

Lent Theme: 2024-Honest Repentance: February 18-March 17th
HONEST REPENTANCE (Midweek Lent Series)

Repentance starts with being honest before God and ourselves about who we are. When it comes to sin, everyone has a natural impulse to hide, but repentance means finding the courage to be honest. It also means having faith in the promise of forgiveness. But being honest about faith means recognizing that faith is contested on many sides not only by society, but by our own experiences, and sometimes even by the actions of God himself.

Finally, repentance means becoming more human, not less. Because our thoughts, desires, and actions are so linked with sin, it is easy to view repentance as fighting against our humanity as if holiness meant trying to stifle as many of our natural human impulses as possible. But honest repentance recognizes that sin is the thing that stifles our humanity, while repentance results in our natural impulses functioning more as God designed them.

Midweek Lent Worship: Wednesday at 6:30

March 13th: "Purification" Daniel 3

March 20th: "Salvation" Exodus 14

Holy Week

March 28th: Maundy Thursday 6:30 p.m.

March 29th: Good Friday 1:30 and 6:30 p.m.

March 31st: Easter Worship: 6:00, 8:00, and 10:30 a.m.



Guest organist: Devin Zahringer

Preacher: Rev. Timothy Seabaugh

Director of Parish Music: DPM Jacob Erdman

Director of Church Ministries: DCM Tanya Johnson

Thank you to all who helped with the service today,
your help is always appreciated!

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

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"Cared for by Christ, we care for all others"

Timothy Seabaugh—Senior Pastor Jacob Erdman—Director of Parish Music Tanya Johnson—Director of Church Ministries
Sunday Worship 8 and 10:30 a.m. Thursday Worship 6:30 p.m. Thanks and Praise Service Third and Fifth Sunday

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH
Celebrating 62 years in God's Love and Service (1962-2024)
Church Season: Lent

We are happy you have joined us for worship.
2024 Theme: **Rejoice in the Lord always; and again I say, Rejoice.** Philippians 4:4

**“The mission of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
is to teach and reach others through God’s Word and Love.”**

The vision of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church is to flourish as a Christ-centered community that gives glory to God by using His Word and love to:

- ◇ invite and welcome others into membership;
- ◇ support and grow the ministry to all;
- ◇ and, provide opportunities for spiritual growth and involvement.

If You Are New to Good Shepherd

New Membership Classes: Our New Membership Classes are offered a couple times a year. If you are interested, please call the church office at 734-9643.

- **Assisted Listening Devices:** These can be used with or without hearing aids. Please ask an elder.
- **Large-print Bulletins** are available in the back of the sanctuary or ask an elder and they will assist you in getting what you need.
- **Restrooms** are located to the north of the sanctuary, before the gym on the right side at the end of the hallway .
- **Visitor cards (bright yellow)** have been placed in the racks in the back of the pews. If you are a visitor to Good Shepherd, please fill out a card and drop it in the offering plate. If you are a visitor and plan to partake in communion, please fill out the back of the card as well.
- **Fellowship Books are blue** and found in the hymnal rack, near the aisle. Please list each person on a separate line so we have an accurate count of who takes communion.
- **Nursery** is available during services. It is located next to the sanctuary.
- **Children’s coloring bulletins and Busy Bags** are provided during worship services.

Communion at Good Shepherd

Continuous distribution: please rise and follow the person in the pew in front of you. Receive the wafer, receive the individual cup, pause to commune, place cup in the basket, return to pew.

At the rail: The usher will dismiss you. When approaching the altar area, stand closest to the center of the altar first, then wrap around the sides to fill in. Bow/kneel together. Exit with the person at the center leaving first.

Mobility issues: Please contact an Elder or Pastor if you need communion brought to you.

Our Church Bulletin, Newsletter & Calendar are on our website at www.goodsheplutheran.net.

Our Services are available on our YouTube Channel at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCpvi7OsWTNOyNHngUGr1SOW>

The Lutheran Hour is aired on KAWZ 88.7 at 9 a.m. or WRVM 101.5 FM or Sirius XM 131 at 10 a.m.

Distribution Hymns

“God Loved the World So That He Gave” LSB 571
“Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice” LSB 556

Post-Communion Thanksgiving

P Let us pray.
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G Amen.

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

G Amen.

Hymn “Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer” LSB 918

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Sermon “Gift of God”

Text: Ephesians 2:1-10

Offering

Offertory “Create in Me”

LSB 956

Prayer of the Church

- Jesus, may our hearts be burning
-
- with more fervent love for You.

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

Preface

- The Lord be with you.
-
- And also with you.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Words of Our Lord

Lord’s Prayer

on the screens or in the back of the hymnal

Pax Domini

- The peace of the Lord be with you always.
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- Amen.

Our Communion Practices

If these are your beliefs:

I believe that Jesus Christ is my only Lord and Savior from all sin, Satan and death.

I believe that Christ is really present in the sacrament and that with the bread and wine I receive His true Body and Blood.

I resolve to dedicate my life to my Lord and Savior in His Body, the Church, by regular worship and devoted Christian service and living.....

please join us as we celebrate Holy Communion.

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Thursday March 7, 2024 6:30 p.m.; Sunday March 10, 2024 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

As We Gather

We hear today of eternal life that is given to us because of God’s great love for us, shown to us in perhaps the most famous Bible verse, John 3:16. This verse speaks of God’s genuine love for us and the world shown in Jesus’ death on the cross for us. The love of God never ends. God’s love is present here and now and extends into eternal life as eternal love. May we be so encouraged by God’s love to share it with others. Thanks be to God for such love!

Hymn “Amazing Grace”

LSB 744

Invocation

- In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
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- Amen.

Opening Sentences

John 3:16

- God so loved the world,
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- that He gave His only Son,

Confession and Absolution

- Though Christ has loved us with this genuine love that gives us eternal life, we sometimes ignore His love and refuse to share Christ’s love with others. Still, our heavenly Father is merciful, and He invites us to draw near to Him in hope and confidence to ask for His grace.

Silence for reflection.

- Heavenly Father,
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- we have sinned against You and against our neighbors. We have not loved You with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not loved our enemies. Forgive us, renew our love, on account of Jesus. Amen.

P Jesus Christ was lifted up on the tree of the cross so that we might be forgiven. His genuine love is for the world and is for you. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen. We are forgiven by the genuine love of Jesus.

✠ WORD ✠

Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Numbers 21:4-9

⁴From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way. ⁵And the 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 loathe this worthless food.” ⁶Then the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. ⁷And the people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you. Pray to the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸And the LORD said to Moses, “Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live.” ⁹So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Ephesians 2:1-10

¹And you were dead in the trespasses and sins ²in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— ³among whom we all once lived in the passions

of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. ⁴But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵even when we were dead in 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 coming ages 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 a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Verse

John 3:16

P For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son,

C that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

Holy Gospel

John 3:14-21

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the third chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁴[Jesus said:] “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, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. ²¹But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his deeds have been carried out in God.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

on the screens or in the back of the hymnal

Hymn “By Grace I’m Saved”

LSB 566