
GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

March 15, 2020 - Third Sunday in Lent

“Where do you get that living water?”

[John 4:11]



WELCOME

We're glad you chose to worship with us this morning.

9:30 A.M. Evangelical Lutheran Worship

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 Lent in preparation for 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.

HANDBELL PRELUDE

Jubilation

Fred Gramann

BELL & ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please sign the attendance book at the end of the pew.)

Stand as you are able

God be with you.

And also with you.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

All may make the sign of the cross,

the sign marked at baptism as the presider begins.

Water! Water!

We praise you, O God, for water--

the rain that nourishes animals and plants,

the water for drinking and bathing.

We praise you, O God, for water.

We praise you, O God, for our water stories--

a flood that cleansed the earth,

the sea that drowned the enemy,

a river that healed leprosy.

We praise you, O God, for water.

We remember the waters of Jesus--

baptized in the Jordan River,

calming the Sea of Galilee,

drinking from Jacob's Well,

healing at the pool of Bethesda,

washing the disciples' feet.

We praise you, O God, for water.

We praise you, O God, for this font,
for you breathe into this water
to wash away our sin
and birth us each day into your peace and joy.

We praise you, O God, for baptism.

O God, you are the Ocean, sustaining this earth.
O God, you are the River, saving us from death.
O God, you are the Fountain, granting us health and well-being.

We praise you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
today, tomorrow, forever.

Amen and Amen!

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GATHERING SONG

ELW 611

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

GREETING

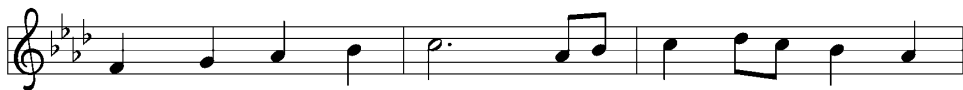
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

SONG OF PRAISE

O Lord, throughout These Forty Days



1 O Lord, through - out these for - ty days you
2 You strove with Sa - tan, and you won; your
3 Though parched and hun - gry, yet you prayed and
4 Be with us through this sea - son, Lord, and



prayed and kept the fast; in - spire re - pen - tance
faith - ful - ness en - dured; lend us your nerve, your
fixed your mind a - bove; so teach us to de -
all our earth - ly days, that when the fi - nal



for our sin, and free us from our past.
skill and trust in God's e - ter - nal word.
ny our - selves that we may know God's love.
Eas - ter dawns, we join in heav - en's praise.

PRAYER OF THE DAY [Celebrate Insert]

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.**

Sit

FIRST READING [Celebrate Insert]

Exodus 17:1-7

A The word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING [Celebrate Insert]

Romans 5:1-11

A The word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God.

Stand as you are able

VERSE (Sung Twice)



We are turn - ing, Lord, to hear you; you are mer - ci - ful and kind -



slow to an - ger, rich in bless - ing, and with love to us in - clined.

GOSPEL [Celebrate Insert]

John 4:5-42

A The grass withers and the flower fades but the word of God endures forever.

C Thanks be to God.

Sit

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

(The children are dismissed for Sunday School.)

SERMON

Suffering to Hope

Time for reflection

Stand as you are able

HYMN OF THE DAY Come to Me All Pilgrims Thirsty ELW 777

SUNG CREED

We Believe

We believe in God the Father,
Maker of the universe,
And in Christ His Son, our Savior,
Come to us by virgin birth.
We believe He died to save us,
Bore our sins, was crucified,
Then, from death, He rose victorious,
Ascended to the Father's side.

Chorus: Jesus, Lord of all, Lord of all. (Sing 4 times)

We believe He sends His Spirit
On His church with gifts of power.
God, His word of truth affirming,
Sends us to the nations now.
He will come again in glory,
Judge the living and the dead.
Every knee shall bow before Him,
Then must every tongue confess:

Chorus: Jesus, Lord of all, Lord of all. (Sing 4 times)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION [Celebrate Insert]

Sit

HANDBELL OFFERING

Wondrous Love

arr. Jason Krug

Stand as you are able

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Holy and generous host, you set a table where we feast as friends. **Prepare us to witness to your goodness with every gift you have given us, that all people may know your peace through Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen.**

PEACE

Stand as you are able

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE FOR LENT

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Father, all-powerful and ever-living God,
we give You thanks
for Jesus Christ our Lord.

He revealed His glory to His disciples
to strengthen them for the scandal of the cross
and to show that we, the Church,
would one day share His glory.

In our unending joy we echo on earth
the song of the angels in heaven
as they praise Your glory forever:



THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

COMMUNION PRAYER

We thank you, living God, for the body and blood of your Son, which sustains us in the wilderness and the garden alike. **As Christ has loved us in this feast, so send us to love Christ in our neighbors. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN

ELW 843

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

DISMISSAL

Marked with the cross of Christ,
go out to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

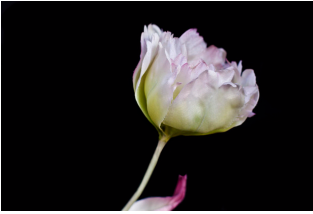
POSTLUDE

Albert Travis

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

It is with a heavy heart we announce Irene Wielt passed away on February 29th. Please keep Irene's family in your prayers.

Memorial will be held March 20 at 10AM



PRAYER PUPS BY JEFFREY SMITH

I PLAYED IN AN INFLATABLE POOL TODAY. IT WAS SO FUN!

AWESOME! YOU KNOW, WATER'S VERY IMPORTANT IN THE BIBLE. THE WOMAN AT THE WELL. THE FLOOD. AND WHEN JESUS WAS BAPTIZED IN THE RIVER JORDAN, THE HEAVENS OPENED AND THE HOLY SPIRIT CAME TO EARTH LIKE A DOVE. THEN GOD SAID, "THIS IS MY DEARLY LOVED SON, WHO BRINGS ME GREAT JOY!"

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MY EXPERIENCE WAS A LITTLE DIFFERENT.

I JUMPED OUT OF WATER AND ROLLED IN DIRT AS MY MASTER CALLED ME A "BAD GIRL!"

Easter Sunday is April 12th

Time to order Easter flowers! If you would like to donate a flower in honor or memory of someone special or give one as a gift to your Secret Prayer Pal, please complete the form below and turn it into the church office with the amount of your order. The cost per flower plant is \$15.

Azaleas and Easter lilies (stamens removed) have been purchased for this Easter...be sure to get your form in early!

You are welcome to take your azalea home following the 9:30 AM Worship Service on Easter Sunday.

_____ Plant(s) in Memory of:

_____ Plant(s) in Honor of:

_____ For Secret Prayer Pal: _____

_____ Total # of Plants x \$15.00 = \$ _____

Donor's Name:

Donor's Phone No.: _____

Please turn your form into the **church office by March 29th**

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

FIRST COMMUNION CLASS

THIRD
GRADE
AND UP

TWO CONSECUTIVE TUESDAYS
AT 5:30PM



MARCH 10
&
MARCH 17

At a Glance

Here is a summary of Giving and Worship Attendance for the past two months.

	January	February
Total Giving	\$16,306.00	\$16,719.00
Average Weekly Attendance	66	71

Interested in Online Giving?? Contact the Church Office or visit the following link: <http://www.gslcnovato.org/giving>.

The flowers on the altar are given by Stephen & Cynthia McKersie in memory of Bob & Bobbie Reese.



LOOKING AHEAD.....

Mark your Calendars for these events!

Every Wednesday, March 4 - March 25 - 6PM Soup, 7PM Worship

March 17 - First Communion class at 5:30PM

March 18 - Technology Basics 1PM

March 20 - Memorial for Irene Wielt

March 22 - First Communion (at 9:30 Worship)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Prayers: Shirley Border, Barbara Fewer, Adrienne Johnson, Ruth Koenig, Art LaVere, Raket Osterlund, Dave Perotti, Nichol D. Perotti, Trina Perotti, Frank and Sylvia Seidel, Steven Sensenbach, Shirley Shanahan, Katie Tsou, Irene Wielt, and the families of GSLC & GSLS

Prayers for families grieving a loss: The family of Irene Wielt (2/29), the family of Patricia Swaney (2/29), the family of Carolyn Pyle (1/29) the mother to Leigh Nicolaisen

Prayers for Our Staff: The Rev. Daniel Christian, Falon Barmaki, Larry Braun, Jean Campbell, Stephen McKersie, and Tom Wise

Prayers for Our Church Council: John Bartley, Tom Gannon, Jan Gostlin, Joanne Jensen, Ron Koenig, Michael Nann, Leigh Nicolaisen, Susan Nissim, Dave Perotti, Donna Peters, Corey Reed, Jane Thomer

* Memorial for Irene Wielt will be held at 10AM on March 20

CHURCH MINISTRIES (See Calendar)

GAME DAY - Come join the fun in the Senior Room. Games, laughter and snacks

TECHNOLOGY BASICS - Get your phone, computer, and iPad questions answered in a small group setting. Bring your technology all are welcome.

BIBLE STUDY - Join us for 1.5 hours as we discuss weekly readings. All are welcome.

Household Morning Prayer

God, my maker, hold me this day, with the same hand that shapes the mountains, with the same hand that cradles the deep. Keep my heart soft and supple, make my faith strong and firm. Renew me, re-form me, re-create me into the image of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.



Household Evening Prayer

We come to you now, O Lord, weary from the day's journey, thirsty for rest, hungry for peace. Renew us in your love and restore us by your grace, until we find our rest at last by the river of the water of life. Amen.

Question About Why We Are Church: Locally, who do you know is not part of a faith community?

THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD

SUN. March 15	
9:30 AM	Worship Service
MON. March 16	
7 PM	Boy Scouts
TUES. March 17	St. Patricks Day
9:30 AM	Middle School Chapel
11:10 AM	Preschool Chapel
5 PM	First Communion Class
WED. March 18	NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
11:10 AM	Preschool Chapel
5:45 PM	Overcomers Outreach
6 PM	Soup Supper
7 PM	Holden Evening Worship
THURS. March 19	
6 PM	AA Meeting
6 PM	Handbell Ensemble
7:30 PM	Shepherd's Chorus
FRI. March 20	
10 AM	Memorial for Irene Wielt
SAT. March 21	
8 AM - 4 PM	Spanish Church
5 PM	Saturday Evening Worship



We are in need of more flower sponsors!

To dedicate flowers there is a sign up
on the window of the church offices.

Flowers are \$30 per week.

You are welcome to take them home
after Sunday worship.



Save the date!

Be included in our new directory!

SAVE THE DATE: April 21 & 22

SIGN UP WITH THE CHURCH OFFICE

Lenten Soup Suppers!

Come share a bowl of Soup, every Wednesday in March from 6-7 in the Fellowship Hall, followed by the beautiful Holden Evening Worship Service in the Sanctuary as we prepare for Easter. There is a sign up sheet by the coffee cart in the Fellowship if you have a soup you would like to share.



SPRING CURSILLO RETREAT



Cursillo is a Christian community of faith dedicated to exploring the love of God and sharing God's love with others. Marin Cursillo is an ecumenical program with active participation of members of Catholic and Protestant denominations in the County. A Cursillo weekend goes from Thursday evening through Sunday and is attended by 40-60 new candidates and serving team members, who are interested in deepen their relationship with Christ. Members of the team will share with the participants through talks, discussions, music, prayer, and laughter.

The spring retreats at San Francisco Theological Seminary in San Anselmo will be held on the following dates:

April 16- 19, 2020 -- Women's Weekend
Theme: So Loved (Wait List only)

April 23-April 26, 2020 -- Men's Weekend
Theme: Lead Me, Lord

If interested in attending the weekend, information and applications are located in the Narthex or by clicking on the following link to complete an application: <https://marincursillo.com/the-2020-weekends>.

For more information about the weekend or requesting a sponsor please contact Helga May at 415.897.5649 or Tom Gannon at 415.892.5839.

CHURCH OFFICE INFORMATION

Regular Office Hours: Monday - Friday - 9 AM to 3 PM
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PASTOR'S INFORMATION

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OUR MISSION

As a community formed by God's grace, guided by His Holy Word, the Bible,
and powered by the Holy Spirit, our mission is to:

Grow in faith and discipleship,

Share the good news of Jesus through word and deed,

Love others as Christ loves us, and

Celebrate life in Christ through worship, sacrament and service.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

The Members of Good Shepherd	Servants of Christ
The Rev. Daniel Christian	Pastor
Stephen McKersie	Director of Music
Tom Wise	Contemporary Music Coordinator
Falon Barmaki	Congregational Life Coordinator/Admin.
Larry Braun	Facility Maintenance
Sandy Younglove.....	Assistant
Michelle Bertram.....	Lector
August Bertram	Acolyte
Ali Bertram	Acolyte

CHURCH COUNCIL

Joanne Jensen
David Perotti
Jan Gostlin
Donna Peters
Corey Reed
Tom Gannon

Leigh Nicolaisen
Michael Nann
Susan Nissim
Jane Thomer
John Bartley
Ron Koenig

*Many thanks to those who serve as Ushers, Greeters, Singers,
Instrumentalists, and the Altar Guild.*