

# THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT



**LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD**  
LCMS  
**GOOD SHEPHERD COMMUNITY CHAPEL**  
Sauk Rapids, Minnesota

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**Good Shepherd TV:** Channel 900-Apartments  
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## About Holy Communion at Good Shepherd

The Lord's Supper is celebrated here in the belief and glad confidence that our Lord gives us as He says, not only bread and wine, but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, and share our belief in all his teaching. Partaking of the Body and Blood Christ together confesses our common faith and belief in the teachings of our Lord, as revealed in the Holy Scriptures. If this is your belief, we welcome you to join us at the Lord's Table. If you would like to confess your faith with us as a member of the Congregation, speak with the Pastor about membership.

Because we are called to examine ourselves before receiving the Lord's Supper (I Cor. 11:28-29), we encourage you to consider the state of your soul according to the Ten Commandments. Please see the **Christian Questions and Their Answers**, available at the entrance of the chapel. If you have questions regarding the Sacrament, please speak with the pastor. If you would prefer a blessing instead of Holy Communion, please let the Pastor know as he approaches you, or simply cross your arms over your chest.

### PASTORAL WELCOME / RINGING OF THE BELL

#### OPENING HYMN

#### Today Your Mercy Calls Us LSB 915



1 To - day Your mer - cy calls us To wash a - way our sin.  
2 To - day Your gate is o - pen, And all who en - ter in  
3 To - day our Fa - ther calls us; His Ho - ly Spir - it waits;  
4 O all - em - brac - ing Mer - cy, O ev - er - o - pen Door,



How - ev - er great our tres - pass, What - ev - er we have been,  
Shall find a Fa - ther's wel - come And par - don for their sin.  
His bless - ed an - gels gath - er A - round the heav'n - ly gates.  
What should we do with - out You When heart and eye run o'er?



How - ev - er long from mer - cy Our hearts have turned a - way,  
The past shall be for - got - ten, A pres - ent joy be giv'n,  
No ques - tion will be asked us How of - ten we have come;  
When all things seem a - gainst us, To drive us to de - spair,



Your pre - cious blood can wash us And make us clean to - day.  
A fu - ture grace be prom - ised, A glo - rious crown in heav'n.  
Al - though we oft have wan - dered, It is our Fa - ther's home.  
We know one gate is o - pen, One ear will hear our prayer.

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## DIVINE SERVICE

### INVOCATION

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of Holy Baptism.*

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

### PSALM

*Psalm 42:1-8*

P As a deer pants for flowing streams, so pants my soul for you, O God.

**C My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and appear before God?**

My tears have been my food day and night, while they say to me all the day long, "Where is your God?"

**These things I remember, as I pour out my soul: how I would go with the throng and lead them in procession to the house of God with glad shouts and songs of praise, a multitude keeping festival.**

Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation and my God.

**My soul is cast down within me; therefore I remember you from the land of Jordan and of Hermon, from Mount Mizar.**

Deep calls to deep at the roar of your waterfalls; all your breakers and your waves have gone over me.

**By day the Lord commands his steadfast love, and at night his song is with me, a prayer to the God of my life.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. AMEN.** *(ESV)*

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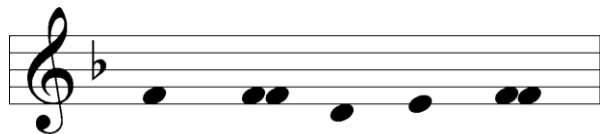


**☐** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

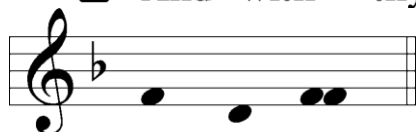
## SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY



**☐** The Lord be with you.



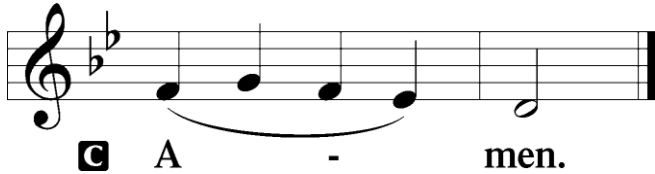
**☐** And with thy spir - it.



**☐** Let us pray.

*The Pastor prays, concluding:*

... now and forever.



## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Exodus 17:1-7*

<sup>1</sup>All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the Lord, and camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. <sup>2</sup>Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said, “Give us water to drink.” And Moses said to them, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?” <sup>3</sup>But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, “Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?” <sup>4</sup>So Moses cried to the Lord, “What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.” <sup>5</sup>And the Lord said to Moses, “Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. <sup>6</sup>Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink.” And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. <sup>7</sup>And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarreling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the Lord by saying, “Is the Lord among us or not?”

*(ESV)*

P This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## EPISTLE

*Romans 5:1-8*

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>2</sup>Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and

we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. <sup>3</sup> Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup> and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup> and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. <sup>6</sup> For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup> For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— <sup>8</sup> but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. (ESV)

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## THE HOLY GOSPEL

*St. John 4:5-26*

The Holy Gospel, according to St. John, the 4<sup>th</sup> Chapter.



**C** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>5</sup> [Jesus] came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. <sup>6</sup> Jacob's well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour. <sup>7</sup> A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, “Give me a drink.” <sup>8</sup> (For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) <sup>9</sup> The Samaritan woman said to him, “How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?” (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) <sup>10</sup> Jesus 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.” <sup>11</sup> The woman said to him, “Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is

deep. Where do you get that living water? <sup>12</sup> Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock.” <sup>13</sup> Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, <sup>14</sup> but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.” <sup>15</sup> The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water.” <sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come here.” <sup>17</sup> The woman answered him, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You are right in saying, ‘I have no husband’; <sup>18</sup> for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true.” <sup>19</sup> The woman said to him, “Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. <sup>20</sup> Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship.” <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. <sup>22</sup> You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. <sup>23</sup> But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. <sup>24</sup> God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” <sup>25</sup> The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things.” <sup>26</sup> Jesus said to her, “I who speak to you am he.”

(ESV)

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**G** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

## **NICENE CREED**

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
*who for us men and for our  
salvation, came down from  
heaven and was incarnate by  
the Holy Spirit of the virgin  
Mary and was made man;***

**and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.**

**He suffered and was buried.**

**And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.**

**And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the  
dead.**

**His kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**the Lord and giver of life,**

**who proceeds from the Father and the Son,**

**who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped**

**and glorified,**

**who spoke by the prophets.**

**And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life + of the world to come. AMEN.**

# SERMON HYMN

## *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* LSB 686



1 Come, Thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Tune my heart to  
2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer, Hith - er by Thy  
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or Dai - ly I'm con -  
4 Oh, that day when freed from sin - ning, I shall see Thy



sing Thy grace; Streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing,  
help I've come; And I hope, by Thy good plea - sure,  
strained to be; Let that grace now like a fet - ter  
love - ly face; Clothed then in the blood - washed lin - en,



Call for songs of loud - est praise. While the hope of end - less  
Safe - ly to ar - rive at home. Je - sus sought me when a  
Bind my wan - d'ring heart to Thee: Prone to wan - der, Lord, I  
How I'll sing Thy won - drous grace! Come, my Lord, no long - er



glo - ry Fills my heart with joy and love, Teach me  
strang - er, Wan - d'ring from the fold of God; He, to  
feel it; Prone to leave the God I love. Here's my  
tar - ry; Take my ran - som'd soul a - way; Send Thine



ev - er to a - dore Thee; May I still Thy good - ness prove.  
res - cue me from dan - ger, In - ter - posed His pre - cious blood.  
heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts a - bove.  
an - gels soon to car - ry Me to realms of end - less day.

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## SERMON "I'M THIRSTY; ARE YOU?" JOHN 4:5-26

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Having heard the Word of God, let us now humble ourselves before the supreme Majesty of God, and make confession of our sins.

*Silence for examination of conscience*

**O Almighty God, merciful Father, I a poor, miserable, sinner, confess unto Thee all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended Thee and justly deserved Thy temporal and eternal punishment; but I am heartily sorry for them, and sincerely repent of them, and I pray Thee of Thy boundless mercy, and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter, sufferings and death of Thy beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being.**

Is this your confession? If so, say, “**Yes.**” [*Or give me some physical sign to indicate that you thus confess your sinfulness before God.*]

Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you who do heartily repent of your sins, believe in Jesus Christ, and earnestly purpose by the assistance of the Holy Spirit henceforth to amend your sinful lives, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of God the + Father, God the + Son, and God the Holy + Spirit.

**AMEN.**

**OFFERTORY**

“O Sacred Head”

**What language shall I borrow  
To thank you dearest Friend,  
For all your dying sorrow,  
Your pity without end?  
Oh, make me yours forever;  
And should I fainting prove,  
Lord, let me never, never  
Forsake Your dying love!**

# PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray.

*The Pastor leads the Congregation in Prayer.*

*The Prayer concludes:*

... now and forever.

**AMEN.**

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## SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

### PREFACE

“O Sacred Head”

P: The Lord is with His people.  
The Lord God be with you.

**C: The Lord is with His servants;  
The Lord be with You, too.**

P: Your grateful hearts now raise Him

**C: To God we lift them high  
‘Tis right to thank and praise Him  
Who to His world draws nigh.**

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor

Always and everywhere is it right to give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who gave His life on the cross for us that, freed from the power of sin and death, we might have eternal joy in Your presence, renewed in faith and life. And so, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise Your name and join their unending hymn:

## THE SANCTUS

“Dearest Jesus, We Are Here”

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
Heav'n and earth proclaim the story  
O Your majesty adored,  
Of Your kingdom, pow'r, and glory.  
With hosannas now we meet You;  
With our palms and praises greet You:**

**Hail Hosanna! Blest is He  
Who in God's own name draws near us!  
Hail! Hosanna! Blest are we  
Since we have God's love to cheer us:  
Blood outpoured and body broken,  
Of eternal love the token.**

## THE CONSECRATION

Pastor

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor and People

## THE AGNUS DEI

“Ah, Holy Jesus”

**Jesus, the Lamb of God, Have mercy on us!  
Jesus, who bore our sins. Have mercy on us!  
Jesus, Redeemer of the world, Have mercy!  
Give us Your peace, Lord!**

## THE COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

*The Pastor will approach you in your seat to distribute Holy Communion. If you prefer to receive a blessing rather than Holy Communion, please fold your arms across your chest as the Pastor approaches or tell him as he nears you.*

*Upon receiving the Body and Blood of Christ, the Communicant may say:*

**AMEN.**

## **PRAYERS DURING HOLY COMMUNION**

### ***To be prayed silently before receiving Communion.***

O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, Who according to the will of the Father, and by the cooperation of the Holy Ghost, hast by Thy death given life to the world: deliver me by this Thy Most Holy Body and Blood from all mine iniquities and from every evil, and make me ever to cleave unto Thy commandments, and suffer me never to be separated from Thee, Who with the Father and the Holy Ghost live and reign, ever one God, world without end. AMEN.

### ***To be prayed silently after receiving Communion.***

Grant, O Lord, that Thy Body which I have received and Thy Blood which I have drunk may adhere to my members; and grant that no stain of sin remain in me whom Thou hast refreshed with this pure and holy Sacrament; for Thou dost live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. AMEN.

## **POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

P. The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve thee to life with God that hath no end. Depart in + peace.

C. **Amen.**

## **THE NUNC DIMITTIS**

“Our Father, by Whose Name”

**In peace, Lord, at Your Word,  
Now let Your servant go;  
For I have seen and heard  
What all the earth must know:  
Salvation for the world is here!  
And Israel's Light shines bright and clear  
Upon the nations far and near.**

**Eternal praise and fame  
Be to our God alone!  
We proudly bear His name,  
Proclaim what He has done.  
For our redemption, full and free,  
To Father, Son, and Spirit be  
All praise and thanks eternally!**

**THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

Pastor

**THE BENEDICTION**

O Sacred Head”

The good Lord bless and keep you,  
Lift up His shining face,  
With favour look upon you  
And grant eternal peace.  
**To Father, Son, and Spirit,  
Most gracious One-in-Three,  
Be glory, praise, and blessing  
Now and eternally!**

**CLOSING HYMN**

*Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain* LSB 435



1 Come to Cal - v'ry's ho - ly moun - tain, Sin - ners, ru - ined  
2 Come in pov - er - ty and mean - ness, Come de - filed, with -  
3 Come in sor - row and con - tri - tion, Wound - ed, im - po -  
4 They that drink shall live for - ev - er; 'Tis a soul - re -



by the fall; Here a pure and heal - ing foun - tain  
out, with - in; From in - fec - tion and un - clean - ness,  
tent, and blind; Here the guilt - y, free re - mis - sion,  
new - ing flood. God is faith - ful; God will nev - er



Flows for you, for me, for all, In a full, per -  
 From the lep - ro - sy of sin, Wash your robes and  
 Here the trou - bled, peace may find. Health this foun - tain  
 Break His cov - e - nant of blood, Signed when our Re -



pet - ual tide, O - pened when our Sav - ior died.  
 make them white; Ye shall walk with God in light.  
 will re - store; They that drink shall thirst no more.  
 deem - er died, Sealed when He was glo - ri - fied.

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## **POSTLUDE**

### **SILENT PRAYER**

*You may remain in the chapel and pray as long as you desire. You may depart as soon as you are prepared to do so. God's blessings on you until He gathers us again by His Spirit to receive His divine gifts and praise His holy Name.*

*Please join us for the Worship Services and other Spiritual Programs. Attendance at Worship and other events **in The Chapel** is determined by Official Government Regulations for Health Care Facilities.*

***This Schedule is subject (and likely) to change at any time.***

*Please sign up to donate Easter lilies for decorating the Chapel during the Easter season and indicate if given in honor or in memory of a loved one. Please sign up by March 22<sup>nd</sup> and make payment of \$15.00 to the pastor.*

***Attention Thrivent members:*** *The deadline for directing Thrivent Choice Dollars for charitable organizations is March 31, 2026. Your support for Good Shepherd is welcome and appreciated. You may do this online at [thrivent.com](http://thrivent.com), by calling 1 (800) 847-4836 or by contacting your agent.*

*Portals of Prayer daily devotional booklets in regular or large print are available in the Chapel for personal spiritual growth.*

## THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD

**Sunday**      **10 AM**      **Chapel Worship**  
*Also broadcast on Channel 64 (Nursing Home)/Channel 900(Apartments)*  
                 **11 AM**      **Roman Catholic Mass**  
   *Channel 45 and 59*

**Monday**      **10 AM**      **Bible Study on Romans**  
*Nursing Home residents meet in person in the Event Center.*  
                 **1:30 PM**      **Rosary**  
                 **2:00 PM**      **Roman Catholic Mass in the Chapel**  
*Hosted by Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church, Sauk Rapids.*  
*Also broadcast on Channel 64(Nursing Home)/Channel 900(Apartments)*

**Wednesday**   **10:15 AM**      **Midweek Lenten Service in the Chapel**  
*Also broadcast on Channel 64 (Nursing Home)/Channel 900(Apartments)*  
                 **2 PM**      **Bible Study on Romans**  
                                 *Apartment and Patio Home residents meet in the Chapel.*  
*Also broadcast on Channel 64(Nursing Home)/Channel 900(Apartments)*  
                 **3: 30 PM**      **Memory Cottage Worship**

### **ALL ARE WELCOME.**

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### **Offerings**

*Your gifts and offerings in support of the ministry of the Gospel at The Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd are welcome and appreciated. Please place them in the basket at the entrance to the chapel as you arrive or leave.*

***Next week's readings:*** Isaiah 42:14-21; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41

***Next week's sermon theme and text:*** "Karma; I'll Take Grace" John 9:1-41

*Those interested in membership in The Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd are asked to speak with the pastor.*