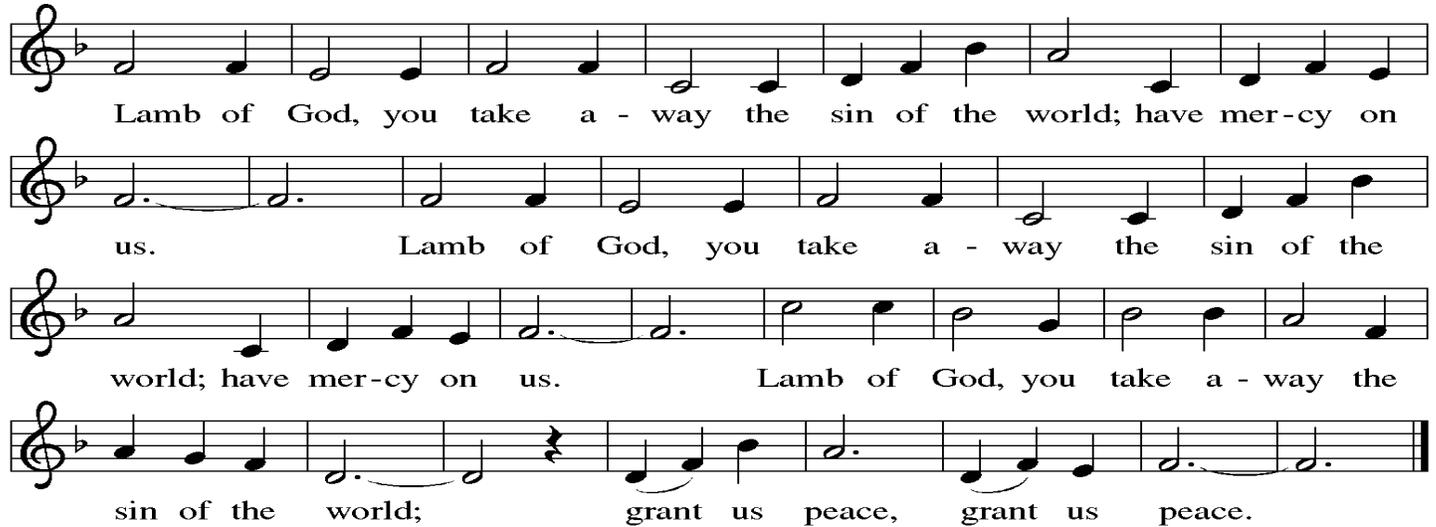
Return to God with all your heart. Receive bread for the journey, drink for the desert.

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. Please 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 returned to your pew by way of the side aisles. If you need assistance, please let an usher know.



LAMB OF GOD

ELW#195



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, grant us peace.

COMMUNION SONG

Amazing Grace

ELW#779

- 1 Amazing grace! how sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
was blind, but now I see.
- 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!
- 3 Through many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come;
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.
- 4 The Lord has promised good to me;
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.
- 5 When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING:

P: The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **C: Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION A: Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice, our alms, a making of peace, and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts; through Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.**

BLESSING P: May God who has called us forth from the dust of the earth, and claimed us as children of the light, strengthen you on your journey into life renewed. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you † peace. **C: Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

Lift High the Cross

ELW #660

Refrain

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till

all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.

1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,
 2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied
 3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
 4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

Refrain

our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
 bear on their brows the seal of him who died.
 as praise thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.
 to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

DISMISSAL (*from the back*)

A: Marked with the cross of Christ, go forth to love and serve the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE**Karen Niemeier**

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Pastor: Pastor Miho Yasukawa Missionaries to Tanzania: Randy & Carol Stubbs Family
Pianists: Tena Rackow, Sarah Baker Organist: Karen Niemeier Choir Dir. /accomp: Janis Kurth / Marion Fahr
Lector: Michelle Andrews Acolyte: Ethan Fye Assisting Minister: Sheila Keene
Worship Assistant: Kayla Runkle Communion Usher: Paul and Shirley Fox
Communion Set-up: Bob and Sharon Schlachter Communion Asst: Wayne Kurth, Dennis Luke
Elevator Operator: Jean Engel Sound System: Jay Andrews, Ashtyn Brinker
Greeters: Troy and Cindy Doubler, Curt and Sue Diddens
Ushers: Troy Keene, Krista Keene, Paul and Shirley Fox

THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD**March 11th thru March 18th, 2018**

Today	4th Sunday of Lent Worship Service-Holy Communion	9:30 am
	Fellowship	10:30 am
	Sunday School	10:45 am
	Choir Practice	11:00 am
	Good Shepherd at Lena Living Center	2:30 pm
	Chime Practice	5:00 pm
Monday	Pastor Miho at FCTE Good Shepherd	10:00 am-2:00 pm
	Parkinson Support Group	1:30pm
Tuesday	Hymn Sing at Lena Living Center	9:45 am
	Pastor Miho Text Study	2:00 pm
	Council Meeting	6:30 pm
Wednesday	“Piece Corps” Quilting Group	8:00 am-11:30 am
	Lenten Lunch and Devotions at Lena EV Free	12:00 pm
	Lenten Dinner	5:30 pm
	Lenten Worship Service	6:30 pm
Thursday	Good Shepherd at Friendship Center for Devotions & Dessert	1:30 pm
	Pastor Miho at Diakonia Class, Christ Lutheran, Stockton, IL	6:00 pm-8:30 pm
Next Sunday	5th Sunday of Lent Worship Service-Holy Communion	9:30 am
	Fellowship	10:30 am
	Sunday School	10:45 am
	Choir Practice	11:00 am
	Chime Practice	5:00 pm

Attendance March 4th was 63

Total Offering 03/04/2018- \$2,874.00 Amount needed \$2,756.84

Children’s Worship Bulletin is Available

Children’s bulletin follows Sunday lessons with coloring page, word search, and crossword puzzle.

They are available at the both entrances.

Copy of the Sermon is Available

If you would like a copy of the sermon, please talk to the ushers or Pr. Miho

Updates on the Stubbs FamilySee the bulletin board for an updated newsletter from the Stubbs’ family and you can also link to the Caring Bridge page for updates on Carol Stubbs at <https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/love4carolstubbs>

Good Shepherd Wednesday Evening Lent Services

This year's mid-week Lenten service will be using Into the Wild: A Lenten Liturgy and Intergenerational Study on Hunger by ELCA World Hunger. We will explore wilderness in our places and hear that God walks with us in the wild. Supper starts at 5:30pm and service starts at 6:30pm. People in every age and every walks in life are welcome to join the Lenten journey.

Devotions for Lent Booklets

We have two Lenten devotion for this year. You Are the Way is a daily devotion which explores "I am" statements in the Gospel of John. Another one is Faces of Christ which explores Christ in global perspectives. Both are available at all entrances.

Parkinson Support Group Meeting Monday, March 12, 2018, 1:30 pm at Good Shepherd

EVERYONE IS WELCOME !!!

Invite all those you know who are interested in sharing in an afternoon of sharing Parkinson Disease information, fellowship and refreshments.

If you have a favorite snack or treat you would like to bring to share, it would be greatly appreciated.

Our speaker will be: **OPEN FORUM— No Speaker**

Topic will be: **"CATCHING UP" Share & discuss any new issues you are having as well as programs or speakers you would like to have at meetings this year**

Any Questions ? ? ? Call: Carol Griffin 815-947-2208 OR Marion Fahr 815-367-3961

Hymn Sing

Will be Tuesday, March 13th at 9:45am at the Lena Living Center all are invited to come and sing and assist with helping the residents with the hymn books

2018 Lena Lenten Lunch

Soup and sandwich lunch starts at noon followed by a short devotion,

Theme is "Seven Signs of Jesus in the Gospel of John."

March 14th - Lena EV Free

March 21st - St. John's

March 28th - Salem UCC & Beloved (Hosted at Lena UMC)

It is time to order Easter Lilies

Lilies will be \$10.00 per plant and can be ordered by using the envelopes provided in the pews. Please place them in the offering plate or you can drop them off at the church office. Orders must be in by March 18th.

Lilies may be picked up after the 9:30 am Easter Sunday Service.

Holy Week Schedule Services

Maundy Thursday Service March 29th at 7:00 pm - Good Friday Worship Service March 30th at 7:00 pm

Easter Worship Services April 1st

Sunrise Service at 7:00 am - Easter Breakfast at 8:00 am - Easter Festival Service at 9:30 am

Easter Breakfast Sunday, April 1st at 8 am

The Good Shepherd youth will be serving Easter Breakfast on Easter Morning at 8am in the Fellowship Hall to raise funds for the youth. Make your reservation by Monday, March 26th by placing your reservation slip in offering plate or turning it in to the Church office.

All Youth and Children of Good Shepherd: We will be meeting on Saturday, March 31st at 4:00 pm

To prepare for the Easter Breakfast.

Also, Easter Sunday, April 1st we will meet at 7:30 am to serve the Easter Breakfast together.