

# Church of the Good Shepherd

## Knowing Christ and Making Him Known

*Rooted in the Word, Nourished by the Sacraments, Alive in Jesus Christ*



**March 30, 2025, A Service of Holy Eucharist**

**Lent IV – 10:30am**

Welcome to Church of the Good Shepherd! We are delighted to worship God with you this morning. Everything you need for the service is here in these pages and in the bible found in the pews. If you are visiting and would like more information about Good Shepherd, please fill out a guest card at the ushers table or call the parish office (723-8032). At Good Shepherd you will find friendly people, engaging sermons, joyful worship, practical teaching, and lots of kids. Welcome!

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March 30, 2025 – The Fourth Sunday in Lent

## Prelude

*“Slow” Voluntary II, Op V*

J. Stanley

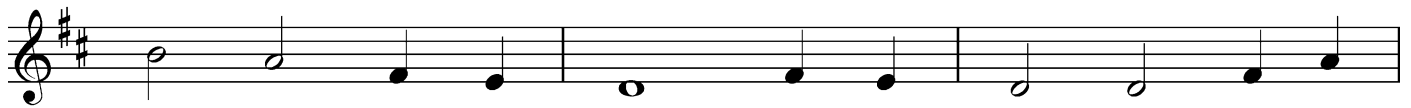
## The Processional

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

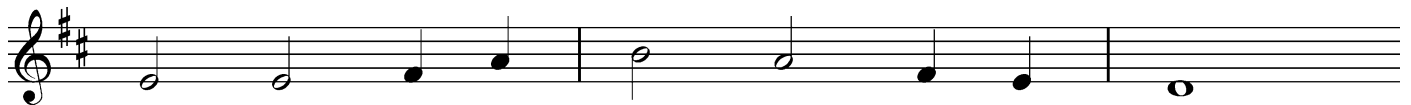
*The people stand, if able, and sing facing the procession*



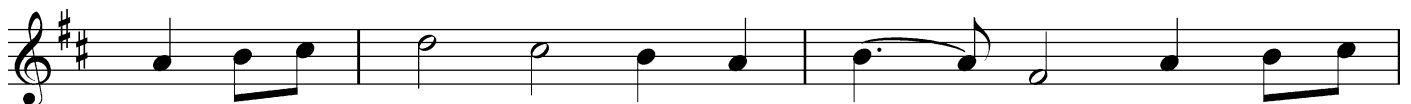
1 Come, thou fount of ev - ery bless - ing, tune my  
2 Here I find my great - est trea - sure; hith - er,  
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly



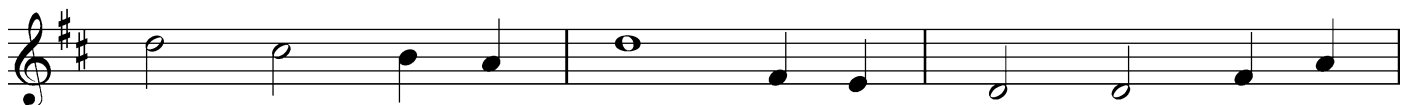
heart to sing thy grace! Streams of mer - cy nev - er  
by thy help, I've come; and I hope, by thy good  
I'm con - strained to be! Let thy good - ness, like a



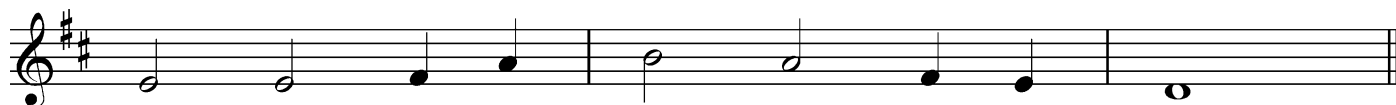
ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.  
plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.  
fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to thee:



Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by  
Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger wan - dering  
prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to



flam - ing tongues a - bove. Praise the mount! Oh, fix me  
from the fold of God; he, to res - cue me from  
leave the God I love; here's my heart, oh, take and



on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.  
 dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.  
 seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

## The Acclamation and Collect for Purity

*The people remain standing*

**Celebrant** Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

**People** His mercy endures for ever.

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## The Decalogue

*Celebrant* God spoke these words and said:

I am the Lord your God.

You shall have no other gods but me.

*People*



Lord, have mer-cy up - on us, and in - cline our hearts to keep this law.

*Celebrant* You shall not make for yourself any idol.

*People*



Lord, have mer-cy up - on us, and in - cline our hearts to keep this law.

*Celebrant* You shall not take the Name of the Lord your God

in vain.

*People*



Lord, have mer-cy up - on us, and in - cline our hearts to keep this law.

*Celebrant* Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.


*People*



Lord, have mer-cy up - on us, and in - cline our hearts to keep this law.

*Celebrant* Honor your father and your mother.


*People*



Lord, have mer-cy up - on us, and in - cline our hearts to keep this law.

*Celebrant* You shall not murder.


*People*



Lord, have mer-cy up - on us, and in - cline our hearts to keep this law.

*Celebrant* You shall not commit adultery.


*People*



Lord, have mer-cy up - on us, and in - cline our hearts to keep this law.

*Celebrant* You shall not steal.


*People*



Lord, have mer-cy up - on us, and in - cline our hearts to keep this law.

*Celebrant* You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

*People*




Lord, have mer-cy up - on us, and in - cline our hearts to keep this law.

*Celebrant* You shall not covet.

*After the 10th Commandment*



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us, and write all these thy laws in our



hearts, we be - seech thee.

*Exodus 20:1-17t; Deuteronomy 5:6-21t*

## The Kyrie

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

## The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And with your spirit.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## The Lessons

*The people sit for the reading of the lessons.*

### The First Lesson

**Joshua 4:19-5:12**

Pew Bible pg.180, LP pg. 213

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 34:1-8

1 I will always give thanks unto the LORD; \*

his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

2 **My soul shall make its boast in the LORD; \***

**the humble shall hear this and be glad.**

3 O praise the LORD with me, \*  
and let us magnify his Name together.

4 **I sought the LORD, and he heard me; \*  
he delivered me out of all my fears.**

5 They looked unto him, and were made glad, \*  
and their faces were not ashamed.

6 **Look, the poor man cries, and the LORD hears him, \*  
and saves him out of all his troubles.**

7 The angel of the LORD camps round about those who fear him, \*  
and delivers them in time of need.

8 **O taste and see how gracious the LORD is; \*  
blessed is the one who trusts in him.**

## The Second Lesson

2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Pew Bible pg. 966, LP pg. 1148

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

## The Gradual

*What Wondrous Love is This*

*The people stand and sing, facing the procession*

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul, what  
wondrous love is this, O my soul! What wondrous love is this that  
caused the Lord of bliss to lay a-side his crown for my  
soul, for my soul, to lay a-side his crown for my soul.

## The Gospel

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Luke.

*People* Glory to You, Lord Christ.

Luke 15:11-32

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## The Sermon

The Rev. Jonathan Groves

## The Nicene Creed

*The people stand if able*

*Celebrant* Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

**W**e believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:  
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
Who, with the Father and the Son, is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## The Prayers of the People

Let us pray for the Church and for the world, saying, "*hear our prayer.*"

Almighty and everliving God, we are taught by your holy Word to offer prayers and to give thanks for all people. We humbly ask you to receive our prayers. Inspire continually the universal Church with

the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all who confess your holy Name may agree in the truth of your holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

*Reader* Lord, in your mercy

***People* Hear our prayer.**

Give grace, heavenly Father, to Steve, Julian, and William, our Bishops, to Matt, Jonathan, and all who minister at Good Shepherd, and to Ife, and for all the clergy and people of our Province and diocese.

*(In the ACNA we pray for The Province of the Anglican Church of the Congo.*

*In the ADLW we pray for St. Augustine of Canterbury in Leesburg, Virginia, for Counseling Ministries in ADLW, and for The Rev. Bruce Mason.)*

*Reader* Lord, in your mercy

***People* Hear our prayer.**

Prosper, we pray, all those who proclaim the Gospel of your kingdom throughout the world, and strengthen us to fulfill your great commission. Bless we pray, the teachers and children of the Kuwinda Preschool.

*Reader* Lord, in your mercy

***People* Hear our prayer.**

We pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ who are persecuted for their faith. This week we pray for Christians in north-eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo.

*Reader* Lord, in your mercy

***People* Hear our prayer.**

We pray that you will lead the nations of the world in the way of righteousness, and so guide and direct their leaders, especially President Biden, Governor Hochul, and Mayor Kraham that your people may enjoy the blessings of freedom and peace. Grant that our leaders may impartially administer justice, uphold integrity and truth, restrain wickedness and vice, and protect true religion.

*Reader* Lord, in your mercy

***People* Hear our prayer.**

We ask you in your goodness, O Lord, to comfort and sustain all who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, and for those we name now.

*Reader* Lord, in your mercy

***People* Hear our prayer.**

We bless your holy Name for all your servants who have departed this life, praying you will grant us grace to follow their good examples, that with them we might partake in your heavenly kingdom.

Your own additional prayers and thanksgivings are invited.



**H**eavenly Father, grant these our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **The Confession of Sin**

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbors.

*The people kneel if able and pray together*

**A**lmighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
maker of all things, judge of all people:  
We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness,  
which we from time to time most grievously have committed,  
by thought, word, and deed, against your divine Majesty,  
provoking most justly your wrath and indignation against us.  
We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings;  
the remembrance of them is grievous unto us, the burden of them is intolerable.  
Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;  
for your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past;  
and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please you in newness of life,  
to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Celebrant stands and says*

**A**lmighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **The Comfortable Words**

*The Celebrant says*

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

*~John 3:16*

## **The Peace**

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And with your spirit.**

*Then the Celebrants and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## **The Announcements**

# The Offertory

Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

~Acts 20:35

*If you are a guest with us today, please do not feel obligated to give an offering. If you are a regular attender at Good Shepherd, you may give your tithe in several ways. An offering plate will be passed and you are welcome to give your offering there. There is also an offering box at the rear of the sanctuary where you may drop your tithe, or you can mail checks to 360 Conklin Avenue, Binghamton, NY, 13903. You can also give online through [Breeze](#) or you can text a donation through Breeze at 607-882-6551. Good Shepherd also has a [PayPal](#) account. As always, thank you for your great generosity and kind support.*

## The Offertory Music     *Lord Jesus, Son of Righteousness*

*The people remain sitting*

1 Lord Je - sus, Sun of Right - eous - ness, shine  
2 Give guid - ance to our wan - dering ways, for -  
3 Lord, grant that we in pen - i - tence may  
4 Now near - er draws the day of days when  
5 The u - ni - verse your glo - ry shows, blest

1 in our hearts, we pray; dis - pel the gloom that  
2 give us, Lord, our sin; re - store us by your  
3 of - fer you our praise, and through your sav - ing  
4 par - a - dise shall bloom, when we shall be at  
5 Fa - ther, Spi - rit, Son; we shall ac - claim your

1 shades our minds and be to us as day.  
 2 lov - ing care to peace and joy with - in.  
 3 sac - ri - fice re - ceive your gift of grace.  
 4 one with you, Lord, ris - en from the tomb.  
 5 ma - jes - ty, e - ter - nal Three in One.

## The Presentation of the Gifts

*The people stand, if able, and sing*

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise

Him all crea - tures here be - low; praise Him a - bove, ye

heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

## The Great Thanksgiving

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And with your spirit.**  
*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.  
*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**  
*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People* **It is just and right so to do.**

*Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

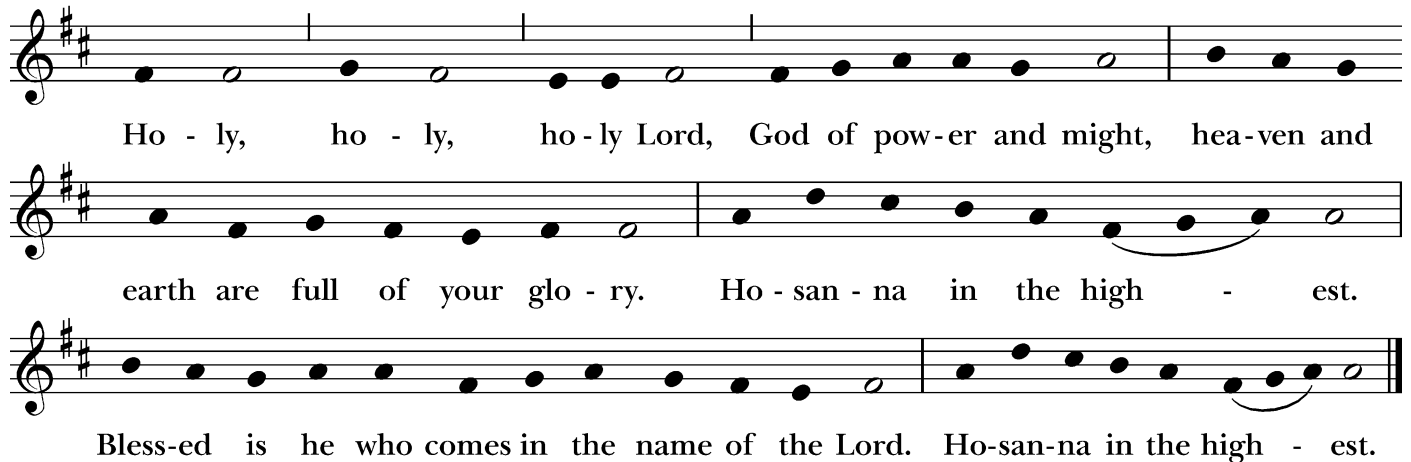
It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

### The Sanctus

*The people remain standing and sing*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and  
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

### The Prayer of Consecration

*The people kneel. The Celebrant continues*

All praise and glory is yours, O God our heavenly Father, for in your tender mercy, you gave your only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption. He made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and he instituted, and in his Holy Gospel commanded us to continue, a perpetual memory of his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

So now, O merciful Father, in your great goodness, we ask you to bless and sanctify, with your Word and Holy Spirit, these gifts of bread and wine, that we, receiving them according to your Son our

Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

For on the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body, which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the forgiveness of sins: Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith

*Celebrant and People together*

**Christ has died, Christ is risen Christ will come again**

**A**nd here we offer and present to you, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice; humbly pleading that all those who shall partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ; that, by the Holy Spirit, we may be filled with your grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, so that he may dwell in us, and we in him. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

**A**nd now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

## **The Lord's Prayer**

*The people remain kneeling, and say*

**O**ur 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.**

## **Fraction**

*The people remain kneeling and say*

*Celebrant* Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed, once for all upon the Cross.

*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

## The Prayer of Humble Access

*Celebrant and people say together*

**W**e do not presume to come to this your Table,  
O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness,  
but in your manifold and great mercies.  
We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your Table.  
But you are the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy.  
Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord,  
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood,  
that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body,  
and our souls washed through his most precious blood,  
and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

## The Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:  
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,  
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

## The Communion of the People

*All Christians baptized in any denomination and in good standing with their home church are welcome to take Communion. If you are unable to take communion for any reason, you are warmly invited to the rail for a prayer and blessing: just place your hands across your chest and one of the pastors will bless and pray for you. If you are in a wheelchair or are unable to come forward for any reason, please let an usher know and we will bring the Sacrament to you in your pew. Gluten free wafers are available upon request when you come forward.*

## The Invitation

*Celebrant*

**T**he Gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts, by faith, with thanksgiving.

# Communion Music

## I Shall Not Want

*The people remain sitting or kneeling*

Musical staff 1: Treble clef, key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#), 4/4 time signature. The staff contains the first few notes of the melody, including a whole note G5, a quarter note F#5, a quarter note E5, and a quarter rest.

1. From the love of my own com - fort, .

Musical staff 2: Treble clef, key signature of three sharps, 4/4 time signature. The staff contains the continuation of the melody, including a quarter note D5, a quarter note C#5, a quarter note B4, and a quarter note A4.

from the fear of hav - ing noth - ing, \_\_\_\_\_ from a

Musical staff 3: Treble clef, key signature of three sharps, 3/4 time signature. The staff contains the continuation of the melody, including a quarter note G4, a quarter note F#4, and a quarter note E4.

life of world - ly pas - sions, \_\_\_\_\_ de - liv - er me, O \_\_\_\_\_

Musical staff 4: Treble clef, key signature of three sharps, 3/4 time signature. The staff contains the continuation of the melody, including a quarter note G4, a quarter note F#4, and a quarter note E4.

\_\_\_\_\_ God. 2. From the need to be un - der - stood, \_\_\_\_\_ and from a

Musical staff 5: Treble clef, key signature of three sharps, 4/4 time signature. The staff contains the continuation of the melody, including a quarter note G4, a quarter note F#4, and a quarter note E4.

need to be ac - cept - ed, \_\_\_\_\_ from the fear of be - ing lone - ly, \_\_\_\_\_

Musical staff 6: Treble clef, key signature of three sharps, 4/4 time signature. The staff contains the continuation of the melody, including a quarter note G4, a quarter note F#4, and a quarter note E4.

de - liv - er me, O \_\_\_\_\_ God. de - liv - er me, O \_\_\_\_\_

Musical staff 7: Treble clef, key signature of three sharps, 4/4 time signature. The staff contains the continuation of the melody, including a quarter note G4, a quarter note F#4, and a quarter note E4.

\_\_\_\_\_ God. \_\_\_\_\_ And I shall not want, \_\_\_\_\_ no, I shall not want. \_\_\_\_\_ When I

Musical staff 8: Treble clef, key signature of three sharps, 4/4 time signature. The staff contains the continuation of the melody, including a quarter note G4, a quarter note F#4, and a quarter note E4.

taste Your good - ness I shall not want. \_\_\_\_\_ When I taste Your good - ness I

Musical staff 9: Treble clef, key signature of three sharps, 4/4 time signature. The staff contains the continuation of the melody, including a quarter note G4, a quarter note F#4, and a quarter note E4.

shall not want. 3. From the fear of serv - ing oth - ers, .

Musical staff 10: Treble clef, key signature of three sharps, 4/4 time signature. The staff contains the continuation of the melody, including a quarter note G4, a quarter note F#4, and a quarter note E4.

oh, \_\_\_\_\_ and from the fear of death or tri - al, \_\_\_\_\_

Musical staff 11: Treble clef, key signature of three sharps, 4/4 time signature. The staff contains the continuation of the melody, including a quarter note G4, a quarter note F#4, and a quarter note E4.

\_\_\_\_\_ and from the fear of hu - mil - i - ty, \_\_\_\_\_ de -

-liv - er \_ me, \_ O \_\_\_ God. Yes, de - liv - er \_ me, O \_\_\_ God. \_ And I shall not want, \_ no, I shall not want. \_ When I taste Your good - ness I shall not \_ want. \_ No, I shall not want, \_ no, I shall not want. \_ When I taste Your good - ness I shall not \_ want. \_ When I taste Your good - ness I shall not want, \_ I shall not want, shall not want. \_

*He Will Hold Me Fast*

1. When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;  
2. Those He saves are His de - light, Christ will hold me fast;

When the tempt - er would pre - vail, He will hold me fast.  
Pre - cious in His ho - ly sight, He will hold me fast.

I could nev - er keep my hold through life's fear - ful path;  
He'll not let my soul be lost; His Prom - is - es shall last;

For my love is oft - en cold; He must hold me fast.  
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast.

He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;



For my Sav - ior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

3. For my life He bled and died,

Christ will hold me fast; Just - ice has been sat - is - fied;

He will hold me fast. Raised with Him to end - less life,

He will hold me fast till our faith is turned to sight,

when He comes at last! He will hold me fast,

He will hold me fast; For my Sav - ior loves me so,

1. He will hold me fast. 2. He will hold me fast.

## The Post-Communion Prayer

*The people kneel*

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

**Almighty and ever-living God, we thank you for feeding us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us, through this Sacrament, of your favor and goodness towards us; and that we are true members of the mystical body of your Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of your everlasting kingdom. And we humbly ask you, heavenly Father, to assist us with your grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as you have prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus**

Christ our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

## The Blessing

*Celebrant*

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

## The Recession

*Guide me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

*The people stand if able and face the recession*

1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this  
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun-tain, whence the heal - ing  
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land; I am weak, but thou art might - y;  
stream doth flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar  
fears sub - side; death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion,

hold me with thy power - ful hand; bread of hea - ven,  
lead me all my jour - ney through; strong de - liv - erer,  
land me safe on Ca - naan's side; songs of prais - es,

bread of hea - ven, feed me now and ev - er -  
 strong de - liv - erer, be thou still my strength and  
 songs of prais - es, I will ev - er give to

more, feed me now and ev - er - more.  
 shield, be thou still my strength and shield.  
 thee, I will ev - er give to thee.

## The Dismissal

*The people stand if able*

*Celebrant* Let us go forth, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

*People* Thanks be to God.

## Postlude

*Little Fugue in g minor*

J. S. Bach

*Thank you for worshiping at Church of The Good Shepherd this morning!*

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## Weekly Update, March 30, 2025

### Ongoing Ministries

**Tuesday Morning Bible Study** meets at 9:05 am in the Parish Hall to walk through the bible, verse by verse. It meets in person and is available online by livestream. They are currently in the book of Judges.

**Shepherd's Bowl** Good Shepherd offers a dinner to the church and wider community on Thursday evenings from 5:30-6:30. This is a great time to get to know others and enjoy a free and delicious meal.

**Thursday Evening Bible Study** This study meets in the sacristy at 6:15 and is studying the book of Ezra.

**Friday Morning Men's Bible Study** meets at 6:30am for breakfast, study, and prayer. If you are interested, please email or text Matt or Jonathan, or contact the church office. This class is currently in the Book of Genesis.

**Women's Bible Study** meets at 4:30pm on Friday afternoons. They are currently studying the book of Luke.

**Morning Prayer** meets online by Zoom at 7am Monday through Friday. The liturgy and readings are available at [www.dailyoffice2019.com](http://www.dailyoffice2019.com). Join the parish email list and look for a weekly email invitation in your inbox.

**Home Groups** meet weekly around the Binghamton area. They study the readings for the Sunday coming up, pray, and build relationships. Check in with Jonathan or Joe Kovac to get connected.

**Good Shepherd Youth Group** meets Sundays at 6pm and are studying the book of Genesis. This is an engaging context for kids to grow in

- 1) Knowledge of scripture and doctrine
- 2) Faithfulness to Christ
- 3) Service to others

The youth group meets in the choir loft.

### Christian Education for Everyone

#### Children

For children aged 1-12 Good Shepherd offers Catechesis of the Good Shepherd—a program of prayer, worship, and scripture in specially prepared Montessori-style rooms—The Pen (1-3), The Pasture (3-6), The Vineyard (6-9), and The Tabernacle (7-12).

#### Teens

Teens aged 12 through 14 cover a range of topics—the Bible, Liturgy, Church History, Apologetics, the 39 Articles—in a three-year cycle. This is a discussion-style class that prepares kids for confirmation.

#### Adult Class

Discussion and study on topics ranging from Christian literature, the 39 articles, church history, difficult passages of the bible, and more.

### Good Shepherd Food Pantry

Having a bit of a hard time making ends meet? The Good Shepherd Food Pantry is for church members stocked by food provided by the congregation. If you could use some help, please feel free to pop into the food pantry (just off the kitchen). We also have a small basket in the freezer that might have a few items as well.

Everyone's generous donations are appreciated! Even a can or two can help.

Food Pantry current needs are: peanut Butter, Canned Chicken & Tuna, Spaghetti Sauce, Parmesan Cheese, Corn and Baked Beans

## Week at a Glance Schedule, March 30, 2025 – April 6, 2025

### Sunday

8:00am Service of Holy Eucharist, no music  
 9:15am Christian Ed for adults and children (online stream available)  
 10:30am Service of Holy Eucharist (online stream available)  
**12:30pm Lunch (parish hall)**  
**Reader training (sanctuary)**  
 4:30pm Choir Rehearsal  
 6-7:30pm Youth Group  
 Holy Group Squad

### Friday

7:00am Morning Prayer  
 6:30am Men's Breakfast and Bible Study  
 4:30pm Women's Bible Study

### Monday

7:00am Morning Prayer  
 6:00pm Riverside Home Group

### Tuesday

7:00am Morning Prayer  
 9:05am Tuesday Morning Bible Study  
 3:30-4:30pm Choir Rehearsal  
 6:30pm Hawleyton Home Group  
 7:00pm Zoom Home Group

### Wednesday

7:00am Morning Prayer  
 6:30-8pm Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday

7:00am Morning Prayer  
 5:30pm Shepherd's Bowl Community Dinner  
 6:15pm Beginners Bible Study  
 6:30pm Endwell Home Group

### Sunday

8:00am Service of Holy Eucharist, no music  
 9:15am Christian Ed for adults and children (online stream available)  
 10:30am Service of Holy Eucharist (online stream available)  
**12:30pm Potluck: Soup and Stew**  
**Competition (parish hall)**  
**Acolyte training (sanctuary)**  
 4:30pm Choir Rehearsal  
 6-7:30pm Youth Group  
 Holy Group Squad

**Home Groups** exist to glorify God and build up the church through weekly gatherings where members of Good Shepherd and non-members alike may come to grow in fellowship and discipleship around God's word.

#### Current locations and times of groups:

##### 1) Hawleyton Group

Time: Tuesdays, 6:30pm  
 Host: Kariah Manwaring  
 Location: 1412 Hawleyton Rd. Bing., NY 13903

##### 2) Riverside Group

Time: Mondays, 6:00pm  
 Host: Anna Dreher  
 Location: 103 Vincent St. Bing., NY 13905

##### 3) Endwell Group

Time: Thursdays 6:30pm  
 Host: Andrea Kovac  
 Location: 813 Biscayne Terrace, Endwell, NY 13760

##### 4) Zoom Group - Link given upon request.

Time: Tuesdays, 7:00pm  
 Host: Scott Pineau

## The Services of Holy Week

### Holy Week and Easter Schedule

Palm Sunday	April 13 <sup>th</sup>	
Tenebrae	April 16 <sup>th</sup>	8:00pm
Maundy Thursday	April 17 <sup>th</sup>	6:30pm
Good Friday, hours	April 18 <sup>th</sup>	12:00pm (noon)
Stations of the Cross	April 18 <sup>th</sup>	8:00pm
Vigil Rehearsal	April 19 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am
Easter Vigil	April 19 <sup>th</sup>	8:00pm
Easter Sunday	April 20 <sup>th</sup>	

### Palm Sunday (Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025)

Palm Sunday is the day that Christians observe the triumphal entry of Christ into Jerusalem. Crowds of people greeted him at the city gates with waving palms as the King of the Jews. One short week later, he would be hung upon the cross at Golgotha.

This year, the 10:30 service begins with the Liturgy of the Palms at the street sign, and processes through the parking lot into the sanctuary doors on Saratoga Street.

**Tenebrae (Wednesday, April 16) 8:00PM** Tenebrae means “shadows” in Latin. It is a service of word, light and sound. When you arrive for worship you will see two groups of candles lit on the altar table. As readings are read the candles on the altar will be gradually extinguished until the very end of the service when the last candle left lit is removed from the worship space and the whole sanctuary is left in darkness. At that point a loud crash will (should) shatter the silence of the sanctuary. Then, after a moment, the last candle is returned to the sanctuary, and the worshippers depart in silence. The gradual darkening of the sanctuary and the crashing noise symbolizes the apparent victory of death, darkness, and chaos over Jesus Christ on the cross. The final candle being removed and returned, symbolizes the truth that through Jesus’ death, God gained victory over all the powers of evil. The Light was not overcome.

### Maundy Thursday (Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup>) 6:30PM

Maundy Thursday communion celebrates the humility of Jesus with a ceremonial foot washing. Jesus is the King of Kings and Lord of Lord’s and yet on the night before he died, during the Last Supper, he knelt down and one by one washed his disciples’ feet. He did this to show his disciples, and to show you and me, how to serve one another with humility and love, being willing even to stoop to the most menial tasks. Maundy Thursday is the last chance for communion until the Great Vigil.

### Good Friday (Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup>) noon

At about 3pm on Friday of Holy Week he lifted his eyes up to heaven from the cross and breathed out his last. “It is finished” he said. He was not only referring to his life, but he was also referring to his mission to deal with and defeat once and for all sin, death, and Satan.

### Stations of The Cross (Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup>) 8:00PM

This is a solemn service. The participants walk through the stations of the cross by candlelight, hearing a brief reading at each, and exit the sanctuary in silence.

### The Great Vigil of Easter (Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup>)

**8:00PM** Along with Tenebrae, the Easter Vigil is one of the most ancient services of the Church. It is the most important service of the entire year and it is the first service of Easter. The service begins in total darkness—the lights of the sanctuary are out and not a candle is burning. Then a fire is lit in a firepot at the center of the nave and from that flame all the candles in the sanctuary and the hand-candles in the congregation are lit. Then come readings and psalms, said and sung, by singers and by the whole congregation. The sermon follows and then the first Communion of Easter. The Great Vigil begins at 8:00pm in the sanctuary.

## What's Happening at Good Shepherd

**Make a Joyful Sound!** During Easter Vigils in the distant past, it was a tradition for the congregation to ring bells at certain points in the service. We would like to reintroduce that tradition of congregational bell ringing during parts of our Easter Vigil service this year. The bells are rung from the moment the resurrection is announced during the service, through the song that follows, and then any time the word 'Alleluia' is said or sung for the remainder of the service. Anyone attending the Easter Vigil service is welcome to bring small bells to ring at this time. Please consider bringing the type of bell that you wouldn't mind another person ringing right beside or behind you, as the idea is to make a unique and joyous sound during specific parts of the service.

**Easter Flowers** Each year Good Shepherd decorates the altar for the Easter Vigil and Easter Day with many flowers.

This year, we continue the new tradition of inviting the congregation to join us. If you would like to donate toward the purchase of flowers, please make a separate contribution earmarked "Easter Flowers" on any Sunday between now and Palm Sunday. For each \$10 that you give, please take a flower home after the 10:30 Easter Day service.

**The Mary & Martha Guild** is open to all ladies in the church. Our next meeting is Saturday April 12th from 11-1, as always there will be soup & bread for a light lunch. We will be helping with Palm Sunday preparations and making cinnamon rolls to freeze for Good Shepherd Sunday.

**Lenten Discipline** Men at Good Shepherd are invited to gather together every week during Lent to encourage and pray for each other. If you would like more information, please talk with Ken Donovan or Jon Groves.

**Sunday Lunch** Each Sunday after the 10:30 service, there will be lunch served in the parish hall. Everyone is welcome to go down after the service and enjoy a light lunch before heading home.

### 2025 ADLW Synod and Missions Conference

This year's synod and missions conference will be held in McLean, Virginia on May 15-17. Anyone is welcome to attend the open sessions of synod. This year should be particularly interesting as Archbishop Steve Wood, and John Stonestreet will be the primary speakers. You can find more information at our diocese website: [adlw.org](http://adlw.org).

**Laetare Sunday** Today, March 30th, is set apart in the season of Lent as a Refreshment Sunday called Laetare Sunday. Refreshment Sundays are a pause during the seasons of Advent and Lent that shift the focus from one of somber penitence to expectant waiting with joy. The word Laetare means, 'rejoice!'. This Sunday does not mark the end of our Lenten disciplines but reminds us that we are being led toward celebration at Easter Sunday. As we are more than halfway through Lent, we hold fast to the hope that at the end of these somber days we will rejoice. Laetare Sunday mirrors the dual truths all Christians hold: we are more sinful than we know, but we have been forgiven by Christ and stand redeemed. In Christ we can laugh while we weep and stand unshakably on hope while we mourn. Traditionally, roses replace the penitential Lenten purple. Rose represents rejoicing amidst repentance, a visual reminder of the hope of Christ's Resurrection.

**Acolyte Training** There will be an acolyte training session after the 10:30 service next week. Please see Dcn. Roy for more information.

**Potluck** Next Sunday, April 6<sup>th</sup> will be the Soup and Stew Competition. If you'd like to participate, please bring a pot of your favorite soup or stew for our judges to try!

If you don't want to compete, please bring a dish of something to share, but stay and have lunch even if you don't!



*Please Pray For...*

**ACNA Cycle of Prayer**

This week we pray for The Province of the Anglican Church of the Congo.

**The Anglican Diocese of the Living Word**

This week we pray for St. Augustine of Canterbury in Leesburg, Virginia, for Counseling Ministries in ADLW, and for The Rev. Bruce Mason.

**For the Homebound**

Charles Mabula, Susan Dewing, Beverly Williams, Chuck Corse, Linda Baker

**For the Sick**

Peyton, Rick, Charles, Larry Dimmick, Chris, Joe, Sue, William and Arianna, Helen & Dave, Jeremy, Sarah, Theresa, Griffy, Linda, and Gail.

**For our Missionaries**

Please pray for the teachers and children of the Kuwinda Preschool.

**For the Persecuted Church**

Please pray for Christians in the north-eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo.

**Happy Birthday!**

March 31	Anita Hill
March 31	Lin Layman
April 1	Steven Chukolosky
April 1	Megan Fredette

**Happy Anniversary!**

**Next Sunday's Lectionary Readings:**

Isaiah 43:16-21  
Psalm 126  
Acts 28:23-31  
Luke 20:9-19

**Daily Lectionary, Year I  
60 Day Psalter Cycle**

<b>Monday March 31</b>	Psalm 74 Exod 38 Mark 1:14-31
<b>Tuesday April 1</b>	Psalm 75, 76 Exod 39 Mark 1:32-end
<b>Wednesday April 2</b>	Psalm 78:1-18 Exod 40 Mark 2:1-22
<b>Thursday April 3</b>	Psalm 78:41-73 Lev 1 Mark 2:23— 3:12
<b>Friday April 4</b>	Psalm 81 Lev 8 Mark 3:13-end
<b>Saturday April 5</b>	Psalm 84 Lev 10 Mark 4:1-34
<b>Sunday April 6</b>	Psalm 86, 87 Lev 16 Mark 4:35—5:20

**Financial Snapshot**

To let the congregation know how Good Shepherd is faring financially, the vestry provides a financial snapshot based on the budget report that is submitted at the meeting each month. You can find that info below.

**February**

YTD Giving & Revenue	111,182
YTD Expenditures	83,788
YTD Gain/(loss)	27,394

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