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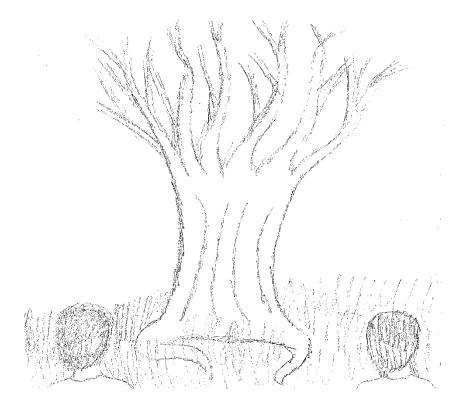
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The warnings are plentiful and blunt on the third Sunday in Lent. Lent is a season of repentance. Cut it out or get cut down! The warnings are accompanied by God's invitation to attentiveness: "Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live." The landowner's ultimatum is forestalled by the gardener's readiness to till the ground one more year. That is good news for all of us. Thanks be to God!

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

Tena Rackow

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.

Did you see the face of Jesus last week? Where did you see him?

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,

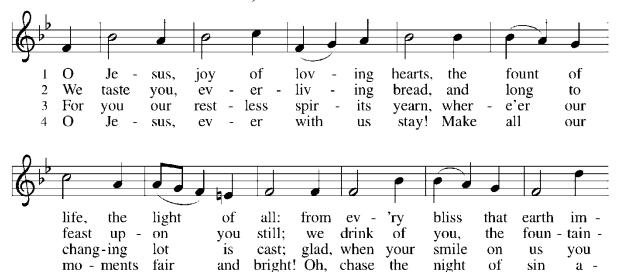
C: We have wandered far from your home; again and again, we lose our way. We turn inward, afraid of the world around us. We forget that you have saved your people before and promise to do so again. Do not remember the deeds of our past, but turn our faces toward the future, where your forgiveness is 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 \oplus Christ, leading you from death into life.

C: Amen.

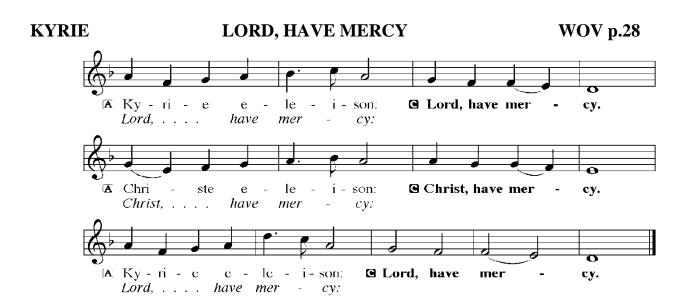






GREETING

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.**



PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: Let us pray.

C: Eternal God, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your word and obey it, and bring your saving love to fruition in our lives, through 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: Isaiah 55:1-9

L: A reading from Isaiah.

¹Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. ²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. ³Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. ⁴See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. ⁵See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. ⁶Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; ⁷let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. ⁸For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. ⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

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

PSALM: Psalm 63:1-8 (Read responsively.)

¹O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

²Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, that I might behold your power and your glory.

³For your steadfast love is better than life itself; my lips shall give you praise.

⁴So will I bless you as long as I live and lift up my hands in your name.

⁵My spirit is content, as with the richest of foods, and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,

⁶when I remember you upon my bed, and meditate on you in the night watches.

⁷For you have been my helper, and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice. ⁸My whole being clings to you; your right hand holds me fast.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

L: A reading from Corinthians.

¹I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, ² and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³ and all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴ and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. ⁵Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness. ⁶Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. ⁷Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. ⁹We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. ¹⁰And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. ¹¹These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. ¹²So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. ¹³No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION "CHANGE MY HEART, O GOD" (refrain only)

ELW #801



GOSPEL: Luke 13:1-9

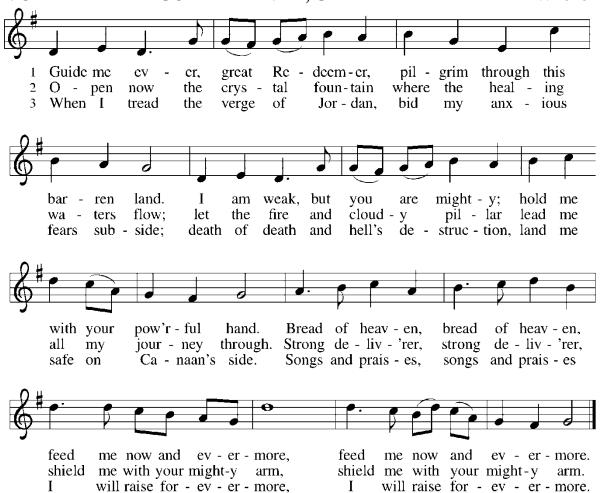
P: The holy gospel according to Luke. C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Asked about current tragic events, Jesus turns a lesson about whether suffering is deserved into a hard call to obedience. He then tells a parable that holds out hope that the timeline for ultimate judgment will be tempered by patience.

¹At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. ²[Jesus] asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? ³No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. ⁴Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? ⁵No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did." ⁶Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. ⁷So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' ⁸He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. ⁹If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

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

HYMN OF THE DAY "GUIDE ME EVER, GREAT REDEEMER" ELW#618



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

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: Holy God, build up the body of Christ and cause the gifts of your Spirit to grow among us. Promote unity within your church and among the nations. Uncover the common threads in our shared humanity, and keep us from making hasty judgments about others.

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

WA: Creator God, you have promised not to destroy the earth with the flood. Look with mercy on those who are harmed or displaced by flood waters. Give them your strength to meet the days ahead. Give them your peace and new hope in the resurrection. Hear us, O God. **C:** Your mercy is great.

WA: Loving God, stir our hearts with your compassion. Give comfort and healing to those who mourn and the wounded at the mass shootings in Christchurch, New Zealand. Lead us from despair to hope, from fear to trust. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

WA: Almighty God, your love never fails. Provide relief for those suffering and in pain, especially Bob Lyvers, Dick and Rene Johnson, Gene Hesselbacher, Sheridan Brinker, Steve Fahr, Lois Paulsen, Abby Brinker, Greg Lloyd, Donna Euler, Robin Cross, Connor Stadermann, Jaden, Jon Forsythe, Brooke, Meghan, Sylvia, Diane, Darren, Myron Coaty, Deb Lindeman Harder, Tim Coleman, Cindy Tessendorf, Larry Larson, Randy, Brian, Fred, Don Hoge, Vicky Gobeli, Heimann Family; Kenny, Gerald, Nancy, Katie, Charlie, Kristina, Aleta Broge, and Cathy Stouffer. Grant wisdom to health care workers who seek to diagnose ailments, and bring healing to patients. Give strength and courage and your blessing this week to Fern Harnish. Pray for love, peace, comfort, and resurrection hope for the family and friends of Ethel Lobdell and Marylou.

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

WA: Merciful God, we give you thanks for your church. We ask your abundant blessings to Prince of Peace in Freeport as they install Pastor Karen as their new pastor today. Grant that together we may follow the way of Jesus. Hear us, O God. C: Your mercy is great. WA: We lift our voices of thanksgiving for our church family. For Nina Mueller, Angie Tessendorf, Travis Jones, Treyton Pafford, Kynlee Lynn Jones, Clair, Helen, Rob, and Robin Cross, Doug, Michelle, Ryan, and Rachael Wybourn. Fill their hearts with your joy. Hear us, O God. C: Your mercy is great.

WA: Knit together the communion of saints, and bind us to Christ, our head. Through the diversity of gifts present in our communities, help us to overcome our limitations and increase our understanding of ourselves and others.

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!

CHOIR

"DOWN AT THE CROSS"

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.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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THE LORD'S

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: Tender and merciful one, at your feast, you fed us who brought nothing, turning our emptiness into joy. Filled with your abundant grace, send us now to be ministers of reconciliation, mending broken hearts, working for justice, and striving for peace among all people, in the name of Jesus Christ. **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, \oplus bless you and bring you to life everlasting. **C: Amen**.

SENDING HYMN "AS THE DEER RUNS TO THE RIVER" ELW#331



- 1 As the deer runs to the riv er, parched and wea ry from the chase,
- 2 When your Is rael crossed the des ert where no stream or spring was seen,
- 3 "Come and drink," I sa iah sum-moned, "all who for God's mer cy plead!
- 4 Christ, we come from des ert plac es, deep est thirst un sat is fied.



we have come from hurt and hur - ry, thirst-ing for your heal - ing grace. Mo - ses struck the rock, and wa - ter flowed for them, re - fresh - ing, clean. God's for - give - ness, like a foun-tain, flows to sat - is - fy your need." Lead us to the wa - ters flow - ing from the cross on which you died.



DISMISSAL (from the back)

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Tena Rackow

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Elevator Operator: Troy Keene

THIS WEEK	AT GOOD SHEPHERD M	Iarch 24 th through March 31 st , 2019
Today	Worship Service	9:30 am
	Fellowship	10:30am
	Sunday School/Confirmation	10:45am
	Choir Practice	11:00am
	Chime Practice	5:00pm
Wednesday	"Piece Corps" Quilting Group	8:00am-11:30am
•	Lenten Luncheon at St. Joseph Catholic Chu	rch 12:00pm
	Lenten Dinner (Learning Committee)	5:30 pm
	Mid-week Lenten Worship Service	6:30 pm
Next Sunday	Worship Service—Youth Sunday	9:30am
·	Fellowship	10:30am
	Sunday School	10:45am
	Choir Practice	11:00am
	Chime Practice	5:00pm

Attendance:

Ash Wednesday, March 6th - 9 Lenten Luncheon, March 13th - 68 Mid-Week Evening Service, March 13th - 10 March 17th – 68

Total Offering 03/17/2019 - \$1788.00 amount needed - \$2627.66

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.

Thank you for the Stewardship Committee, Men's Choir, and Worship Committee for organizing the Confirmation Reunion Sunday. It was a great success. Thank you Tim for posting pictures on our Facebook page. And thank you to all who brought food and spent lovely afternoon together.

Devotion Books

April-June daily devotion books, <u>Christ in Our Home</u> and <u>The Word in Season</u> are available. If you have not gotten the Lenten devotion books, <u>Lasting Hope: Devotion for Lent 2019</u>, <u>Lenten Study Guide: ELCA World Hunger's 40</u> days of Giving, we have some copies left for you. Check our racks.

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.

Today Installation Service at Prince of Peace

The Rev. Karen E. Tews has been called to serve as pastor of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church. The service starts 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 31st 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

Bluegrass Gospel Concert

Nora Community Baptist Church will host a Bluegrass Gospel Concert on Saturday, April 6th at 7pm. Featured performers will be The Hunt Family Band from Kansas City, Missouri and Bluegrass Express from Stockton, Illinois. There is no admission charge for this event and the public is invited to attend, a free will offering will be collected. Nora Community Baptist Church is located at the corner of Main & Chestnut Streets, just off Stagecoach Trail in Nora, IL. For more information, please call 815-297-5540 or 815-947-9110.

It is time to order Easter Lilies

Lilies will be \$12.00 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 April 7th. Lilies may be picked up after the 9:30 am Easter Sunday Service.



Tyler's Justice Center Fund Raising Event

Tyler's Justice Center for Children will be holding their Fifth Annual Men Who Cook fundraiser on Saturday, April 6th at the Freeport Masonic Temple from 5pm-8pm. Tickets may be purchased ahead of time for \$20.00 or at the door for \$25.00, children under 12 are free. There will also be a silent auction, raffles and plenty to eat. Local men will be preparing bite sized samples of their favorite dishes.

For more ticket information please contact
Missy Lyons or Kendra Mosley at
Tyler's Justice Center at 815-947-6030