
March 31st, 2019 at 9:30 am

Fourth Sunday of Lent
Youth Sunday

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

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The psalm sets the tone this day: "Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sin is put away!" Happy are those who have "become the righteousness of God" in the merits of Christ Jesus. Happy are those for whom the forgiveness of God has "rolled away. . . the disgrace" of former times. Happy is the father at the return of his prodigal son. Happy are we that our sins are forgiven for Jesus' sake. Rejoice!

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**–

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Krista Keene

Worship service starts with prelude. While listening to music, we quiet our hearts and feel the presence of God among us. We say thank you to God for this new day, new life in Jesus.

GATHERING HYMN

“IF YOU’RE HAPPY AND YOU KNOW IT”

(Youth Sunday version)

If you’re happy and you know it ¹ clap your hands/ ² stomp your feet/ ³ shout AMEN/ ⁴ do them all
 If you’re happy and you know it ¹ clap your hands/ ² stomp your feet/ ³ shout AMEN/ ⁴ do them all
 If you’re happy and you know it then your life will surely show it
 If you’re happy and you know it ¹ clap your hands/ ² stomp your feet/ ³ shout AMEN/ ⁴ do them all

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: We worship you, O Christ, we bless you.

C: because by your cross you redeemed the world.

L: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,

C: have mercy on us.

L: O Jesus, Savior of the world,

C: grant us peace.

L: Let us pray: Merciful God, we thank you for the love you gave us in your Son, Jesus. Grant us clean hearts, renewed spirits, and the strength to take up our own crosses and walk in your ways. Forgive us our sins in the name of the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Joshua 5:9-12

After wandering the desert for forty years, God’s people finally entered the promised land, the land with milk and honey. They celebrated Passover in their new homes in new country and remembered that God delivered their parents and grandparents from slavery in Egypt.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

“GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN”

(refrain only)

We will sing the refrain **TWICE**.

Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere,

Go tell it on the mountain, that Jesus is here to say

GOSPEL READING

LUKE 15:1-32

Today’s gospel reading is from the Spark Story Bible.

The Prodigal Son

Jesus spent time with all sorts of people--even people who had done bad things. This made some people mad. "Why is Jesus always around people who do bad things?" they grumbled. Jesus heard them, so he told them this story.

A man had two sons. The younger son, who was a bit wild and crazy, came to his father and said, "Dad, I want to get away from here. I want my money." This made the father sad, but he split his money and gave his son the part that was his. The younger son packed his

bag and headed out away from home. The son traveled to a faraway country and spent all his money on fancy parties and food. Soon he had no more money and no place to stay. Lucky for him, he found a man who let him sleep in his barn if the son fed the pigs. "What am I thinking" he said to himself as he fed the pigs. "The men who work for my father have more than enough to eat and here I am starving to death. I'll go home and say to my father, 'Dad, I made a big mistake. I'm not good enough to be your son, but would you let me work for you?'" So he went home. While he was still far away from his house, his father saw him. His father ran and threw his arms around him. The father put a ring on his son's finger and shoes on his feet and ordered for a party to be thrown for him. The older son saw his father's servants preparing for the party and asked, "What's going on?" "Your brother is home," said a servant. "And your father is having a party." This made the older brother angry at his father. "I have always done what's right," he said to his father. "I've worked hard for you, but you never gave me a party. Now my brother came home after he wasted your money. Why are you throwing him a party?" "My son, you have always been with me. But your brother left, and has now come back!" Then the people understood. Jesus spent time with those people because even though they had done bad things, they decided to change their lives and live like God wanted. This made Jesus so happy!

If you would play a role in the story of the prodigal son, which one would be? When we use our imaginations, we understand the Bible better. Let's our imaginations spark today! Children will go around and ask you a question:

How would you have felt if you were.....?

Please share your insights to help us learn the lesson together.

Good News Through Art

Anna Patterson

HYMN OF THE DAY

"WALK IN THE SPIRIT OF LOVE"

1. Walk
2. Live in the spir - it of love;
3. Serve

Walk
Live in the
Serve

spir - it of love;
love one an - oth - er as

Je - sus loves you, Walk
Live in the spir - it of love.
Serve

Chords: F, C, Dm, F/C, Bb, Gm7, Eb, C7, FM7, F7, Bb, Bbm, F, Gm, C7, F

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: Counting all blessings you have given us, we pray for the church, for people in need, and for all of creation.

A brief silence

WA: Gracious God, we thank you for the church. We ask you to strengthen us by the power of your Word. Nourish us through Holy Communion and baptism, and fill us with the presence of your Spirit. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

WA: Creator God, You open your hand and satisfy the needs of all your creatures. Help us to always remember that every good gift come from you. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

WA: Merciful God, in you we live and move and have our being. We ask your presence to those who are sick, sad, in pain, injured, or recovering from illness. We especially pray for **Bob Lyvers, Dick and Rene Johnson, Gene Hesselbacher, Sheridan Brinker, Steve Fahr, Fern Harnish, Abby Brinker, Kelly Derr, Greg Lloyd, Donna Euler, Robin Cross, Connor Stadermann, Jaden, Jon Forsythe, Brooke, Meghan, Sylvia, Diane, Darren, Myron Coaty, Deb Lindeman Harder, Tim Coleman, Cindy Tessororf, Larry Larson, Randy, Brian, Fred, Don Hoge, Vicky Gobeli, the Heimann Family, Aleta Broge and Richard Gordon.** Give strength and courage and your blessing this week to **Lois Paulsen.** Give your big hug to them when they feel lonely. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

WA: God of all people, help us to remember that we are all your children through our Baptism into Christ. Remind us that our nationality, job, wealth, and color of our skin, appearances or age does not really matter and that we are all equal and beloved by you. Help and guide us to live together in peace and unity. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

WA: Loving God, we pray for our Good Shepherd family. For Doug, Tara, Ella, and Cadie Wolform, for David and Jan Swift, for Mike, Kelly, Sarah, and Ian Geiseman, for Chris, Angie, Colton, Ashtyn, and Hanna Brinker. Let your light shine upon them. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

WA: Living God, we remember and give thanks for your servants of all times and all lands. We praise you for their examples of faith and for the mercy they showed your creation. We rejoice as they did, in your promise of eternal life in Jesus. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

WA: Receive all prayers in our hearts. We pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.**

PEACE

L: 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!

CHILDREN'S ANTHEM

"JESUS LOVES ME!"

OFFERING PRAYER

L: 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**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.



COMMUNION HYMN

LAMB OF GOD

WOV p.39

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 HYMN

"ALABARÉ"

Refrain F
 A - la - ba - ré, a -
 la - ba - ré a mi Se - ñor. A - la - ba - ré, a - la - ba -
 ré, a - la - ba - ré, a - la - ba - ré, a - la - ba -
 ré a mi Se - ñor. ñor.

Refrain

Alabaré, alabaré, alabaré
a mi Señor.

Alabaré, alabaré, alabaré
a mi Señor.

1. Dig - no es Cris - to, el sa - cri - fi - cio, su
 1. Wor - thy is Christ, the lamb who was slain, whose
 2. Juan vio a la gen - te, los que cre - í - an, y
 2. John saw the num - ber of all those re - deemed, and

san - gre nos li - bró de la muerte.
 blood set us free from our sins.
 to - dos a - la - ba - ban al Se - ñor.
 all were sing - ing prais - es to the Lord.

Po - der, ri - que - za, el ho - nor, la fuer - za, y
 Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and strength and
 U - nos o - ra - ban, y o - tros can - ta - ban, y
 Thou - sands were pray - ing, ten thou - sands re - joic - ing, and

la ben - di - ción sean a él.
 hon - or and bless - ing shall be his.
 to - dos a - la - ba - ban al Se - ñor.
 all were sing - ing prais - es to the Lord.

Text and Tune: Traditional Mexican

Verse 1

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood has set us free from ev'ry sin.

Power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor and all blessing shall be his. *Refrain*

Verse 2

John saw the number of all those redeemed, and all were singing praises to the Lord.

Thousands were praying, ten thousands rejoicing, and all were singing praises to the Lord.

Refrain

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray.

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

L: The Lord deliver us from all evil and keep us in God's peace. **C: Amen.**

SENDING HYMN "LOVE, LOVE, LOVE"



1. Love, love, love!
2. Peace, peace, peace!
3. Joy, joy, joy! That's what it's all a - bout! 'Cause
4. Me, me, me!
5. You, you, you!

God loves us, we love each oth - er, moth-er, fa - ther, sis - ter, broth-er.

Ev-'ry-bod-y sing and shout, 'cause that's what it's all a - bout! It's a-bout

love, love, love! It's a-bout love, love, love!
peace, peace, peace! It's a-bout peace, peace, peace!
joy, joy, joy! It's a-bout joy, joy, joy!
me, me, me! It's a-bout me, me, me!
you, you, you!, It's a-bout you, you, you!

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DISMISSAL (*from the back*)

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

POSTLUDE

Tena Rackow

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Today	Worship Service—Youth Sunday	9:30 am
	Fellowship	10:30am
	Sunday School	10:45am
	Choir Practice	11:00am
	Chime Practice	5:00pm
Wednesday	“Piece Corps” Quilting Group	8:00am-11:30am
	Lenten Luncheon at St. John’s	12:00pm
	Lenten Dinner (Church Council)	5:30pm
	Lenten Worship Service	6:30 pm
Thursday	Hannah Circle at Rene Johnson’s house	9:00am
Next Sunday	Worship Service	9:30am
	Fellowship	10:30am
	Sunday School	10:45am
	Choir Practice	11:00am
	Chime Practice	5:00pm

Attendance: March 24th – 57Mid-Week Lenten Service March 20th -16

Total Offering 03/24/2019 - \$2354.00 amount needed - \$2635.10

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.

Devotion Books for April-JuneApril-June daily devotion books, Christ in Our Home and The Word in Season are here. Pick your copies today!**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.

Spring Choral Concert TODAY

Highland Community College and Ferguson Fine Arts Center will be presenting their Spring Choral Concert, 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.

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.

Freeport Choral Society

St. John's United Church of Christ, 1010 S. Park Blvd, Freeport, IL, will be hosting the "Color of Spring" concert by the Freeport Choral Society, on Sunday, April 7th at 3pm.

Men Who Cook

April 6, 2019
5 pm - 8 pm
Freeport Masonic Temple, 305 W. Stephenson St., Freeport, IL 61032
A casual event featuring local men preparing 5-6 sized samples of their favorite dishes for public judging. Cash prizes awarded to the top 5 dishes.

Silent Auction Music
Raffles Cash Bar
Kids Activities Delicious Food

Tickets **Contact**
\$20 in advance 815-817-6008
\$25 at the door to purchase tickets,
All 18 and 17 Free register to cook, or
make a donation

All Proceeds Benefit:

Tyler's Justice Center for Children
17 years of serving sexually and physically abused children in Stephenson, Carroll, and Jo Daviess Counties.

Lenten Lunch Schedule
Starts at Noon

April 3rd -at St John's
April 10th -at Lena UMC
April 17th -at Lena UMC hosted by
Salem and Beloved

A free will offering will be accepted. All are welcome!

*The Lena-Winslow High School
will be presenting the musical
"The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee"*
Friday April 5th and Saturday April 6th at 7:30pm at the Lena Winslow Fine Arts Center.
This is a tale of several socially awkward kids finding joy, heartache and a purpose in competing at the regional spelling bee, featuring a score by William Finn and a book by Rachael Sheinkin. Admission is \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for students

Easter Lilies Order due Next Sunday

Lilies will be **\$12.00** per plant and can be ordered by using the following form or envelopes provided in the pews.

Easter Lilly Order

Given by: _____

phone # : _____

Given (check one) ___ in memory of.. ___ in honor of...

Name (s) _____