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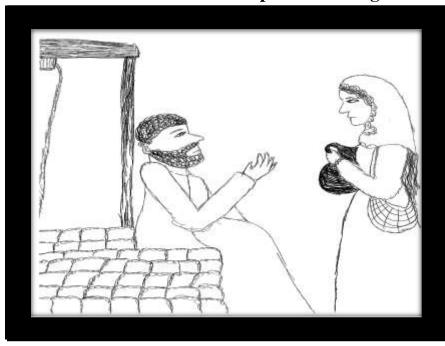
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Art by Anna Patterson

Lent is a season of repentance, renewal, and reassurance of our baptisms.

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 Bulletins** are available at both entrances. We are delighted to have you.



In today's gospel the Samaritan woman asks Jesus for water, an image of our thirst for God. Jesus offers living water, a sign of God's grace flowing from the waters of baptism. The early church used this gospel and those of the next two Sundays to deepen baptismal reflection during the final days of preparation before baptism at Easter. As we journey to the resurrection feast, Christ comes among us in word, bath, and meal—offering us the life-giving water of God's mercy and forgiveness.

Liturgy for the season of Lent and Easter is ELW setting 3.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

WELCOME

Let us prepare our hearts for worship.

PRELUDE Karen Niemeier

Assembly may stand.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

ELW p. 94-96

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Most Merciful God,

C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of \pm Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN "I HEARD THE VOICE OF JESUS SAY" ELW#611

- 1 I heard the voice of Je-sus say, "Come un to me and rest; 2 I heard the voice of Je-sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give
- 3 I heard the voice of Je sus say, "I am this dark world's light;



lay down, O wea-ry one, lay down your head up-on my breast." the liv-ing wa-ter, thirst-y one; stoop down and drink and live." look un-to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."





I found in him a my thirst was quenched, my and in that light of

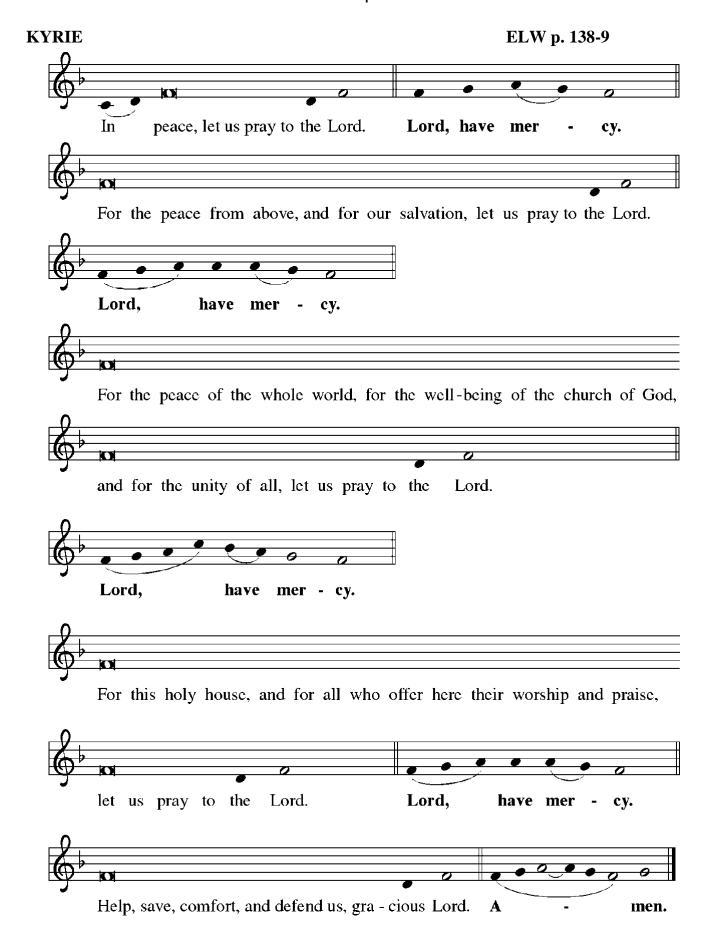
rest-ing-place, and he has made me glad. soul re-vived, and now I live in him. life I'll walk till trav-'ling days are done.

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.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

C: Merciful God, the fountain of living water, you quench our thirst and wash away our sin. Give us this water always. Bring us to drink from the well that flows with the beauty of your truth through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Assembly may be seated.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

"Did you know??? Good Shepherd history quiz"

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Exodus 17:1-7

Because the thirsty Israelites quarreled with Moses and put God to the test, Moses cried out in desperation to God. God commanded Moses to strike the rock to provide water for the people. The doubt-filled question—"Is the LORD among us or not?"—received a very positive answer.

L: A reading from Exodus.

¹From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ²The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" ³But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" ⁴So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." ⁵The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 95 (Read responsively.)

¹Come, let us sing to the LORD; let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

²Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to the LORD with psalms.

³For you, LORD, are a great God, and a great ruler above all gods.

⁴In your hand are the caverns of the earth; the heights of the hills are also yours.

⁵The sea is yours, for you made it, and your hands have molded the dry land.

⁶Come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the LORD our maker.

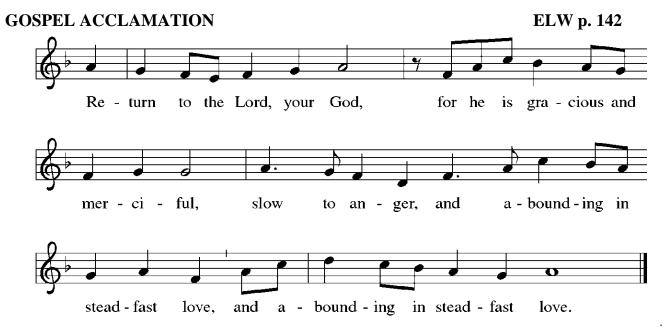
⁷For the LORD is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand. Oh, that today you would hear God's voice!

⁸"Harden not your hearts, as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert.

⁹There your ancestors tested me, they put me to the test, though they had seen my works.

¹⁰Forty years I loathed that generation, saying, 'The heart of this people goes astray; they do not know my ways.'

¹¹Indeed I swore in my anger, 'They shall never come to my rest.'"



GOSPEL: John 4:5-42

P: The holy gospel according to John.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus defies convention to engage a Samaritan woman in conversation. Her testimony, in turn, leads many others to faith.

⁵[Jesus] came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. ⁷A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." ⁸(His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) ⁹The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) ¹⁰Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." ¹¹The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? ¹²Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" ¹³Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴but those who drink of the water that I will give them will

never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." ¹⁵The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water." 16 Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." ¹⁷The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; ¹⁸ for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" ¹⁹The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. ²⁰Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." ²¹Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²²You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. ²⁴God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." ²⁵The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." ²⁶Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you." ²⁷Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" ²⁸Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, ²⁹"Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" ³⁰They left the city and were on their way to him. ³¹Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." ³²But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." ³³So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" ³⁴Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. ³⁵Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. ³⁶The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. ³⁷For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' ³⁸I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor." ³⁹Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." ⁴⁰So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. ⁴¹And many more believed because of his word. ⁴²They said to the woman, "**It is no** longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY "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.



Je-sus, source of liv-ing wa - ter, may we drink of you and live!

CREED

A: God has made us God's people through our baptism into Christ. Let us profess our faith in the word 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: Turning our hearts to God who is gracious and merciful, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence

WA: God of living water, send your church beyond boundaries to proclaim your grace. May its witness be a source of refreshment for thirsty souls. Renew us in the promises of baptism every day. We give you thanks for the 163rd anniversary of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. Thank

you for your presence and bless us so that we may be your blessings to the community of Lena. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

WA: God of living water, protect all rivers, lakes, oceans, and streams. Bless the work of those who dig wells and those who advocate for access to clean water, that all people and animals have enough to drink. Hear us, O God. C: Your mercy is great.

WA: God of living water, mend the hearts of those who grieve broken relationships, whether by conflict, abuse, divorce, or death. Draw near to all who are ill, especially *Bob and Lynn Lyvers*, *Dick Johnson*, *Delbert Scheider*, *Jerry*, *Sheridan Brinker*, *Gene Hesselbacher*, *Lois Paulsen*, *Bill Jacobs*, *Fern Harnish*, *Connor Stadermann*, *Jaden*, *Jon Forsythe*, *Brooke*, *Diane*, *Deb Lindeman Harder*, *Cindy Tessendorf*, *Randy*, *Brian*, *the Heimann family*, *Dave Heinkel*, *Janet*, *Paul Heller*, *Lori*, *J.T.*, *Dan and Sue White*, *Irene*, *Jeff and Deb*, *Ryse Stone*, *Harry Perra Jr*. *Nicole*, *Meghan*, *Hailey Bettenhauser*, *Mary Schick*, *Kyle*, *Dave Lartz*, *Tom*, *Brian Gobeli*, *John*, *Jerred*, *Bronwein*, *Matt and Julie*. Assure those questioning your presence in the midst of doubt or suffering. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

WA: God of living water, we give thanks for elders among us. We are graced by their wisdom, knowledge, and faith. We especially pray for Leona Block. Bless her and her family this week. Hear us, O God. C: Your mercy is great.

WA: God of living water, we thank you for those who endured suffering and who now boast in the glory of God. Pour your Holy Spirit into our hearts and give us peace as we live in the hope of our salvation. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

P: According to your steadfast love, O God, hear these and all our prayers as we commend them to you; through Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.**

PEACE

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

Please greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

CHIMES

"SHADOWS OF GETHSEMANE"

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray.

C: God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE

P: The Lord be with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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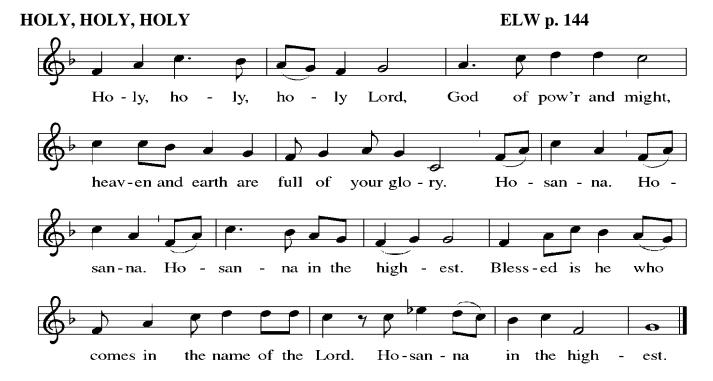
C: And also with you.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

P: It is indeed...we praise you name and join your unending hymn:



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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.

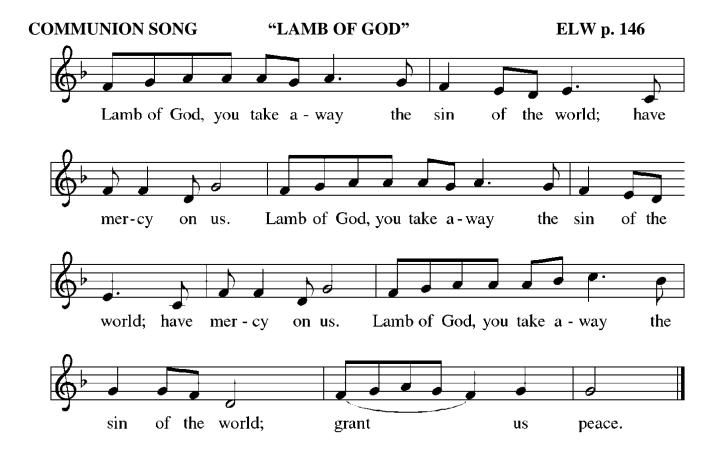
Amen.

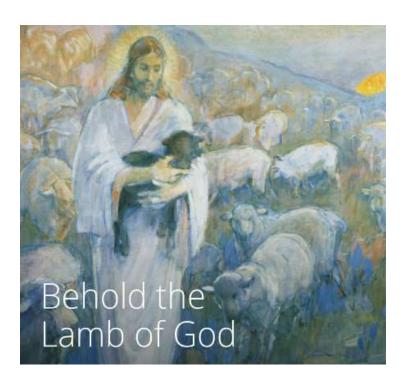
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

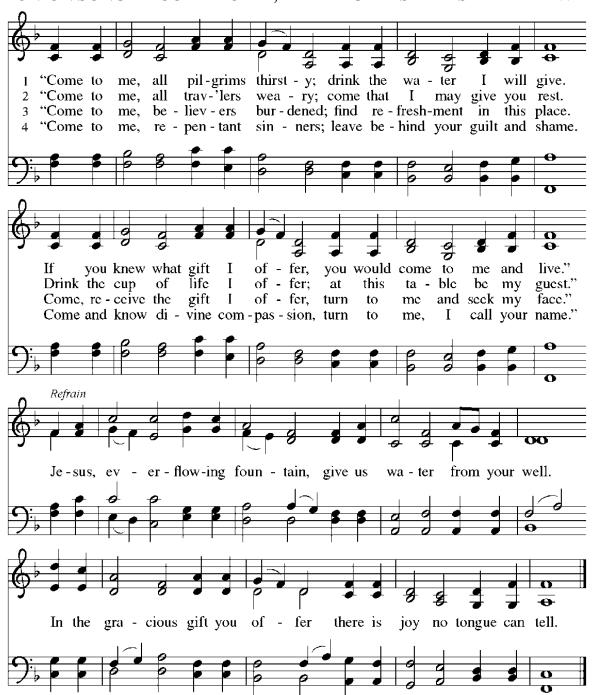
We practice open Communion — Christ invites us to the table. All baptized Christians are welcome to partake the body and blood of Jesus Christ. If you wish to receive a blessing, you may come forward. Holy Communion will be celebrated by intinction (dip the bread into the chalice). The gold chalices 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 SONG "COME TO ME, ALL PILGRIMS THIRSTY" ELW# 777



- 5 "Come to me, distressed and needy; I would be your trusted friend. Come and seek the gift I offer, come, your open hands extend." *Refrain*
- 6 "Come to me, abandoned, orphaned; lonely ways no longer roam.
 Come and take the gift I offer, let me make in you my home." Refrain

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray.

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 Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen.**

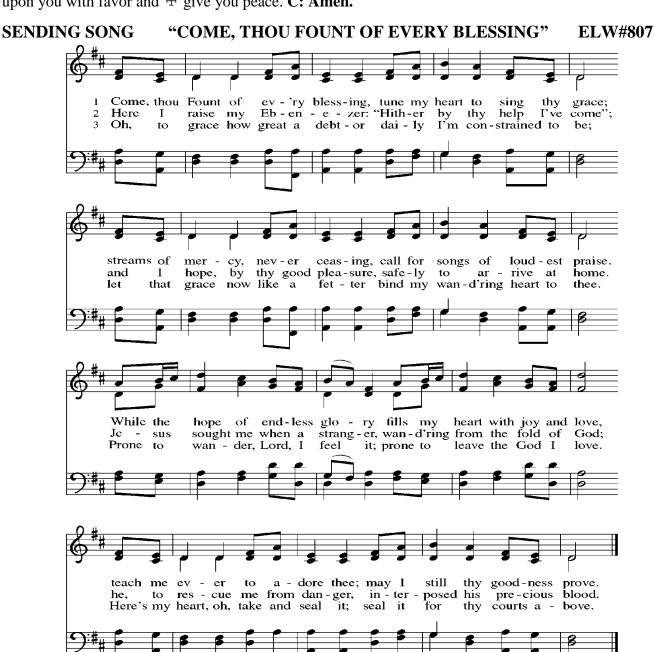
SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS & CELEBRATIONS

BLESSING

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and \oplus give you peace. **C: Amen.**



DISMISSIAL

A: Go in peace. Share the good news. C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Karen Niemeier

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Worship Assistants

Pastor Miho Yasukawa

Choir Director/Accomp: Janis Kurth and Tena Rackow Pianist: Tena Rackow and Sarah Baker Organist: Karen Niemeier

Lector: Shirley Fox

Wednesday:

Assisting Minister: Sheila Keene Worship Assistant: Shirley Fox Acolyte: Maddi Diddens

Greeters: Donna Gullickson, Tena Rackow

Gene and Vivian Hesselbacher

Ushers: Virgil and Joanne Martin Jerry and Beth Martin

Communion Set-up: Bob and Sharon Schlachter Communion Assistant: Troy and Cindy Doubler Communion Ushers: Virgil Gordon and Tim Gordon

Sound System: Denny Luke and open

Elevator Operator: Taylor and Kristy Patterson

March 15th through, March 22nd 2020 THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD

Today: Worship Service – Third Sunday of Lent 9:30am **Fellowship** 10:30am Sunday School 10:45 am **Choir Practice** 11:00am **Confirmation Class** 11:00am

> Chime Practice 5:30pm "Piece Corps" Quilting Group 8:00am-11:30am

Lenten Luncheon at Synergy Church 12:00pm

Mid-week Lenten supper and service 5:30pm (supper)

6:30pm (service)

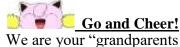
Thursday: Friendship Center, Devotions and Dessert 1:00pm

Next Sunday: Worship Service-Fourth Sunday of Lent 9:30am

> **Fellowship** 10:30am Sunday School 10:45 am Choir Practice 11:00am Chime Practice 5:30pm

> > Attendance: March 8th – 39

Total Offering 03/08/2020 - \$1815.00 amount needed; \$2605.07



April 5th (Sunday), HCC Choral Spring Concert @ Highland, 3pm.

If your games, concerts, plays, etc. are coming up, please share with the church office.

Mid-Week Evening Service

Every Wednesday evening during Lent we gather for meal, worship, reading scripture, and prayer. This year we will explore vocation, God's call. All are welcome to join.

Supper starts at 5:30pm and worship at 6:30pm.

TODAY, St. John's Lutheran Church, Euchre & Dominoes Party

St. John's Lutheran Church, 229 S. First Street, Pearl City, IL will be hosting Euchre & Dominoes party on Sunday, March 15th from 1:30pm-4:30pm, cost will be \$5.00 at the door. You can play for fun, prizes or both. Sandwiches, chips dessert, and drinks will be served after playing. Sponsored by the St. John's Women's Gathering. Questions, please call, 815-443-2555.

Mental Health First Aid Training-Youth

Monroe Clinic and CONTAC of Northern Illinois are offering a Mental Health First Aid Training-Youth at Senior Resource Center (206 E. Stephenson St. Freeport) on Friday March 20th. If you are interested, contact Tammie Jamiska at 608-324-2639 or e-mail: tammie.jamiska@ssmhealth.com

Easter Lilies Order Due TODAY

Lilies will be \$12.00 per plant and can be ordered by using the flower 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 TODAY. Lilies may be picked up after the 9:30 am Easter Sunday Service.

Spring Craft & Antique Show

Saturday, March 21st, Harmony United Methodist Church, 2600 W Pearl City Rd, Freeport, will be hosting their 61st Annual Spring Craft & Antique Show from 9:00am-2:00pm. Admission is free there will be a variety of exhibitors, door prizes, lunch stand and bake sale.

NW WELCA Spring Assembly

NW conference WELCA Spring assembly will be March 28th (Saturday) at First Lutheran, Freeport. Cost is \$10. Reservation needed by this Saturday, March 21st. Check the WELCA bulletin board for detail.

Greeting from Marylin and Larry

We received a postcard from Marylin and Larry. It is posted on the bulletin board. Check it out!

Lenten Lunch Schedule

Theme: Picture of Bread

March 18 at Synergy hosted by Synergy/ Beloved

March 25 at St. John's

April 1 at St. Joseph

April 8 at Lena UMC hosted by Salem UCC.

Lunch starts at noon followed by short devotion.

Free will offering will be accepted

Devotion for Lent 2020 Wondrous Love

What wondrous love Jesus shows for us and the world in his journey from baptism to the empty tomb! *Wondrous Love* provides devotion for each day with evocative image, scriptural passage, questions to ponder, reflection, and prayers.