

Worship  
Third Sunday of Lent

March 12, 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 *"For the Beauty of the Earth"*

**For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies, for the love which from our  
birth over and around us lies:**

*Refrain:* **Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.**

**For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night, hill and vale and tree and  
flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light: *refrain***

**For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child, friends on earth and friends  
above; for all gentle thoughts and mild: *refrain***

**For each perfect gift of thine, peace on earth and joy in heav'n; for thyself, best gift  
divine, to our world so freely giv'n: *refrain***

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. Source of creation, help us to sing a song of joy and shout with thanksgiving because of the good things you have done. Teach us to marvel at your creation and hear your voice when you call us out into your good world. 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 95

Come, let's sing out loud to the LORD!

Let's raise a joyful shout to the rock of our salvation!

<sup>2</sup> Let's come before him with thanks!

Let's shout songs of joy to him!

<sup>3</sup> The LORD is a great God,  
the great king over all other gods.

<sup>4</sup> The earth's depths are in his hands;  
the mountain heights belong to him;

<sup>5</sup> the sea, which he made, is his  
along with the dry ground,  
which his own hands formed.

<sup>6</sup> Come, let's worship and bow down!  
Let's kneel before the LORD, our maker!

<sup>7</sup> He is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture,  
the sheep in his hands.

If only you would listen to his voice right now!

The Word of the Lord

**C. Thanks be to God**

MESSAGE Pastor Courtney Steitz

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.**

#### LENTEN PRAYER DIRECTIONS

SONG *"Forever/Great is Thy Faithfulness"*

**Give thanks to the Lord, our God and King, His love endures forever. For He is good and above all things, His love endures forever. Sing praise, sing praise, sing praise, sing praise.**

**Forever God is faithful, forever God is strong. Forever God is with us, forever and ever, forever.**

**Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see. All I have needed thy hand hath provided. Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.**

**His love endures forever. His love endures forever. Sing praise, sing praise, sing praise, sing praise.**

**Forever God is faithful, forever God is strong. Forever God is with us, forever and ever, forever.**

#### 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           *"How Great is Our God"*

**The splendor of the king, clothed in majesty; let all the earth rejoice, let all the earth rejoice. He wraps Himself in light, and darkness tries to hide, and trembles at His voice, and trembles at His voice.**

*Refrain:*   **How great is our God! Sing with me: How great is our God!  
                  And all will see how great, how great is our God!**

**Age to age he stands, and time is in His hands; beginning and the end, beginning and the end. The God-head, three in one, Father, Spirit, Son, the Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb.** *refrain*

**Name above all names, worthy of all praise. My heart will sing: How great is our God!  
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*refrain*

SONG           *"Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"*

**Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise, the glories of my God and king, the triumphs of his grace!**

**My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim, to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of your name.**

**The name of Jesus charms our fears and bids our sorrows cease, sings music in the sinner's ears, brings life and health and peace.**

**To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever giv'n by saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heav'n.**

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           *"How Great Thou Art"*

**O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder consider all the works thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder, thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed. Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee, how great thou art. How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee, how great thou art! How great thou art!**

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, continued healing

Caroline Besky, Transitional care

Dick Schintz, hospitalized for testing

Grief:

Jerry Hahn, grieving the death of his mother, Hazel

Lee Rich, grieving the death of her husband, Ken

Delores Johnson, grieving the death of her niece, Pastor Cindy Senarighi (Yoga Devotion CEO)