

Worship
Second Sunday of Lent

March 5, 2023
9:45am



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Welcome to Worship

Whether one's feet are big or small, fresh or worn, running or crawling
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church is:
Together on the Journey, Sharing God's Love

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 122)

P. God – you're our God!

C. We can't get enough of you!

We've worked up such hunger and thirst for you, God,
traveling across dry and weary deserts.

**C. So here we are in the place of worship, eyes open,
drinking in your amazing love.**

Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (based on Psalm 51)

P. Lord have mercy on us, according to your faithful love!

Wipe away our wrongdoings according to your great compassion!

Silence for Reflection

P. Wash me completely clean of my guilt;
purify me from my sin!

**C. Because I know my wrongdoings,
my sin is always right in front of me.
I've sinned against you – you alone.**

P. Hide your face from my sins;
wipe away all my guilty deeds!

**C. Create a clean heart for me, God;
put a new, faithful spirit deep inside me!**

P. Return the joy of your salvation to me
and sustain me with a willing spirit.

**C. Lord, open my lips,
and my mouth will proclaim your praise.**

SONG *"How Deep the Father's Love for Us"*

**How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure. That He should give
His only Son to make a wretch His treasure. How great the pain of searing loss. The
Father turns His face away, as wounds which mar the Chosen One bring all of us to
glory.**

**Behold the man upon the cross, my sin upon His shoulders. Ashamed, I hear my
mocking voice call out among the scoffers. It was my sin that held Him there until it
was accomplished; His dying breath has brought me life. I know that it is finished.**

**I will not boast in anything: no gifts, no power, no wisdom. But I will boast in Jesus
Christ: His death and resurrection. Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give
an answer. But this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ransom.**

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

L. 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.

L. Let us pray together,

C. O Lord, who is our hiding place in times of trouble, who surrounds us with glad cries of deliverance, encircle us with your steadfast love and mercy in order to restore and raise us through your Son, our Savior in whose name we pray. Amen.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**I want Jesus to walk with me; I want Jesus to walk with me;
all along my pilgrim journey, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.**

BIBLE READING Psalm 32

The one whose wrongdoing is forgiven,
whose sin is covered over, is truly happy!

The one the LORD doesn't consider guilty—
in whose spirit there is no dishonesty—
that one is truly happy!

When I kept quiet, my bones wore out;

I was groaning all day long—
every day, every night!—

because your hand was heavy upon me.

My energy was sapped as if in a summer drought.

So I admitted my sin to you;

I didn't conceal my guilt.

"I'll confess my sins to the LORD," is what I said.

Then you removed the guilt of my sin.

That's why all the faithful should pray to you during troubled times,
so that a great flood of water won't reach them.

You are my secret hideout!

You protect me from trouble.

You surround me with songs of rescue!

I will instruct you and teach you

about the direction you should go.

I'll advise you and keep my eye on you.

Don't be like some senseless horse or mule,

whose movement must be controlled
with a bit and a bridle.

Don't be anything like that!

The pain of the wicked is severe,

but faithful love surrounds the one who trusts the LORD.

You who are righteous, rejoice in the LORD and be glad!

All you whose hearts are right, sing out in joy!

The Word of the Lord

C. Thanks be to God

MESSAGE

Pastor Leesa Soderlind

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from Psalm 23)

You, O God, are our Shepherd.

You provide everything we need.

You let us rest in green meadows and lead us beside quiet streams.

You renew our strength and guide us in ways that bring honor to Your name.

**Even when we walk through difficult valleys, we will not fear,
for you never are far away – protecting and comforting,
guarding and guiding every step we take.**

You prepare a feast for us in the presence of our enemies.

You welcome us as friends and lavish your blessings on us.

**We know that your goodness and unfailing love
will continue to pursue us all the days of our lives,
and that after our lives here are over,
we will spend eternity in your presence.**

Amen.

SONG

“Restore in us, O God”

**Restore in us, O God, the splendor of your love;
renew your image in our hearts, and all our sins remove.**

**O Spirit, wake in us the wonder of your pow’r;
from fruitless fear unfurl our lives like springtime bud and flow’r.**

**Three-personed God, fulfill the promise of your grace,
that we, when all our searching ends, may see you face to face.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

L. Lord in your mercy,

C. Hear our prayer.

OFFERING RECEIVED

(Those who are able, please stand)

OFFERTORY SONG

**He’s got the whole world in his hands. He’s got the whole world in his hands.
He’s got the whole world in his hands. He’s got the whole world in his hands.**

OFFERING PRAYER

**Generous God, we give thanks with our whole hearts because of your loyal love and
faithfulness. You offer life and salvation. Your love lasts forever. And so we respond
with deep gratitude, offering back to you our gifts with love and gratitude for what
you have so generously given to us. Amen.**

HOLY COMMUNION

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 DISTRIBUTION

SONG *"Lord, I Need You"*

Lord, I come, I confess. Bowing here I find my rest. Without you I fall apart. You're the one who guides my heart.

Refrain: **Lord, I need you, oh, I need you. Every hour I need you.
My one defense, my righteousness. Oh God, how I need You.**

Where sin runs deep, your grace is more. Where grace is found, is where you are. Where you are, Lord, I am free. Holiness is Christ in me. *Refrain*

So teach my song to rise to you, when temptation comes my way. When I cannot stand, I'll fall on you. Jesus, you're my hope and stay. *Refrain*

You're my one defense, my righteousness. Oh God, how I need you.

SONG *"Let Us Break Bread Together"*

Let us break bread together on our knees; let us break bread together on our knees.

Refrain: **When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.**

Let us drink wine together on our knees; let us drink wine together on our knees. *Refrain*

Let us praise God together on our knees; let us praise God together on our knees. *Refrain*

TASTE & SEE THAT THE LORD IS GOOD

BLESSING (Psalm 67)

L. Let God grant us grace and bless us.
Let God make God's face shine on us,
so that God's way becomes known on earth as it is in heaven.

C. **Amen.**

SONG *"Go, My Children, with My Blessing"*

"Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone. Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own. In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever. Go, my children, with by blessing, you are my own."

"Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me. Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free. Here you heard my dear Son's story, here you touched him, saw his glory. Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure."

DISMISSAL (from Psalm 27)

L. As you leave this place, hope in the Lord, be strong, let your heart take courage.

C. **We hope in the Lord.**

POSTLUDE

This Week Please Pray For:

Healing:

Renee Olson, stage 4 ovarian cancer (daughter of Adrienne Olsen, sister of Barbara Isaacson).

Drusilla Ticiu, slowly recovering at home after knee surgery

Lorrie Kelly, recovering after hospitalization

Caroline Besky, recovering in transitional care

Greif:

Lee Rich, grieving the death of her husband, Ken

Jerry Hahn, grieving the death of his mother, Hazel

Other:

Those recovering from natural disasters

Victims of any kind of violence