

Worship
Fifth Sunday of Lent

April 6, 2025
8:30am



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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

GREETING

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism.

- L. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C. **Amen.**

CALL TO WORSHIP

- L. Come, let us gather in the presence of the Holy One,
a presence that meets us in grace and transforms us.
- C. **We come with open hearts, seeking to encounter the sacred,
to be shaped by God's love and mercy.**
- L. Here, we practice the rhythms of worship,
drawing near to the One who draws near to us.
- C. **We come to listen, to learn, to be renewed,
so that we might go into the world with a heart of service.**
- L. Let our worship be not just words we say,
but lives we live in service and grace.

SONG "Open Our Eyes, Lord"

Open our eyes, Lord; we want to see Jesus, to reach out and touch him, and say that we love him. Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen. Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

- L. As we come into the presence of a holy God, let us confess our sins,
knowing that in Christ we find mercy and grace.

Silence for Reflection

- C. **Gracious God,
We confess that we have often come to worship,
but failed to encounter Your presence with open hearts.
We have practiced rituals, but forgotten the depth of Your love.
We have been quick to receive Your grace,
but slow to extend it to others.
Forgive us, Lord,
and help us to live as transformed people,
sent out to serve with love and humility.
Through Christ, we pray. Amen.**
- L. Hear the good news:
God's grace is abundant, God's mercy unending.
In Christ, we are forgiven, renewed, and sent to live as God's people.

Not just in worship, but in the world.

Go, live in peace, knowing that you are loved, forgiven, and called.

C. Thanks be to God. Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE

Beautiful Savior, King of creation, Son of God and Son of Man! Truly I'd love thee, truly I'd serve thee, light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

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. Lord, you pour abundant blessings into our lives. Open our hearts to see the countless gifts we have been given. May your generosity toward us inspire us to freely share the blessings we've been given with the world. Amen.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Word of God, come down on earth, living rain from heav'n descending; touch our hearts and bring to birth faith and hope and love unending. Word almighty, we revere you; Word made flesh, we long to hear you.

BIBLE READING Numbers 6:22-27

The LORD spoke to Moses: Tell Aaron and his sons: You will bless the Israelites as follows. Say to them:

The LORD bless you and protect you.

The LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The LORD lift up his face to you and grant you peace.

They will place my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them.

The Word of the Lord

C. Thanks be to God

MESSAGE Pastor Courtney Steitz

SONG *"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"*

Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace; streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. While the hope of endless glory fills my heart with joy and love, teach me ever to adore thee; may I still thy goodness prove.

Here I raise my Ebenezer: "Hither by thy help I've come"; and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home. Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God; he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be; let that grace now like a fetter bind my wand'ring heart to thee. Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love. Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe in God, who draws near to us in grace,
who encounters us in worship and transforms our hearts.
We believe in Jesus Christ, who forgives our sins,
restores us to relationship with God,
and calls us to love and serve,
living out His presence in the world through acts of mercy and justice.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, who empowers us to go,
equipping us to be witnesses of grace,
sent to bring light, hope, and healing to the world.
Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The following is spoken after each prayer petition

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.**

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 *"O Master, Let Me Walk with You"*

**O Master, let me walk with you in lowly paths of service true; tell me your secret;
help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.**

**Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear, winning word of love; teach me the
wayward feet to stay, and guide them in the homeward way.**

**Teach me your patience; share with me a closer, dearer company, in work that keeps
faith sweet and strong, in trust that triumphs over wrong.**

**In hope that sends a shining ray far down the future's broad'ning way, in peace that
only you can give; with you, O Master, let me live.**

SONG *"Blessed Assurance"*

**Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine! Heir of
salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.**

Refrain: **This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.**

**Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight; angels
descending bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love. *Refrain***

**Perfect submission, all is at rest; I in my Savior am happy and blest, watching and
waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love. *Refrain***

COMMUNION BLESSING

BLESSING

L. Go from this place, grounded in God's presence,
and empowered by grace to serve the world with love.

**C. We go, with hearts open to encounter,
and hands ready to serve.**

L. May the peace of Christ guide you,
and the Holy Spirit strengthen you,
to live as witnesses of grace in the world.

C. Amen.

SONG *"Take My Life, That I May Be"*

**Take my life, that I may be consecrated, Lord, to thee; take my moments and my
days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

**Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold; take my intellect, and use
ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.**

DISMISSAL

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

C. Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

This Week Please Pray For: